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## Israel Reported Determined to Continue Action Against Syrian Aggression

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- Israeli leaders were reported today to be just as determined as before to use whatever means are at Israel's disposal if the Syrian regime continued its backing of Arab guerrilla raids into Israel causing destruction and death. Informed sources declared that whether Egyptian troop concentrations in Sinai and related Egyptian military moves were propaganda or more serious, Israel would not budge from its position that continued Syrian aggression must be halted at any cost, including the use of force if necessary.

There was a tendency here to discount the troop concentration and the declaration of an emergency for the Egyptian army as a purely propaganda move and one of "lip service" in support of the Syrian regime. Israeli sources also rejected Egyptian assertions of Israeli troop concentrations in the southern part of Israel. A Foreign Ministry spokesman remarked in jest that "the only concentration we now have is the numerous foreign tourists."

Experts here also felt that the Egyptian troop concentration stemmed from repeated Syrian protests about the lack of support by Egypt for Syria in recent Israeli-Syrian clashes, particularly the land-sea-air battle on April 7 when Israeli planes shot down six Syrian Soviet-made MIG jets. The expert also linked the highly-publicized Egyptian moves with the presence currently in Damascus of Egyptian Chief of Staff Gen. Mahmoud Fawzi, who is conferring with Syrian Chief of Staff Ahmed Sweidany and Defense Minister Hafez Assad.

Two more terrorist attacks last night, both of them near the Jordanian border, added to the tension. An explosive charge detonated near Hamatzia in the Lachish area about five miles from the border. Early this morning another blast in the same area damaged a telephone pole. Observers said that while these were relatively small and harmless attacks, they could bring an escalation in view of the Egyptian troop concentrations and that what was currently a war of nerves might become real war.

Israeli state flags were desecrated last night by unknown vandals in two Arab villages in Israel, Kafr Kassem and Taibeh, officials reported today. The flags flew over Government schools. They were found to have been lowered and ripped and reportedly insulted. Police opened an investigation and it was reported that arrests were imminent.

## Syria Rejects U.S. Appeal to Halt Infiltration of Saboteurs into Israel

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- Syrian Embassy charged'affaires Galeb Kayali accused the United States Government today of encouraging an imminent Israeli attack on Syria. He made the charge immediately following a meeting with Lucius Battle, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. The Syrian diplomat said he rejected an appeal by Mr. Battle to halt infiltration of Arab saboteurs into Israel because Syria was not able to stop infiltration.

"We know Israel is preparing a new aggression against Syria," the Syrian diplomat said. "We cannot consider that this could be carried out without the knowledge and blessing of the United States." He disclosed that Mr. Battle read to him a memorandum expressing concern over the border situation and requesting Syria to refrain from provocations to endanger the armistice including infiltration of terrorists. (U.S. sources disclosed meanwhile that Israel had also been counseled to exercise restraint in the current situation.)

Meanwhile, the Government of Iraq notified the United States that the Iraqi armed forces will "cooperate actively with Syria to repulse any Israeli attack" and asked that this warning be conveyed to Israel, according to reports received here today from Baghdad. Iraqi Foreign Minister Adnan Pachachi has asked not only the United States but also Russia and France to warn Israel. At the same time, Iraqi Defense Minister Mohsen Hussein al Habib called for "united Arab revolutionary action" to drive the Israelis out of Palestine."

Radio Damascus today challenged U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara to send two million American troops to the Middle East to block a coming "war of liberation" against Israel. The broadcast said "There are six million people in Syria ready to crush them (the Americans)." The broadcast originated at an anti-Israel rally at the University of Damascus.

## State Dept. Reiterates Its 'Deep Concern' Over Growing Tension in Middle East

Washington, May 16. (JTA) -- The State Department said again today that the U.S. Government is "deeply concerned" about the escalation of tensions in the Middle East, and is urging restraint on all nations involved. State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey, noting the latest developments, said "obviously it is our hope that prudence will be brought to bear." He stressed that "in general, there is cause for overall concern over the situation in the Middle East."

