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Dayan Says Rioters Play Into Terrorists' Hands, Warns Army Will Keep Order

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan declared in a television interview yesterday that Jews who rioted against Arabs in East Jerusalem were playing into the hands of terrorists and warned that the Army would be called in to keep public order should the Sunday night rioting be repeated. The rioting broke out following a series of terrorist grenade explosions in down-town Jerusalem which injured 10 persons, two of them seriously. The explosions were followed by assaults on Arabs in the East and West sectors of the city by mobs of infuriated Jewsh youths who were dispersed by police. Gen. Dayan reiterated his condemnation of the rioters which he made in the strongest terms during a personal tour of East Jerusalem yesterday. He said the rioters were doing the work of the terrorists who want to poison relations between the Jewish and Arab communities. He said that overturning cars and breaking shop windows can achieve nothing but more trouble. Gen. Dayan was interviewed on a test program produced in advance of the establishment of regular TV broadcasting in Israel.

His visit to East Jerusalem yesterday was at the request of Mayor Teddy Kollek and apparently had a calming influence. Life in the city appeared normal today although police patrols were more in evidence than usual and some Arab taxi drivers refused to take fares to the Israeli sector. Gen. Dayan's comments reflected fears expressed by other officials and in newspaper editorials that future terrorist attacks on civilians could lead to large-scale anti-Arab rioting. Officials considered the grenade attacks part of a new effort by Arab terrorists to concentrate on civilian targets in retaliation for alleged Israeli attacks on civilian targets in Jordan. The press was unanimous today in its condemnation of the Sunday rioters and declared that the battle against terrorists should be left to the security forces which have done well in the months since the Six-Day War. The papers noted that the grenade explosions Sunday led to the first civilian casualties in the many attempts by terrorists to plant explosives in urban centers. The evening paper Maariv welcomed Gen Dayan's visit to East Jerusalem as "timely" and noted that he had even visited some Arab shows looking for antiquities and made some curchases.

In a related development, Labor Minister Yosef Almogi proposed today that national insurance expanded to cover any person killed or injured in terrorist attacks in any part of Israel, Until now, only persons in border settlements have been eligible for compensation. Mr. Almogi is responsible for the national insurance institute, A 19-year-old Israeli soldier, Offer Tishbi, of Haifa, was killed yesteray when an army command car in which he was riding struck a mine in the Araba region of the Negev, a military spokesman announced. The incident occurred about 20 miles south of Ein Yahav, a settlement that was attacked two weeks ago by El Fatah guerrillas who were later pursued into Jordan by Israeli forces and killed or captured.

Israeli 'Gesture' To Algeria Possible After Release Of El Al Jet And Detainees

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (4TA)—Official sources here today did not rule out an Israell "gesture" toward Algeria after the hijacked El Al airliner and its 12 passengers and crewmen are released. They said a decision was up to the Cabinet but reiterated that no gesture of any kind is contemplated before the plane and the detainees are freed. They stressed that there have been no contacts — official or otherwise — between Israel and Algeria on the matter. Negotiations in Rome for release of the plane, with Italy acting as intermediary, were broken off last week when the Algerians demanded the release of 24 Arab terrorists held by Israel in exchange for the Boeing 707 plane. The Cabinet rejected the demand as "blackmail." Meanwhile, official quarters said that nothing new had come to light as a result of the talks in New York vesterday between Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, Israel's chief representative to the United Nations, and UN Secretary-General U Thant on the hijacked plane. They said that Mr. Thant informed the Israeli envoy that he was continuing his efforts to obtain the release of the plane. Mr. Tekoah has been recalled to Jerusalem for high level consultations on Israel's position at the ofrothcoming sessions of the UN General Assembly which will open on Sept. 23. He is due here early next week and is expected to remain here for two weeks.

Representatives of Swissair, the national airline of Switzerland, attempted today to recover the goodwill of Israelis who have been boycotting the carrier because it allegedly refused to participate in the boycott of Algeria called by the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA). The boycott was called off before it went into effect. But Israelis in large numbers have discontinued patronizing Swissair which had once been one of their favorite airlines to and from Europe. At a press conference today, representatives of the company denied reports that its management had tried to persuade Swissair pilots not to go along with the IFALPA boycott. They said that the pilots decide to hold a referendum among themselves, which was not completed before the boycott was cancelled. The boycott was to have been a weapon of last resort to press Algeria to release the \$56 million airliner and detainees held since July 23. Swissair, one of the three principal foreign airlines serving Algeria, operates two flights weekly to that country compared to 12 flights to Israel. The Swissair representatives pointed out at their press conference that theirs was the last international airline to suspend service to Israel when the Six-Day War broke out on June 5, 1967 and the first to resume service, on June 8, three days before the fighting ended.

