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## Israel Increases Pressure On Algerians For Release Of El Al Crew, Israeli Passengers

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA)--Israel stepped up today its pressure on Algeria to release the seven crew members and five passengers of a hijacked El Al Boeing 707 airliner still detained in Algiers after the release yesterday of seven women and three children. The women included the airliner's three air hostesses. The remaining detainees are all male Israeli nationals.

At the regular Cabinet meeting today, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Abba Eban were empowered to take appropriate international action to recover the airliner and the 12 remaining detainees, including instructions to ask for an emergency session of the United Nations Security Council. The Government spokesman said the issue of whether and when the request for the Security Council session should be made was left to the discretion of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister. It was indicated that majority opinion in the Cabinet favored a Council session and that the request was largely a matter of timing. The Algerians initially released 18 non-Israeli nationals on the airliner almost immediately after the hijacked plane landed in Algiers airport last Tuesday.

Mr. Eban told the Cabinet meeting that no government in the world was "deluding itself" that Israel could or would acquiesce in further delays on release of the plane and the 12 detainees. He also said that, in all its contacts with other governments on the incident, it was being emphasized that every plane which had landed inadvertently in Israel — including Arab planes and Arab passengers — had been released promptly.

In still another pressure move, the Government published a formal statement today calling the hijacking of the plane and its 38 passengers and 10 crew members "an international crime of the greatest severity, contravening international law and morality." The statement warned that Israel would make "full use of her rights in the United Nations bodies" and would "examine the steps necessary to attain her just aim which is the immediate release of the plane crew and passengers."

### Awaiting Outcome of Pilots Association Negotiations

One of the factors involved in the matter of the timing of the request for a Security Council session was understood to be an expected report on the success or failure of the mission of Capt. O.L.A. Forsberg of Finland, vice-president of the 33,000-member International Airline Pilots Association, who was sent to Algeria to seek release of the plane and the male detainees. The pilots' organization has threatened to boycott flights to and from Algeria unless the Algerian Government acted to release the plane and the Israeli nationals. The Cabinet also was waiting for Algeria's official response to a request from UN Secretary-General U Thant to release the airliner and the detainees.

The Cabinet meeting began with a report by Transport Minister Moshe Carmel, who described security measures implemented on Israeli planes to diminish future hijacking actions. He reported that the number of passengers on El Al flights not only had not declined in the wake of the hijacking but that many air travelers had asked that their tickets on other airlines be endorsed to El Al so that they could fly on the Israeli airline planes.

Mr. Eban told the meeting that all Security Council members with which Israel has diplomatic relations had been approached on the issue. He said it appeared that all contacted would vote at the projected Security Council meeting to call on Algeria to release immediately the plane and the detainees. He reported that Mr. Thant and his undersecretary, Dr. Ralph Bunche, were taking "vigorous action" to obtain Algerian compliance, out of fears that the hijacking and continuation of the present situation could endanger peace in the Middle East. He said also that several governments had expressed to Israel deep concern over the possible results of such air piracy and the cooperation of any government in such acts.

The Government statement called the hijacking "a case of armed robbery perpetrated against defenseless civilians" and urged world press and public opinion "to continue protesting against this wanton act."

In an earlier statement to the newspaper Yediot Achronot, Mr. Carmel said that it was difficult to believe that "the Arabs entertain the illusion that while Israeli airlines are vulnerable" to hijacking, "they are immune. This will not be the case." He also said that Egypt "will not emerge clean" from the incident because that country housed and encouraged the Arab terrorist organizations which have claimed "credit" for the aerial thievery. Calling the situation created by the hijacking "a double-edged sword," the Transport Minister expressed the hope that the Arabs would have "second thoughts" about it.

### 10 Women Released And Flown Out Say They Were Well Treated

The 10 Israeli women and children — including three air hostesses — released Saturday by Algeria and flown by Swissair to Geneva were expected at Lydda Airport in Israel Sunday. They told the Geneva press that they had been well treated and had received good food while in detention. They said that Algerian officials had assured them that the remaining detainees would be freed "within seven days." (The Italian Foreign Ministry reported Algiers had given assurances that the crew and passengers were in perfect health.)

Israeli sources said yesterday that security officials had learned the identity of the three men who hijacked the El Al jetliner Tuesday and their places of origin. Foreign Minister Eban called in Aldo Pierantoni, the Italian Minister, over the weekend and stressed the importance of Italian intervention since the hijacking had occurred in Italian air space while the plane was enroute from Rome to Lydda.

