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## Armed Police Patrol Jerusalem To Prevent Recurrence Of Explosions, Anti-Arab Rioting

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Steel helmeted police, aided by border patrolmen, restored calm to Jerusalem today following an evening of terrorist grenade explosions Sunday which injured 10 persons and were followed by rioting. The city was under heavy guard today to prevent another outbreak of terror tactics and retaliation by angry Jews. But another bomb went off Monday near the Knesset (Parliament) building, although nobody was injured and no property damaged.

Following the outbreak of explosions Sunday, incensed Jewish mobs severely beat up Arabs in the East and West sectors of the city and even assaulted one of the injured in the belief that he was an Arab saboteur.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan toured East Jerusalem today and condemned the riots and beatings of Arab residents. Gen. Dayan declared that the acts of a few terrorists did not reflect the attitude of the general population. He said the residents of East Jerusalem were opposed to terrorism and proved by their daily behavior that they can live peacefully under Israeli rule.

All of the injured were hospitalized and were reported out of danger except a beaten Arab who was listed as critical. They included an American student, Suzanne Greenstein, 20, of New York, whose injuries were described as slight. Two Jews were seriously wounded. Police rounded up several dozen suspects in connection with the sabotage and 16 of them were held for questioning. Six Jewish rioters were also in jail and charges may be brought against them. Minister of Police Eliahu Sassoon ordered police to take strict measures to suppress any attempt to disturb law and order no matter from which side. Jews and Arabs were reported to be mingling normally in Jerusalem this morning.

Sunday night's grenade explosions were described by observers as the most serious terrorist acts on Israeli soil since the June, 1967 Six-Day War and were obviously the work of organized professionals. The grenades, each with a Chinese-made chemical timing device, were planted in central parts of West Jerusalem, concealed in trash bins and in wastepaper cans attached to lamp posts. Five of them exploded between 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. local time but nine of the 10 injured persons were struck by fragments from a single grenade that detonated in a trash bin on Strauss Street, near the Bikur Holim Hospital, about 100 yards from the city's main business crossroads. The 10th victim was an attendant at a filling station near which another grenade went off.

The blasts temporarily disrupted activities in downtown Jerusalem. Several streets were sealed off and two movie theaters near the scene of the explosions shut down. Police began a foot-by-foot search in public gardens, empty lots and trash cans in the downtown district. Civil defense wardens found several grenades which were taken to open lots where they were exploded harmlessly.

The blasts which were an obvious terrorist attempt to cause indiscriminate injuries or death among civilians, infuriated many Jerusalemites. Hundreds of Israeli youths poured into East Jerusalem, severely beating up any Arabs they encountered, smashing shop windows, hurling rocks into Arab houses and through the windows of Arab taxis and overturning cars. Arabs found in the Western sector were also beaten. Riot police armed with batons pushed the mobs out of East Jerusalem and sealed off the area. One Israeli who was wounded in the lower part of his body by grenade fragments near the Bikur Holim Hospital was mistaken for an Arab saboteur and severely beaten by crowds even as he was being lifted into an ambulance, despite his protestations that he was a Jew.

The grenade attacks are believed here to have been the work of a small local terrorist group although the Chinese timing devices indicated a connection with El Fatah, the principal Arab guerrilla organization operating from Jordanian territory. El Fatah leaders had threatened to strike against Israel's civilian population in retaliation for the Aug. 4 Israeli air attack on the El Fatah bases near the Jordanian town of Salt.

## Pilots Unit Expects Israelis To Be Released Soon; Algerian Paper Denies Agreement

LONDON, Aug. 19 (JTA)--An official of the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA) said here today that the crewmen and passengers of the hijacked El Al airliner held by Algeria since July 23 will probably be released in a few days. A leading Algerian newspaper disagreed. He said that IFALPA's boycott action against Algeria was called off on the clear understanding that the seven crewmen would be released, and that while the five passengers were outside the scope of its representations, it was understood from the Algerians that they would also be permitted to leave.

The spokesman for the pilots' groups said a couple of days may elapse before the Israelis are released so that the Algerians will not appear to have yielded under pressure. IFALPA refused to confirm or deny reports that Italy would mediate the return of the airliner, a \$6 million Boeing 707, to Israel. But the Algerian newspaper El Moujahid, which speaks for President Boumedienne, Monday denied that any official agreement had been reached with the pilots federation to release the crew and remaining passengers. The newspaper said while the threatened boycott by the pilots was cancelled, no official agreement had been reached on the issue of releasing the Israelis.

