STRIKED POSSIBILITIES OF CENSORSHIP AGAINST SYRIA SEEN AS U.N. RECONVENE TODAY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 27. (JTA) -- As the Security Council was set to reconvene tomorrow on Israel's charge of aggression against Syria—and the Damascus Government's counter-grievance against Israel—observers here saw strong possibilities today that the United Nations may condemn Syria of aggression. If such censure should be voted, it would be the first time in 12 years that any UN body had voted a rebuke against any Arab state. The last time such censure was voted was on September 1, 1951, when the Council criticized Egypt for barring the Suez Canal to Israeli shipping, ordering the Cairo Government to desist from such further discrimination against Israel.

It was emphasized here, however, that a more definite indication of the nature of the Council's forthcoming attitude would be given tomorrow, when the United States take the floor in the debate in the Council's resumed session. The U.S.A. is on the list of tomorrow morning's speakers, along with Morocco and the Philippine Island representatives.

The American stand, it was noted, could be decisive. The Soviet Union, on the other hand, was seen as possibly taking an off-hands position, perhaps abstaining on a vote for censoring Syria, in view of the current differences between Moscow and Damascus. Further, the possibility was not ruled out that the U.S.A. might even risk incurring a Soviet veto on this issue.

That was the situation here today following the Council's receipt last night of an on-the-spot report from Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Special Supervision Organization, detailing his and his staff's investigations and actions along the Syrian-Israeli border. The report was seen as (a) confirming in every detail Israel's charge that Syrian soldiers murdered two young Israeli farmers in the Almagor sector near the border on August 19; (b) failing totally to back up Syria's charges, on which it has based its current anti-Israeli complaint.

Syria charges that Israel concentrated troops and used 15 tanks in the zone near its northern frontier closed to such armor. There is not a single word in the Bull report to support that allegation. On the other hand, the report shows clearly that 60 or 70 shooting exchanges on the Syrian-Israeli border recently, Syria opened fire first except in two or three instances.

Israel Mounts Strong Diplomatic Drive; Comay Sees Top Members

With the Bull report thus spelling out the facts regarding the claims by both Israel and Syria, Israel today mounted a vigorous, high-power drive to see to it that the members of the Council and the top echelons of the UN Secretariat read the Bull report with the care already given it by Israel—and act accordingly by agreeing to condemn Syria.

Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, initiated a fast series of high-level diplomatic conferences today to press home Israel's claims against Syria and its support by the facts in the Bull report. In quick succession he met with the ranking representatives of France, the United States and Britain; conferred with the Ghanaian and Venezuelan delegations; talked with Norway's Sivert A. Nielsen, who plays a double role as his country's representative and as this month's president of the Security Council; and had another session with Secretary-General U Thant.

Mr. Comay's conferences today constituted the second round of his vigorous activities since he returned from a vacation in Israel last week. Prior to last Friday's opening session of the Security Council on the current Syrian-Israeli conflict, he had met with every Council representative, including the Russians, and excluding only Morocco which does not recognize Israel.

Reactions Still Cautious; Israeli 'Breakthrough' Noted

As of today just on the eve of the Council's resumption of debate, the reactions by diplomats representing member states on the Council were still cautious. Generally, they seemed to be sympathetic to Israel's claims, cool to Syria's counter-allegations. But they were still reserving judgment. Much depends on how the United States will interpret the Bull report—and how it will act, either directly through a U.S.-sponsored resolution or through a resolution possibly sponsored by some other Council member friendly to the U.S. viewpoint.

In any event, there was a feeling here that, already, both on the diplomatic level and through press and public reactions, Israel has registered a definite breakthrough by its
complaint against Syria and the backing of Israel's facts in the Bull report. The possibility is entertained that, to help the Arab states save face, some resolution might be put through without outright use of such harsh language as "condemn" or "censure." Other, milder language, might be used—but terminology meaning the same thing would be just as effective from the viewpoint of Israel's many friends here.

It was also felt quite certain here that the Syrian-Israel debate would be concluded this week. Council president Nielsen is anxious to have the Council complete the Syrian-Israel debate by Friday or Saturday at the latest. Mr. Nielsen is going to try hard to see to it that the debate and whatever action the council may take does not face the interruption of a long Labor Day long weekend.

ISRAEL WATCHFUL AGAINST SECURITY COUNCIL FAILURE TO ACT AGAINST SYRIA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Sources close to the Israeli Foreign Ministry indicated today that Israel was determined to oppose any United Nations attempt to obscure the "central point" of Israel's complaint to the Security Council of Syria's guilt in the recent upsurge of attacks on Israel's northern border.

Premier Levi Eshkol's statement to Parliament yesterday was seen as an effort to impress on the Council Israeli's concern lest the UN key body limit itself to a routine appeal to "both sides." Mr. Eshkol pointed to possible repercussions of such a stand on future Israeli response to future Syrian aggression. It was assumed that this was the principal subject of an hour-long meeting here yesterday between Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister; and Maj. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

United Nations observers today carried out a day-long survey of defense and demilitarized zones involved in the Syrian incidents, literally combing the area on the Israeli side. Accompanied by an Israeli liaison officer, the UN officials examined groves, fields, communal homes and even old and abandoned defense positions. They even looked into cowsheds, garages and packing houses, but found no army concentrations or weapons banned by the 1949 Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement. Israeli settlers in Gadot and Huleh pointed out to the UN observers Syrian tanks dug into positions in the defense area.

