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## Condemned By Security Council, Israel Says It Will Continue to Defend Itself

UNITED NATIONS, Mar. 25 (JTA)--The United Nations was on notice Monday that Israel would retain its right to undertake all measures it deemed necessary to preserve its sovereignty and security despite Sunday night's action by the Security Council condemning Israel's raid on Jordan territory last Thursday to wipe out the guerrilla bases from which terrorist attacks had been mounted against Israel territory.

In a dramatic statement to the Council Sunday night after its adoption of the resolution, Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, head of the Israel delegation told the Council that the only solution to the Middle East situation was peace but that as long as a state of war continued, Israel would abide by its obligations under the cease-fire agreement. He pointed out, however, that the cease-fire was a reciprocal agreement and required full reciprocity from the Arab states. He noted statements by Arab spokesmen to the Council that they would not seek to stem the terrorist raids and declared that if the Arabs engaged in military activity or terror, Israel had a right and duty to defend itself.

Mr. Tekoah reminded the Council that the intent of the resolution referred to both the Israel and the Jordan complaints although the original draft and statements made during the debate suggested that the Council was dealing only with the Jordanian complaint. He drew attention to statements by the Jordanian representative that Jordan would persist in warfare, terrorism and sabotage. Israel, he said, asked nothing of its neighbors but to be left in peace. Jordan's attitude would determine whether Israel would have to fight again or whether issues would be resolved at the negotiating table.

The Israel envoy told the Security Council bluntly that Israel could not accept the condemnation contained in the resolution. The Charter of the United Nations, he reminded the Council, gave Israel the right of self-defense.

### Resolution Condemns Israel's 'Large-Scale' Action, Deplores Other Violations of Cease-Fire

The resolution adopted by the Council described the Thursday operation as of "a large-scale carefully planned nature" and condemned it as a "flagrant violation" of the United Nations Charter and of the cease-fire resolutions. It deplored "all violent incidents on violation of the cease-fire" and warned that "such actions of military reprisal and other grave violations of the cease-fire cannot be tolerated and that the Security Council would have to consider further and more effective steps as envisaged in the Charter to insure against repetition of such acts" -- a reference to sanctions. The resolution further called on Israel "to desist from acts or activities in contravention" of the Council's Nov. 22 resolution.

The resolution adopted by the Council was a modified form of a bitter anti-Israeli draft proposed by India, Pakistan, and Senegal. It was declared acceptable by the United States and Great Britain after inclusion of a condemnation of all "violations of the cease-fire." The resolution did not, however, rebuke Jordan by name for permitting these "violent incidents" nor did it call on the Arab state to take action to prevent them.

The original draft resolution had made no reference to the cease-fire violations which preceeded the Israeli action of last Thursday and had regarded the Israeli action without the background of extenuating circumstances. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, the head of the American delegation, fought long and hard to secure inclusion in the draft of a reference to the other violations of the cease-fire. He stressed that while the United States opposed acts of retaliation, it also opposed acts of terrorism in violation of the cease-fire agreements. He warned that "violence breeds violence" and that was the lesson of recent days. Both kinds of violence, he said, must be ended.

The American envoy said that it was because the resolution "takes into account all types of violence in violation of the cease-fire that my delegation was able to support it." He urged all parties to "scrupulous compliance" with the cease-fire and "fullest cooperation with the Jarring mission." Sources at the U.N. said it was understood that President Johnson had taken a direct interest in the formation of the American position.

The debate proved the Soviet Union to be the most adamant and intransigent party to the debate. Yakov Malik, head of the Soviet delegation, stressed time and again his belief that the Security Council should condemn Israel and impose sanctions to compel the Jewish state to return to its pre-June borders. He linked his attacks on Israel with the United States and the Arab-Israel situation with Vietnam and reiterated frequently that his delegation was ready to vote for the imposition of sanctions. He indicated that he had voted for the resolution only because it seemed to satisfy his Arab allies. The Soviet envoy said his government was determined, "along with other peace-loving states," to work for the cessation of Israeli aggression and the liquidation of its consequences. This, he said, included the return of the occupied Arab territories and the necessary political settlement to assure the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of each state in the area.

## Eshkol Tells Knesset Security Council Showed Bias Against Israel

JERUSALEM, Mar. 25 (JTA)--Yesterday's Security Council resolution condemning Israel's preventive attack on terrorist bases in Jordan was challenged by Prime Minister Eshkol in a speech to the Knesset (Parliament) today. He charged the Council with bias against Israel and declared that "until there is peace we shall keep standing guard over our security. Let the nation know this, let our friends know it and let our enemies know it," the Prime Minister said. The Knesset overwhelmingly approved a resolution endorsing the Government's policy.