U.S. concern about the situation in the Middle East, where tension between the Arab countries and Israel has been mounting during the last few days, was expressed yesterday in a statement issued in New York by Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, head of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. He said that the U.S. Government is "distressed over reports of increased tension and military preparations."

Declaring that the U.S. "strongly supports" the efforts of U.N. Secretary-General U Thant to maintain peace in the Middle East, Ambassador Goldberg revealed that "diplomatic efforts" on the part of the U.S. Government are now under way in support of Mr. Thant's efforts. "We hope that the response to his efforts will be positive," he stated. His statement was made after George J. Tomeh, the representative of Syria at the United Nations, warned the Security Council that a "Suez type" of crisis was developing in the Middle East. Mr. Tomeh suggested that the Central Intelligence Service and the U.S. Sixth Fleet were involved in a "conspiracy" against Syria.

## Senate to Hold Hearings on Effect of Arab Anti-Israel Boycott on U.S. Firms

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, Maine Democrat and chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on International Finance, announced today that hearings will be held to examine the effect of the Arab boycott on American commerce. The hearings result from initiatives by Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, and Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Jr., New Jersey Democrat.

Sen. Muskie said his subcommittee would study the effectiveness of the present anti-boycott law "in protecting U.S. trade and businesses against adverse effects from restrictive trade practices or boycotts imposed by foreign countries against other countries friendly to the United States." Similar hearings will be held by the comparable subcommittee of the House, it was announced last week.

In a speech on the House floor, Rep. William Fitts Ryan, New York Democrat, urged the United States to use its influence to bring an end to Arab boycott pressures against Israel in this country. He pointed out that the Arab boycott affected American businessmen and those of other nations. Attention of Congress was directed by Rep. Ryan to the recent case in which BOAC "bowed to Arab pressure" and withdrew certain flights that previously landed in Israel. "The Secretary of State should immediately notify the British Government of the U.S. strong belief that the BOAC flights be reinstated," he said.

Referring to the anti-boycott laws adopted by America in 1965, Rep. Ryan said this "must not be merely a symbolic act." He called for stronger implementation. "If we are successful in the fight against the boycott, we will bring that much closer the day when Israel can celebrate its anniversary in peace," he declared.

## Employees of Israel Bond Organization Go On Strike; Dr. Schwartz Expresses Shock

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, today issued a statement expressing "shock and surprise" over the action of the labor union of field and clerical workers in calling a strike of the employees of the Israel Bond offices "which may do harm to the economic future of Israel."

About 500 employees walked out yesterday of Israel Bond offices in New York and in 51 other cities throughout the United States. The employees are members of the Community and Social Agency Employees Union, local 1707, AFL-CIO. Eric Strong, a Local 1707 spokesman, said that, under the contract which expired last Sunday, clerical workers were paid \$65 to \$96 weekly and professional workers received from \$4,200 to \$13,000 annually. He said the Israel Bond Organization had offered a three-year contract providing for a \$4 weekly increase for clerical workers the first year, and \$3 more in each of the other two years. Professional workers, he stated, were offered a \$500 increase the first year and \$300 more for each of the other two years.

Dr. Schwartz said in his statement that the professional workers and clerical workers "receive salaries and enjoy fringe benefits which are probably the best in the field." He added that, on last April 11, the professional workers received an increase in salary of 10 percent and the clerical employees received an increase of \$6 a week. "We cannot agree to the present demands of the Union, which represents a 100 percent increase over the amounts in the last agreement of September, 1965," he stated. Nor can we agree to the unreasonable demands for extra vacation and severance allowances over and above the liberal provisions already in effect, without jeopardizing the future existence of the Israel Bond campaign."

## Man Held in Guatemala as Possible Hitler Deputy Says He Lived in New York

GUATEMALA CITY, May 16. (JTA) -- A man arrested here on suspicion he might be the long-sought Hitler deputy, Martin Bormann, told a television audience here last night that he had lived in the United States for 20 years, seven of them in New York City.

