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#### CALM PREVAILS ON ALL ISRAELI BORDERS; DIPLOMATIC STRUGGLE EXPECTED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) - Twenty-four hours after Israel's reprisal raid against Jordan, calm prevailed on all borders today as the nation girded itself for the political and diplomatic struggle expected as a consequence of the retaliatory action.

Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Cyganization, has already sent an initial report on the battle to U.N. Eccretary-General U Thurt, informing him that both sides are respecting the cease fire. An UNTSC spokesman said today that Gen. Bull was preparing a detailed report which will be filed to New York within a few days.

While Jordan has not called for a Security Council session on the raid, Israeli officials expect Jordan and other Arab states to try to raise the issue at all possible levels. Israeli officials indicated Israel would welcome such an opportunity to reassert again its rights to border security and its moral and legal obligations to defend its territory and citizens.

Israeli officials noted with satisfaction that although the Arab countries came out strongly in Jordan's support with words, not one of them took the slightest action on Jordan's behalf. Israeli officials said they hoped that the Arab states would now press the Cyrian regime to respect its border obligations. On the Jordan border itself, observors reported large Arab Legion activity and a concentration of Jordanian forces below the Hebron area.

## Israel Disappointed with U.S. View on Its Retaliation Raid

The State Department communique from Washington issued yesterday was recrived here with disappointment. In the words of a Jerusalem Post editorial today, after the failure of the Security Council and the U.N. Mixed Armistice Commissions to check infiltration by Arab guerrillas into Israel, "Washington's counsel of restraint cannot be viewed except as a last resort to comfortable clickes which have lost all relevance."

Reports received here from other capitals indicated that, generally speaking, it was understood that Israel, confronted with unceasing infiltrations and insecurity, had no other choice than to act as it did.

Premier Levi Eshkol said last night that Israel struck at Jordan because it had to take action to warn Arab countries they could not escape responsibility for the sabotage raids into Israel. Speaking at the opening of the 15th world convention of the Women's International Zionist Organization, the Premier said that Israel acted yesterday after showing prolonged patience. Fe called on the Arab countries to maintain peace, declaring that the issue was up to them.

#### Ben-Gurion Backs Raid; Says No Reliance Should Be Put on U.N.

The Premier referred to the Soviet veto last week at the Security Council of a resolution asking Syria to take action to halt the use of its territory for guerrilla raid taging. He said that in spite of the veto, Syria should take notice of the expressed wish of the majority of Security Council member nations that violence be prevented. He added he hoped some nations with influence over the Syrian regime might induce Syria to keep the neares.

He said also that he hoped the raid against Jordan would also serve as a lesson to: Syria which now would understand that Israel would not remain passive while its cluze in were attacked. He stressed that Israel regretted that the Soviet Union, which had sprelibelous charges against Israel, even used its veto to prevent adoption of a resolution against Syrian support of the guerrilla raiders.

Former Premier David Ben-Gurion took a similar stand in an address to the cocommittee of his dissident Israel Workers Party (Rafi) last night. He asserted that me liance should be put on the United Nations and that Israel must itself ensure its secur.

Israeli officials returned to Jordan today the body of a captured Jordanian army major who died from battle wounds in an Israeli hospital despite emergency efforts to bave his life. The major was found lying seriously wounded in the Samua area as Israeli troops were withdrawing after their raid Sunday. He was given immediate first aid by an Israeli army doctor and rushed by helicopter to an Israeli hospital. He died on the operating table.

Israeli officials transferred the body to United Nations officers at the Mandelbaum Gate between new and old Jerusalem. The U.N. transmitted the body to Jordanian officials. Israel supplied the U.N. with a full medical report on the treatment given to the Jordanian major.

# ISRAEL WATCHING KIESINGER WITH MIXED FEELINGS; SEEN AS PRO-ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Israel is watching with keen interest the efforts of Kurt Georg Kiesinger to form a West German Cabinet following his nomination by the strong Christian Democratic Farty as Chancellor of the Bonn Government. The nomination was received here with mixed feelings. Cne reaction was popular concern over his Nazi past while there was also a belief in official circles that if he succeeded to the post of Chancellor, he would conduct a friendly policy toward Israel.

The German Embassy in Israel released a statement that Kiesinger's affiliation with the Nazi Party was "strictly nominal" and short-lived. The Embassy also asserted that Kiesinger never opposed diplomatic relations with Israel and that, on the contrary, he had spoken out for such relations in the West German Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament, on several occasions,

Official sources expressed the belief that Kiesinger would most probably lead a friendly policy toward Israel if he succeeded Dr. Ludwig Erhard. Observers stressed the important role of Franz Josef Strauss, a former West German Defense Minister and a reliable friend of Israel, had in Kiesinger's election and the considerable weight his influence would bear on any Cabinet led by Kiesinger.

