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## Israel Attack Assailed, Council Urged To Avoid Action That May Hurt Peace Mission

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 6 (JTA)--France and Canada condemned in the Security Council today Israel's air attack Sunday on terrorist bases in Jordan but urged the Council to avoid any action which might interfere with the current peace-seeking mission of UN emissary Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring. The Council session began yesterday on the call of both Jordan and Israel, after the air raid against what Israel called a new major terrorist base near Salt. The Council recessed today after several hours' discussion and will reconvene Wednesday.

The opening speaker today, the Egyptian delegate Amin Hilmy II, followed the lead of Muhammad H. el-Farra of Jordan, who yesterday urged sanctions against Israel. The Egyptian delegate accused the Council of "reluctance to face up to its international responsibility" to preserve peace in the Middle East and asserted that this had "encouraged" Israel to "continue its aggression with impunity." The morning meeting witnessed a rejection by Israel's Ambassador, Yosef Tekoah, of an Algerian attempt to have the Security Council president, Joao Augusto de Aranjó Castro of Brazil, rule against Israel's effort to link such actions as the Sunday raid to the "continuing war by the Arab states against Israel" and Israel's legitimate rights of self-defense. Mr. Tekoah, exercising his right of reply following the Egyptian statement, ridiculed Arab assertions that terrorist raids against Israel stemmed entirely from the "resistance" of Arab "patriots" against their "inhuman oppressor." He cited a 1948 Security Council resolution which condemned such raids and called on the Arab states to halt any such actions emanating from their territories. He declared that the Arab-sponsored "war of liberation" was not a new development, emerging after the June 1967 conflict, but a matter extending back to "the '40s, the '50s, the '60s." The fact was, he said, that the Arabs have been conducting war against Israel for 20 years - economic, political, psychological - and that there has been shelling of Israeli villagers by Jordanian regulars and constant terrorist raids "with the connivance and support" of the Jordanian and Egyptian Governments.

### Tekoah Assails Nasser, Cites Egyptian's Pledge Of Support To Terrorists

Mr. Tekoah then denounced President Nasser of Egypt, declaring that recent statements indicating a readiness by Egypt to consider steps toward Middle East peace by acceptance of the Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution had been rejected by Mr. Nasser in a speech on July 23 in which the Egyptian President had pledged full support to terrorist raids and had declared there could be no negotiation and no peace with Israel. The Israeli representative then charged Egypt with gas bombing of villages in Yemen, citing an International Red Cross medical mission report, and declared that Israel challenged the right of any nation practicing such means of warfare to come to the Security Council to plead a case for human rights in the Middle East. At this point, Algeria asked for permission to speak and urged the Council president to ask speakers to restrict themselves to the Council agenda item. The Council president then asked Israel to do so. (Neither Mr. Tekoah nor the Algerian envoy, Tewfik Bouattoura, made any mention of the July 23 hijacking by Arab terrorists of an El Al airliner which is still being held by Algeria along with 12 Israeli crewmen and passengers.) The Israel envoy, resuming his statement, declared that Israel, as a member of the UN, would question "the title of any state that persecutes Jews and discriminates against them, to speak here on human rights," as well as the right of "any state guilty of aggression to question Israel's right of self-defense." He said that the "only way" for the Council to act would be "not by focussing on Israel's self-defense" but by seeing to it that "Arab warfare" against Israel was ended.

Claude Chayet of France said that such reprisals as the assault on Sunday could not be tolerated and that the Council had to deal with them, arguing that such operations could not be justified as legitimate defense needs. He also said such actions were useless since they created a tragic cycle leading to more such actions and counter-actions. He then warned that military operations could only make more difficult the task of Ambassador Jarring.

