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### Israel Torpedoes American Naval Ship by Mistake; Expresses Deep Regret

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- The U.S.S. Liberty, a naval technical research ship, was torpedoed by mistake by an Israeli torpedo boat and attacked by Israeli aircraft in the Mediterranean 15 miles north of the Sinai Peninsula, the U.S. Navy announced today. The announcement reported 10 sailors dead and 75 injured.

The Navy said the attack was made "in error by Israeli forces" which assaulted the American ship in belief that it was an Egyptian vessel. The Israel Government has made a formal apology to the United States. The Liberty was steaming north from the area at a slow speed and was thought in no immediate danger of sinking. U.S. Navy ships are moving to meet her.

The Navy announcement said the Liberty arrived at its position early today to "assure communications between U.S. Government posts in the Mideast and to assist in relaying information concerning the evacuation of American dependents and other American citizens from countries of the Middle East." Aboard the ship were 15 U.S. Naval officers, 279 enlisted men, and three civilian technicians.

Authoritative sources here said that the U.S. Navy had failed to notify the Israel Government that the ship had entered the scene of combat operations off the coast of battle-torn Sinai Peninsula. The ship was of a type not conventionally used by the U.S. Navy and no special measures had been taken to identify her as a neutral vessel in a war zone.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk summoned Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman to the State Department and delivered a protest to the Ambassador against the accidental Israeli attack on the ship. Mr. Rusk asked that Israel take measures to assure that such an accident does not recur. The Ambassador voiced the deep regret of Israel for the unfortunate mistake.

### Israel Restores Normal Conditions in Conquered Areas; Appoints Governors

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Government named today military governors for the west bank section of Jordan and for the Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai as a first step toward restoring normal conditions in the newly conquered areas. Brig. Chaim Herzog was named governor for the west bank, which included command of Old Jerusalem, and Brig. Moshe Goren, former military attache in London, was named military governor for Gaza-Sinai.

The Jordanian area was immediately divided into districts and sub-districts with offices to look after the civilian population. It was even necessary to establish a police force because all Jordanian police officers in the area had fled after Israel drove the Jordanian armed forces from the territory. Brig. Herzog declared in a radio statement that all precautionary measures had been taken to ensure normal activities for all religions in the conquered area which includes shrines and sacred places holy to Islam, Christianity and Judaism.

Because the Wailing Wall in Old Jerusalem was rapidly becoming a major point of interest for visiting Jewish leaders, and because many Israeli Jews wanted to visit it, Brig. Herzog said work was already underway to clear the area of mines and debris from the fierce fighting, and that as soon as he was satisfied the approaches were safe, mass visits to the Wailing Wall would be permitted.

Among the dignitaries who came to Judaism's most sacred shrine today were President Shazar, who recited chapters from the Psalms. Later former Premier David Ben-Gurion, accompanied by Jerusalem Mayor Theodore Kollek and former Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres also visited the shrine. Mr. Ben-Gurion said this was his "second happiest day" since he arrived in Israel, the first being when Israel was established.

Israeli Jews may soon have more noted shrines to visit, including Rachel's Tomb near Bethlehem and the historic burial cave at Hebron. Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the army chief chaplain, holding the Torah Scroll he used yesterday in leading services for Israeli troops at the Wailing Wall, proceeded to Rachel's Tomb, where he prayed, and then to Hebron, where he became the first Jew to enter the cave proper. Even before the 1948 War of Liberation, the Arabs barred Jews from entering the cave where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are buried. Now it is open to Jews again.

## Johnson Says He Will Seek to Maintain Good Relations with All States in Middle East

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- President Lyndon B. Johnson today said that an effective cease-fire "will be only a beginning" and that with the Egyptian acceptance of the cease-fire resolutions "we seem at the edge of progress" in achieving Mideast stability.

The President made known his views in a letter to Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield, Montana Democrat, who had informed the White House that there had been many questions raised in Congress on U.S. Mideast policy. Mr. Johnson wrote that he looks beyond the conflict to a "new era of greater stability."

"The U.S. continues to be guided by the same basic policies which have been followed by this Administration and three previous Administrations," the President said. "These policies have always included a consistent effort on our part to maintain good relations with all the peoples of the area, in spite of the difficulties caused by some of their leaders."

"This remains our policy despite the unhappy rupture of relations which has been declared by several Arab states," he continued. "We hope that the individual states in the Middle East will now find new ways to work out their differences with each other by means of peace, and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. We look beyond the current conflict to a new era of greater stability which will permit all the peoples of the area to enjoy the fruits of lasting peace. Our full effort will be directed to this end."

## U.S. Resolution at Security Council Advocates Direct Arab-Israel Talks

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 8. (JTA) -- The United States introduced in the Security Council here today a resolution which, for the first time in 20 years, would call upon the Arab states and Israel to enter into direct negotiations toward the "establishment of a stable and durable peace in the Middle East."

That move was part of a lengthy resolution introduced by Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, America's chief delegate here, at this afternoon's meeting, summoned on his "urgent" request. The Soviet Union which had followed through with a request of its own for an urgent meeting, presented a resolution blaming Israel for the outbreak of the Israeli-Arab war and calling for United Nations condemnation of Israel.

