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Dayan Warns Knesset Terrorist Incursions Must Be Regarded and Treated as War

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said in the Knesset today that the growing incursions by terrorists and saboteurs, harbored and abetted by Jordan, must be considered like any other war and treated accordingly. Gen. Dayan made the statement in the course of a report on the security situation along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line which he described as "the most active," far more so than the lines with Egypt, Syria and Lebanon.

Gen. Dayan charged that Jordanian territory was being used by every anti-Israel terrorist organization for training and as a base for sorties into Israeli-held territory. They include the Syrian sponsored El Fatah, the Egyptian-paid fedayeen and the Palestinian troops among the Iraqi army contingent that has been in Jordan since last June. He also said there were several groups made up of local Jordanians. The Jordanian Army, he added, gives the terrorists intelligence on the deployment of Israeli troops, helps them cross the Jordan River and deliberately locates terrorist bases in refugee camps along the Jordan Valley. Gen. Dayan said that acts of sabotage cannot influence the military situation but that Israel takes the gravest view of those who aid saboteurs.

Israel To Arm West Bank Villagers for Their Protection Against Terrorists

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan announced today that Israel will supply arms to Arab villages in the West Bank for protection against terrorists. He made the announcement at an all-day meeting with Sheikh Ali Jabari, Mayor of Hebron and the mayors and mukhtars (chiefs) of neighboring villages. The meeting was attended by the top ranking officers of the military government.

Sheikh Jabari told the gathering that terrorist acts cause only marginal damage to Israel but that Israeli retaliation inflicts severe damage on the Arabs. Gen. Dayan said that while Israel does not expect the Arab villagers to inform on terrorists, they must not give them shelter. He said that defense arms would be distributed on the recommendations of mayors and mukhtars.

Congressman Says Washington Should Pressure Israel, Arabs to Reach Agreement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (JTA)--Rep. John S. Monagan, Conn. Dem., warned the House today that the United Nations mission of Gunnar Jarring in the Middle East "has accomplished little" and that the Arab-Israeli situation had reached an "impasse." He urged that the United States Government "forcibly assert" to Israel and the Arab States that "negotiations are vital for world peace and that the parties should set about re-examining their positions."

The Congressman, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee who frequently reflects the Administration view, said that under a negotiated settlement, "perhaps neither side will achieve its maximum demands." He said that "time is not on the side of agreement" and warned that passage of time was causing a hardening of attitude on both sides. He told the House that "a real attempt at negotiation under the auspices of the UN, and with its results protected by UN sanctions, should bring a more acceptable arrangement than has previously existed and one which will have less potential for future trouble."

Egyptians Cooperating With Jarring, Pravda Says in New Blast at Israel

LONDON, Feb. 13 (JTA)--Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, the special United Nations envoy in the Middle East, left Cairo Tuesday for his headquarters in Nicosia and is scheduled to visit Amman Wednesday.

According to Pravda, the official Soviet Communist Party organ, Ambassador Jarring has been receiving full cooperation from Egypt. The paper said that for more than a month, Ambassador Jarring has been shuttling between Middle East capitals and "serious talks are being held with him in Cairo."

Contrasted to this, the Soviet organ asserted, is "the entirely different attitude" being shown him in Tel Aviv where it said, the Israelis refuse to abide "by the main demand of this (the Security Council) resolution -- the withdrawal of the occupation forces from the Arab lands."

(President Tito of Yugoslavia is seeking to bring together a "broadly-based" international conference of non-aligned and other "independent" states to find peaceful solutions for the Far East and Middle East, the Christian Science Monitor reported from Cairo. France, Pakistan and Rumania might be invited to this conference, the paper said, in addition to the states attending the nonaligned conferences in Belgrade in 1961 and Cairo in 1964. The Cairo daily, Al Ahram, quoted by the Monitor, said that Tito had also decided to start an "intensified diplomatic campaign" to put the Middle East crisis back into the United Nations Security Council.)

(King Hassan II of Morocco said in an interview published in Paris Match today that he "does not deny that Israel has a right to exist." The North African ruler added, "I simply think that the state of Israel was established in a very sensitive area.")