At yesterday's meeting of the Security Council, the Arab delegates, supported by the Soviet representative, Yakov A. Malik, called for condemnation of Israel and "measures to punish the aggressors." The United States representative, Ambassador George W. Ball, said his Government did not condone the "major military attack" against Jordan but, at the same time, it did not condone the terrorist attacks by Jordan. He proposed a UN presence in the area and said that both sides should be exhorted to lay down their arms. Mr. Tekoah called on the Council to raise its voice against the "sanguinary" acts of aggression and warfare against Israel pursued from Jordanian territory. He urged the Council to impress on Jordan the necessity of abiding by its cease-fire obligations and terminating acts of aggression from its territory.

The Jordanian representative, Mr. el-Farra, said yesterday that 34 Jordanians were killed in Sunday's air strike by Israel and 82 wounded. He said that in June, an Israeli assault on Irbid killed 59 Jordanians and injured 121. Mr. Tekoah said that Israel had acted in self-defense in its attacks on terrorist and saboteur bases in Jordanian territory.

Palestinian Arabs returning from Jordan yesterday reported that casualties suffered during Sunday's air strike at the El Fatah headquarters near the village of Salt were much greater than the number announced by Jordanian officials. A Hebron merchant, who said he had received his information from the Red Crescent, the Arab Red Cross, estimated that 140 were killed in the air attacks. He said that all medical services in Jordan were alerted and every available ambulance was sent to the Salt region. The Amman radio said yesterday that 23 civilians and five soldiers were killed and 76 civilians and six soldiers were wounded.

#### 'Daily Telegraph' Reports Guerrillas Getting Aid From Kuwait, Arabia

LONDON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Israel's air assault Sunday disclosed that the guerrillas are receiving financial support from oil-rich Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and that King Hussein is jealously guarding the few fighter aircraft that Jordan still possesses, dispatches in the Daily Telegraph said today. No Jordanian planes took to the air against Israeli jets.

According to the newspaper, Prince Fahd Ben Abdel Aziz, Minister of Interior of Saudi Arabia and a member of its ruling family, said that his country fully supports Palestinian guerrilla activity against Israel and added that "large financial donations from all parts of our country are only one facet of the backing which we are giving the Palestinian commandos." The Telegraph said it learned that Sheikh Fahd al Ahmed al Sabbah, a brother of Kuwait's Crown Prince, was slightly wounded in the Israeli attack. He joined El Fatah several months ago and holds the rank of lieutenant general.

(The new President of Iraq, Ahmed Hassan Bakr, told the Paris newspaper Le Monde yesterday that his country will back all Arab resistance organizations, including El Fatah. His Defense Minister, Gen. Hardan Abdul Gafar al-Takriti, told Le Monde that Iraq would respect its contract to buy 54 Mirage jets from France and said the contract is still under study. President Bakr expressed thanks to French President Charles de Gaulle for "his support of Arab countries since the Six-Day War.")

#### **Israeli Army Unit Pursues Saboteurs Into Jordan, Killing Five, Capturing Two**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--An Israeli Army unit, aided by helicopter-borne troops and a Piper Cub spotter plane, penetrated Jordanian territory early today and engaged in a pitched battle with a gang of Arab saboteurs who had just shelled a clinic at Kibbutz Ein Yahav, south of the Dead Sea. Five saboteurs were killed and two were wounded and captured along with a cache of arms, ammunition and supplies, a military spokesman said. Two apparently escaped. No Israeli casualties were reported. A two-hour machine gun and mortar duel between Israeli and Jordanian forces which began early today was resumed this afternoon in the southern Golan Heights, near the junction of the Israeli, Syrian and Jordanian borders.

The captured guerrillas, who were later hospitalized at Beersheba, guided Israeli troops to a spot in Ein Yahav where two mines had been planted to cover their retreat. The mines, a very large type known as Mark Seven, were dismantled. The hospitalized saboteurs admitted that they were members of a group responsible for sabotage in the Araba region.