(The French Pilots Union today apologized to the Algerian Government for what it termed a "misunderstanding" of Algeria's position with regard to the release of the airliner and the Israelis.

The union said that a meeting its representatives had with Algerian authorities eliminated the misunderstanding and that the union decided to wait until Algeria completes its "investigation" of the hijacktan. The French union had initially supported the boycott called by the Pilots Federation.)

Allon Declares Israel Needs Supersonic Phantom Jets From U.S. As Deterrent

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (JTA).—Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon declared here yesterday that I srael needs supersonic F-4 Phantom jets from the United States as a deterrent against renewed Arab warfare rather than as an offensive weapon. Addressing a Liberal Party meeting here, he said that Israel's defense budget is the largest in the world on a per capita basis. But, he stressed, at a time when the Soviet Union is re-arming Syria and Egypt and the U.S, and Britain are filling the arsenals of Jordan, Israel has no choice but to equip itself with the most modern weapons.

Gen. Allon said that strengthening Israel's Air Force with Phantoms would not only increase the nation's power of self-defense but would deter the enemy from launching another war. "When the enemy despairs of destroying Israel, he may come around to accept our existence." Gen. Allon said.

(In Washington, a Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee received a non-committal reply from the State Department to his request for action on the sale of F-4 supersonic Phantom jets to Israel which is advocated in the Republican Party's platform. Rep. Bob Wilson, of California, disclosed he had rec.N-ed a letter from Assistant Secretary of State William B. Macomber, Tr., who worke that Israel's request for the Phantoms remained "under active and sympathetic consideration" and was "continually under review, the controlling principle being to improve the stability of the situation in the area." Rep. Wilson, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, charged in a subsequent statement that the Department was ignoring massive Communist penetration of the Mediterranean and said "the least we can do in terms of immediate action is to bolster Israel's deterranean capacity by selling Israel....Phantom jets." The Macomber letter disclosed for the first time that Soviet-supplied TU-16 jet bombers have been technically transferred to "UAR (Egyptian) air inventory" and were using Egyptian bases in surveillance operations against the U.S, Sixth Fleet.)

Red Cross Visits 2 Syrian Jet Pilots Whose MIG-17s Landed In Israel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20 (JTA)--Representatives of the International Red Cross today visited the two Syrian Air Force officers who landed their MIG-17 interceptor jets in Israel last week, apparently because of a navigational error. The representatives delivered letters from the pilots' families and received letters from the pilots addressed to Syria.

Damascus radio said that Israel cannot hold the pilots as prisoners of war because "they did not participate in the last war (of June, 1967)...since they graduated after the June war." Reports from Betrut, Lebanon today said that 185 Syrian Army officers and 12 pilots flying MIG fightered feeted to Iraq yesterday after failing to pull off a coup in Damascus. A military coup in Baghdad last month overthrew the Iraqi Government.

Chief Rabbi States Halachic Conditions Under Which Transplants Can Take Place

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20 (JTA)—lersel's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Isser Untermann yesterday laid down the conditions under which heart transplants and similar surgery can be performed in accordance with Halachah, Jewish oral law. Speaking at the opening session of the 11th congress on oral law here, he said transplants could be performed only to save a living recipient who is at hand and that organs cannot be kept in storage until a recipient turns up. On the determination of time of death, a subject that has been widely discussed in medical circles all over the world, the Chief Rabbi said it was the Halachic position that "one is dead when one has stopped breathing."

The medical profession in Israel, as elsewhere, is divided over the question of when a patient should be declared medically dead. The transplant of organs has been approved by the Orthodox rabbinate on the principle of "pikuakh nefesh" which permits even the desceration of the Sabbath in case of danger to life, So far, however, there have been no transplant operations in Israel involving vital organs although there have been corneal transplants.

Zim Lines Will Build Or Buy 250,000-Ton Supertanker To Carry Oil

HAIFA, Aug. 20 (JTA)—The Zim Lines, israel's largest shipping company, announced that it will either build or purchase a 250,000 deadweight ton supertanker now that Israel has made a firm decision to construct a 42-inch oil pipeline from Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba to Ashdod on the Mediterranean Sea. According to the company's directors Zim had been reluctant to commit itself to so large a vessel without assurances that it would be fully employed. Other Israeli shipping companies have reportedly ordered the giant tankers to carry oil to Eilat and bypass the Suez Canal,

One of Israel's youngest shipping companies has become one of Israel's largest and is doing \$9 million worth of business a year although its services, for the time being, are confined to Mediterranean, Adriatic and Black Sea ports, According to Yehuda Ofer, owner of Mediterranean times, Ltd., the company now operates 16 cargo vessels, a number of them refrigerated. It just purchased four freighters from Britain for \$3 million and has chartered another six. Mediterranean Lines now ranks third in size after the Government-owned Zim Lines and the privately owned Cargo Ships El Yam Ltd.