Since Algeria is still technically at war with Israel, it is conducting a "full scale investigation" to determine if the million dollar jet and the Israelis should be held. London's Sunday Observer reported that the Algerian Government was engaged in tough negotiations with leaders of the Arab Front for the Liberation of Palestine about the hijacked plane, who claim credit for the hijacking. It reported that President Houari Boumedienne has apparently not yet been persuaded to accept the Front's proposal to keep the aircraft and crew as a means of forcing Israel to treat captured El Fatah members as prisoners of war (or to release them). The President has to balance this request against the national interests of his country, the paper said.

Israel has not signed the 1963 Tokyo draft convention for the prevention of aircraft hijacking but its contents are being studied, Transport Ministry sources said today in reply to questions by JTA. Out of the entire United Nations membership, fewer than 10 states have signed the convention, approved by the International Civil Aviation Organization, a UN agency, and it is still not in force.

It has many provisions touching upon questions of sovereignty, the definition of air space and other matters not directly concerned with civil aviation so that all countries are studying it thoroughly before deciding on their stand, the Ministry source said. The El Al hijacking will not affect Israel's position on the convention, the sources said.

### Kerner Commission Finds Jews 'Over-Represented' In Ghetto Businesses

WASHINGTON, July 28 (JTA)--Jews are "proportionally overrepresented in ghetto business" and a large proportion of such retail merchants "exploit" and "mistreat" Negroes, according to the findings of new supplementary studies released this weekend by the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

The report also disclosed that a minimal number of white social workers aiding ghetto Negroes were Jews. "With regard to religion, only six percent of the social workers were Jewish, while 60 percent were Protestant, and twenty-eight percent were Catholic," according to the new study. The figures were based on a survey of 15 large cities.

Former Gov. Otto Kerner, of Illinois, chairman of the Commission, and New York Mayor John V. Lindsay, vice-chairman, submitted the new report to President Johnson. It was prepared by the survey research center of the Institute for Social Research of the University of Michigan.

A portion of the survey dealt with the charges by the black community against merchants trading in the ghetto areas. "With regard to religion, our sample seems to back up the popular notion that Jews are proportionately overrepresented in ghetto business. Thirty-nine percent of our sample of ghetto merchants were Jewish, with Protestants (35 percent) and Catholics (24 percent) making up the rest of the total."

"Thus," said the report, "our typical merchant was a man about 50 years old with a high school education, who moved to his present city in his early twenties. He was most likely Jewish, voted Democratic, and owned his own home...He had not been active in civil rights organizations (only 11 percent are members of civil rights groups)."

The report asserted: "The merchants in our sample were among the most unsympathetic to the plight of the ghetto Negro of any occupational group in the study...Along with this lack of sympathy, they showed a series of beliefs from which one can infer that, in our sample at least, some merchants engaged in unethical practices. Further, the merchants endorsed attitudes about Negroes that would lead us to believe that they are apt to treat Negro customers considerably less well than white customers."

Not all of the retail merchants in the ghetto were condemned "but a sizeable percentage, from 25 to 50 percent, seem to do business in a way that leaves many improvements to be desired." The report warned: "As long as these improvements are not made, the retail merchant in our urban ghettos will continue to be one of the primary targets of Negro antagonism."

### Colonel, Captain Buried Following Clash In Which Eight Arabs Are Killed

TEL AVIV, July 28 (JTA)--Two high ranking Israeli officers, a colonel and a captain, who were killed in a running battle with a group of El Fatah saboteurs over the weekend were buried today. Seven of the eight terrorists were killed and the eighth was wounded and captured. Four Israelis were wounded in the battle north of Jericho.

Col. Aryeh Regev, 35, commander of a brigade in the Jordan Valley, was buried in the Tel Aviv military cemetery. Capt. Gad Manelleh, 22, who was decorated for bravery during the Israeli attack last March on the Karameh terrorist base in Jordan, was buried at his kibbutz, Tel Itzhak, near Natanya. Army officials said that the eight marauders carried Soviet-style assault rifles, grenades, bazookas and explosive charges and were apparently intended for a deep penetration into Israel on sabotage assignments. In answer to questions about how such high-ranking officers could have been casualties on an action of such limited dimensions, Army officials explained that their participation stemmed from the Israeli military doctrine that officers lead their men in action, a strategy which resulted in a high proportion of officer casualties during warfare.

In a rash of weekend border incidents, Jordanians fired on Israeli patrols at six locations and civilians at one spot in northern Israel. No casualties were reported. Two Israeli border policemen were injured and hospitalized after their armored patrol car hit a mine in the Beisan Valley.

Jordan last week hanged Mahmoud Osman, a Jordanian citizen, for allegedly spying for Israel since 1962. Mr. Osman had been accused of supplying Israel with military information for a monthly salary, it was reported in London today.