Alex Springer, the West German press magnate, said here that "Kiesinger is not exactly the man I would have chosen for Chancellor but I am confident his basic approach to democracy is okay." In an interview with Yediot Achronot, Springer said also that he talked recently with Kiesinger and that Kiesinger told him that "he feels he has to act basically for a continuation of improvement in Israeli-German relations."

Springer, who came to Israel for the cornerstone laying of the \$1,000,000 library he has donated to the Israel Museum, said he was convinced West Germany must not forget its Jewish citizens or the millions killed in the name of German expansionist aspirations,

Some sources here warned that Israel would have to watch carefully the developments stemming from Kiesinger's elevation. Others asserted that his relations with Israel as Chancellor would be motivated by two factors. One was his Nazi past which would, in the opinion of these observers, compel him to adopt a positive policy toward Israel and Jews lest any adverse action be interpreted as hostile and Nazi-like. The other factor was the influence of Strauss, the former Defense Minister.

## RECRGANIZATION OF ISRAEL CABINET PREDICTED; RESIGNATION REPORTED

JER USALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Informed sources said here today that an important reorganization of Israel's Cabinet, which will affect several Ministers, is expected to be carried out next month.

According to the reports, Trade and Industry Minister Chaim Zadok will leave the Government. Fe was reported to have tendered his resignation to Premier Levi Eshkol because he was unhappy over some parts of Israel's current three-year economic austerity program.

He will be replaced, the sources said, by either Zev Sherf or Labor Minister Yigal Allon, who reportedly has been planning to give up that portfolio. If he is not named to the Trade Ministry, he will probably be named to head a new Ministry for Science and Higher Education slated to be established soon.

The Ministry of Police, which Behor Shitreet resigned recently, will be disbanded and its functions will be transferred to the Justice and Interior Ministries, the sources indicated.

# THREE ARAB YOUTHS CONVICTED IN ISRAEL OF SABOTAGING RAILWAY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv District Court found three Arab youths of Ramleh guilty today of charges of sabotaging the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem railway two months ago.

According to the prosecution the three Israeli Arabs dismantled part of the tracks, intending to cause damage and casualties. Fortunately, the engineer saw the damage in time to stop the train and prevent a disaster. Eentences will be pronounced soon.

# EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONGRESS APPROVES ISRAEL'S REQUEST ON EUROMART

ROME, Nov. 14. (JTA) - The Fifth Congress of the European Common Market Free Trade Unions approved a resolution asking that Israel's request for associate status with Euromart be "quickly and satisfactorily resolved."

The degree of support for Israel was beyond expectations. It had been expected that the Congress would limit itself to endorsing the position of the executive of the free trade unions giving general support to Israel's request for better treatment than it has received in its present limited agreement which expires next June 30. Israel has applied for both a more comprehensive agreement and for associate status.

The action was taken in the presence of Prof. Walter Hallstein, president of the Curopean Economic Community, who attended as a guest of honor. The delegates represented 12, 000, 000 of the 15, 000, 000 workers in the six nations of Euromart.

#### Histadrut Leader Cites Non-Competition of Israeli Products

Prior to the adoption of the resolution, the delegates were addressed by Aharon Becker, secretary-general of the Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor. He assured the trade union leaders that Israeli products exported to Euromart countries would never compete unfairly with those made by European workers.

Mr. Becker said that in view of the frequently expressed support by Common Market trade unions for Israel's association with Euromart, he did not feel there was any need to further persuade the delegates. He described Israel's current unemployment problems and said that in addition to short-range plans to shift workers from depressed sectors of the Israel's economy, the long-range problem remained that of providing stable smployment. This, he said, could be done only by exports linking "our economic efforts with the world's markets,"

"We must know where we can find markets and for what products so that we can shape our economy accordingly," he told the labor leaders. "Western Europe is a logical area for mutual trade with Israel." Israel's long-range plan "requires that we find our place within the framework of the Common Market," he asserted.

So far, he said, Israel's exports have paid for half of its imports and this was reflected in the Israeli balance of payments with Euromart countries. He added that this
meant that efforts must be continued to eliminate such trade gaps completely. He emphasized that Israel was not asking the European Economic Community "to solve our problems for us but rather to accept us into a framework within which we can solve our problems by our own efforts,"

He also emphasized that Israel's economy was not based on cheap labor and that it represented a growing market both "by reason of the purchasing power of our population and the large-scale investment planned for the coming years."

Ludwig Rosenberg, of Germany, president of the Assembly's executive committee, accepted an invitation from Mr. Becker to come to Israel to study Israel's economy. Mr. Rosenberg, in his report to the Assembly, said that the present Israeli-EEC agreement did not take into account several of Israel's key export products. He said "on our side, as trade unionists, we will continue to give our support to Israel's application for association!"

# AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG STRESSES JEWISH TRADITION FOR ENDURING PEACE

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, chairman of the United States delegation to the United Nations, declared here last night that "Jewish tradition for a real and enduring peace has always existed -- but it is a peace with justice and freedom." He made that statement in addressing the closing session of the 21st biennial convention of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, in a discussion of the war in Viet Nam.

Philip A. Lehman, of Baltimore, the organization's newly-elected president, called on President Johnson and on the United Nations to accelerate their efforts to insure peace in the Middle East. "We must, if necessary," he declared, "through quiet and effective diplomacy, work around the harassments of those governments who would veto any opportunity for quick and effective international action through the United Nations."

He referred to the veto cast a week ago at the United Nations by the Soviet Union, which rejected a Security Council resolution that would have linked Syria with last month's terrorist radis into Israel.

In other actions, the convention delegates called on the U.S. Senate to latify the U.N. Convention against genocide, and voiced regret that efforts in this country and elsewhere in the free world had, thus far, proven insufficient to alleviate the religious and cultural persecutions against Soviet Jewry.

#### CATHOLIC-JEWISH DIALOGUES REPORTED UNCONVINCING ON BASIC ISSUES

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Interfaith dialogues and other programs aimed at bringing Catholics and Jews closer together have had little or no effect in changing deeply held positions on birth control, public funds for parochial schools and other church-state issues, the American Jewish Congress reported today.

Despite the new look in Catholic-Jewish relations since the Ecumenical Council, differences between the two groups remain "as wide as ever" on both public and theological questions, it was stated. Foward M. Squadron, chairman of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the AJCongress, said he was "neither surprised nor disappointed" that closer ties had not led to fewer differences.

"Dialogue does not have to result in agreement," he declared. "It does serve a useful purpose by exposing different points of view to rational exploration rather than emotional explosions." He added however that it was "not unusual for Jews and Catholics to oppose each other at a public hearing on an issue of church-state separation in the morning and sit around a table the same evening in interfaith dialogue. "This is a healthy development," he commented. "It is healthy that the two groups should meet together in civilized discourse and it is healthy that neither group should feel it must abandon principle as the price of interfaith harmony."

# RELATIONS BETWEEN CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS AND JEWS SEEN IMPROVED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews told a banquet here last night that relations between American Catholics, Protestants and Jews had "improved more in our generation than in any previous two or three centuries."

He said this "dramatic progress" was achieved through discussion and education "without demonstrations, public protests or displays of force." He urged American civil rights leaders to take a lesson from that experience, asserting that "the activist psychology which has been dominant in much of the civil rights movement is faulty." Former President Eisenhower was honored at the banquet with an award for "courageous leadership in government service,"

# CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE WOMEN'S CONVENTION DISCUSSES ROLE OF FAMILY

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the world, especially women, were called upon here today to employ Jewish teachings and commitment as "a backlash of Jewish idealism and spiritual values" in the fight against "a mixed-up, hedonistic society."

The call was issued by Mrs, Albert Fried, of Brooklyn, as she delivered the presidential keynote address at the opening session of the five-day convention of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America. The League, composed of 200,000 women affiliated with the Conservative movement, opened its parley here at the Concord Fotel, with 1,700 delegates attending.

"Synagogue women," said Mrs. Fried, "are fully aware of the enormous challenges which are ours in today's secular society. It will be the family and the home that will help rear a generation of men and women that will give meaning and purpose to life."

Messages were received by the convention from President Johnson and from Israel's President Zalman Shazar. President Johnson stated: "Generosity of heart and conscience of soul mark the good work of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America. The Sabbath candles your members kindle in Jewish homes give much light to the world;"

# BEN-GURION ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL'S BIBLE RESEARCH SOCIETY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben-Gurion has been unanimously elected president of the Bible Research Society, it was announced here today. The Society has been without a president since the death of Philip Korngreen eight years ago.

# WALTER D. HELLER, NOTED JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Walter D. Heller, civic leader of San Francisco and a vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, died here last Saturday at the age of 73. He also was actively associated with the United Jewish Appeal, the American Jewish Committee, the Joint Defense Appeal and the United Negro College Fund.

Born in San Francisco in 1894, Mr. Heller was graduated from Stanford University in 1916.

Mr. Heller was a former president of JWB's Western Region, of the San Francisco Jewish Community Center and of the Jewish Welfare Federation of San Francisco. He served on the board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the advisory council of the national executive board of the Boy Scouts of America and the USC. He was the recipient of a JWB 1964 Frank L. Weil Award.