The survey was made in line with an agreement by both sides to permit UN inspection on both sides of the Israeli-Syrian border to help ease tensions in the area.

KING HUSSEIN CALLS ON ARABS TO UNITE IN BATTLE TO 'RECAPTURE PALESTINE'

LONDON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Jordan's King Hussein has called on the world's Arabs and Moslems to "unite" for battle to recapture Palestine for the Arab world," it was reported here today from Amman.

King Hussein made the plea in a statement recorded for broadcast to Arab students in the United States. He proposed creation in Amman of a "center where financial support for the battle can be centralized." He also urged that Arab governments should tax their oil and other revenues for "this most important of all aims."

CAIRO RELEASES DUTCH CITIZEN REPORTED SAYING HE SPIED FOR ISRAEL

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- A Dutch citizen convicted by Egypt of espionage for Israel returned to Amsterdam today after three years of detention in Cairo after lengthy negotiations by the Dutch Embassy for his release.

Meeswui Goudewaard, 70, was convicted in October 1960, by a state security court in Cairo which sentenced him to 15 years' imprisonment. He allegedly confessed to transmitting military information to Israel "frequently." The Dutch Embassy obtained his release on grounds that he is ill.

Israeli News Briefs

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament approved yesterday a land improvement law, tightening loopholes on the existing improvement tax which sets a capital gains levy on real estate transactions. The new law exempts to a large extent profits made in transactions on private dwellings.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Israel plans to initiate soon a diplomatic campaign in the capitals of the six European Common Market countries in its continued but hitherto fruitless effort to win some kind of trade ties with the Euromart countries. The campaign is in anticipation of a scheduled meeting at the end of September of the Council of Ministers, the ruling body of Euromart. Steps to obtain an agreement were discussed today at a meeting between Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister Pinhas Saphir, and key officials of the Foreign, Agriculture and Finance Ministries.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The Parliamentary factions of the National Religious and Agudat Israel parties warned Premier Levi Eshkol today that they would draw "far-reaching conclusions" if a decision was made to install a second non-kosher kitchen on the luxury liner SS Shalom. The liner is near completion in a French shipyard.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Tomorrow's March on Washington has brought the country's three major religious faiths closer than any issue in the nation's peacetime history, observers noted today. A survey of participation in the demonstration by organized religious bodies indicates that hundreds of local Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups around the country have responded to calls by their national leaders to take active roles in the march, and are working in intimate cooperation to make the march a success.

Among the ten founding chairmen of the march--the men who will see President Kennedy and address the throng to be gathered before the Lincoln Memorial tomorrow--will be three religious spokesmen--the Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, representing the Protestant National Council of Churches; Matthew Ahmann, executive director of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice; and Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress.

Their organizations have worked closely with the six Negro civil rights groups in planning the march, working on the myriad plans for physical arrangements, drawing up the list of demands to be presented at the demonstration, and getting the members of their faiths in all sections of the country to join the March on Washington. Along with leaders of the six largest Negro civil rights groups, and the spokesman for organized labor, United Auto Workers president Walter Reuther, the three religious leaders are part of the 'big ten' directing the march.

Jewish Participants Coming from Major Cities; Organizations Listed

An estimated 1,500 American Jewish Congress members will participate in the march, aboard chartered buses coming from New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Newark and other major cities. Among other Jewish organizations that have endorsed the march are the American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Farband-Labor Zionist Order, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., National Council of Jewish Women, Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbinical Assembly, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Hebrew Trades, United Synagogue of America, and the Workmen's Circle. Dr. Max Nussbaum of Hollywood, Calif., president of the ZOA, also announced that the ZOA, both on a national level and through its District Chapter in Washington, will participate with an official delegation in the march.

A delegation of survivors of Nazi concentration camps, their banners in both English and Yiddish, will join a large number of Jewish cultural and labor leaders as part of the Jewish Labor Committee's contingent.

Locally, the Adas Israel Synagogue here endorsed the march, and announced its facilities will be available "for those who may find themselves in Washington without accommodations."

Rockwell Summons Followers; To Risk Arrest, Court Television Cameras

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, may court arrest and seek national publicity tomorrow by attempting to stage an illegal counter-demonstration at the Washington Monument, as the march on Washington assembles.

Rockwell today made known that he would attempt to speak, despite the refusal of permission by authorities. He asked his followers and anti-Negro elements to assemble early tomorrow at the monument. The Nazis are reportedly relying on the prospect of legal defense by the American Civil Liberties Union in event of arrest. Risking mass arrest, the Nazi group is mindful of television coverage, and the chance to portray themselves as "martyrs" of the anti-Negro cause.