Former Nazi Foreign Ministry Official Will Appeal 8-Year Sentence

BONN, Aug. 20 (4TA)—A former Nazi Foreign Ministry official said today that he would appeal the eight year sentence pronounced on him by a Frankfurt court yesterday for complicity in the mass murder of Greek and Yugoslavian Jews during World War II, Fritz Gebhardt von Hahn, 57, was convicted despite testimony by West Germany's Chancellor, Kurt Georg Kiesinger, that implied that the defendant might not have been aware of the fate of the 30,000 Jews deported from Salonica and Thrace to Auschwitz and Treblinka. Mr. Kiesinger, who appeared as a defense witness last month in the trial of Hahn and his co-defendant, Adolf Beckerle, testified that despite his own wartime job in the Nazi Foreign Ministry's propaganda section, he was not aware that the Third Reich was systematically murdering Jews.

Hahn's defense was that although he worked in the ministry's Jewish affairs section in Berlin, hedid not know what went on in the concentration camps. In reading the verdict, however, the presiding judge said that "although the defendant was but a cog in the huge annihilation machinery of the state, he belonged to the innermost circle of Foreign Ministry civil servants involved in contrast to witness Klesinger." He said that Hahn had not acted on his own initiative but rather out of opportunism and weakness and could only be charged with complicity. The prosecution had demanded a life sentence for the former Nazi official.

Polish Jews Celebrate 25th Anniversary of End of Bialystok Revolt

WARSAW, Aug. 20 (JTA).—Polish Jews today celebrated the 25th anniversary of the end of the uprising in the Bialystok ghetto, an event that ranks second only to the Warsaw Ghetto revolt in the annals of Jewish resistance to the Nazis. But the Government-controlled Polish press and Polish organizations virtually ignored the occasion. The local Jewish press however recalled the suicidal stand of the Bialystok Jews which began on the morning of Aug. 16, 1943 and lasted until Aug. 20 when only a handful of survivors of the town's 60,000 Jews escaped to the forests to join other putsan groups.

The signal for the revolt against impossible odds was information that German troops were about to enter the ghetto to round up its inhabitants for transportation to death camps. When the troops entered, they were met with hails of bullets and savage hand-to-hand resistance. The proclamation calling for the revolt acknowledged that Bialystok Jews were doomed but urged them to "fight to your last breath. Use any weapon that you have in hand. Let the enemy pay with blood for blood." The commanders of the ghetto fighters were Mordechai Tenenbaum-Tomaroff, a chalutz (bioneer) and Daniel Moskovitz, a Communist. One of the other leaders was Chaya Grossman, today an official of the Mapam Party in Israel. It was estimated that the Germans slaughtered a quarter of a million Jews in Bialystok province, among them 80,000 children. One hundred and eight Jewish communities were wiped out. These included, in addition to Bialystok, 25,000 Jews in Grodno, 8,000 in Sokolka, 7,000 in Wolkowisk, 6,000 in Bielsk, 5,000 in Swislowicz and the rest in smaller towns and villages.

'Prayda' Urges Security Council To Use Prestige To Make Israel Obey Its Decisions

The writer contended that the efforts of UN Secretary-General U Thant and the special peace envoy, Gunnar V. Jarring, to make Israel abide by Security Council decisions are "too little. All the countries on whose behalf their representatives voted in the Security Council to condemn the aggressor, must contribute as much effort," he said. He claimed that "only the unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied Arab territories can pave the way for a political settlement in the Middle East' and added that "if Israel continues with its provocations against the Arab countries and goes on encroaching upon UN principles, the Security Council will have to bridle the overweening aggressor, who is sorely testing the patience of peace-loving nations."

Abraham Blechgrowitch Dead At 56, Was Cantor In Buenos Aires Synagogue

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 20 (JTA)--Abraham Blecharowitch, cantor of one of this city's leading synagogues and a former operatic performer, died here yesterday after a prolonged Illness at the age of 56. Cantor Blecharowitch served the Congragacion Israelita de la Republica Argentina for the past 20 years.

He was born in Bukovina and studied music at the Vilna conservatory. He was director of the national opera in Riga, Latvia, and appeared on the stage with the noted Russian tenor Feodor Chaliapin and the soprano Toti Del Monte in "Rigoletto." Later in his career he specialized in liturgical music and served synagogues in Warsaw and Bucharest. He came to Buenos Aires after the Second World War.