An 11-year-old Petach Tikva girl who was fatally injured, apparently by a bomb planted by terrorists in the Gaza market place last Saturday, was buried here yesterday. The funeral of Caroline Cohen was attended by hundreds of relatives and friends. Her parents, Meir and Naomi Cohen, were still hospitalized with burns they suffered when the gasoline tank of their jeep mysteriously exploded. The Cohens, on a shopping trip, had parked their jeep and were standing near it when the explosion occurred. They were rushed to a hospital where the child died of burns. The explosion was classified as of undetermined cause, but police imposed a curfew on Gaza, which was lifted yesterday. A search yielded parcels of military equipment in a house near the scene of the blast.

#### **Religious Zionist Parties Will Receive Two Seats On Jewish Agency Executive**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The religious Zionist parties will be given two seats on the new Jewish Agency Executive in accordance with an agreement approved by the Executive yesterday. One will carry the portfolio of the Religious Education Department and one will be without portfolio, but the member will be associated with the affairs of the Agency's Absorption Department. The seats will be filled respectively by Moshe Krona and Mordechai Kirschblum. The agreement will bring about the return to the Executive of the Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi factions. They had refused to participate in the new Executive established at the 27th World Zionist Congress here in June because they were deprived of the Aliyah (immigration) Department which the religious parties had controlled for 30 years. Aryeh Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, was given the Aliyah portfolio.

The new head of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hechalutz Department believes a visit to Israel is worth more than thousands of words in the effort to stimulate youths to immigrate here. Mordechai Bar-On said at his first press conference today that even a brief visit would help foster Jewish identity among young Jews far removed from it and could lead eventually to Aliyah. Mr. Bar-On said his department would make a major effort to increase the capacity of the various summer and winter programs in Israel for youth from abroad. He said that the lack of facilities prevented 500 youths from attending summer camps and summer courses here and resulted in hardships for some who did come. According to Mr. Bar-On, the programs organized by the Jewish Agency's Education and Torah Education Departments attracted 1,500 youths from abroad this year in addition to 2,500 who joined various summer institutes and camps. He expected 3,000 youths to come next year and said the number could be increased to 4,000 annually.

## No Reconstruction of Temple On Original Site Planned, Moslems Are Assured

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Moslem religious leaders in East Jerusalem were assured by the Ministry for Religious Affairs yesterday that there were no plans to reconstruct the Temple on its original site. Rumors to that effect had disturbed the Moslems. The Temple site includes what is now the El Aksa Mosque behind the Western Wall, one of the holiest shrines of Islam. The rumors apparently originated in a discussion among a group of Biblical scholars about building a synagogue in a Moslem-owned building near El Aksa. The Ministry for Religious Affairs, in a statement said that there was no intention to rebuild the Temple "in our days" because according to tradition the new Temple "will not be constructed by men but by the heavens." Some of the Moslem leaders were said to be skeptical of the explanation and are awaiting further developments.

## El Paso Couple Becomes First Immigrants To Arrive In Israel Via New Ashdod Port

ASHDOD, Aug. 6 (JTA)--An American couple from El Paso, Texas and their three young children, landed here yesterday and won the distinction of becoming the first immigrants to arrive at Israel's newest seaport which has hitherto handled only cargo. They are Gerard and Ann Kol, the forerunners of a group of 100 American families that plan to settle in Israel. They will spend a year at Carmiel before deciding on their place of permanent residence. Mr. Kol, an English teacher, was offered a job on the spot by Mayor Avner Garin of Ashdod, who invited the Kols to return after their year's training at Carmiel. The family was welcomed by port officials and officials of the Jewish Agency.

## International Convention Of Religious Students Slated At Bar-Ilan University

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--An international convention of religious students will be held at Bar Ilan University here in mid-August. According to a spokesman for the Bar Ilan students committee, it is expected to draw 400 delegates from the United States, England and France who are in Israel for summer studies. The convention will be preparatory to a world congress of religious students scheduled for next year. The students will be quartered in tents to be supplied by the Israel Army and set up on the university campus.