The suspect, who identified himself to Guatemalan authorities as Juan Falerno Martinez and as an itinerant carpenter, changed his original statement to police in several details, in his television appearance. He said that in New York City, he lived on the Lower East Side of Manhattan and in the Canal-Division Street section. He added he recalled a Jewish restaurant called "The Garden."

The Israeli Embassy here emphatically denied either that there were any Israeli commandoes involved in the suspect's seizure or any other Israeli involvements in the case. The Embassy, commenting on press reports of Israeli participation, said "Israel has no interest in Martin Bormann. Only Germany is interested in him, since he had been convicted and condemned by the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal."

(In Frankfurt, State Prosecutor Joachim Richter said today that fingerprints of the suspect, sent to West Germany by Guatemalan police, were not identical with the "genuine fingerprints" of Bormann possessed by Frankfurt authorities.)

Police Chief Eduardo Garcia Gomez, who announced the suspect's arrest on Friday, said police checks were being extended to the United States, as well as to West Germany and Uruguay, where the suspect said he also had worked as a wandering carpenter. There have been repeated reports of sightings of Bormann in South America since the end of World War II but the arrest in Guatemala was the first seizure of a suspect.

## British Jews Urge Brazil to Extradite Stangl; Ruling Expected This Week

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews sent a letter today to the Brazilian Ambassador in London expressing the hope that the Brazilian Government would arrange for the extradition of Franz Stangl, the wartime commander of the Treblinka and Sobibor death camps.

Stangl has been under maximum security detention since his arrest in Sao Paulo on March 2, awaiting action by the Brazilian Supreme Court on appeals for his extradition from Austria, West Germany and Poland. The court is expected to rule this week on whether the Nazi is to be extradited.

## Leader of British Nazi Movement Loses Move in Court; Serves 18-Month Prison Term

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- Colin Jordan, leader of the National Socialist movement in Britain, now serving an 18-month prison term for offenses against the Race Relations Act, was turned down today when he sought a writ of habeas corpus.

In ruling against the application, Lord Parker, the Chief Justice, pointed out that it had been based on the contention that the anti-racist act was invalid and a curtailment of free speech. The jurist said, in reply: "In this country, Parliament is supreme. There is no power in force to question the validity of an act of Parliament."

## Non-Jewish Italians Presented with Gold Medals for Saving Jews Under Nazis

ROME, May 16. (JTA) -- Several non-Jewish Italians, including five Catholic priests, who, during the Nazi occupation of their country, courageously helped to save Jewish lives, received gold commemorative medals at an Embassy reception here on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of Israel's statehood.

The awards, especially minted by the Israel Government, were presented by Israel's Ambassador to Italy, Ehud Avriel. An embassy spokesman, announcing the awards, said that "Israel and the Jews all over the world have not forgotten and will never forget those who supported and assisted their brothers during the darkest hours of Jewish history."

The clergymen in the group are: Don Giovanni Simioni and Don Angelo Torre, both from Treviso; Commendatore Ezio Giorgietto, Bellaria; Don Giuseppe Di Zotti, Rome; Monsignore Leto Casini, Florence; and Don Arrigo Beccari, 75, a priest from Nonatola. The latter had been deported by the Germans because he and Dr. Giuseppe Moreali, in the winter of 1943-44, had smuggled youth aliyah children who had been evacuated from many countries, and were placed in hiding in the priest's home town, near Mantua.

## Seven Austrians Honored for Helping Jews Under Nazi Regime

VIENNA, May 16. (JTA) -- Seven Austrians who helped save Jews from the Nazis during World War II were honored last night, one posthumously, by Israeli Ambassador Michael Simon during a reception for Israel's 19th Independence Day celebration. The Austrian honored posthumously was Anton Schmid, a sergeant who was executed by the Nazis for helping Jews in the Vilna Ghetto.

The Austrians each were presented with a medal from the Yad Vashem, the Israeli center for the documentation of the Nazi holocaust. Chancellor Josef Klaus attended the reception.

