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## Israel Cabinet Reaffirms Interpretation Of 'Secure, Recognized' Boundaries

JERUSALEM, June 23 (JTA)--The coalition Cabinet today issued an official statement reaffirming Israel's previously declared interpretation of the United Nations Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution on the Middle East. The Cabinet took pains to note that it regards the term "secure and recognized boundaries" called for by that resolution to mean borders agreed to by the countries of the area within the framework of a peace agreement and that no other interpretation was admissible as far as Israel is concerned.

The Cabinet's move had a twofold purpose: to set the record straight as far as Israel's policy toward the much-discussed resolution is concerned and to avert an open rift among Cabinet members on how the resolution should be interpreted. In the latter connection today's Cabinet statement stressed that no official standing should be given to last week's remarks by Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan. Addressing a closed caucus of Laborite members of the Knesset (Parliament), Gen. Dayan had asserted that the Nov. 22 resolution was a demand for Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories and as such should be rejected by the Government. A spokesman for the Cabinet said today that Gen. Dayan had himself made it clear that he was enunciating no official policy. His remarks, according to the spokesman, constituted a personal evaluation of Israel's stand on the resolution and related problems. Dayan's remarks were off the record but were "leaked" to the press.

Today's Cabinet statement gave "full and emphatic" endorsement to Foreign Minister Abba Eban's interpretation of the resolution, reaffirmed by his statements to the Knesset and by the statements to the UN Security Council by Israel's chief representative, Ambassador Yosef Tekoah. Mr. Eban had declared that while the situation that existed on June 4, 1967, the day before the outbreak of the Six-Day War, could not be restored, Israel was willing to negotiate "secure and recognized boundaries" with each Arab state as part of the peace-making process. In endorsing this stand, the Cabinet statement observed that the British and American positions on the Nov. 22 resolution coincided with Israel's. On Nov. 15, 1967, the U.S. representative on the Security Council, Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, said that the term "secure and recognized boundaries" which appeared in both the American and British draft resolutions clearly meant boundaries different from both the 1949 armistice lines and the cease-fire lines created after the Six-Day War. The personal views expressed by a minister at a party meeting cannot in any way affect the validity of authorized statements by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister, the Cabinet said today.

Foreign Minister Eban, at a press conference in Tel Aviv Friday, anticipated the Cabinet stand when he declared that "there is no international authority that can give the Nov. 22 resolution an interpretation which demands Israel's retreat to the June 4, 1967 borders."

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, in a radio speech last night, outlined the Government's official policy on the question of the West Bank territories. He said that Israel would insist on the Jordan River as Israel's "security border" with Jordan but added that the Government made a distinction between a "security border" and a "political border." Informed sources later took this to mean that while Israel might agree to return part of the West Bank to Jordan, it would never allow Jordanian military forces west of the Jordan River.

Mr. Eshkol said further that when boundaries between Israel and its neighbors are finally drawn, "account must be taken of Israel's historic right to the land of Israel but without ignoring the fact of the Arab population concentrations in certain areas." As long as no political settlement is reached, Israel will stay on the present cease-fire lines, Mr. Eshkol added. The Prime Minister's radio statement and Mr. Eban's press conference remarks were obviously directed at Gen. Dayan who, in addition to calling for an outright rejection of the Nov. 22 resolution, asserted that the territory from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean was a "single entity," and rejected the plan proposed by Labor Minister Yigal Allon to partition the West Bank into an Israeli security zone facing Jordan and Arab enclave embracing the heavily populated Arab centers in the mountainous hinterland. Gen. Dayan also insisted that Israel must permanently retain its base at Sharm el Sheikh at the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba and certain other parts of the Sinai peninsula.

## Israel Forces Kill 16 Arab Marauders In Separate Actions; One Israeli Is Lost

TEL AVIV, June 23 (JTA)--Israeli forces killed 16 Arab marauders in two widely separated clashes yesterday, smashing what was apparently an attempt by saboteurs and terrorists to penetrate deep into Israel territory. One Israeli soldier was killed and another was injured in one of the encounters, a military spokesman reported today. He said the clash was the fiercest in weeks. Meanwhile, Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel's Defense Minister, and Gen. Chaim Bar-Lev, Chief of Staff of the armed forces, toured settlements in the Beisan and Jordan Valleys and assured the population that Jordan would not be safe if attacks on Jewish settlements continue to be waged from her territory.

An Israeli soldier was injured slightly Saturday morning and seven others suffered slight injuries Friday night, all in mining incidents. The latter occurred south of the Dead Sea when a command car struck an anti-vehicle mine. On Saturday morning, a halftrack struck a mine south of Tirat Zvi in the Beisan Valley. A 13-year-old Arab boy was killed in East Jerusalem when an explosive device he picked up detonated in his hand.