## Algeria Bids Airline Pilots Representatives Return To Confer On Hijacked El Al Plane

LONDON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Hopes rose today for the release of the hijacked El Al Israeli jet airliner held by Algeria since July 23. The International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations received a telephone call from Algiers inviting its two emissaries, Capt. J. J. O'Grady and Capt. O. L. A. Forsberg, to return there for further negotiations.

The two pilots arrived here quietly after their talks with Algerian authorities deadlocked. The pilots' group has been trying to work out an agreement whereby the Israeli plane would be returned. Capt. O'Grady and Capt. Forsberg offered to fly the aircraft out of Algeria if there is any objection on the part of Algerian authorities to the Israeli crew doing it themselves. The Algerians are holding 12 of the Israeli crewmen and passengers who were on the plane when it was hijacked by Arab terrorists during a Rome-Tel Aviv flight. The two pilots are expected to leave for Algeria Wednesday.

## Knesset Calls On World Parliaments To Seek Release Of Plane, Israelis

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, called on parliaments all over the world yesterday to "act ceaselessly" to effect the release of the Israeli jet airliner. The chamber, by a virtually unanimous vote, called on the Government to report to the Knesset security committee on actions taken to secure the return of the plane and, by implication, gave the Government a free hand to take whatever action it deemed necessary. Only the extremist Communist faction, "Rakah," voted in dissent.

Minister of Transport Moshe Carmel declared that Israel "will not be content with words only" and the world must understand its position. He said that Israel would use whatever means were necessary to obtain the release of the plane and to prevent the hijacking of other Israeli aircraft and ships on the high seas. The Government apparently is acting with restraint and waiting for results of representations being made through foreign sources before deciding on further action. Those sources expressed guarded optimism over the fate of the jet and Israeli detainees, it was learned today. They are known to have intimated to Israeli officials that while Algerian official statements are evasive, there are grounds to hope for an early settlement of the issue. They are also known to have asked Israel to refrain from any action that would bring about a direct Israel-Algerian confrontation.

## Prague Supporters Voice Displeasure With Anti-Israel Views In Bratislava Communique

PRAGUE, Aug. 6 (JTA)--There is general annoyance among supporters of the liberal regime in Czechoslovakia over anti-Israel phrases contained in the communique issued at the close of the conference of East European Communist Party leaders at Bratislava on Saturday, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. But reliable Government sources told the JTA unofficially that the denunciation of "Israeli aggression" was inserted only because Czechoslovakia is dependent on the Soviet Union in foreign policy matters and could not act as freely as it would have liked.

Meanwhile, a group of prominent Czech writers met here to discuss the new political situation. Among them were Ladislav Mnacko and Eduard Goldstuecker, a Jew who is chairman of the Czech writers union. It was learned that many in this group believe that Czechoslovakia should not have agreed to the anti-Israeli phraseology. Mr. Mnacko, a non-Jew, went into self-exile in Israel when Czechoslovakia broke diplomatic relations with that country following the Six-Day War.

## BBC's Plans To Drop Hebrew Service Draws Written Protests From All Over

LONDON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Letters of protest have poured in from all over the world in connection with the impending suspension of the British Broadcasting Corporation's Hebrew Service, a daily half-hour short wave broadcast that apparently has a considerable audience. Erwin Bienenstock, head of the BBC service, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that many letters came from Eastern European Communist countries and even from the Soviet Union. There were also many letters from Israel, some of them indignant, he said.

Listeners in the Communist bloc were apparently cautious in their correspondence. Mr. Bienenstock cited a letter date-lined Budapest, written in "very good modern, colloquial Hebrew" which was signed with the pseudonym, "P. Almoni." The word means "somebody" in Hebrew. (One correspondent from Israel wrote that he had acquired most of his knowledge about England from the BBC Hebrew Service. Another wrote that the broadcasts had helped him trace a Jewish boy he was looking for in Tunisia. Some writers attributed the ending of the service to anti-Israel elements in the British Foreign Office. One of the reasons given for the suspension was the relatively limited audience compared to the BBC's World Service broadcasts in English; but a listener pointed out that the Hebrew Service was on the air only 30 minutes while the English program was broadcast all day.