Alabama Klan Chief Hurt, Pilot Killed on Way to Counter-Demonstration

WALHALLA, S.C., Aug. 27. (JTA) -- A private plane, carrying a Ku Klux Klan group on its way to Washington to stage a counter-demonstration against tomorrow's scheduled civil rights march, crashed here today, killing the pilot and causing injuries to Robert M. Shelton, "Imperial Grand Wizard and Grand Dragon" of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan, and a companion. Shelton was not seriously hurt. The plane was to have picked up a South Carolina Klan official before continuing to Washington for the counter-march.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL TIES LABOR DAY TO ETHICS IN FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The national representative body of the Jewish religious community in America today urged the labor movement to stand in the forefront working for civil rights and the benefits of all people irrespective of religion, race or nationality. The call was made by the Synagogue Council of America in connection with the Labor Day celebration to be observed next Monday.

In his Labor Day message, Rabbi Uri Miller, president of the Synagogue Council of America, stated: "It is a travesty for discrimination to exist within the labor movement, and we welcome the efforts exerted under the leadership of great and goodly men to have the labor movement reflect the loftiest ideals of American life and the highest level of ethics in the execution of its program."
NEW YORK, Aug. 27. (JTA) - The American Jewish Committee commented today on the latest neo-Nazi vandalism in West Germany, warning that neo-Nazi groups in countries throughout the world are "supporting one another and carrying on unified propaganda campaigns." The latest German incident occurred Sunday, involving the mounting of four photos of Adolf Hitler on the wall of Jewish Community House in West Berlin. Underneath were anti-Semitic slogans in English, as well as the address of the National Socialist movement in London. At the same time, swastikas defaced the walls of a West Berlin synagogue.

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, declared today that, "although Nazi organizations in different countries, including West Germany, have not merged, they have succeeded in establishing informal liaison with one another--as well as with former Nazis and Fascists in hiding, or beyond the arm of the law in Spain, Argentina and the United Arab Republic." He stressed that "anti-Semitic propaganda is sent from country to country and from continent to continent." In addition, he pointed out, "anti-Semitic journals frequently borrow each other's themes and carry advertisements for one another."

Dr. Slawson cited a recently completed year-long survey by the American Jewish Committee of current anti-Semitic activities abroad. This survey found that "supra-national anti-Semitism today is not a unified movement, but a tangle of small, loosely-knit alliances, torn by doctrinal disagreements and personal jealousies." At the same time, the survey stressed that: "theNeo-Nazi internationals today are weak and divided and likely to remain so--certainly if Western Europe's prosperity continues. Yet, if nothing else, they are keeping Nazi ideology alive, in the hope that some future political catastrophe or economic disaster will afford them the opportunities they now lack."

JEWISH TEACHERS IN L.A. TC LOSE PAY FOR ABSENCES ON HIGH HOLY DAYS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27. (JTA) - Failure of the Los Angeles Board of Education to act on a plea on behalf of Jewish teachers in the public school system will mean the loss of two days' salary for hundreds of such teachers planning to absent themselves for the Jewish High Holy Days next month, it was disclosed today.

That assertion was made by Harold B. Denner, one of two teachers who appeared before the board last May, asking for time off without loss of pay to teachers absent for religious holidays or for confinement for illness. The board took the matter under advisement and has not acted since on the request.

Mr. Denner said many cities have provisions allowing three or more days' personal leave each year for public school teachers, to cover religious observances falling on a regular school day. He said that city school systems giving salary relief on religious holidays include Akron, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Memphis, Miami, Newark, New Orleans, New York, Oakland, Portland, Ore., Richmond, Calif., San Francisco, San Jose, and Washington, D.C.

CATHOLICS SEEN JOINING JEWS, PROTESTANTS ON CONTROLLING BIRTHS

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 27. (JTA) -- A University of Notre Dame theologian expressed the belief today that American Catholics, Protestant and Jews were "in substantial agreement" on principles for aiding in solution of the world's swiftly expanding population problem.

The opinion was contained in an article by the Rev. John A. O'Brien, which appeared simultaneously in Ave Maria, a leading Catholic publication published by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, and the Christian Century, a leading Protestant weekly.

Father O'Brien, co-chairman of the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, said the tri-faith area of agreement covered "the prudent regulation of births and the clear consciousness of the responsibilities they entail, which is but another name for family planning." He wrote that he felt there was "well-founded hope for the cooperative action so desperately needed to solve this problem on both the national and international level."

He asserted that Protestant, Catholics and Jews "can work together, with each group following its conscience, to achieve the same important goal." Father O'Brien, alluding to the widespread belief that the Catholic church opposes most effective means of birth regulation, contended that "contrary to widespread belief, the Catholic church does not forbid birth regulation."

MCCSOW ANNOUNCES DEATHS OF WELL KNOWN JEWISH WRITER AND ACTRESS

LONDON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The deaths of Shalom Gordon, Soviet writer and literary critic, and Sophia Leshchinskaya, well-known Jewish actress, have been announced in Moscow, it was reported here today. Gordon, who was in his 60's, wrote extensively about Yiddish literature. The actress died in Saratov during a visit to that town with a Moscow troupe.