## Heckling Of Rabbi Levin In New York Rapped By Goldmann, Newspapers, AJCongress

TEL AVIV, June 23 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview here today that he strongly condemned and deplored catcalls and jeers directed at Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow by some members of the audience at the rabbi's first public appearance in New York last Wednesday night. Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress and former president of the World Zionist Organization, said such action was a violation of human decency and Jewish tradition which enjoins Jews not to judge a fellow man before putting himself in that person's position.

Rabbi Levin, whose trip to the United States is sponsored by the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, was heckled at Hunter College when he denied the existence of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

"That demonstration showed a lack of understanding for the delicate position of Soviet Jewry and especially for the position of Rabbi Levin who is trying under difficult circumstances to maintain Jewish religious life in Russia," Dr. Goldmann said. "It did great harm to the strenuous efforts that have been going on for years to establish contact between Soviet Jewry and Jewish communities outside of the Soviet Union." Dr. Goldmann added that while he wished that the rabbi's American visit was not sponsored by a small anti-Israel group in the U.S., it was nevertheless an important precedent "which I hope and pray will be followed up by other contacts with more representative groups of world Jewry."

The Laborite daily newspaper, Lamerhav also deplored the demonstration against Rabbi Levin but noted that because he cannot say what he wishes to say, he cannot be regarded as representing Russian Jewry but is "a tragic tool in the hands of anti-Zionists, both in Russia and in the U.S."

(In Britain, Sir Barnett Janner, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told the board today that the picture of conditions of Soviet Jewry being outlined by Rabbi Levin was no more accurate than similar reports presented by Soviet officials to the Board of Deputies.

(The American Jewish Congress in a statement released in New York, denounced the "disorderly and discourteous treatment" of Rabbi Levin at Hunter College. The statement said that Rabbi Levin, as a guest, was "entitled to have his say no matter how profoundly we disagree with him." It added: "The facts of official Soviet discrimination against Jewish cultural and religious life in the USSR are well established. We recognized that the conditions of Rabbi Levin's visit make it impossible for him to be forthright and candid in his description of the plight of Soviet Jewry."

(The Washington Post, in an editorial, denounced New York Jews for having "behaved scandalously" at Rabbi Levin's public appearance. The paper said the hecklers used a tactic that "has no proper place in this country.")

## Editor Blames Egypt's Ex-Air Force Chiefs For False Claim Of U.S. Air Role In War

LONDON, June 23 (JTA)--The editor of the semi-official Cairo newspaper, Al Ahram, has blamed the former commanders of Egypt's Air Force for making a claim "without evidence" that the United States Air Force had helped Israel during last June's Six-Day War. According to a London Times dispatch from Cairo, Mohammed Heykal charged, in his weekly article, that the claim was made by the Air Force commanders in order to cover up their own miscalculations and mistakes. He said they had estimated Egyptian air superiority over Israel at three-to-one while in reality the exact opposite was the case.

(The charge that American and British aircraft, operating from carriers in the eastern Mediterranean, had aided Israel was broadcast by President Nasser of Egypt to account for the shattering defeat suffered by Israel's armed forces in the Sinai. The charge, which was never fully retracted by Nasser, preceded his severance of diplomatic relations with the United States and Britain. Relations have since been restored with Britain but not with the U.S.)

According to the Times dispatch, Mr. Heykal also accused the former commanders of Egypt's ground forces of ordering a premature withdrawal from the Sinai in the face of advancing Israeli forces last June. He said that Egyptian losses during the first three days of war were no more than 250 killed and that all the remaining losses were suffered after the withdrawal order "in that horrifying nightmare atmosphere." Mr. Heykal maintained that while an Egyptian withdrawal had been necessary in 1956 (during Israel's Sinai campaign) "it was the last strategy called for in 1967."

## Israeli Minister Visits Bucharest; Rumania's Acting Foreign Minister Comes To Israel

TEL AVIV, June 23 (JTA)--Rumanian and Israeli Cabinet ministers are exchanging visits. Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Zeev Sharef left here today for Rumania at the head of a commercial delegation. Rumania's acting foreign minister, George Macovescu, has arrived here for meetings with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and other officials.

Mr. Sharef's delegation will evaluate the progress of a trade agreement concluded between Israel and Rumania six months ago and draw up plans with their Rumanian counterparts for further development and expansion of trade. Mr. Macovescu arrived here following a visit to Cairo where he met with President Nasser and Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Riad.

