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## Arabs, Hungary Reject Suggestions For UN Observers On Jordan-Israel Cease-Fire Line

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 7 (JTA)--Spokesmen for two Arab countries and for a member of the Soviet bloc rejected in debate before the Security Council today any suggestions for stationing United Nations observers on the Israeli-Jordan cease-fire line as a means of easing the area's rising tensions. The positions were taken during the third meeting of the current Council session, which began Monday at the request of Jordan and Israel following the Aug. 4 Israeli air blow at new terrorist bases near Salt, 15 miles west of Amman, in Jordan.

Before the meeting opened this afternoon, it was reported that Pakistan was seeking to draft an anti-Israel resolution for consideration by the Council. It was indicated that Pakistan hoped to win support for a resolution calling for sanctions against Israel, but the United States was expected to oppose such a resolution. Egypt, Jordan and the Soviet Union have demanded sanctions, either directly or by implication, in debate this week. On March 24, the Council approved unanimously a resolution condemning Israel's March 21 raid against a terrorist base at Karameh in Jordan, which warned that actions of "military reprisal and other grave violations of the cease-fire cannot be tolerated" and that the Council "would have to consider further effective steps as envisaged in the Charter to ensure against repetition of such acts."

Speaking against UN observers on the cease-fire line were Muhammad H. el-Farra of Jordan, George Tomeh of Syria and Jozsef Tardos of Hungary. In almost identical terms, the three delegates asserted that such observers were not preventing Israeli "aggression" along the Suez Canal demarcation line and "would not have prevented" the Aug. 4 raid and similar Israeli counters to the rising tempo of Arab incursions and Jordanian shelling of Israeli targets.

The Jordanian delegate, like previous Arab spokesmen, demanded the Council take "strong and effective" action under a UN Charter provision which provides for sanctions. He also called for restoration of the 1948 armistice agreements which Israel has contended were rendered void by the events preceding the June, 1967 war. Mr. el-Farra insisted that the armistice agreement should be restored "in full vigor" and that the Council should put its full weight behind that effort, adding that his proposal would require Israel's immediate withdrawal to the pre-June 1967 lines.

The Jordanian, Syrian and Hungarian delegates were joined by Ibrahima Boye of Senegal in denying Israel's claim of self-defense as justification for its reprisal blows at terrorist bases in Jordan, Jordan, Syria and Hungary also rejected Israel's description of the guerrillas as "terrorists," asserting that they were "freedom fighters." Jordan also disclaimed completely any responsibility for acts of the guerrillas operating from Jordanian territory.

All of the speakers, including Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, warned that the spreading cease-fire violations were harmful to the mission of Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the UN special envoy, who is seeking to bring the Arabs and Israel together for negotiations toward a peaceful settlement. The Arab speakers and the Hungarian delegate blamed Israel for the area's unrest and possible harm for the Jarring mission. Mr. Tekoah said Arab aggression was undermining the Jarring mission and that the cessation of Arab warfare was a prerequisite to a just and lasting peace in the region.

The Israeli representative said the Arab representatives had offered a "strikingly bizarre thesis" -- that Arabs would continue to attack Israel but that Israel must not retaliate. He told the Council that Jordan, giving armed support to raiders from its territory, did not recognize the cease-fire line and, in effect, wanted Israel to accept that line as a protection for armed raiders. He said the Council should not accept the view that one of the parties view the cease-fire line as a front for attacks on Israel. He said it was for the Council to decide whether to end the Arab "conspiracy of aggression" or whether it would be left to Israel to deal with it. He again rejected the Arab thesis

that the guerrilla raids were entirely a phenomenon of Arab "patriotism" and "resistance to the occupier," declaring that they had not started last June but were as old as Arab-Israel hostilities.

### Jordanian, Syrian Quote Reports In Jewish Telegraphic Agency 'Daily Bulletin'

Both the Jordanian and Syrian delegates quoted the Jewish Telegraphic Agency news service in efforts to prove that Israel was engaged in a "long-range conspiracy" with the intent of "expanding" indefinitely. Both also sprinkled comparisons of Israel with the Nazis in their statements. The Jordanian delegate quoted a statement by Mr. Tekoah, alluding to a JTA Daily Bulletin of July 26 to the effect that the Israeli envoy had cited legal experts on international affairs as questioning the validity of many UN resolutions directed against Israel. (In the article, the authorities were quoted as saying they doubted also the "moral and political import" of such resolutions, adding that many of the resolutions on the Middle East situation "lack in equity and fail to take into consideration Israel's legitimate rights and interests.") Mr. el-Farra said that the Tekoah comment was "proof" of Israel's "determination" to "ignore" Security Council resolutions against its "aggression."