The presentation of the U.S. and U.S.S.R. resolutions were only two of the highlights of this afternoon's session. A surprise announcement was made by Egypt that it accepts the two cease-fire resolutions adopted by the Council yesterday and Monday night.

With both of today's drafts before it, and a resolution introduced by Canada yesterday, authorizing not only the Secretary-General of the United Nations but also the president of the Security Council to supervise implementation of the cease-fire agreements, the Council adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, to give all delegates and governments the opportunity to study the three resolutions.

The U.S. draft also called on all parties to accept the cease-fire resolutions and observe them "scrupulously." It asked that the Council president and the Secretary-General report back to the Council within 24 hours, and requested the Secretary-General to facilitate the discussions for settlement of the Arab-Israeli disputes.

The Council session heard repeated speeches from the Soviet bloc, attacking Israel, an affirmation by the Jordanian representative to the effect that, though Jordan might lose territory and cities, its anti-Israel spirit would never be quenched, and another eloquent address by Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Mr. Eban, who left within a short time after the Council's adjournment for his return to Jerusalem, said in his speech that Israel and he had been "deeply pained" by the "tragic" accident in the Middle East waters where Israelis had fired on an American naval vessel. Later, his aides issued the text of the following telegram sent by Mr. Eban to U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk:

"As you know my Government has expressed deep regrets at the tragic and accidental error which cost the lives of four Americans and injury to many more in Middle Eastern waters. Israel's sincere regret is accompanied by deep and respectful condolences to the families of the dead and injured who have become innocent victims of the tragic turmoil of war."

In his opening address to the Council, Mr. Goldberg emphasized the fact that the two cease-fire resolutions had been intended only as "a first step," but that success in halting the conflict had not yet been achieved. "Increasing gravity of the situation is perfectly clear, and it is necessary to maximize our efforts not only to halt the immediate fighting but to insure a just peace in the area," he said. "Steps toward that end must be taken without delay."

## 50,000 Jews From Many Cities Participate in Public Rally for Israel in Washington

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- More than 50,000 Jews from all sections of the country jammed Lafayette Park opposite the White House here today to voice support for Israel and vow "that the victories won on the field of battle shall not be lost at the tables of diplomacy." The rally climaxed a two-day National Emergency Leadership Conference for Israel sponsored by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Speakers at the rally -- Senators, Negro rights leaders, labor officials and Jewish spokesmen -- called on the Johnson Administration to put its weight behind direct Arab-Israel talks leading toward a permanent peace in the Middle East. An enthusiastic and orderly crowd cheered speeches that emphasized the U.S. and Israel shared the goals of freedom of the seas and an end to belligerency in the Middle East.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, opened the rally with a call for strong U.S. backing of a settlement based on Arab recognition of Israel's "permanent presence" in the Middle East. Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the American Zionists Council issued a direct call to President Johnson to "help once and for all end Arab belligerence against Israel."

Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee and U.S. representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, told the rally "the peace of the Middle East must rest on non-belligerence, free navigation and the justice achieved through negotiations." These, he said, could best be secured by "ironclad non-aggression guarantees. Neither Israel nor America can be satisfied with another jerry-built, paper-clipped, glued-together peace," Mr. Abram declared.

### American Negroes Back Israel's Fight for Integrity, Leader Says

Whitney Young, president of the National Urban League, told the rally -- "Israel is to be congratulated for her prompt response to American efforts to end the conflict by a cease-fire. Negroes know what it means to be homeless and restless. The Negro American in particular can sympathize with those who are displaced, who face the loss of their homes, and whose sovereign integrity is threatened." The speakers also included A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin of the civil rights movement. Among the demonstrators for Israel were a considerable number of persons who were not Jewish.

Dr. William A. Wexler, president of B'nai B'rith and chairman of the rally told the gathering "Israel's hard-won achievements must not again be betrayed by patchwork diplomacy. Jerusalem -- the city of the Temple of Solomon -- must remain Jewish. Israel's borders must be adjusted to safeguard security and peace. The Gulf of Akaba and the Suez Canal -- the lifeline of Israeli trade -- must remain open."

House Speaker John McCormack told the rally that he would "continue to do everything within my power to see that the fruits of military victory" by Israel in the fighting this week "are not defeated in the field of diplomacy." He also said that "the national interest of the United States calls for strong support of Israel" because the national interest of Israel "is consistent with the national interest of our own country." Rep. McCormack's message was read by Dr. Mordecai Hachoen of New York, coordinator for the Emergency Action Committee for Israel.

### Egypt's Acceptance of U.N. Cease-Fire Cheered at Demonstration

The demonstration's high point was ignited by the announcement that Egypt had agreed to the U.N. cease-fire resolution. The cheering could be heard inside the White House. President Johnson did not address the rally nor welcome a delegation. But Under Secretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach and Bromley Smith, Secretary of the National Security Council, accepted a petition. The petition called for peace along Israel's borders, and unrestricted transit through Akaba Gulf and the Suez Canal.