He visited Cairo to see whether a peace settlement is possible and concluded that Egypt's unwillingness to discuss the issues directly with Israel is the main stumbling block to peace, sources said. It was believed that Rumania might have offered to mediate if chances were good for a resolution of the deadlock.

## Kiesinger's Party Expected To Oppose Postponement Of Statute of Limitations

BONN, June 23 (JTA)--The Christian Democratic Union of Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger is expected to decide next week against any postponement of the statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes, which is scheduled to go into effect on Dec. 31, 1969, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has learned. That stand by the Christian Democrats may provide a parliamentary majority against prolonging the period during which war criminals may be indicted and tried in cases of murder. A statute of limitations is already in effect on lesser crimes including manslaughter. The expected majority may be provided by the CDU and the Free Democrats. The Social Democrats in the present Government coalition are officially opposed to the statute of limitations but some members of that party favor it.

Meanwhile, the state prosecutor in Canebruck has demanded life sentences for the three principal defendants in a war crimes trial who are accused of responsibility for the murder of 36 Jewish men, women and children at Lake Maggiore in northern Italy in 1943. The three are Hans Roewher, 52, Hans Krueger, 56, and Herbert Schnelle, 55, and, according to the prosecution, they acted out of sheer racial malice. Sentences for two other defendants, Oscar Shulz and Ludwig Leithe, will be requested next week. The verdict is not expected before July 5.

West German authorities barred 600 out of 700 East German delegates from entering Bavaria last week to participate in a "rally of democratic action against neo-Nazism and Fascism in Germany." A spokesman for the Bavarian Ministry of Interior said that only 100 delegates would be admitted. As a result, the entire 700 member delegation returned home. The Democratic Action Organization of Bavaria protested the ban.

The West German Ministry of Interior claimed in its publication "Internal Security" that the East German secret service has been attempting to infiltrate the ranks of the extreme right-wing National Democratic Party in order to obtain its membership lists. According to the publication, the attempts have been partially successful and the illegal West German Communist Party took part in them. A spokesman for the NPD said his party had no membership lists and was no more vulnerable to infiltration than any other West German party or NATO.

The European Association of Fighters Against Neo-Nazism and Fascism staged a rally today at the site of the former Dachau death camp on the theme: "Act Now Before It's Too Late. The National Democratic Party Is Growing Steadily."

The NPD issued a statement expressing sympathy with the Greek military regime, the first time the party has openly identified itself with such a Government. The NPD said it understood "quite well" when people were called "fascists" in a reference to charges against the Greek dictatorship and itself.

## Arabs, Soviet Bloc, Non-Aligned States Defeated In Anti-Israel Move At ILO Parley

GENEVA, June 23 (JTA)--The International Labor Organization adopted a resolution on human rights today after a week of heated debate during which the Arab delegates supported by the Soviet bloc and several so-called non-aligned countries tried in vain to force inclusion of anti-Israel amendments. The ILO resolution took note of a human rights proclamation by the recent International Conference on Human Rights in Teheran, Iran, but rejected Arab amendments which would have mentioned an anti-Israel resolution at Teheran which accused Israel of violating human rights in occupied Arab territories. In addition to the Communist bloc, the Arab amendment was supported by Yugoslavia, India, Pakistan, Ghana and Ethiopia. The Arabs also failed to have specific mention of Palestinian Arab refugees included in the ILO paragraph which stated that displaced refugees all over the world are the concern of the international community.

The ILO resolution on human rights denounced discriminatory practices, the denial of freedom of association and all other infringements on human rights. It called on member states to take immediate steps to eliminate injustices and authorized the director-general of the ILO to report at the next conference the steps taken by member states to eliminate violations of human rights.

## Mutiny Reported On Israeli Merchant Ship; British Authorities Prepared To Board

DOVER, England, June 23 (JTA)--British police and harbor authorities are preparing to board the Israeli freighter Avocadocore, when she arrives here tomorrow in response to reports of an attempted mutiny aboard. The 5,955-ton motorship, owned by Maritime Fruit Carriers Ltd. of Haifa, is bound from Guatemala to Finland with a cargo of bananas.

A company spokesman in London denied that there was a mutiny but admitted that there was unrest on the ship over demands by some crew members for a "free trade union." The Israel Seamen's Union is affiliated with Histadrut, Israel's labor federation. The Israel Embassy in London confirmed that 11 members of the Avocadocore's crew had "mutinied," but Israel Consul Raanan Sivan told the press here that the crew members had "gone on strike" as the vessel approached the English Channel. He said a company representative was due here from Israel with instructions to replace the 11 men. A representative of the Israel Seamen's Union was also due here from Haifa. According to maritime law, a refusal to obey orders at sea is tantamount to mutiny.