Mr. Tomeh cited a JTA Aug. 2 Daily Bulletin reporting that the United States Senate had approved a 1969 foreign aid bill containing a provision that the President should sell Israel the Phantom

jets which Israel has been seeking since last January to offset the buildup of Arab air forces by sophisticated jet fighter planes from the Soviet Union. The Syrian delegate said the Senate action indicated that Israel was finding "support" for its "intransigence" from the U.S. He added that what had been "perpetrated" by Israel against Jordan this year and against Jordan, Syria and Egypt in the Six-Day War was "not essentially different from the war conducted by the U.S. in Viet Nam."

Skjold G. Mellbin of Denmark said his delegation considered all cease-fire violations deplorable because they "impeded progress to peace." He added that the parties concerned, as well as all members of the UN, must support the Jarring mission which he called the best "and perhaps the only" hope for a just and lasting settlement. He said Denmark deplored massive raids by Israel, as well as all other acts of violence across the cease-fire lines.

The last speaker during the session today was Jamil M. Baroodi of Saudi Arabia. The meeting was then adjourned until 10 a.m. Friday.

### **Cabinet Members Avow Israel's Determination To Protect Border Settlements**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Israel's determination to protect its border settlements and to destroy terrorists and their bases wherever they are found was voiced here yesterday by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and two members of his Cabinet. One of them, Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan, declared during a visit to Kibbutz Ein Yahav in the Negev that the security of the border settlements now heads the list of the Israel Army's priorities. Ein Yahav was attacked yesterday by a gang of marauders who were pursued into Jordan with five killed and two wounded and captured by Israeli forces. Gen. Dayan pledged that the Army will continue to protect life and property and to strike against saboteurs.

Prime Minister Eshkol, addressing a reunion meeting of paratroopers here, warned that Israel will not tolerate a situation that allows El Fatah and other sabotage gangs to attack at will and then enjoy immunity behind the Jordanian border. He said the marauders who attacked Ein Yahav were probably trying to demonstrate that Sunday's air strike against El Fatah bases near the Jordanian village of Salt had not been effective.

Minister of Information, Israel Galili said in Jerusalem last night that Israel would continue to act systematically against terrorist bases. Otherwise, he said, the terrorist organizations would be free to menace civilian life and could escalate their forays into another war. Mr. Galili spoke at a meeting of Laborite members of the Knesset (Parliament).

### Jordanians Open Fire Near Yardena, But Israelis Suffer No Casualties

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Jordanian units opened fire on Israeli forces near Yardena in the Belsan Valley this evening, a military spokesman reported. The fire was returned. There were no Israeli casualties.

Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of the United Nations cease-fire observers corps, will go to Egypt tomorrow on what was described by his aides as a routine visit. It is believed that he will inspect UN observers posts along the Suez Canal. Foreign Minister Abba Eban will leave for Europe later this week for a meeting with Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the UN special peace envoy to the Middle East. Dr. Jarring will leave New York tomorrow for London and Stockholm. He is expected to return to his headquarters at Nicosia, Cyprus, some time after Aug. 13 to resume his mission. Mr. Eban will fly to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, after his meeting with Dr. Jarring, to preside at a meeting of Israeli envoys to the African states.

A military tribunal in Nablus pronounced a life sentence yesterday on 23-year-old Walid Mouhamed Katsrawi of Jenin, who was convicted of aiding an El Fatah gang involved in the murder of another Arab. The victim was a resident of Jenin whom the El Fatah suspected of "collaborating" with Israel.

### **Israeli Official Goes To Rome To Coordinate Efforts On Releasing Of Plane, Israelis**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--A top official of the Foreign Ministry left for Rome today to coordinate political and international measures being taken to secure the release of the hijacked Israeli El Al jet airliner that has been held in Algeria with 12 passengers and crewmembers since July 23. But the Foreign Ministry sharply denied tonight that the mission of Aviezer Chelouche, assistant director-general of the Ministry, intimated that a "deal" was being arranged with Algeria.

A Ministry source said that Israel stands on its demand for the unconditional release of the \$6 million plane and the Israeli detainees and that no concrete proposals from Algeria have been received here. The source said that Israel will not consider releasing captured El Fatah guerrillas from prison in exchange for the plane and its passengers and crewmen, as had been suggested by an El Fatah spokesman. The Ministry said that Mr. Chelouche went to Rome because a top level official was needed on the spot in the absence of an Israeli Ambassador. Ambassador Ehud Avriel left Rome to become chairman of the Zionist Actions Committee and a new Ambassador has not yet been posted.