## Rockwell Sentenced in Chicago to Three Months Jail and \$500 Fine

CHICAGO, Ill., May 16. (JTA) -- George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, was today sentenced to three months in jail and fined \$500, the heaviest penalty yet imposed on the Nazi leader.

The sentence today followed a finding of guilty yesterday by a jury after jurors heard evidence of Rockwell's disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing, and obstructing a peace officer. The sentence imposed on the Nazi agitator resulted from his role in creating disturbances during last summer's racial tensions in Chicago.

## Jewish War Veterans Protest Appearance of Rockwell at University of California

LOS ANGELES, May 16. (JTA) -- Written objection to the appearance of George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, on the campuses of the University of California was addressed to the California Board of Regents by Herbert F. Rosoff, Commander, Department of California Jewish War Veterans. Rockwell addressed an overflow crowd of students at the Santa Barbara campus, necessitating the use of loudspeakers on the campus. He received a fee of \$350 from the San Miguel Club which charged 50 cents admission to the "show."

"The position of the JWV," stated Rosoff, "is that Rockwell has no 'constitutional rights' to befoul the campus with his dangerous, hateful provocations. Rockwell can hire his own halls, speak to his own followers and others who might be morbidly attracted. He offers provocations to violence and breaches of law and order."

## 650 Jewish Cadets Commissioned by U.S. Service Academies in 20 Years

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Twenty-five Jewish cadets will be commissioned by United States service academies at graduation exercises on June 7. They will bring the total number who have become officers since 1947 to 650, Rabbi Selwyn D. Ruslander, chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, reported today.

During this 20-year period, Rabbi Ruslander noted, 233 Jewish cadets will have been graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, 205 from the U.S. Naval Academy, 150 from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 38 from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and 24 from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The June 7 graduates will receive inscribed copies of the Bible from the JWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy at special baccalaureate services. The Bible presentations are part of the year-round religious program provided at the academies by Jewish chaplains recruited and served by the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy.

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point will commission seven Jewish cadets as second lieutenants. The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., will commission eight Jewish cadets as ensigns. The U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Col., will commission seven Jewish graduates as second lieutenants, and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., will graduate three Jewish ensigns. At commencement exercises on February 10, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., commissioned five Jewish cadets as ensigns.

## Mortimer B. Harris, Jewish Leader, Elected President of Chicago Welfare Council

CHICAGO, May 16. (JTA) -- Mortimer B. Harris, Chicago business executive and civic leader, has been elected president of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago. He had been treasurer of the Welfare Council and its financial secretary. The Welfare Council is the central coordinating body for 265 public and voluntary health and welfare agencies in the Chicago area.

Mr. Harris is a former president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and a former general chairman of the Chicago Combined Jewish Appeal. Sigmund Kunstadter, vice-president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, and James P. Rice, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, the Combined Jewish Appeal and the Jewish Welfare Fund, were elected members of the Welfare Council Board of Directors at the Council's 52nd annual meeting at which Mr. Harris was elected to the presidency.

## Harry Torczyner, New York Jewish Communal Leader, Decorated by Belgium's King

BRUSSELS, May 16. (JTA) -- King Baudouin of Belgium decorated Harry Torczyner, New York Jewish communal leader and president of the Belgian Art Foundation in the United States, with the Order of the Crown in recognition of his contribution to the development of cultural relations between the United States and Belgium.

## Leo Weidenthal Dies in Cleveland; Edited Anglo-Jewish Weekly for 47 Years

CLEVELAND, May 16. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here for Leo Weidenthal, a veteran journalist, who died here at the age of 79. He was the editor for 47 years of the Jewish Independent until the Anglo-Jewish weekly was incorporated into the new Cleveland Jewish News in 1964. A native of Cleveland, Mr. Weidenthal was active in the B'nai B'rith and the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation.

## Michael Gold, American Jewish Author Dies at 74; Wrote 'Jews Without Money'

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16. (JTA) -- Michael Gold, novelist and playwright, died at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital, in nearby Terra Inda. He was 74. Mr. Gold's best known work was a novel, "Jews Without Money," depicting tenement life on New York's Lower East Side.