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## U.S., Russia, Egypt, Israel to Address U.N. Today; Johnson to Address Nation

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 18. (JTA) -- The special session of the United Nations General Assembly, convened at the request of the Soviet Union, seeking U.N. condemnation of Israel as an "aggressor" and the immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops behind the 1949 armistice lines, will come into full force tomorrow morning with representatives of the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Arab Republic and Israel listed as the first speakers.

An hour prior to the opening of the U.N. Assembly session, President Johnson will address the nation over radio and television on the crisis in the Middle East. In an address last Friday at Austin, Texas, he said that each nation in the Middle East "must accept the right of its neighbors to stable and secure existence" and appeared to be endorsing the Israeli position that there can be no return to the conditions that existed before this month's Arab-Israel war.

The first speaker before the General Assembly tomorrow will be Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations. He had already announced that the United States is participating in the present session of the Assembly on the explicit understanding that "every problem and every proposal that was before the Security Council in its proceedings on the Middle East is now before the General Assembly." He indicated opposition to the Soviet request that condemnation of Israel and the withdrawal of Israeli forces should be the only questions on which the General Assembly should act. He made it clear that the U.S. Government considers that the purpose of this session is "to reach for a reasonable, just and peaceful solution" of the Arab-Israel situation.

Mr. Goldberg's mention of the proposals before the Security Council referred, among other issues, to three draft resolutions presented to the Council by the United States, all of them aimed toward direct Israeli-Arab talks with the help, if they so desire, of any other third party.

Soviet Premier Aleksei N. Kosygin, who came from Moscow with a staff of more than 40 people to present the Soviet view on the Arab-Israel conflict before the Assembly, may follow Mr. Goldberg in tomorrow's debate. However, it is also possible that he may delay his address which he came to deliver, and have either Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko or Ambassador Nikolai Fedorenko speak tomorrow. Other speakers tomorrow will be Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Egypt's representative, Ambassador Mohammed A. El-Khony.

### Eban Outlines Israel's Stand; Assails the Soviet Union Sharply

Israel's position was indicated by Mr. Eban prior to his leaving Jerusalem for the session of the General Assembly. He took sharp issue with the Soviet Union and charged Moscow with having contributed toward stimulating the Arab war against Israel. The USSR, he said, should not pose as "the judge" in the present crisis but should, instead, "be in the dock."

Regarding the Soviet Union's demand that Israel withdraw unconditionally and immediately from the Arab areas it has won in the war, and return to the 1949 armistice lines, Mr. Eban said: "No power on earth can turn back the clock of history. Israel will not waste the gains it won because of Arab aggression."

## Syrians Break Cease-Fire; Launch Attack on Israeli Troops; Are Repulsed

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- Syrian armored forces launched an attack against Israeli troops today at Kuneitra, a Syrian position occupied last week by Israel prior to the cease-fire arrangement voted by the U.N. Security Council. Israel, however, drove off the attacking Syrians. The Syrian effort was the first violation of the U.N. cease-fire resolution.

Israeli officials disclosed today that they had found large quantities of Chinese-made weapons buried in orange groves in the Gaza Strip. The arms included bazookas, machineguns and anti-tank rifles.

## Majority in U.S. Congress Backs Israel on Demanding Assurances of National Security

WASHINGTON, June 18. (JTA) -- Congress overwhelmingly believes Israel should get assurances of national security and access to the Gulf of Akaba and the Suez Canal before it withdraws from captured Arab territory, an Associated Press survey disclosed here. The survey reached 438 of the 534 members of Congress.

A total of 364 took, without qualification, a view that assurances for Israel were necessary. Among them were 42 Senators and 322 House members. None said that Israel should withdraw without assurances. Responses were based on the premise that future stability demands changes from the pre-war situation.