## Brazilian Government Prepared To Admit Jews From Poland And Arab Countries

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The Brazilian Government indicated that it was prepared to admit Jewish refugees from Poland and the Arab countries. Jose de Magalhaes, Chancellor of the Brazilian Foreign Office, promised in a note to the Brazilian Jewish Confederation that all facilities within the framework of Brazilian immigration legislation would be granted to Jewish immigrants who want to join their families in Brazil. The official's note was in reply to a request by the Jewish Confederation last May that Brazil advise the governments of Poland, Egypt, Iraq and Syria that it was prepared to accept Jewish refugees from those countries.

Israel's Ambassador Shmuel Divon joined representatives of Brazilian Jewish organizations and dignitaries of the community at a banquet here yesterday honoring Moyses Kauffmann, president of the Brazilian Jewish Confederation, on the occasion of his 60th birthday. The assembled Jewish leaders signed a testimonial document that was presented to Mr. Kauffmann. Messages of greetings were received from Jewish leaders in the United States as well as South America. The event was chaired by Benno Milnitzky, chairman of the Sao Paulo Jewish Federation.

## Dutch Guiana Plans To Issue Three New Stamps Bearing Jewish Themes

THE HAGUE, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The restoration of a 283-year-old synagogue in Surinam, Dutch Guiana, will be commemorated by a new postage stamp to be issued by that colony on the northeast coast of South America, it was reported here today. Surinam will issue two other stamps related to its Jewish community, one of the oldest in the Western Hemisphere. One of them will depict the Jewish cemetery and the other will reproduce a map of the Jewish settlement. All three stamps will bear Hebrew inscriptions.

## Jews, Other Religious Leaders, Confer With Rusk On Relief For Biafrans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Leaders representing the three major religious bodies in the United States met with Secretary of State Dean Rusk for more than an hour and a half this afternoon to express their concern about providing needed relief shipments to Biafra.

After conferring with Mr. Rusk, members of the Ad Hoc Interfaith Committee for Biafran Relief pledged continuing and active liaison with one another and appropriate Federal agencies. In their comments to Secretary Rusk, the delegation noted that "strong support has developed among their respective memberships for quick and generous actions on behalf of Biafrans."

The delegation urged that the United States use its "political and moral strength to achieve settlement between the Federal State of Nigeria and Biafra for the expeditious shipment of relief supplies to those in need."

The delegation included: Morris B. Abram, president, American Jewish Committee and the organization's executive vice-president, Bertram H. Gold; Dr. Robert S. Bilheimer, director of international affairs program, National Catholic Conference; George M. Houser, executive director, American Committee on Africa; Dr. David R. Hunter, deputy general secretary, National Council of Churches in the U.S.A.; Rabbi Jacob Philip Rudin, president, Synagogue Council of America; and Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom, executive director, Catholic Relief Services, U.S. Catholic Conference.

## 15 Jews Picket NYU Against Appointment Of Hatchett As Director Of Student Center

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Fifteen Jewish demonstrators picketed New York University yesterday demanding the removal of John E. Hatchett, recently appointed director of the university's new Martin Luther King Jr. Afro-American Student Center. Mr. Hatchett, a former Harlem public school teacher, has been the subject of controversy since he wrote an article in the periodical "African-American Teachers Forum" which contended that Jews control the New York City public school system and accused them of "mentally poisoning" black students.

The picketing was organized by a group that called itself the "Jewish Defense League." Handbills circulated by the pickets denounced Mr. Hatchett as a "Nazi" and a "vicious anti-Semite and white-hater." The Hatchett appointment was widely denounced by Jewish groups here. However, 15 of the 16 members of the NYU Student Presidents' Conference urged that he be retained in his post "to forestall a destructive breakdown" in relations between Jewish and Negro students on the NYU campus.