Reports reaching here from Algeria meanwhile said that the airliner's crew and passengers will probably be freed following a meeting today or Tuesday of the Cabinet, which is supposed to agree on a timetable for their release. The report, attributed to informed sources, said that the hijacked plane would probably be flown out by an Italian crew 48 hours after the Israeli detainees leave. The boycott was called off after agents of the Federation met Saturday with Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

#### Israeli Officials Deny Deal Arranged For Release Of Plane, 12 Detainees

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Official circles today strongly denied that any deal was in the making between Israel and Algeria for the release of the hijacked El Al jet airliner and its 12 Israeli passengers and crewmen. They said rumors of a deal may have been propagated by Algerian authorities as part of their "war of nerves" against Israel. They reiterated that Israel stands by its demands for the unconditional release of the plane and the detainees.

Travel agents here meanwhile reported feeling the effects of an undeclared boycott by Israelis against Swissair, the national airline of Switzerland, apparently for its refusal to go along with the boycott of Algeria called last week but cancelled. Swissair, long a favorite carrier among Israelis bound to and from Europe, operates 12 flights a week to Tel Aviv compared to only two a week to Algeria, but the company persuaded its pilots not to participate in the boycott action. Travel agents here pointed out that Swissair does more business with Israel than with all of the Arab countries combined.

#### **Jarring Resumes Middle East Peace Rounds, Will Confer With Abba Eban**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The United Nations peace envoy, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, resumed his rounds of Middle Eastern capitals this week and is expected here Wednesday to confer with Foreign Minister Abba Eban following visits to Cairo, Amman and Beirut. Mr. Eban is expected to ask Dr. Jarring what replies he had received from the Arab states regarding their interpretations of the formula "a just and lasting peace" contained in the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution which established the Jarring mission.

Foreign Ministry circles said meanwhile that yesterday's dispatch in the Washington Post from Alfred Friendly in Paris confirmed their opinion of the past few months that Egypt is using the Jarring mission as a means of preventing Palestinian Arabs from reaching a settlement with Israel and does not want his mission to succeed. Mr. Friendly, who attributed his information to Egyptian Foreign Ministry sources, said Egypt's interest in the Jarring mission was for propaganda purposes and that they feared that Arabs in the occupied West Bank might come to terms with Israel if the mission were dropped. He said the basic Egyptian strategy as outlined by Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad last May is aimed at mobilizing world opinion to force the United States to end its support of Israel.

(New York Times correspondent Eric Pace reported from Cairo today that Government spokesmen would neither confirm nor deny the Washington Post dispatch. The Egyptian Government news agency meanwhile reported that Ambassador Jarring had informed Mr. Riad in a two-hour meeting yesterday that Israel still insists on direct negotiations with the Arab countries and feels that President Nasser has been "encouraging and inciting war.")

#### **Israelis, Jordanians Exchange Fire; Egyptian MIGs Chased Over Sinai Peninsula**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The Israel-Jordan border echoed with gun fire today as forces of both sides fought an hour long duel with artillery, mortars and machineguns south of the Sea of Galilee. Amman radio claimed that Jordanian gunners destroyed an Israeli ammunitions dump, hit an Israeli halftrack and caused nine Israeli casualties. The Jordanian report alleged that Israel had started the shooting by firing on the Jordanian settlements of Khirbet Chebab and Manshiya with howitzers, mortars and machineguns.

Shooting flared along several sections of the cease-fire demarcation line last night and early this morning, a military spokesman reported here. He also reported that a water pumping station north of Ashkelon was damaged by a bomb and that Israeli jets chased off a flight of Egyptian MIGs on a reconnaissance mission over Sinai yesterday. The Egyptian planes crossed the Suez Canal south of Kantara at twilight and Israeli planes immediately were sent in hot pursuit. They encountered Egyptian anti-aircraft fire on crossing the Suez Canal but all planes returned safely to their bases, the spokesman said.

An Israeli patrol was attacked by Jordanian machinegun and bazooka fire at dawn today near Neveh Urr in the Beisan Valley region. The fire was returned and no Israeli casualties were reported. A short while later, Jordanians attacked an Israeli armored car near Kibbutz Geshet with bazookas and recoilless guns and again the fire was returned without casualties on the Israeli side. A 45-minute exchange of fire developed between Israeli and Jordanian forces during the night near Umm Shurt and a half-hour exchange occurred at Neveh Urr without casualties, a military spokesman said. A bomb explosion at a Mekorot Water Co. pumping station near Yad Mordechai south of Ashkelon damaged the building but not the pump which supplies water for irrigation. Police are investigating the incident. An Israeli Army patrol was attacked by bazooka fire while moving along the road from Khan Yunis to Raffah in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. The patrol, which was in a half track, returned the fire, then searched the area. They found the bazooka.