### Question Wisdom Of Giving Sharef Two Portfolios; Sapir New Party Secretary-General

TEL AVIV, July 28 (JTA)--The Israeli press questioned today the wisdom of Premier Levi Eshkol's move in adding the Finance portfolio to Zeev Sharef's duties as Commerce and Industry Minister. The Premier's announcement dealt with a re-shuffle in which Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir is to give up his post to become secretary-general of Mr. Eshkol's Israel Labor Party, succeeding Mrs. Golda Meir, who rejected all party overtures to cancel her resignation.

Mr. Eshkol said that Mr. Sapir would serve as secretary-general until the next Party convention and that he would remain in the Cabinet as a Minister Without Portfolio. A meeting of the party secretariat next Thursday was expected to confirm the Sapir appointment. Mr. Eshkol will report to the regular Cabinet meeting next Sunday on other Cabinet changes. The evening newspaper Maariv said the double portfolio would be too much for Mr. Sharef and that Mr. Sapir would be too busy as secretary-general to have any time for Cabinet work.

### Dayan Confers With Arab Leaders In Gaza And Sinai On Labor Facilities, Wages

TEL AVIV, July 28 (JTA)--Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel's Defense Minister, reported today, after lengthy talks yesterday with leaders and tribal chiefs in the Gaza Strip and Sinai peninsula, that efforts were being made to equalize wages for Arabs in the Gaza with those of the West Bank area. Labor facilities and pay scales were the principal topics of the talks.

(At the United Nations, a spokesman for the Israel mission dismissed as part of the Arab anti-Israel propaganda campaign a charge at an Arab-sponsored press conference that Israel was planning to deport 50,000 residents from the Jabalia camp in Gaza. The press conference, called on behalf of the Arab delegations, was addressed by Jordanian and Sudanese mission members. The Israeli spokesman said that there was no truth whatever to the charge and noted that residents of the camp were free to come and go. The spokesman also noted that during the Egyptian control of the Strip, until Israel seized it last June, Gaza residents were forbidden to leave the Strip at any time for any reason.)

### Goldberg Elected Chairman Of The Board Of Truman Peace Center In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA)--Arthur J. Goldberg, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations, was unanimously elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Harry S Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace at the inaugural meeting of the board here.

Prof. Julius Stone of the law faculty of Sydney University in Australia, the center's academic director, said the center, which is being built adjacent to the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, would be in full operation by 1970. Avraham Harman, Hebrew University president, announced that the Israeli Government had set up an endowment fund from which the center would receive each year in perpetuity \$100,000 for research projects, including creation of a documentation center.

Justice Goldberg declared yesterday that Israel had a right to insist on terms for a "durable and lasting peace" and "not be satisfied with temporary arrangements." He also said that Israel had the right to the support of the United States and the entire world in her quest for peace. He left Israel after a five-day visit during which he met with Israeli leaders.

### Report Britain's Position On Middle East Closer Than Ever To Israel's

LONDON, July 28 (JTA)--Britain's position on the Middle East peace question was now closer to Israel's than at any time in the past, an authoritative British source engaged in Middle East affairs said. The only difference appears to be over Israel's position that East Jerusalem, seized during the Six-Day War, will remain a part of Israel, the source said, adding "but even there the British position does not seem to be absolutely rigid."

The source said that British circles are under the impression that the Arabs are not now inclined to return the issue to the United Nations Security Council and that all the parties involved in the Middle East deadlock apparently prefer to give the mission of UN peace envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring "another chance."

### Life At Hard Labor Demanded For Nazi Accused Of Murdering Greek, Bulgarian Jews

BONN, July 28 (JTA)--The prosecution yesterday demanded a sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor for former Nazi Fritz Von Hahn, accused of the murder of many thousands of Greek and Bulgarian Jews during World War II. Mr. Von Hahn, an aide of Adolf Eichmann who served in the Jewish Department of the Nazi Foreign Ministry, was allegedly responsible for the deportation of some 20,000 Greek Jews to Auschwitz in March, 1943, and the deportation of 11,343 Bulgarian Jews to Treblinka.

Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger had testified on behalf of Von Hahn in the trial which started Nov. 8, 1967 and brought together some 90 witnesses from all parts of the world. Adolf Beckerle, former Nazi Minister to Sofia, had been accused along with Von Hahn, but Beckerle's trial was halted because of his illness.

## Senate Gets Committee Statement Of Policy On Sale Of Supersonic Jets To Israel

WASHINGTON, July 28 (JTA)--The Senate Foreign Relations Committee submitted a policy statement to the Senate yesterday indicating that in calling for the sale of "supersonic" military jets to Israel it had "in mind a cash sale for dollars but the precise terms, as well as the number and type of aircraft, are left to the discretion of the President."