(It was learned in Washington today that President Houari Boumedienne of Algeria wrote to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant outlining his Government's position on the Israeli airliner. The contents of Col. Boumedienne's letter were not made public. But the report could not be corroborated at the UN.)

## Eshkol Rejects Proposal To Set Up Pilot Project To Resettle Arab Refugees

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today categorically rejected proposals in the Knesset (Parliament) that Israel set up a pilot project to resettle Arab refugees in the territories it controls. Mr. Eshkol said that Israel has no money for such a project and warned that Arab refugees cannot in any event be resettled in Israel where they would become "a time bomb likely to explode at any time."

The proposals, submitted in the form of agenda motions by Knesset members representing parties in the national coalition Government, noted that most of the area's refugee population is now in areas controlled by Israel and said that Israel could show other countries how resettlement should be carried out. Mr. Eshkol said that the refugees could be resettled in the general region of the Middle East where there is sufficient land and water for them, but the project would require international financing and regional cooperation.

## Knesset Rejects Motion Asking Government To Sign Non-Proliferation Treaty

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--The Knesset (Parliament) today rejected a motion asking the Government to sign the non-proliferation draft treaty on nuclear weapons. The motion was submitted by Tewfik Toubi, an Arab member of the New Communist faction.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban said that Israel favored the treaty in principle, but like many other countries, had several reservations and was seeking to have the draft amended accordingly. Israel contended that the draft as it stands does not contain sufficient guarantees to safeguard non-nuclear nations against attack by nuclear powers and for the unhampered development of nuclear power for peaceful uses.

## Mizrachi Delegates Say Settlement in Israel Of A Family Member Is 'Sacred' Duty

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--The 400 delegates to the 43rd annual convention of the Mizrachi Women's Organization of America agreed unanimously yesterday that it was their "sacred obligation" to send at least one member of every family in the organization to settle in Israel. The Mizrachi Women's Organization claims over 50,000 members in its 300 branches.

The convention was addressed by Dr. Zerach Wahrhaftig, Minister for Religious Affairs, and Mayor Teddy Kollek, of Jerusalem. The principal address was delivered by Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon who declared that the occupied territories would remain in Israel's hands in the foreseeable future. He said that to give up the Golan Heights, captured from Syria, would amount to complete surrender to Syria. He also stressed Israel's need for the American F-4 supersonic Phantom jet planes as a deterrent against future Arab attacks.

## Distress Found Growing Among Czechs Over Anti-Israel Clause In Bratislava Statement

PRAGUE, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Distress is growing among Czech intellectuals and particularly the youth over the Government's acceptance of a clause condemning "Israeli aggression" in the communique issued last Saturday at the conference of Eastern European Communist Party leaders at Bratislava. Some circles are sharply critical of party leader Alexander Dubcek who they believe should have objected to the anti-Israel wording. Many of the 6,000 participants in the recent Communist Party Congress have expressed such opinions in interviews published in the evening newspaper Vecerni Praha.

The objections are attributable to a large measure of goodwill toward Israel in many Czech circles despite the fact that diplomatic relations with that country were severed after the June, 1967 Six-Day War and have not been restored. But even more evident is the feeling that with the growing internal liberalization, Czechoslovakia should have struck out for a more independent foreign policy and that the Bratislava conference and the earlier talks with Soviet and other Communist chiefs at Cierna was the time to do it. Many Czechs are still fearful that a "deal" was made with the Soviets at Cierna despite official assurances to the contrary. In general they believe that a foreign policy dominated by dogmatic Stalinist prejudices such as hostility toward Israel is not compatible with the liberalization at home.

## West German Justice Minister Calls For Abolition Of Status On War Crimes, Genocide

BONN, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Gustav Heinemann, the West German Minister of Justice, said in an interview published here today that the statute of limitations on the prosecution of crimes of murder and genocide should be abolished. Dr. Heinemann told the Social Democratic Party weekly, "Vorwaerts," that "we Germans should not wait until the United Nations decides on this but should do it ourselves now." The Minister of Justice has, in the past, called for the abolition of the statute of limitations which is scheduled to go into effect at the end of 1969. It would bar all further prosecution of war criminals charged with murder.