Sen. Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, said yesterday that, during the visit of Soviet Premier Kosygin, "our Government" must resist "the temptation to reduce international tensions at the expense of the little state of Israel." In a Senate speech, he urged the United States to encourage Israel and the Arabs to hold face-to-face peace talks.

Rep. Jerry Pettis, California Republican, urged the United States to suspend aid to all Arab states that severed diplomatic relations with the United States. He introduced a bill to assure that no more aid went to Egypt. He charged that "it has been American aid which has helped to support Nasser's aggressive designs against his neighbors."

## Officer of U.S.S. 'Liberty' Says Israel Did Not Attack the Vessel Deliberately

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- United States officers aboard the U.S. Navy ship Liberty, which was hit by Israeli firing in the Mediterranean Sea last week, have rejected the notion that the attack was deliberate, according to dispatches received here today from Valletta, Malta, where a Navy inquiry is being held.

One officer was quoted as stating that anyone who held the Israelis attacked the American naval vessel deliberately was "out of his mind." He said that, when the Israeli torpedo boat had realized the ship it had attacked was American, it had flashed this message: "Terrible error; can we help?" An American diplomatic representative at Valletta was quoted as saying: "We thoroughly accepted the Israeli apology, and there is no question that the attack was by mistake."

On the other hand, some senior crew members of the Liberty were reported to have told the Navy Inquiry Board on the ship at Valletta that the Israelis had had ample time to identify the Liberty as an American Navy facility. One survivor was quoted as saying: "We were flying the Stars and Stripes and it is absolutely impossible that they should not have known who we were. This was a deliberate and planned attack, and the remarkable thing about it was the accuracy of their fire."

## Soviet Authorities Suspend Emigration of Jews from Russia to Israel

LONDON, June 18. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has temporarily suspended the emigration of Russian Jews to Israel, due to the Middle East crisis, it was reported here today from Moscow. The report said that some 40 Jews who already had exit visas were not permitted to leave the country. So far, there has been no official Soviet comment on the matter.

The staff at the Israel Embassy in Moscow, meanwhile began leaving the Soviet capital today, following the break in diplomatic relations between the two countries. Ten Israeli diplomats and their families left this morning by air for Tel Aviv.

(No date has been set for the departure of the members of the Soviet Embassy staff from Israel, but the Soviet ship "Felix Dzerdzinski" arrived from Odessa this weekend to Haifa, to evacuate 70 persons from the Soviet Embassy. The crew of the Soviet ship included five Jews and several women marines.)

## Israel to Produce Oil from Captured Sinai Wells; May Export Oil to Other Lands

TEL AVIV, June 18. (JTA) -- An Israeli Government official said here that oil production from Sinai Peninsula wells was estimated at 100,000 barrels a day while Israel's consumption averages 40,000 barrels a day "and the consequences are obvious."

Dov Ben Dror, who is in charge of fuel supplies, added that Israel was no longer dependent on other nations for oil and it might well be that the southern port of Eilat would serve not only as a port for importing oil but also for exporting.

## Nazi War Victims Condemn Soviet Slander of Israel at United Nations

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- A statement published today in The New York Times in the form of a full page advertisement accuses the Soviet Union of slander and "an attempt at intimidation and incitement to genocide" in its United Nations comments on Israel. The statement was issued by the Jewish Nazi War Victims Organization of America. The statement was in answer to the comments made about Israel at Security Council meetings by the Soviet Ambassador, Dr. Nikolai Fedorenko.

"Ambassador Fedorenko," the statement protests, "saw fit to compare the Israelis to Nazis, although many of these courageous Israeli men and women are survivors, like ourselves, of the concentration camps that Russian troops helped to liberate."

## Jewish Groups Seek U.N. Aid Against Atrocities on Jews in Arab Lands

NEW YORK, June 18, (JTA) -- Expressing deep concern for the welfare of Jewish communities in Arab countries, the International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services today requested the United Nations and the United States Government to intervene on their behalf.