The Committee report was referring to a Senate amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill which called upon the President to sell "supersonic" aircraft and deleted specific reference to sale of 50 Phantom fighter-bomber jets as called for by a House-approved amendment to the bill. Following Senate adoption of the basic legislation, a Senate-House conference will reconcile differences in the Senate and House wording.

## United Synagogue Youth Will Send Rosh Hashanah Cards To Jews Of Soviet Union

WASHINGTON, July 28 (JTA)--Jews in the Soviet Union will receive Rosh Hashanah greeting cards and Jewish calendars this fall as the result of a campaign sponsored by the Seaboard Region of the United Synagogue Youth Organization of Conservative Jews. Called "Shomer Achi Anochi" (I Am My Brother's Keeper), the campaign stemmed from a belief that cards from ordinary individuals and families would express to Soviet Jews the American Jewish community's friendship and concern. All interested Jewish groups have been urged by the youth organization to join the campaign. The cards and New Year messages will be mailed to Soviet synagogues for distribution.

Although the names and addresses of the Soviet Jews were not at first readily available, a list was finally compiled. Group representatives contacted the Russian Embassy in Washington for names that could be made available to them. Embassy officials demurred, however, explaining that Moscow must release such information. Moscow has not yet replied to the group's inquiries.

## Controversy Widens Over Naming Of Ex-Teacher Accused Of Anti-Semitism To NYU Post

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA)--The controversy over the appointment of a former Harlem teacher accused of anti-Semitism to a major New York University administrative post widened today as more Jewish organizations denounced the action and the New York Civil Liberties Union defended it.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee assailed the appointment of John F. Hatchett to be director of the university's new Martin Luther King Jr. Afro-American Student Center. Both cited an article by Mr. Hatchett in the November issue of the African-American Teachers Forum in which he charged that Negro pupils in New York City public schools were being "mentally poisoned" by "anti-black" Jewish educators and administrators who "dominate and control" the public school system and their "power-starved imitators, the black Anglo-Saxons."

Previously, the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress had issued statements protesting the NYU appointment. After the article appeared, the AJCongress, the Catholic Interracial Council and the Protestant Council called the charges "black Nazism." NYU Chancellor Alan Carter said the university was reviewing the appointment. He said he had not known about the Hatchett article when the appointment was being considered. The New York CLU, however, said it abhorred anti-Semitism but argued that the appointment should not be rescinded on the premise that there was a "well-established principle of academic freedom that university employees should be appointed solely on the basis of ability and competence in their professional fields."

The appointment also was defended by two Jewish trustees of NYU, Jack Seilman and Herbert Silverman, and by Victor Solomon, director of CORE, the militant Negro organization in Harlem. Mr. Seilman said that university officials exercised "care" in hiring administrators and that he saw "no deterrent" in keeping Mr. Hatchett, the Negro. Mr. Silverman said he was sure that NYU would continue to be in the future, as it had been in the past, "a properly tolerant institution." The CORE official backed some of the teacher's charges, declaring that the New York City school system was "rotten," that "those in power are to blame," and "it happens that the majority of them are Jews."

## Torczyner Urges Merger Of World Zionist Organization And World Jewish Congress

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA)--Jacques Torczyner, Zionist Organization of America president, called yesterday for the merger of the World Zionist Organization and World Jewish Congress. Addressing more than 100 ZOA leaders and officers from across the United States at a national executive meeting here, he said, "there is no reason whatsoever to keep two separate organizations and staffs when it is clear that the Zionist movement will have to go more in the direction of work in the Diaspora and also in public relations activities wherever possible."

Mr. Torczyner said the ZOA has opposed the creation of a united American Zionist movement and this position was reaffirmed by the instructions given to the ZOA delegates to the recent World Zionist Congress. He noted that at the Congress the principle of a united Zionist movement was adopted, leaving its implementation to negotiations between the Zionist Executive and the various organizations and parties involved. "The ZOA would be willing to participate in these exploratory discussions, on condition that they do not in any way endanger its integrity and fully recognize the unique position and role of the ZOA on the American scene," he said.

## AJCongress Finds Increase In Lawsuits In Church-State Field Across The Nation

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA)--The latest nationwide survey by the American Jewish Congress of current cases involving issues of church-state separation and religious freedom shows that more than half of the 36 pending cases deal with the single question of public aid to church and synagogue schools. Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the AJCongress' Commission on Law and Social Action, noted that the 36 cases -- in 24 state and 12 Federal courts -- comprise the largest number of current lawsuits in the church-state field since his organization issued its first listing of such suits in January, 1966.