Defense Dept. Silent on Egyptian 'Buzzing' of Naval Spy Ship Off Alexandria

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (JTA)--The U.S. Defense Department said today it could make "no comment" on reports received here that an Egyptian jet bomber had "buzzed" the U.S.S. Georgetown, a Navy intelligence ship, about 50 miles north of Alexandria, Sunday morning. Administration sources indicated that attempts are being made to minimize the incident because of "general improvement in American-Egyptian relations.

The Georgetown was buzzed by a Soviet-made IL-28 "Beagle" bomber. The ship is in the same class as the U.S.S. Liberty, accidentally attacked by Israel during the Six-Day War. It is much larger than the U.S.S. Pueblo. The incident came at a time when the Egyptian press and radio continued to gloat over the North Korean capture of the Pueblo. The incident took place in international waters at a point estimated at 50 miles north of Alexandria, a port used by the Soviet Navy.

Foreign Aid Bill Amendments Would Bar Assistance to Countries Buying Arms

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (JTA)--Government legal experts had under study today the possible effect of three amendments to the Foreign Aid Bill that would, with the exception of certain specified countries, bar aid to states using their own resources to buy arms. The amendments, two by Rep. Silvio Conte, Mass. Rep., and one by Sen. Stuart Symington, Mo. Dem., would prevent United States aid beneficiaries from using American funds, either directly or indirectly, to finance unnecessary arms purchases.

The Conte amendments would exempt Israel, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Korea, the Philippines and Nationalist China. Aid could be continued to other countries if the President justified to Congress that continuing aid to arms buyers was "vital to the national security of the United States." The Symington amendment would oblige the President to sever aid to any country which used either American aid or its own resources in military purchases that "materially interfere with development." It provided for no exemptions.

Economics Minister Says Bonn Favors Closer Israel Ties With Common Market

BONN, Feb. 13 (JTA)--West Germany's Economic Minister, Karl Schiller, said here today that Germany sought closer economic ties with Israel and was one of four, out of the six nations comprising the European Common Market, that favored Israel's bid for association with the European economic community.

Mr. Schiller said in a magazine interview that no competitive problems existed between Israel and West Germany. For that reason, he said, Germany would welcome increased imports from Israel and increased exports to that country. He noted that Israel has ordered steel pipe from West Germany for the construction of a pipeline between Eilat on the Red Sea and Ashdod on the Mediterranean.

Referring to the Common Market, Mr. Schiller said that only two member countries opposed ties with Israel, though not as a matter of principle. He said that Israel was seeking an agreement for preferential treatment and that Germany and one other member country favored the application of general customs preference to Israel.

French Intellectuals, Ex-Envoy Condemn de Gaulle's Middle East Policies

PARIS, Feb. 13 (JTA)--Growing dissent over French policies in the Middle East was voiced here today. The Committee of Intellectuals for a Negotiated Solution to the Middle East Problem, issued a statement accusing France of trying to re-establish its imperialistic role in that area. The International League Against Racism protested against "the likelihood of French arms deliveries to Iraq."

Andre Francois-Poncet, former French Ambassador and High Commissioner to Germany, wrote in Figaro today that "Gen. de Gaulle's peace plans for the Middle East are not satisfactory. We cannot today, anymore than yesterday, convince ourselves that Israel is guilty of barbarous aggression."

(President Aref of Iraq may have left France without a commitment for the Mirage jet planes and other armaments he so ardently sought in his talks with Gen. de Gaulle, but he did get French verbal support of the Arab demand for unconditional Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories. The Times of London reported, "In the French view," the paper said, "the important thing is that the visit has served to strengthen the hands of France in the Arab countries."

(The Times referred to the joint communique issued by de Gaulle and Aref on the latter's departure Saturday which stressed that there can be no settlement of the Middle East dispute without prior evacuation of Israel forces to the pre-June 5, 1967 boundaries. "Talks on the exploitation of the Roumelia oilfields (in Iraq) by a French company and on the purchase of Mirage planes by Iraq will go on between the two countries," The Times said. "Some commentators feel that these two issues are linked.")

New Jewish Publication Being Issued in Strassbourg, France

PARIS, Feb. 13 (JTA)--A new Jewish bi-monthly will be published in Strassbourg by Grand Rabbi A. A. Deutsch, it was announced today. The magazine will be called the Jewish Tribune. Its first issue includes an article on de Gaulle and Israel. Rabbi Deutsch previously published a Jewish community bulletin which the new magazine replaces.