At an INTERCO meeting today, Murray I. Gurfein, president, and Charles H. Jordan, executive secretary, said member organizations, which include the Joint Distribution Committee, Central British Fund, Jewish Colonization Association, Standing Conference on European Jewish Community Services, United Hias Service and World ORT Union, are making every effort to bring the plight of Jewish communities in Arab countries to the attention of the world.

"We are receiving reports of atrocities perpetrated against defenseless men, women and children," Mr. Gurfein said. "We shall not rest until these attacks are stopped and Jews in Arab lands are permitted to live in peace or to emigrate and resettle in countries of security and freedom."

The World Jewish Congress simultaneously protested to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant against "measures now being taken by the Government of the United Arab Republic against its Jewish citizens and other Jewish residents in its territory, the effect of which can only be the extinction of the organized life of an ancient community with an unbroken history of more than 2,000 years."

In its letter to Mr. Thant, signed by Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, head of the WJC's international affairs department, the World Jewish Congress stressed that "the situation in the U.A.R. is, in various degrees, paralleled in some of the neighboring Arab states, where Jews have been arrested and even murdered, largely as a result of incessant radio incitement from Cairo."

(In Geneva, the International Committee of the Red Cross notified the World Jewish Congress here this weekend that it had obtained permission from the Egyptian Government to visit Jews being held in Cairo prisons. A spokesman for the WJC here said it was believed that between 350 and 600 Jews were imprisoned in Cairo and Alexandria.)

## Tunisian and Moroccan Authorities Reported Protecting Jews from Street Attacks

NEW YORK, June 18, (JTA) -- Moroccan and Tunisian authorities have prevented large-scale attacks against Jews in those countries, but street mobs have been allowed in Libya and Egypt to attack Jews, with the official connivance of the two governments, Charles H. Jordan, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, declared here today.

In Egypt, Mr. Jordan said, some Jews have been sent to internment camps, while street mobs in Libya beat Jews. By contrast, he said, authorities in Morocco and Tunisia had taken "prompt and vigorous" action to protect Jews after the war had broken out in the Middle East. Despite these efforts, however, Mr. Jordan added, two Jews were shot and killed by an Arab in Meknes, Morocco, a week ago.

(From Rabat, Morocco, it was reported that police had confiscated newspapers published in Arabic and in French because they had been waging an anti-Jewish and anti-American campaign.)

## 'Intensive Arrests' of Jews Reported from Iraq; Many Accused of Espionage

LONDON, June 18, (JTA) -- The Middle East News Agency reported from Cairo today that the Iraqi Government has uncovered an "espionage network" operating in Baghdad, which included "a large number of Iraqi Jews." The number arrested totaled 72. The report said three radio transmitters were seized in the raids.

The Iraqi Jews were reportedly conducting "suspicious activities." Some withdrew deposits from Baghdad banks in an effort to "shake the Iraqi economy." The Iraqi Government made extensive arrests to deal with "Zionism and Anglo-American imperialism," the report stated, adding that the accused are being cross-examined under the personal supervision of Interior Minister Abdul Sattar Abdul Atif.

## Haham of Spanish and Portuguese Jews in England Appeals to Moslem Rulers

LONDON, June 18, (JTA) -- Dr. Solomon Gaon, Haham of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews of Great Britain, appealed to the governments of the various Moslem countries to accord their Jewish inhabitants the protection and freedom to which they are entitled both as citizens and human beings. The appeal came in the wake of reports of killings and anti-Jewish persecution in a number of Arab countries during the recent hostilities between Israel and Arab states.

Dr. Gaon also called for the recitation of special prayers in all synagogues under his jurisdiction on behalf of the Jews in Arab countries, most of whom are of Sephardic origin.

## Non-Jews in Kentucky Send Contributions to Israel Emergency Fund in Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 18. (JTA) -- A number of non-Jewish gifts have been received by the Conference of Jewish Organizations for the Israel Emergency Fund. One gift of \$200 came from Jasper, Ind., about 90 miles away. Other gifts have ranged as high as \$1,000, according to Clarence F. Judah, executive director.