In another maritime development in London, the president of the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping, Lord Geddes, announced that the owners of 15 merchant ships trapped in the Suez Canal since June, 1967, have been invited to a meeting. Four of the vessels are British, two are American, two are German and one each French, Polish, Bulgarian and Czechoslovakian.

## Senators Criticize Administration For Selling Phantoms To Iran But Not Israel

WASHINGTON, June 23 (JTA)--The Johnson Administration has come under fire from some members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for selling Phantom jet fighter-bombers to Iran but refusing to sell them to Israel. Sen. John J. Sparkman, Alabama Democrat, pointed out at a Senate hearing with Department of Defense witnesses present that Iran was sold Phantoms even though the Shah recently signed a \$150 million agreement to buy Soviet arms and is receiving Russian technical assistance. Sen. Stuart Symington, Missouri Democrat, who formerly served as Air Force Secretary, said that Israel is in far greater danger than Iran yet the Executive Department refuses to sell Israel the same Phantoms provided to Iran. He suggested that an Administration decision to keep the Shah "happy" may have been influenced by the oil companies with investments in Iran.

Paul C. Warnke, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, said that the decision was taken to sell Phantoms to Iran on easy credit terms to help Iran defend herself against Egypt, Iraq and Syria. The Senators insisted that Israel was in far greater danger from the radical Arab states than was Iran. Mr. Warnke said the State Department had recommended and approved the Iranian transaction.

On the issue of U.S. jet sales to Jordan, Mr. Warnke said that Israel Prime Minister Levi Eshkol had been consulted and had acquiesced in the Administration's decision to sell arms to Jordan. Mr. Warnke said the Israeli Government found U.S. arms sales to Jordan preferable to Soviet arms sales to the Hussein regime.

Defense Department officials later explained that the defense establishment has no objection to selling Phantoms to Israel but that President Johnson has failed to ask the State Department to issue the necessary export licenses. They said that Johnson is apparently unconvinced that Israel really needs the Phantoms at this time.

## Justice Department Keeps Watch On Arab Students Group As Sirhan Probe Continues

WASHINGTON, June 23 (JTA)--The Department of Justice said yesterday that it will remain alert to operations of the Organization of Arab Students while the investigation of Sirhan Sirhan and all ramifications of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination is continuing. This disclosure was made by J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney-General, in a letter to Rep. Joel T. Broyhill, Virginia Republican. Mr. Broyhill had asked the department to investigate Arab extremist activities in this country and possible Communist links with them.

The department said that on the basis of information so far available to the Government, "it does not appear that the Organization of Arab Students has incurred an obligation to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act at this time. While the organization does receive some funds from officials of foreign governments, the amount is not sufficient to warrant a conclusion that it is acting within the United States at the direction or control of a foreign government so as to create the requisite agency relationship necessary to require registration."

Arab-American businessmen in Los Angeles are spreading a story that Sirhan Sirhan, alleged assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was "a secret agent 'paid by the Zionists' to blacken the name of the Arab world," it was reported here today by the Washington Post.

In a related development, the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine, in Beirut, has instructed its New York office to offer "all possible assistance" to Sirhan. The committee's spokesman, former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini, who visited Berlin during World War II and collaborated with Hitler, said it had instructed its New York representatives to legally defend Sirhan as far as United States law will permit. The committee is known in New York as the Palestine Arab Delegation. Its New York representatives are Issa Nakhleh and Omar Azzouni, both attorneys.

## Dr. Lazar Fogelman Retires As 'Forward' Editor, Succeeded By Morris Crystal

NEW YORK, June 23 (JTA)--Dr. Lazar Fogelman has retired as editor of the Jewish Daily Forward, Yiddish language newspaper here. He was succeeded by Morris Crystal, who was managing editor. The new managing editor is Simon Weber. Dr. Fogelman intends to devote himself to literary work.

## Educator Finds Study Of Israel As Regular Subject Lacking In U.S. Jewish Schools

NEW YORK, June 23 (JTA)--A Yeshiva University associate professor of education says that while the Six-Day War had a definite impact on attitudes of teachers and pupils in United States Jewish schools toward Israel, those attitudes have not been reflected in the role that Israel should play in the schools' curricula.

Dr. Alvin I. Schiff, chairman of the department of religious education of Yeshiva's Ferkauf Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, based his conclusions on a six-month study of 700 Jewish schools representing 276,000 pupils — over half of the total Jewish school enrollment in the United States.

"Almost all schools integrate the study of Israel with other subjects, but the Jewish State is taught as a regular subject in only 20 percent of the classes involved in the study. This means about 43,000 children received formal instruction about Israel during the 1967-1968 school year," Dr. Schiff said.