The Prime Minister spoke before a packed chamber following a political debate in which speakers of all factions, except the Communists, agreed to the necessity of last Thursday's preventive military strike against terrorist bases. Mr. Eshkol said that the decision to strike was made after a school bus loaded with children hit a terrorist-planted mine on a Negev road a week ago, killing two persons and injuring 28 children and teachers. But, he stressed, last Thursday's military operation was not punitive and not a reprisal, but the only alternative to halt Jordan-based terrorist activities on an increasing scale. Mr. Eshkol disclosed that only those weapons and forces were employed that were necessary to achieve the limited objective of destroying terrorist bases.

The Prime Minister said that Sunday's resolution demonstrated that the Security Council tends to accept a situation in which one side is free to continue warfare while the other is told to put up with violations of the U.N. Charter and decisions. He said the Security Council had shown a similar bias in previous instances. This time, he noted, the Council's composition has changed and includes five nations that have no diplomatic relations with Israel. Nevertheless, he said, it should have shown a greater understanding of a situation that was created by Israel's enemies.

Mr. Eshkol reiterated Israel's willingness to make every constructive effort toward peace but added that only a real peace will put an end to the Arabs' continuing policy of belligerence. Last Thursday's operation, he said, should serve as a warning to saboteurs and to those who refuse to prevent their activities. He replied to King Hussein's assertion last Friday that Jordan would not "guard Israel's security," declaring "we never asked him to do that. He is required only to fulfill the obligations he entered into when he accepted the cease-fire." He stated that "if the Jordan Government acquiesces in the continuation of acts of war from her territory, and especially if it continues to aid terror groups, it is taking a heavy responsibility on itself."

The Prime Minister said that, in 37 raids from Jordan since mid-February, six persons were killed and more than 60 were injured. Karameh in central Jordan and Safi, in the south, both hit by Israeli troops Thursday, were converted into the main bases against Israel, Mr. Eshkol said. Here El Fatah and other terrorist organizations maintained their headquarters. In all, Israeli forces struck at ten terrorist centers including four training bases and supply stores. He disclosed that the terrorist camps held members of an Egyptian fedeyeen battalion as well as regular Iraqi and Syrian soldiers loaned to the terrorists. "We know this operation hasn't solved the problems of terror," Mr. Eshkol said, "but it dealt a heavy blow to the terrorists and prevented sabotage which might have cost the lives of many peaceful citizens."

## One Israeli Soldier Killed as Jordanian Shelling, Infiltration Raids Continue

TEL AVIV, Mar. 25 (JTA)--One Israeli soldier was killed and two were wounded in the second of two clashes with Arab marauders near the Jordan River last night, a military spokesman announced today. Two Arab marauders were killed in the earlier clash. The dead Israeli soldier was a member of the Druze community, a non-Arab Moslem sect loyal to Israel.

The night was also marked by the renewed shelling of Israeli settlements in the Beisan Valley by Jordanian units, the first such attacks on civilian areas since last Feb. 15. Jordanian artillery also fired on Israeli forces at the Tsuts passage, a Jordan River ford near Nevah Or, which was the scene of last night's first encounter between Arab raiders and an Israeli patrol. The Jordanian guns were silenced after an exchange of fire that began at noon and lasted one and a half hours.

According to a military spokesman, the Israeli patrol spotted seven marauders crossing the river and opened fire when they drew near. Two fell and the rest scattered. Two Russian assault guns were found on the bodies. In the second encounter, a small Israeli patrol surprised a band of raiders less than 60 yards from the Jordan River. One Israeli soldier was killed instantly and two of his companions were wounded in an exchange of fire that continued until Israeli re-enforcements arrived. At that point, the terrorists fled back into Jordan.

Jordanians across the demarcation line facing the Beisan Valley lobbed mortar shells into Maoz Chaim last night after an earlier shelling of Kfar Ruppin. No casualties were reported but some IL 6, 771 (about \$1,800) in damage was done to the settlement and livestock. A pet pony belonging to the kindergarten was killed, to the sorrow of the youngsters. They were promised a new pony today by military plant workers.

The shellings of Kfar Ruppin and Maoz Chaim marked a renewal of Jordanian assaults on Israeli villages inhabited by women and children. Those assaults reached a peak last Feb. 15 when Jordanian guns shelled eight settlements all along the Jordan Valley. They were silenced the next day by a fierce Israeli artillery and air force attack that knocked out the Jordanian gun emplacements.