Jordan To Permit Transit of 1,000 West Bank Arabs on Pilgrimage To Mecca

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13 (JTA)--For the first time in twenty years, Moslems living under Israeli rule will be permitted to make the holy pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, it was learned here today. About 1,000 Arabs from Hebron and surrounding villages will begin the pilgrimage in a few days.

Israel has never stood in the way of the pilgrimage, which is traditionally made in the 12th month of the Moslem year. But Jordanian authorities, until now, have not permitted Israeli Moslems to cross their territory on the way to and from Mecca. This year, however, Amman has acceded to the request of Arab notables for permission and Saudi Arabia, within whose territory Mecca and Medina are located has also agreed to allow pilgrims from the West Bank to make the journey.

The round trip from Hebron to Mecca will cost the equivalent of \$67.00 by bus and \$40.00 by truck. Moslems who visit the holiest city in Islam may add the title "Hajj" to their names.

Report Agreement on Reopening of West Bank Branches of Jordanian Banks

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13 (JTA)--An agreement between Israel and Jordan on the principles for the re-opening of Jordanian bank branches in the occupied West Bank was reported today to have been reached by a delegation of Arab bankers who visited Amman and a group of Jordanian bankers who came to Jerusalem for the talks.

Two main obstacles to re-opening the bank branches, closed since the June war, apparently were resolved. Jordan reportedly waived insistence on direct control of the branches and Israel has agreed to free deposits of Arabs who fled to Jordan. Details of the agreement are now being worked out with the possibility that the bank branches will resume operations in March. The arrangements reportedly included the return of most of the assets of the branches from Amman where they have been held under Jordanian law. Most of the impounded funds belong to East Jerusalem and West Bank Arabs.

("Paradoxical and perplexing" was the description given in the London Financial Times today for the situation along the Israeli-Jordanian demarcation line. The paper said "on one hand, there are daily exchanges of fire and on the other hand, there has been a completely unprecedented volume of trade and the movement of tens of thousands of people between the two countries in both directions." It commented that "while mortars and tanks have been firing, trucks continue to take vegetables to Jordan, former West Bank residents return to their homes under the family reunion scheme and tourists pass in both directions.")

Yehudi Menuhin, in Israel, Asks to be Shown Arab Refugee Camps

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13 (JTA)--Yehudi Menuhin, the violin virtuoso, arrived here today for a series of concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. His first request was to visit Arab refugee camps. Mr. Menuhin, who has been active in groups abroad raising money for Arab refugee relief, said that Israel's Six-Day War last June was waged in self-defense but the creation of new refugee camps was not one of Israel's war aims.

Israel Delegation Seeks Trade Relations, Assistance Agreements With India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13 (JTA)--Israel is trying to woo a reluctant India into accepting trade relations and technical assistance of a kind that Israel has provided to other Asian and African nations in the past. An intense courtship is being conducted by Israeli delegates to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development which opened here a week ago to develop a global strategy to help underdeveloped nations in the areas of commerce and industry.

India, so far, has been demonstrably cool to the idea of trade with or technical aid from Israel. New Delhi is anxious to maintain its good relations with the Arab states which she has consistently supported on the political level since last June's Middle East war, though purportedly anxious at the same time, to steer clear of involvement in that region's disputes.

The Israelis insist however, that despite India's warm relationship with their Arab foes, nothing bars them from providing technical assistance to private firms in India or purchasing Indian goods. As a means of influencing New Delhi, the Israeli delegation has published a 40-page booklet containing a pictorial history of Israel's development in various fields and her technical cooperation with underdeveloped nations.

The Israeli delegation to UNCTAD, headed by Minister of Commerce and Industry Zeev Sharef and chaired by Ambassador Michael Comay, political advisor to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, brought up another big gun in the person of David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel. Mr. Horowitz arrived here to take up a leadership post with the delegation.

The Kenya delegation to UNCTAD has demanded a retraction and apology from Indian newspapers which reported that Kenya had been among the Asian, African and Communist bloc nations that walked out of the chamber when the Israeli delegation chief, Zeev Sharef, delivered his first speech last week. The acting head of the Kenyan delegation told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that there was no walk-out by his delegation and in fact there were two representatives of Kenya in the chamber when Mr. Sharef spoke. He said that Kenya wants to steer clear of involvement in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

J W Mays Department Stores Boycott Goods From East Europe, Arab Countries

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (JTA)--The president of J. W. Mays, a department store chain in the metropolitan area which has imposed a ban on imports from Arab countries, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the public has expressed cooperation with the firm's boycott of goods imported from countries that are "unfriendly and arbitrary" toward Israel.