## Jewish Servicemen in Viet Nam and in U.S. Contribute to Israel Emergency Fund

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- The Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board announced that Jewish servicemen in the I Corps area in Viet Nam have already contributed \$500 to the United Jewish Appeal's Israel Emergency Fund, according to word received from Chaplain Ernest D. Lapp, Jewish chaplain in Viet Nam. In another report, Chaplain Aaron D. Michelson, the Jewish chaplain at Fort Knox, Ky., stated that Jewish men contributed approximately \$700 to the Israel Emergency Fund in a five-day period.

Describing these reports as among the first in a series that are expected from Jewish chaplains throughout the world, JWB's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy noted that Jewish military personnel at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where Chaplain Norman R. Patz is assigned, would soon complete their emergency drive and that Jewish men at Fort Bliss, Texas, whose spiritual leader is Chaplain Isaac H. Celnik, were participating through the Jewish community of El Paso.

## U.S. Labor Zionist Movement Asks Members to Contribute Week's Income for Israel

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- The Labor Zionist Movement today called on all its members to give a minimum of a week's income or salary to the Israel Emergency Fund of the United Jewish Appeal. The appeal was directed to the members of LZOA-Poale Zion; Farband; Pioneer Women; and Habonim-Labor Zionist Youth. Pinchas Cruso, chairman of the Labor Zionist Movement coordinating committee, stressed that many Labor Zionist Movement members have given "much more than the minimum, but we are asking for at least a week's income.

"Already, thousands of dollars have poured in," said Mr. Cruso, "from people in all walks of life. Labor Zionist members who are school teachers and civil servants have given their week's salary and so have Habonim youth, who have turned in baby-sitting money, part-time job earnings and allowances to the special UJA fund. Many of our members have given of their savings and insurance policies and have asked their friends to do the same in this time of Israel's need."

## 400 Jewish Youths from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Bolivia Leave for Israel

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 18. (JTA) -- More than 400 young people from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Bolivia boarded the ship Theodor Herzl bound for Israel. Two previous groups had left by air. Almost 300 additional youngsters are slated to depart by ship next weekend.

The Israel Embassy here denied rumors that appeared in the press that the young people went to Israel to join the Israeli army. Brazil's constitution forbids its citizens from joining the armed forces of foreign countries.

## Mrs. Jacobson, Hadassah President, Flies to Israel to Survey Needs in Jerusalem

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president of Hadassah, left for Israel last night to survey the needs of the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. She was accompanied by Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization Committee in the United States.

Hadassah Hospital has been serving as a medical base and casualty clearing station for Jerusalem area since the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East. In the last 12 days Hadassah in New York has airlifted more than \$1,300,000 worth of medical and hospital supplies to Hadassah Hospital.

## Preservation of Materials on Role of U.S. Jewry in Middle East Crisis is Urged

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- American Jewish organizations and individuals were requested by the American Jewish Historical Society here to preserve all written and printed materials relating to the role of American Jewry in the current Middle East crisis.

Bernard Wax, AJHS director, urged that materials dealing with the outpouring of aid to Israel is particularly important. These include leaflets, brochures, telegrams, releases, bulletins, diaries, memos, telegrams and correspondence. The Society will serve as depository of such materials, if requested.

## James Rosenberg Offers Paintings to Contributors to Israel Emergency Fund

NEW YORK, June 18. (JTA) -- James M. Rosenberg, longtime Jewish leader and gifted painter, offered today some of his paintings to anyone making a contribution of at least \$500 for each painting to the Israel Emergency Fund of the United Jewish Appeal. Thirty Rosenberg paintings were displayed in a one-man show at the Sindlin-Harris Galleries in Manhattan and 12 remained unsold, from which the proposed gift is available.