## United Labor Party Votes For Joint Election Lists With Mapam Party

TEL AVIV, Mar. 25 (JTA)--Israel's United Labor Party secretariat voted 81 to 20 last night to accept joint election lists with the left-wing labor party, Mapam, despite reservations expressed by the Party's secretary-general, Mr. Golda Meir. The alignment will be effective in the Knesset (Parliament), in local town councils and in four trade unions, but not in Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, where Mapam agreed only to cooperation subject to a number of conditions. Mrs. Meir expressed the hope that Mapam leaders would eventually agree to a full alignment on all fronts. The link with Mapam was supported in the Secretariat by former Mapai and Achdut Avodah members. It was opposed by ex-Rafi party members and by the younger Mapai element.

## Weizmann Institute Approves IL 41.4 Million Budget; Will Cut Fellowships

REHOVOTH, Mar. 25 (JTA)--The Weizmann Institute of Science adopted an IL 41.4 million (\$12 million) budget for 1968-69 here yesterday but said that financial exigencies would permit it to grant only nine fellowships for overseas students in the current year out of 179 applications.

The Institute announced at a dinner here last night that the John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation in the United States raised IL 7.5 million (\$2.1 million) this year to support research and to provide post-doctoral fellowships to outstanding Israeli scientists for advanced training in the United States. The Institute's annual budget was approved by its executive council under the chairmanship of Meyer Weisgal. Out of the total amount, IL 32 million (\$9.2 million) are for operational expenses and IL 9.4 million (\$2.7 million) are for development purposes.

## Hebrew University Board to Accept Resignation of Eliahu Elath as President

JERUSALEM, Mar. 25 (JTA)--The Board of Governors of the Hebrew University will meet Wednesday on Mt. Scopus to elect a new president and other officers and to award several honorary degrees. It will be the first meeting of the Board at the old campus since it was liberated from Jordan in last June's war.

It was learned today that the Board of Governors has accepted the resignations of University president Eliahu Elath after six years in office, and Vice President, Prof. D. Amiran, who had served for three years. Also retiring is Dr. Louis Levinthal, of Philadelphia, who has been chairman of the Board of Governors for the past six years. Honorary doctorates will be awarded to Kadish Luz, speaker of the Knesset (Parliament), and to Prof. Albert Neuberger of the United States and Prof. Gershom Sholem, of Israel, among others. The ceremonies will be attended by President Zalman Shazar of Israel.

## Polish Envoy in London Denies Anti-Semitism, Says Situation is Misrepresented

LONDON, Mar. 25 (JTA)--The Polish Ambassador to Great Britain denied to a delegation representing the Board of Deputies of British Jews and other Jewish organizations here today that there was any anti-Semitic intent in the recent events in Poland and said he was deeply disturbed by what he claimed was a misrepresentation of those events by the delegation.

The delegation, headed by Alderman Michael Fidler, president of the Board of Deputies, included representatives of the Association of Jewish ex-Servicemen and Women and the Inter-University Jewish Federation. They visited the Polish envoy to protest Poland's official campaign to blame Jews -- characterized as "Zionist" elements in Poland -- for recent student unrest and riots and urged that the campaign be called off immediately to prevent a dangerous situation from developing further. The Ambassador agreed that an opportunity should be found in the very near future for the Polish Government to clarify its views on the matter.

The delegation noted that mounting a campaign against a handful of surviving Polish Jews, the remnant of three million who were destroyed by the Nazis, could serve only to discredit the Polish Government in international circles, to encourage neo-fascist and neo-Nazi elements wherever they exist and to invite comparison between the present Warsaw government and the avowedly anti-Semitic pre-war Poland regimes. Any attempt to make 20,000 Polish Jews the scapegoat for internal dissensions in Polish with which they have nothing to do is "both evil and grotesque," they said. They reminded the Ambassador that Jews have lived on Polish soil for a thousand years, that this was Human Rights Year and that Poland was about to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

## Polish Embassy in Argentina Rejects Protest Against Anti-Semitic Policies

BUENOS AIRES, Mar. 25 (JTA)--The Polish Embassy in Argentina rejected today, without comment or explanation, a resolution adopted last week by the South American Executive of the World Jewish Congress dealing with the anti-Semitic campaign in Poland. The resolution had been delivered to the Embassy with the request that it be forwarded to the Polish Government in Warsaw. The embassy refused to transmit the statement and returned it to the Congress.

