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Eshkol Renews Warning to Jordan on Terrorists; Friday Clash Assessed

JERUSALEM, Mar. 31 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol reiterated today at the regular Cabinet meeting Israel's determination to continue its duty of guarding the security of border settlements in a statement regarded as another warning to Jordan to halt all attacks whether by terrorist infiltration or by shooting across the cease-fire lines.

He spoke shortly after Israeli officials reported that very heavy damage was inflicted on Jordanian army and El Fatah commando bases all along the East Bank of the Jordan River in the day-long air and artillery battle Friday. Maj. Gen. Chaim Bar-Lev, Israeli Chief of Staff, said the action was even more concentrated than that of last Feb. 15 when Israeli jets and artillery struck heavy blows at Jordanian gun positions which had been shelling Israeli border settlements. Gen. Bar-Lev reported that on Friday many more Jordanian and El Fatah positions were hit, among them the big terrorist base at Karameh, which came under air bombardment. Damage at the Karameh base, the principal target of Israel's March 21 raid, was described as severe.

The Prime Minister's warning was contained in a report to the Cabinet on the incidents last week and on the deliberations of the United Nations Security Council, which was called into urgent session for the second time in 10 days on complaints by both Israel and Jordan. The Cabinet will meet tomorrow to hear a report from Foreign Minister Abba Eban on his current trip to Europe, from which he returned tonight.

Despite the warnings, guerrillas slipped into Hebron today and killed an Israeli Druze border policeman and injured a companion. A Hebron resident was killed and a child injured in the same attack because they were in the line of fire. The intruders opened fire on the police in a Hebron market. The injured policeman ran for reinforcements while the other one chased the intruders, who killed him and made off. A curfew was imposed on the area while a search for the marauders was started.

Wide Variety of El Fatah Bases Severely Hit in Friday Exchanges

Gen. Bar-Lev reported also that another heavily hit target was the Jordanian township of Shunch which had been evacuated of all civilians and converted into an El Fatah base. The police stations at Adsiyah and Munshiyeh, which had served as a springboard for El Fatah incursions into the Beisan Valley, were completely destroyed by Israeli artillery fire. A Jordanian Army camp at Um Keiss, site of long range artillery emplacements, was also destroyed as was a Jordanian Army convoy which Israeli planes spotted nearby, he reported.

Israeli casualties in the Friday fighting were one soldier killed, three seriously wounded and five slightly wounded. An Israeli jet was hit by anti-aircraft fire over Karameh but managed to return to Israeli territory where the pilot bailed out safely.

Damage on the Israeli side of the demarcation line was confined to civilian installations in a chain of agricultural settlements extending from the Sea of Galilee in the North to Jericho on the shores of the Dead Sea. These came under heavy Jordanian artillery and small arms fire intermittently throughout the day. No casualties were reported among the settlers who took to bomb shelters.

The Israeli settlements hit by Jordanian guns were Massada, Ashdot Yaacov, Tel Katzir, Shaar Hagolan, Kfar Ruppim, Beth Joseph, Yardena and Gesher. It was at Massada that four kibbutz members were killed when a tractor-drawn platform on which they were riding hit a mine in a banana plantation. Four others were injured, three of them seriously. Among the injured, though only slightly, was Frederick Rosenfeld, a 26-year-old volunteer from Washington, D.C. The dead were buried today because the heavy shelling on Friday prevented a funeral and Jewish law forbids burials on the Sabbath.

Prime Minister Eshkol visited the damaged settlement Friday evening. Gen. Bar-Lev spent the night travelling from settlement to settlement for a first hand assessment of the damage. Speaking to a group at Shaar Hagolan, Mr. Eshkol said that the fight against El Fatah terrorists was in some respects more difficult than last June's Six Day War. "There are political mine fields we have to cross," he said, noting that Israel must consider world opinion and the attitude of friendly nations. He added, however, that Israel had a variety of methods to deal with the terrorists.

It was obvious from the damage that the Jordanians were intent on hitting civilians, destroying homes, utilities and means of livelihood. The children's home was hit at Massada and the kindergarten was hit at Tel Katzir. Cowsheds, chicken houses, water pumping systems and electric power houses and wires were blasted. A large plywood factory near Ashdot Yaacov was set afire. But yesterday and today, volunteers poured in from neighboring villages and kibbutzim to help with repairs.

