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### ESHKOL WARNS ISRAEL WILL DECIDE WHEN, HOW TO COUNTERATTACK SYRIA

JERUSALEM, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol made it clear today that, while Israel will not remain passive over Syrian border incursions, the place, time and form of Israeli response would be decided by Israel.

In his first public address since an El Fatah group ambushed an Israeli border patrol whose jeep detonated a mine Saturday night, killing four policemen and wounding two others, the Premier told a Paratroopers Day celebration at Ramat Gan that acts of sabotage and murder would be reacted to -- but that Israel would decide when and how.

"Syria has already learned that we are able to defend the lives of our citizens and our sovereignty," he told the paratroop officers. "Syria will learn again in the future at a time when we think fit. Meanwhile, let Syria think and consider its acts and turn away from present methods."

The Premier also commented on Arab propaganda and on false reports emanating from Damascus, as well as on Soviet charges that Israel was planning with other countries to invade and overthrow the current leftist Syrian regime. "Israel is an open country," he said. "Any foreign journalist can come and see the factual position. He can also come and see in Jerusalem what the saboteurs did and what happened to the border policemen near the Syrian border."

### Meets With U.S., USSR Envoys; UNTSO Asked for Preventive Actions

Mr. Eshkol met this morning with Walworth Barbour, the United States Ambassador to Israel, and impressed on the envoy the gravity and anguish Israel felt over the newest Syrian-sponsored raid. He was scheduled to meet later today with the Soviet, French, and British ambassadors for the same purpose.

He was expected to tell Soviet envoy Dimitri Chuvakhin that the Soviet Union bore a special responsibility for the Syrian incursions because of its influence on the Syrian regime. He was expected to urge the envoy to persuade the Soviet Union to use that influence to bring about a relaxation of tensions on the Syrian-Israel border to help preserve peace.

Additional details became known today concerning the content of the talks yesterday between Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, and Moshe Sasson, head of the Israeli Foreign Ministry's armistice affairs division. Mr. Sasson reportedly asked Gen. Bull not to rest content with investigating incursion incidents but to take diplomatic initiatives to prevent them.

Gen. Bull was told that threats of belligerence, including open admissions from Damascus of sabotage and murder raids against Israel, were themselves grave violations of the Syrian-Israeli armistice agreement, and should be treated as such. Israel officials expressed the hope to Gen. Bull that UNTSO would take the initiative to prevent such incidents as the Saturday night ambush.

### May Seek Revision of Armistice Pact; Syrian Gun Posts 'Nervous'

Observers here indicated a belief that Israel would press for reconsideration of the armistice agreements to make threats of violence and admissions of breaches of the armistice no less culpable than findings of the Mixed Armistice Commission of such breaches. Meanwhile, UNTSO officials continued an investigation into both the Saturday night ambush at Shaar Hagolan and the Romema section blasts in Jerusalem a few hours earlier. Israel holds Syria responsible for both incidents.

Evidence of Syrian nervousness was reported today by observers near the border. There were sporadic shots from Syrian border gun positions, and Syrian searchlights swept the area during the night from time to time. Israeli farm workers in the valley near the border stayed away from their work today.

SYRIAN TROOP REENFORCEMENTS ON ISRAEL'S BORDER REPORTED BY LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Syrian troop reenforcements have been moved up to the Israel border area in anticipation of a possible Israeli reprisal raid for the Saturday night ambush which killed four Israeli border patrol policemen, the Daily Telegraph reported today from Beirut. The dispatch said also that the Government-operated Lamascus radio was praising recent El Fatah attacks against Israel from Syrian staging areas.

The Telegraph reported that the shaky position of the present leftist regime in Syria, together with the growing interest of the Soviet Union and Communist China in the area, were adding to the tense atmosphere in the Middle East. The newspaper said that the Soviet Union was providing a new build-up of weapons for the Syrian armed forces, with an increasing number of military technicians. Western sources in Damascus were reported as having seen a large group of Soviet military advisers near the Syrian-Israel border.

Syrian Premier Yussef Zayyan announced today that in case "of any Israeli aggression (reprisals) against Syria, we shall set the area on fire and turn it into a cemetery for Israel, imperialism, and imperialistic agents," according to dispatches from Damascus. He made the statement in response to one by Premier Eshkol that Israel would act to cope with further border incidents.

Jordan was reported to be very concerned that Syria's leaders might irresponsibly provoke a situation which could touch off a major Arab-Israel military clash, according to the Telegraph. The dispatch noted that the Syrian Government was now openly supporting the activities of the El Fatah, and that Arab commandoes had received guerrilla training in Communist China.

STATE DEPT. ASKS ISRAEL TO USE RESTRAINT AFTER VISIT BY HARMAN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Israel is being urged by the State Department to exercise maximum restraint in the face of Syrian provocations, and to seek relief through the machinery of the United Nations.

This was learned from Government sources who deplored Syrian conduct, but felt Israeli reprisal would exacerbate the situation. It was believed that these views were communicated by Raymond Hare, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, to Ambassador Avraham Harman who called on him today. Government sources indicated that Israel asked the United States Government to use diplomatic influence to restrain Syria from allowing continued terrorist activities against Israel.

Comay Meets Fedorenko, Goldberg; Urges Immediate Action on Syria

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Israel continued here today to press for Security Council action, without an open meeting and without open debate, on the grievances it presented to the Council yesterday, charging Syria with responsibility for the El Fatah sabotage raids into Israel last weekend.

Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban said yesterday that his Government wants immediate action from the Security Council without resort to debates that could last for weeks. Today, Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, pressed for such moves in separate meetings with two of the major permanent members on the Council, Dr. Nikolai T. Fedorenko and Arthur J. Goldberg, the delegation chairmen, respectively, for the Soviet Union and the United States. Later, he met also with the delegation heads of three of the Council's non-permanent members -- New Zealand, Nigeria and Uganda. He was to consult further with other non-permanent members of the Council here. Mr. Eban had already discussed the Syrian situation with Secretary-General U Thant and with Lord Caradon, of Britain, this month's president of the Security Council.

KNESSET APPROVES ISRAEL'S NEW ECONOMIC PROGRAM BY VOTE OF 50-19

JERUSALEM, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament approved tonight, by a vote of 50 to 19, the Government's new economic policy designed to stimulate Israel's foreign trade by a wage and price freeze and incentives to increase production for export. The vote was taken at a special session during the current holiday recess.

The vote came after a seven-hour debate following speeches on behalf of the program by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, author of the new plan. Replying to critics, Mr. Sapir said that industrial production in Israel had risen by 6 percent in the first half of this year, and Israel's chronic trade deficit had been reduced. He said Israel's goal was to increase exports by \$150,000,000 annually, and reduce imports as far as possible only to essential raw materials. The regular winter term of Parliament will open on October 17.

SO. AFRICAN SECURITY CHIEF LINKS JEWS WITH COMMUNISM, APOLOGIZES

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- The chief of South Africa's Security Police, Maj. Gen. H. J. van den Bergh, today apologized for remarks he made about Jews and Communism at a symposium held last week by the Council to Combat Communism. In his address at the symposium, which was criticized by Jewish leaders here, Gen. van den Bergh said that he was often asked why so many of "our Jewish friends" were listed as Communists and why so many had been arrested for sabotage. He said the reason why Jews "tend to be involved" was because Communism was "an extreme form" of capitalism.

Maurice Porter, chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, criticized the Security Chief's remarks and said they evoked "indignation and resentment" in the Jewish community. E. J. Forwitz, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, said the remarks were "deplorable and offensive, and would be resented by all right-thinking people." Also criticizing Gen. van den Bergh's statement, the major Jewish newspapers here called on the Security Chief to withdraw his remarks.

In a statement issued here today, Gen. van den Bergh declared: "If I gave the impression in my speech that Jews, to the exclusion of other races, became Communists and engaged in sabotage -- which is not the case -- it is a wrong impression, and I am sorry that this interpretation was made. I make no such allegation against the Jewish community, and I would like to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation the particular help and personal friendship which I received from Jews in my extremely difficult task in the fight against Communism and sabotage."

NEWLY-NAMED AIDE TO ERHARD ADMITS HE HAD BEEN MEMBER OF NAZI PARTY

BONN, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Albert Pfitzer, who was named by Chancellor Ludwig Erhard last week to succeed Dr. Ludwig Westrick as head of the chancellery office, admitted here today that he had been a member of the Nazi Party as well as of its SS (Elite Guard). Asserting that he had joined the Nazi Party when he was a 21-year-old student, Dr. Pfitzer said he had been a "simple member without rank and without taking part in any activities." He added that "nothing in my past life can be a political burden to me."

Political sources here predicted that Dr. Pfitzer's appointment might not be confirmed because of his past record. At a news conference today, Government spokesman Karl-Gunther von Hase said that no date had been set for Chancellor Erhard to present Dr. Pfitzer's nomination to President Heinrich Lübke, who must make the official appointments.

CHIEF DEFENDANT IN DEATH CAMP IN GERMANY HANGS SELF; DENIED GUILT

HAGEN, Germany, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Kurt Bolender, 54, the chief defendant in the trial of 11 former officials of the Nazi Sobibor death camp in Poland, hanged himself in his cell, court officials announced here today.

Bolender left a note denying his guilt in the murder of 360 Jews and taking part in the killing of 84,000 others. He said no one in the court would believe him, and he did not want to spend the rest of his life in prison. Ten other defendants in the trial are charged with complicity in the murder of 250,000 Jews at Sobibor.

NAZI GUARDS AT SOBIBOR DEATH CAMP PLEAD NOT GUILTY IN VIENNA COURT

VIENNA, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Two brothers, Poles, who are former members of the Nazi SS, Johann and Wilhelm Mauer, pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of taking part in the wartime shooting of 12,000 Polish Jews. They had been acquitted by a Salzburg court last February on the same charges, but the Austrian Supreme Court ordered a new trial because of errors by the Salzburg jury. Johann Mauer testified that it was true that they had acted as guards during the executions of the victims in the Stanislav Ghetto, "but we never took part in any shooting."

SHAZAR TAKEN TO JERUSALEM HOSPITAL; OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS CANCELED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar was taken to a hospital today for what was officially described as a routine checkup. Several official receptions have been canceled at the last minute because of his hospitalization. Mr. Shazar is 77.

ALBERT PICOT, SWISS FRIEND OF ISRAEL, RESCUER OF JEWS, DEAD AT 84

GENEVA, Oct. 11. (JTA) -- Albert Picot, former president of the Swiss Parliament, who was a founder and honorary president of the Swiss-Israeli Association, and a leading supporter of the ORT movement and the ORT school in Anieres, died here today. He was 84. During the war, he had placed his home at the disposal of Jewish refugees from the Nazis.