The West Germany Embassy, to which the Congress had delivered another resolution calling for abolition of the statute of limitations in West Germany in war crimes and crimes against humanity, advised the Congress today that it had transmitted the resolution to Bonn.

## Draft Boards to Excuse Jews from Registration or Induction on Passover

NEW YORK, Mar. 25 (JTA)--Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service System, has informed the National Jewish Welfare Board that all draft boards throughout the country have been requested to give "favorable consideration, wherever possible," to requests from Jewish registrants for postponement of physical examination or induction into the armed forces during Passover.

Jewish registrants scheduled for examination or induction immediately before or during the holiday have the right to request deferment until after Passover.

## Humphrey Tells B'nai B'rith Women U.S. Has 'Genuine Commitment' to Israel

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (JTA)--Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said today that American assurances to Israel constituted "a genuine commitment -- I believe it with all my heart." He called on all Americans to emulate the Israeli people in developing a sense of national "will, purpose and determination." Mr. Humphrey spoke at the opening session of the triennial convention of B'nai B'rith women. The main thrust of his speech was a call for commitment to preserve peace abroad and especially at home by moving forward to meet domestic racial problems. He commended the organization for its efforts in the war against poverty.

Calling for a new idealism and patriotism to meet challenges facing America, Mr. Humphrey said that "in our generation we have seen this practical idealism flower in the State of Israel whose twentieth birthday anniversary we all celebrate."

Dr. William A. Wexler, international president of B'nai B'rith, told the convention that Jews could neither reject nor ignore the Negro "and meet the test of Jewish ethics." He said "the Negro cries out for black power because he feels so utterly without power. There was some Negro anti-Semitism from extremist sources," he said, and it was "deplorable," but "it is also exaggerated."

Dr. Wexler said Jews exalt in their peoplehood and cannot deny the Negro his strivings for a peoplehood and "a new image." He asked if the Negro could be expected to forgive and forget 400 years of humiliation and discrimination. He stressed that it was unfair to demand that the Negro emulate the Jewish immigrants of a generation ago and elevate himself in the same way. He pointed out that there were overwhelming differences. Dr. Wexler endorsed the recommendations of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders and urged the women to commit themselves anew to the struggle for human equality in America.

## Reform Rabbis Vote to Support Dr. King's 'Poor People's Campaign'

NEW YORK, Mar. 25 (JTA)--About 100 rabbis and lay leaders of the Reform movement, meeting under the auspices of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, voted yesterday to endorse Dr. Martin Luther King's "Poor People's Campaign," designed to force Congress to take adequate action to combat poverty.

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, director of the religious action center, presented the Reform movement's position paper on Dr. King's campaign, to be initiated April 22nd in Washington. Dr. Hirsch recommended support in principle but was reserved about Dr. King's method in carrying out his non-violent campaign in the light of pressure from black militants. "Should Negro militants somehow gain control of the vigil we are not prepared to give the endorsement carte blanche," he said.

The participants to the conference on "The Right to Dissent" agreed nevertheless that Reform congregations in the United States should plan special programs for the kick-off date of King's campaign "to demonstrate solid support" for the civil rights leader.

## Rabbinical Assembly Weighs Steps to Offer Israelis Alternative to Orthodoxy

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Mar. 25 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Assembly, association of Conservative Rabbis, took steps today to meet "a desperate need in Israel today for an alternative religious expression" to Orthodox Judaism. Rabbi Ralph Simon of Chicago, vice president of the Assembly, told the organization's 68th annual convention that he would leave for Israel in a few weeks to consult with lay and rabbinic leaders of the Israeli Conservative and Reform institutions on measures to further the program.

Rabbi Myron Fenster of Rosly, N.Y., chairman of the Assembly's Israel Committee, who has just returned from conferences in Israel, reported that 32 Conservative rabbis are now serving there, in congregations and as faculty members in universities and other educational institutions, as well as in youth villages and as student advisors on campuses.

Rabbi Simon said that the Rabbinical Assembly was also prepared to bring promising youth Israelis to the United States to study for the rabbinate at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for service in Israel. He said there was a desperate need in Israel today for an alternative religious expression. At the present time, the average Israeli who is unhappy with the established Orthodox tradition and who cannot satisfy his spiritual needs with that type of rigid fundamentalism is left with inadequately supported and few means of expressing his religious feelings.

The program is supported in Israel by the Assembly's Klal Yisrael fund, to which only rabbis contribute.