Max Shulman, president of Mays, said that all products from Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia as well as from Arab countries have been barred from Mays stores until further notice. Mays volume of business is \$120 million a year, according to Mr. Shulman, who stressed that business dealings with countries "guilty of excessive discrimination against Israel will resume only when those countries show they know how to behave properly toward Israel, which is far more equitable in its treatment of other peoples."

Mr. Shulman noted that the consumer here has shown "favorable response" to Israeli products found at Mays, which, he added, has stepped up its imports from Israel "thanks to merchandise that is distinctive in styling and competitive in price."

Israeli products featured in the Mays chain include giftware, religious items, toys, candy, outer garments, knit goods, rainwear and beachwear. Mr. Shulman said the firm plans to send representatives to fashion shows in Israel but there are no current plans to establish a buying office there. He asserted that Israeli products "sell well" and that continued importing from Israel "would strengthen its economy."

Mays is also using El Al Israel airlines for shipping merchandise. Praising El Al's service, Mr. Shulman said that it is "much more efficient than any previous shipping from the Middle East."

Boston 'Task Force' To Deal With Executive Suite Discrimination There

BOSTON, Feb. 13 (JTA)--A new task force to deal with "executive suite" discrimination of Jews here is ready to begin operations, it was learned today. The American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston in conjunction with the Jewish Vocational Service, were responsible for formation of the unit.

The objective of the task force will be to break down "employment bias" by moving Jews into management positions in large companies where relatively few are employed and promoted.

Toronto University To Accept Hebrew as Meeting Language Admission Requirements

TORONTO, Feb. 13 (JTA)--The University of Toronto announced today that it will accept Hebrew as a foreign language requirement for admission on a par with other modern languages, beginning with the 1968-69 school year. While the university has long offered Hebrew courses in its own curriculum, it is the first university in Canada to give entrance status to that language.

The recognition of Hebrew was made on the recommendation of the university's Committee on Admission Standards. Credit for the language will be given automatically to students who have passed the final examinations of any of the three Hebrew high schools in Toronto -- the Beth Jacob High School for Girls, the Ner Israel Yeshiva College and the Community Hebrew Academy. Students at other Hebrew schools will be judged "on the results of a special examination conducted in a manner acceptable to the Committee on Admission Standards," the university said. The move by the university was the result of approaches on the subject by the educational department of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Report 143 Americans, Canadians Emigrated to Israel in January

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (JTA)--The Israel Aliyah Center reported today that 143 Americans and Canadians had left for Israel during the month of January on programs sponsored by the center.

Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, chairman of the center, reported that it had received an urgent request to provide 54 medical specialists, technologists and auxiliary personnel to fill positions in the Ministry of Health and in Israeli hospitals.

Chaim Shurer, Davar Editor, Dead at 73

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13 (JTA)--Chaim Shurer, Editor of Davar, organ of the Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, died here today at the age of 73 after a long illness. He joined the staff of the Hebrew-language daily in 1935 and became its editor in 1953.

A native of the Ukraine, Shurer was educated in Kishinev and came to Palestine in 1913 at the age of 18. In Palestine he worked as an agricultural laborer in various parts of the country until 1926. He was the author of a number of books and of an exhaustive study of the Hapoel Hazair movement. A delegate to several sessions of the World Zionist Congress, he was a member of the Zionist General Council.

Former Soviet Envoy Cables Tribute to Sydney Silverman

LONDON, Feb. 13 (JTA)--A former Soviet Ambassador to Great Britain has sent a telegram of condolences from Moscow on the death here last Friday of Sydney S. Silverman, Labor MP who was a life-long Zionist and champion of Jewish causes. The telegram, from Ivan Maisky, who served as Ambassador in London from 1932 to 1943, was addressed to Dr. Horace King, speaker of the House of Commons. It read in part: "Most sincere condolences on the passing of Silverman, one of the most distinguished members of Parliament. I always greatly valued his noble work for the cause of peace and Anglo-Soviet friendship."