## LBJ Representative Says He Hopes Desalting Power Plant Will Be Operating By 1975

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--President Johnson's special representative on water desalination problems said here yesterday that he hoped Israel would be operating a nuclear powered desalination and electric generating plant by 1975. But according to George Woods, who headed a team of American desalination experts that just concluded talks here, the difficulties facing the project are more financial than technical. Mr. Woods said on his departure for the United States that Israel required cheap financing for the plant if the cost of desalted sea-water is to be kept within economic limits.

## Hamburg Court Sentences Former SS Officer To Life For Murdering Jews In Poland

BONN, Aug. 19 (JTA)--A Hamburg court has sentenced a former SS officer to life imprisonment at hard labor for the murder of Jews in Poland in 1942 and 1943. Wilhelm Rosenbaum, 53, was found guilty of ordering mass executions of 159 Jews in the Cracow district and of having himself shot at least 10 persons, including children. The prosecution alleged that Rosenbaum ordered the shootings and hangings of Jews as his own "private affair" and not on the orders of superiors.

A Nazi convicted of complicity in the mass murder of over 30,000 Greek and Bulgarian Jews during World War II was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment at hard labor by a Frankfurt court at the conclusion of a 10-month trial. The defendant, Fritz Gerhard Von Hahn, was convicted along with Adolf Beckerle on two counts of mass murder. The prosecution had demanded a life sentence.

A Munich district court announced that it has dropped charges against the right-wing neo-Nazi newspaper Deutsche National und Soldaten Zeitung for publishing a picture of Adolf Hitler on July 20, 1967 in violation of the law prohibiting the public display of Nazi symbols. The court said the case fell under an amnesty granted in connection with a new, less stringent law against political offenses. The picture of Hitler was juxtaposed with one of Israel's Defense Minister, Gen. Moshe Dayan, under the headline, "Israel's Auschwitz in the Desert, The Mass Murder of the Arabs: Dayan in Hitler's Footsteps."

A member of the West German Parliament denied a charge by the Soviet Army paper, Red Star, that membership in the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party had increased in the West German Army in the past year. In his answer to the Soviet charge, Social Democrat Deputy Hans Iven said that such memberships had not increased in either of the past two years. The Red Star had claimed that NPD members in the West German Army had increased from 700 to 900.

Plans were disclosed in Paris for a West German one-hour television film on the problems of European Jewish communities, which will be shown in West Germany next October. The television staff, directed by Paul Mautner, will start shooting in France at the end of August.

## Delegation Petitions Austria For Retrial Of Franz Murer

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--A delegation of Vilna Jews today presented the Austrian Ambassador here with a petition demanding the retrial of Franz Murer, the Nazi gauleiter of the Vilna ghetto in World War II, who has been accused of the mass murder of Jews. The petition, addressed to the President of Austria, cited new evidence by ghetto survivors that Murer had personally murdered Jews. The Nazi was acquitted by a jury in Graz in 1963 for lack of evidence. Austrian law holds a defendant accountable only for crimes committed by his own hand but not for criminal acts he may have ordered.

The demand for a new trial arose during a world congress of Vilna Jews held here recently. The petition was presented by Dr. Marc Dvorzetzki, a researcher of the Nazi holocaust who is himself a survivor of the Vilna ghetto. It cited testimony given by seven other ghetto survivors before a special department of the Israeli police investigating war crimes, which implicated Murer directly in the murder of Jews. One witness identified Murer as the killer of her three-year-old child. The Austrian Ambassador, Arthur Ankster, promised to transmit the petition to the President and expressed hope that a retrial will be ordered.

## Israel News Briefs

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Ten Gaza Strip residents were arrested after about 70 were questioned in connection with last week's wave of mining and shooting incidents in the area. Charges of subversive activities will be brought against them. Strong anti-Jordan feelings were expressed in Gaza as hundreds of residents took part in the funeral of three Gaza residents who were killed when a car, carrying a father and son, hit a mine Aug. 17. The mining was one of two such incidents. Many Gaza residents blamed the blast, which killed Rashid Mouhamed el Galani, 70, his son, Ali Commap, 40, and a passerby, on Jordanian terrorists. The two car passengers were members of one of the richest and most important families in Gaza. Another reported cause of the anti-Jordan sentiment was the fact that the Jordanian authorities have prevented Gaza Strip residents from visiting Jordan.

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JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--A housing firm attached to the Ministry of Development has withdrawn from competition with private contractors and will henceforth build subsidized low-cost housing for immigrants in new development areas, it was announced here today. The decision to limit "Shikun Ufituah" to immigrant housing was reached by a ministerial committee for economic affairs.