While the Jewish young people sang and danced, a group of about 100 Arabs and other Moslems chanted anti-Israel slogans in front of the White House. A heavy police cordon screened the Arab demonstrators from the pro-Israel demonstration and the general public.

## Goldmann Praises Aid of World Jewry to Israel; Urges to Remain Alert

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann praised here today the Jewish communities throughout the world "which have rallied magnificently to the cause of Israel" but he added a warning that Jewry must "continue to be on the alert" to help Israel "achieve a just, honorable and lasting peace." The world Zionist leader, who plans to go to Israel Sunday, came here from Bonn, where he met with West German Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger.

Dr. Goldmann said that Israel had been "impelled" to go to war to resist and defend itself against aggressors and that it sought "no more than the unmolested preservation of the Jewish State and the maintenance of its security," to "live in peace and freedom and in harmony with all its Arab neighbors." He added that "this solemn purpose is not yet assured."

## Brazilian Supreme Court Approves Extradition of Stangl to Germany for Trial

BRASILIA, June 8. (JTA) -- The extradition of Franz Stangl, wartime commander of two Nazi death camps in Poland, to face trial in West Germany on murder and genocide charges was approved unanimously last night by the Brazilian Supreme Court.

The court heard arguments from attorneys for three countries seeking to try Stangl, a former SS major who commanded Treblinka and Sobibor. The others were Austria and Poland. In accepting the West German arguments, the court received a promise that if charges against Stangl in West Germany did not produce a guilty verdict, he would be extradited to Austria for trial there.

Following some diplomatic formalities, the 59-year-old Nazi will be taken to Dusseldorf to face charges. In addition to 23 charges of individual murders, he was accused of responsibility for the murder of 400,000 Polish Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto at Treblinka, where he was commander from August 1942 to August 1943.

Stangl was arrested in Sao Paulo last February after eluding Austrian authorities for 19 years. He had lived quietly in Brazil since 1951. The three-nation struggle stemmed from the fact that Stangl was Austrian-born, took his orders from the Nazi high command in Germany and performed his extermination duties in occupied Poland.

George Tavares, the attorney for Austria, contended that Stangl was still an Austrian citizen and should therefore be judged by Austria. The Austrian petition charged that Stangl also had directed a small extermination unit at Hartsheim in Austria, where mental defectives, incurably ill persons and some Mathausen death camp inmates were murdered by injections.

Alfred Tranjan, the attorney for Poland, said Stangl should be tried by the country where he committed his crimes. He said this procedure was specified in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and other international agreements. Evaristo de Moraes, a leading Brazilian attorney, presented the case for West Germany. He argued that since both Austria and Poland were under German occupation at the time, West Germany should try Stangl.

Prof. Xavier de Albuquerque of Brasilia University, the defense attorney, argued that all three petitions for Stangl's extradition were invalid because the 20-year statute of limitations on homicide had run out on all the charges. Stangl was not required to appear in court for the hearing. He has been under maximum security detention since his arrest.

## Montreal Community Leader Appeals to Government to Finance Jewish Day Schools

MONTREAL, June 8. (JTA) -- Jacob M. Lowy, president of the Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal, told the AJCS 50th anniversary banquet that the provincial government should accept responsibility for financial aid to Jewish day schools. Mr. Lowy noted that the Canadian Jewish Congress had formally proposed that such assistance be given to the schools, which are attended by more than 5,000 Jewish children.

"As schools are being financed from school taxes levied on properties, and the parents of these children pay their school taxes, surely these parents are justified in their demand that a per capita allotment be made to the Jewish schools on an equal basis with other schools," Mr. Lowy stated. "The Jewish community is quite willing to assume responsibility for the religious and Hebrew education of these children, but so far as the secular education is concerned, it is unfair to withhold their share in the school taxes which really and truly belong to the schools which care for their education.

Referring to the Middle East crisis, Mr. Lowy warned that "injustice breeds injustice, lawlessness breeds lawlessness and the appetite of dictators can never be satisfied." He expressed the hope that the Canadian Government would not make the mistake of the Chamberlain Government in appeasing Hitler "and will not attempt to buy peace" in the Middle East "at the cost of justice."

## S.Y. Agnon Receives Honorary Degree from Yeshiva University; Returns to Israel

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- S.Y. Agnon, the 78-year-old Nobel literature laureate, was cheered here yesterday for declaring at a Yeshiva University function that he was determined to return to Israel "even if I knew I would be greeted by all the cannon fire in the world."

More than 1,000 students, faculty members and officials of the university attended the event where the Hebrew writer received an honorary Doctor of Hebrew Letters degree. Dr. Samuel Belkin, Yeshiva University president, evoked a prolonged burst of applause when he urged the laureate to "convey our prayers to our brothers in Israel for peace."

## Golda Meir to Address Madison Square Rally in New York on Sunday

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, secretary general of Israel's Mapai Party, formerly Israel's Foreign Minister is coming to the United States to appear in the "Stars for Israel" rally for the Israel Emergency Fund of the United Jewish Appeal sponsored by the entertainment industry on Sunday. The rally will be held at Madison Square Garden with ticket prices ranging from \$10 to \$100.