## UN Children's Fund Reports No Project Currently Under Way In Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 7 (JTA)--The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has no current projects under way in Israel according to a report published here by the agency's executive board listing UNICEF-assisted projects all over the world. UNICEF previously assisted nine projects in Israel. They included health services to mothers and infants; aid to handicapped children; tuberculosis control; mycosis control; applied nutrition; milk conservation; child feeding; social services and emergency aid to immigrants.

## Major Jewish Effort Launched, With Other Religious Groups, To Aid Biafrans

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (JTA)--The launching of a major American Jewish effort to save millions of lives in the starving areas of Biafra was announced here today with the formation of the American Jewish Emergency Effort for Biafran Relief.

The top leaders of 21 major Jewish religious, communal, relief and philanthropic bodies are cooperating with Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, and the United States Committee for UNICEF, all of which have distribution centers that get food and medicine through to the sick and starving.

The announcement was made simultaneously with the appearance of a seven-column advertisement in the New York Times announcing the formation of the group and an appeal for funds. The signatories for the advertisement stressed the need for Americans of all faiths to aid the starving people in Biafra. "Airlifts of food and medicine are possible but extremely expensive," they added. "This is a race with death. Millions will die if food and medicine do not get through."

Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France appealed to French Jewry today to aid the victims of starvation and disease in Biafra, because "we Jews have been the victims of genocide and understand human suffering."

### Jewish Theological Seminary Students Used Tisha B'av For Biafrans

NEW YORK, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Students and faculty members of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative) devoted the Tisha B'av fast day, Aug. 4, to collecting funds for the relief of the victims of starvation and disease in Biafra, the breakaway eastern province of Nigeria. Members of the student-faculty committee for Biafran relief manned a booth to solicit contributions and collected signatures for a petition to President Johnson asking that the United States begin a massive airlift of emergency food and medical supplies to Biafra.

The students and teachers themselves contributed the money they did not spend for food and drink during the 24-hour fast period to Biafran relief. They cited a Biblical injunction, "Is this not the fast day I have chosen? Is not its purpose to give thy bread to the hungry?" (Isaiah 58:6-7) to explain their action.

## Goldberg Sees No Anti-Semitism In Opposition To Nomination Of Fortas As Chief Justice

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations and a former Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, today expressed support of the nomination of Associate Justice Abe Fortas as Chief Justice of the United States.

Addressing a press conference at the convention of the American Bar Association here, Ambassador Goldberg referred to Justice Fortas as a "distinguished lawyer" and said it was "irrelevant" that he is Jewish. He said he did not believe that anti-Semitism entered into the opposition to Justice Fortas' appointment among some elements in Congress. Ambassador Goldberg also rejected the idea that Justice Fortas should be faulted for his close friendship and contacts with President Johnson. "Nothing that has been disclosed indicated in any way that he lacks the qualification and temperament to be a great Chief Justice and, as a citizen of the United States, I would hope and trust that the appointment will be confirmed by the Senate," Ambassador Goldberg said.

## Scheuer Hits Appointment of Negro, Who Wrote Anti-Semitic Article, To NYU Post

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 (JTA)--A New York Democratic Congressman today urged New York University to rescind its appointment of John E. Hatchett, a former Harlem school teacher, to head the university's new Martin Luther King Jr. Afro-American Student Center. In a letter to Dr. Alan M. Carrter, Chancellor and executive vice president of NYU, Representative James H. Scheuer, pointed out that Mr. Hatchett was "the author of a vicious anti-Semitic article" and said it was "unthinkable that a Martin Luther King center for students should be directed by anyone publicly articulating racial and religious prejudice."

Rep. Scheuer said that he would feel equally as strong about similar appointments to those who "propagated views against any group because of race, religion or national origin." Mr. Hatchett claimed in an article published in a Negro teachers' periodical that Jews controlled the New York City public school system and accused them of "mentally poisoning" black pupils.

## Vice President Of Synagogue Council Delivers Invocation At Republican Parley

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Aug. 7 (JTA)--Rabbi Irving Lehrman, religious leader of Temple Emanu-El, Miami Beach, delivered the invocation at Tuesday night's session of the Republican National Convention here. He is a vice president of the Synagogue Council of America, which is the overall Jewish religious representative body of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism in the United States.

## Dr. Frenkel Dead At 77, Veterinarian Discovered Serum For Hoof And Mouth Disease

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Herman Salomon Frenkel, a prominent veterinarian surgeon who discovered a serum for hoof and mouth disease, died here today at the age of 77. Dr. Frenkel, who survived the Nazi concentration camp at Theresienstadt, was a former director of the Central Veterinarian Institute of Amsterdam and an honorary member of veterinarian societies in Israel.