Prime Minister Eshkol promised speedy compensation for the damage and warned Jordan of further Israeli retaliation should any settlements be attacked again. Labor Minister Yigal Alon, who

visited Massada yesterday, said the Jordanian attacks were a direct result of the Security Council's March 24 resolution condemning Israel for its military operation against terrorist bases in Jordan a week earlier. He said the resolution encouraged El Fatah to launch new aggression.

American Volunteer Injured in Massada Incident Intends to Remain in Israel

TEL AVIV, Mar. 31 (JTA)--Frederick Rosenfeld, of Washington, D.C., the 26-year-old volunteer who was one of four persons injured in a mine blast Friday south of Tiberias in which four Israeli farmers were killed, said today he intended to remain in Israel despite his injuries.

Taken to the hospital after the explosion, he was found to be suffering from multiple fractures of one hand and shock but otherwise not badly hurt. He asked officials not to report his identity but when he was told this was not possible, he said "please tell my folks I am not returning home." He arrived in Israel five days ago and was in the Massada kibbutz for two days. He had been slated to start work on the kibbutz Friday and instead went to a hospital.

He and a group of kibbutz members were riding a platform behind a tractor headed for a banana plantation near the kibbutz when the platform hit the mine. Three kibbutz members were killed immediately and the fourth died a few minutes later. Four other victims, including the American volunteer, were rushed to the hospital. None were critically injured.

President Urges Israel, Jordan To Talk Out Differences, Not Fight

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (JTA)--President Johnson indicated yesterday at his press conference that he was disappointed by the new outbreak of violence in the Middle East and stated that the United States "would hope both sides would be more amenable to talking it out instead of fighting it out." He said however that he saw no evidence that the Israelis and Arabs had reached that point. The President also said that the United States Government was watching the situation. He called the new violence a "poor substitute" for meeting world hopes for peace in the Middle East.

United States Says 100 Patton Tanks Being Shipped to Jordan

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (JTA)--The United States is shipping 100 Patton tanks and other weapons to Jordan to make up losses, United States officials said today. Action is being taken to implement the new arms deal signed last Thursday in Amman.

Included in the transaction are between 16 to 18 supersonic Starfighter jets. Pilots are completing training in Texas. Officials indicated that the Israel Government had been informed of the transaction and agreed that it was necessary to bolster the Hussein regime to prevent introduction of Soviet arms.

Armed Bandits Blackmailing Americans in Jordanian Cities, Unchecked by Police

JERUSALEM, Mar. 31 (JTA)--Armed bandits were reported roaming the cities and highways of Jordan looting and assaulting people at will today in the wake of Friday's air and artillery duels along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line. Jordanian Army and police units appeared unwilling, or unable, to intervene, according to reports reaching here.

The United States Embassy in Amman has asked Jordanian authorities to take measures to protect American citizens. Several have been stopped at gunpoint in Amman streets or waylaid in their hotels or homes by armed men demanding cash "contributions" for the El Fatah terror gangs. British nationals and visitors from the West Bank have also been assaulted. Commerce between the East and West banks of the Jordan came to a halt on Friday as hundreds of West Bankers poured over the Allenby Bridge to return to their homes in Samaria and Judaea. The eastward movement of people, usually heavy on weekends, was virtually at a standstill. Taxi drivers on the West Bank refused to take passengers into Jordan for fear of being stopped and beaten by hoodlums on the roads.

Agreement Signed for Sale of \$30.4 Million Surplus Foods to Israel

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (JTA)--Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin has signed an agreement with the United States Government for the sale of \$30.4 million in surplus foodstuffs to Israel in calendar year 1968. Lucius Battle, Assistant Secretary of State, signed the instrument for the United States.

The transaction represented an increase from the \$27 million transaction of last year. Repayment will be in dollars over a 20-year period. The interest rate is 2.5 percent. Five percent of the total is to be paid in cash.

The Department of Agriculture said in connection with the agreement that, despite progress in Israeli agriculture, the limited water and land resources necessitated imports. It was noted that Israel, through its own efforts, increased food production by over 14 percent in the last year.