## Democratic Platform Committee Urged To Adopt Plank On Sale Of Jets To Israel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The Democratic Party's National Platform Committee was urged today to adopt planks on the Middle East promising the sale of American supersonic jet planes to Israel to offset the Soviet re-armament of the Arab states and supporting the principle of direct Arab-Israeli peace talks as the only way to resolve the Middle East conflict. The proposed planks were presented to the committee at the opening of its hearings by Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein of Rochester, N.Y., chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a non-partisan organization representing a cross-section of American Jews. The presentation had the endorsement of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, which has 22 affiliated national bodies, and of the American Jewish Committee.

Senator Clairborne Pell, Rhode Island Democrat, chairman of the platform subcommittee on foreign policy, today called for a plank that would provide Israel with necessary weapons until such time as an arms control agreement with Russia can be reached.

Rabbi Bernstein noted that the Republican platform adopted at Miami Beach earlier this month had dealt positively with both points and emphasized that it was important for American political leadership "to unite to make it clear to all nations that the people of the United States want a negotiated Arab-Israeli peace and are prepared to take the necessary action to prevent another Middle East war." He observed that his proposals were consistent with the stand taken by Congress and by the major Presidential candidates.

Rabbi Bernstein said that the Arab countries now have a five-to-one preponderance in supersonic jets which "presents a grave danger not only to Israel but to moderate Arab states which have been armed by the West." He warned that there can be no effective disarmament proposals in the Middle East without an Arab-Israeli peace treaty and unless the Soviet Union is ready to stop using weapons as currency to buy favor with the Arab states. He said that the Soviets have supplied Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Algeria and Yemen with more powerful weapons than they had had before the 1967 Middle East war. The Public Affairs Committee criticized the Administration's hesitation to comply with Israel's request to purchase 50 F-4 Phantom jets and warned that a political and military vacuum in the Middle East would embolden the Soviet Union to carry on "militant and aggressive policies" there.

The platform committee also heard testimony from Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, who appeared on behalf of 25 national Jewish organizations to urge the Democratic Party to go on record against Soviet anti-Semitism. He said "the Democratic Party has the responsibility to protest in the name of human decency." He said that such an expression of concern could help alleviate the plight of Russian Jewry. Urging a plank addressed to the Russian Jewish problem, the Senator said no other ethnic or religious group in Russia was subjected to similar discrimination and deprivation.

## New Jersey ACLU Urges Nixon To Sponsor Jews, Negroes in Baltusrol Golf Club

NEWARK, N.J., Aug. 19 (JTA)--The American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey has presented Republican Presidential nominee Richard M. Nixon with the names of 10 Jews and 10 Negroes who have expressed interest in joining the allegedly racially restricted Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J. and asked him to support their applications with his recommendation.

Mr. Nixon's membership in the exclusive club, which denies it is restrictive but admits that it has no Jewish or Negro members, was disclosed when the Nixon entourage held a reception there for Republican leaders during his campaign for the nomination last month. Mr. Nixon said at the time that he disapproved of membership restrictions by any club but that if they existed he would prefer to work for reforms from the inside rather than make a public gesture of resigning. He said he would be glad to sponsor appropriate people to Baltusrol. He could not be reached for comment today but a Nixon aide was quoted as saying he probably would not answer their request because "members are simply not brought into the club by recommendation."

In a letter to Mr. Nixon last Friday, Stephen Nagler, ACLU executive director, said "your recommendation and your active support for membership in Baltusrol could help in combating discrimination." The list he submitted included Rabbi Solomon David Sassoon, of Patterson, N.J., president of the local chapter of the American Jewish Congress. Mr. Nagler said that if Mr. Nixon could not get other club members to back recommendations of the 20 applicants, "I would not think that you would wish to remain a member of the club if you really oppose its discriminatory practices."

## Isaac Shalom, Brooklyn Philanthropist, Eulogized In Meeting Attended By 1,000

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Aug. 19 (JTA)--Some 1,000 persons attended a memorial meeting in Shaaray Zion Synagogue here yesterday for Isaac Shalom, prominent philanthropist, who died July 24 at the age of 81 and was buried four days later on the Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem. Mr. Shalom, a Brooklyn industrialist, had been president of Ozar Hatorah, an organization which provided religious and secular education for thousands of Jewish children in Moslem countries.

Sponsored by the Syrian Jewish community here — Mr. Shalom was a native of Aleppo, Syria — the memorial session heard eulogies by Rabbi Solomon David Sassoon, who flew from England for the purpose, as well as Rabbi Abraham Hecht, Orthodox leader; Samuel Haber, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; and Dr. Mordechai Hacohen, former director-general of Ozar Hatorah and now manager of the American Bank and Trust Co., New York.