Food contained in the agreement included 300,000 tons of feed grains, 150,000 tons of wheat, 15,000 tons of vegetable oil, 200 tons of tobacco and other goods.

Security Council! Members Discuss UN Observers on Israel-Jordan Line

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Mar. 31 (JTA)--A proposal to station United Nations cease-fire observers along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line was under discussion behind closed doors today as the Security Council recessed in its second emergency session on the Middle East in the last ten days. The body remained on instant call and was expected to resume its current session tomorrow.

The call for an emergency session came from both Israel and Jordan Friday following a day-long artillery duel and air strikes along a 85 mile front. Each accused the other of having started the fighting.

The proposal for U.N. observers to stem the recurrent violence "from wherever it comes," was made by the United States representative, Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, who warned that U.N. envoy Gunnar Jarring's peace mission was in grave jeopardy. Secretary General U Thant told the 15-nation body previously that it was "practically impossible for me to report on developments" because there was "no United Nations observation in the area."

Ambassador Goldberg said that without U.N. observer teams like those that supervise the Israel-Egyptian cease-fire line, there was nothing to prevent incidents from escalating. He said Friday's fighting might have been prevented or have ended sooner if U.N. teams had been on the spot.

The Security Council met for over two hours yesterday. It heard Algeria, Jordan and Hungary call for adoption of enforcement measures against Israel, such as economic sanctions or a U.N. military force to compel Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories. Yakov A. Malik, of the Soviet Union, who assumes the presidency of the Security Council tomorrow for the month of April, said his country was ready to implement any measures against Israel adopted by the Security Council.

Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, said that while his country was always ready to work toward peace, it would not remain passive if Jordan continued to train and arm "terrorist organizations from its territory against Israel." "It is time Arab leaders became convinced that no war-like operations against Israel can succeed," he said. The Jordanian representative, Muhammad H. el-Farra, said that as long as Israeli forces occupy the West Bank of the Jordan, there would be Arab resistance.

Israel Fears UN Observers Would Not Stop Raiders From Jordan, Opposes Plan

JERUSALEM, Mar. 31 (JTA)--Israel does not favor stationing United Nations cease-fire observers along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line for fear that their observations would necessarily be one-sided, diplomatic circles said here today. The proposal to place observers on the Jordan-Israel line was made by U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg at an emergency session of the Security Council in New York yesterday.

The Israeli objections stem from the fact that the guerrilla tactics employed by the Arab raiders are not easily observable since they are carried out mainly at night by small armed bands along a broad front. On the other hand, Israeli counter-measures are conducted by large forces who operate in daylight. The U.N. observers would not be able to detect Arab infiltrators but they would mark Israeli counter-measures, the Israelis say.

Joseph Meyerhoff Chair Dedicated at Hebrew U; Schwartz Gets Honorary Doctorate

JERUSALEM, Mar. 31 (JTA)--A chair of special education was dedicated at the Hebrew University in the name of Joseph Meyerhoff, of Baltimore, former national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. The dedication ceremonies were attended by Ambassador Avraham Harman, President of the Hebrew University, Eliahu Elath, former president and Aryeh Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency. The chair was endowed by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The Board of Governors of the University named Dr. Joseph Schwartz, of New York, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, as an honorary governor and awarded him an honorary doctorate in recognition of his work for the bond campaign. Dr. Schwartz was one of two Americans to receive honorary doctorates and one of seven named honorary members of the Board of Governors.

President Urged to Invite Jordan, Israel to Peace Talks on Sixth Fleet Flagship

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (JTA)--The National Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress proposed at a meeting today that President Johnson summon Prime Minister Eshkol of Israel and King Hussein of Jordan to meet for peace talks aboard the flagship of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean with himself as mediator.

President Johnson's personal intervention was urged "in light of the fact that the United States is the only country that has consistently maintained close relations with Israel and Jordan and because the President is personally friendly with both King Hussein and Prime Minister Eshkol," the AJC body said. It cited as a precedent the initiative taken by President Theodore Roosevelt in bringing Russia and Japan to the peacetable at Portsmouth, N.H. in 1905 to end the Russo-Japanese war. The Council asserting that the United Nations had failed to either prevent aggression or bring about a lasting peace, said the Security Council resolution of March 24 "revealed a fundamental inability to distinguish either cause and effect or aggressor and victim."

Orthodox Rabbis Rap Columbia U. Jewish Student Advisor on Draft Stand

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (JTA)--Presidents of two Orthodox rabbinical organizations denounced today a statement by a Reform rabbinical counselor of Jewish students at Columbia University urging draftees to refuse to serve in the armed forces and condoning "meaningful" pre-marital sex relations among college students.

The statement was made last week by Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman in a report to the University's Jewish Advisory Board. Rabbi Goldman was sharply criticized by Rabbi Pesach Z. Levovitz, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Rabbi Bernard Berzon, president of the Rabbinic Alumni of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanon Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Levovitz deplored the new "liberal attitude" toward pre-marital relations, asserting that the institution of marriage was being "undermined" by such positions. He disclosed that he planned to submit to the June convention of his organization a series of proposals on the problem, including one for creation of pre-marital seminars to stress the spiritual and religious aspects of marriage and to require engaged Jewish couples to undertake a period of study on the Jewish religious approach to marriage before they become wed.

Rabbi Berzon said that "whatever difference of opinion there may be about the Vietnam war within the American Jewish community, as within the rest of the American community, Jewish law requires obedience to the law of the land and is opposed to defiance of duly constituted governmental authority such as advocated by Rabbi Goldman when he said Jewish young men should refuse to serve if called up." He added that Rabbi Goldman's approval of "meaningful" pre-marital relations was "clearly contrary to Jewish law and tradition and can only lead to the breakdown of the moral and psychological foundations of individual and family life."

Washington Jewish Council Approves Support of Poor Peoples March

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (JTA)--The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington sent today to its affiliated organizations an unprecedented resolution endorsing the aims of Dr. Martin Luther King's "Poor Peoples March" on Washington and offering shelter, food, medical services and other support to the demonstration, which will begin in April.

The action followed an approving vote by the JCC delegate assembly in which the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and two individuals belonging to the Assembly abstained after vigorous debate on the proposal. Supporters stressed that Jewish communal cooperation with the demonstrators would strengthen Negro advocates of non-violence and conform to Judaic principles of social justice. Dr. Isaac Franck, JCC executive director, said the "most sensible course of action" was to have the responsible community involved and that it was hoped such cooperation would channel the demonstration in a constructive direction.

Opponents of the resolution contended that Dr. King was allegedly unable to prevent racial violence this week in Memphis, Tenn., and that the Jewish community should consider such a decision carefully because of the dangers of involvement in a potentially unlawful disturbance. The resolution was submitted to the Assembly because it was unprecedented.

In notifying the affiliates of the action, the JCC asked them to cooperate with the campaign organizers. A number of synagogues in the area have already started collecting food for the demonstrators, who are coming from all parts of the nation for the event, which may continue for two or three months. The proposals were initially approved by the Inter-religious Committee on Race Relations. Demonstration organizers have warned of civil disobedience to dramatize the plight of the poor, if action is not taken to meet their demands.

Jewish Organizations Publish, Distribute Summary of Kerner Report

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (JTA)--A 32-page summary of the Kerner Commission report on civil disorders has been published here under the joint sponsorship of 23 religious, civil rights and labor organizations. The pamphlet was proposed originally by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee, both of which are among the sponsoring organizations. It will be available from any of them as a public service and as an aid in planning projects in support of the Kerner Commission's recommendations.

Other Jewish organizations sponsoring the pamphlet are the American Jewish Congress, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the United Synagogue of America.

Jewish Member of Soviet Academy of Sciences Dies at 63

LONDON, Mar. 31 (JTA)--Prof. Pinchas Kantorowitz, a mathematician and a member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, has died in Sverdlovsk at the age of 63, according to a report reaching here. Prof. Kantorowitz was born in White Russia and educated at a yeshiva and at the University of Minsk. He was named to the Academy at the age of 36 and was appointed a professor of mathematics at the same time. Prof. Kantorowitz was also well known as a Hebrew and Yiddish philologist.