Bernard LeCache Dead In Paris, Editor Of Paper Which Combated Anti-Semitism

PARIS, Aug. 20 (JTA) -- Bernard LeCache, president of the International League Against Anti-Semitism, died here today. Mr. LeCache was editor of the newspaper Le Droit which combated anti-Semitism and frequently defended Israel in the French press.

Jewish Deaf Approve Plan To Seek Wider Knowledge Of Sign Language By Rabbis

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20 (JTA)--A plan to widen knowledge among rabbis on the need to dievelop ability to communicate in sign language with deaf Jews was approved by 1,200 dellegates and guests to the seventh biennial convention of the National Congress for the Jewish Deaf here. The Congress closed its six-day conclave by re-electing Alexander Fleischman of Greenbelt, Md. president. Some 500 delegates attended, as guests of the Los Angeles Hebrew Association of the Deaf, from all parts of the United States to discuss problems of aid to American Jewry's deaf, estimated by officials as more than 8,000, among some 250,000 deaf mutes of all faiths.

The Congress was founded in July, 1956, in New York to aid the growth and preservation of Judaism among the Jewish deaf, to promote Jewish cultural activities, to foster Jewishness among young Jewish deaf and to develop closer understanding between Jews and non-Jews who are in this category of handicap. The president said that the organization did not receive financial support "from any national or local philanthropic organizations. Our support comes from membership dues and financial contributions from our affiliates throughout the country."

He said that the affiliates are the Boston Hebrew Association for the Deaf, Brooklyn Hebrew Society of the Deaf, Chicago Hebrew Association of the Deaf, Cleveland Hebrew Association of the Deaf, Jewish Deaf Society of Baltimore, Los Angeles Hebrew Association of the Deaf, New York Hebrew Association of the Deaf, New York Hebrew Association of the Deaf, Plandelphia Hebrew Association of the Deaf, Temple Beth Or of New York City and the Hillel Group at Gallant College. Saturday morning service of the Congress was held at Temple Beth Solomon in Arletta, the first synagogue for the Jewish deaf in the United States, Mr. Fleischman said there is now Temple Beth Or for the deaf in New York City and smaller congregations in Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Cleveland.

The convention was told that in recent years more and more rabbis and laymen have been working with Jewish deaf but that the greatest problem remained a lack of education among rabbis on the barriers to communication between normal persons and the deaf,

The convention heard a report on the organization's endowment fund, provided by contributions from individuals and affiliates which, the president said, would be used to supplement salaries of future rabbis for the deaf as well as in aiding student rabbis serving the Jewish deaf and for instructing student rabbis in the sign language. The delegates also heard plans for development of a Junior Congress of Jewish Deaf.

Council For Judaism Urges Democrats Not To Seek Support On Basis Of Ties To Israel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (JTA)—The American Council for Judaism urged a Democratic Party National Platform Committee today not to seek support from American Jews "solely on the basis of their supposed partisanship for the State of Israel' and called for the registration of the Zionist Organization as a foreign agent. The statement was made at the platform committee hearings by Richard Korn, of New York City, president of the American Council for Judaisan, an anti-Zionist organization

Mr. Korn contended that the "assumption that a Jewish citizen of the United States has an automatic political link with any foreign country is.,.false in fact and offensive in content." He urged the committee to adopt policies in the Middle East conflict which "best serve the interests of the U.S." and alleged that in the past, American policy in the Middle East had capitulated to "Zionist pressures" and has resulted in Zlonist interests being promoted instead of American national interests.

Mr. Korn said the U.S. Government must distinguish between Zionist political activities on behalf of Israel and "political activities of Americans conducted on their own behalf." To accomplish this, he said, the Government should enforce the Foreign Agents Registration Act "with impartiality to the non-diplomatic foreign agents of C.I.srael, the Zionist Organization, and the various Arab states." He said that U.S. citizens would then be aware of such foreign agents and could "appraise their statements and actions in light of their associations and activities." Mr. Korn said that "there may well be particular instances in which the U.S. should support Zionist and Israeli causes" but they should be supported because of U.S. national interests and for no other reasons. Mr. Korn was thanked for appearing, as most members of the subcommittee applauded his testimony. He was asked no questions.

U.S. Agrees To Finance Shipment Of 2.66 Million Bushels Of Wheat To Israel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (JTA).—The United States agreed yesterday to finance shipment of 2.66 million bushels of wheat to Israel under a long term dollar credit agreement negotiated as part of the United States Food for Peace Program. Officials said the agreement was signed at the State Department. The deal covers \$4.4 million infinancing for wheat or wheat flour and \$200,000 for ocean shipping costs.

Bomb Planted At Political Club, Possibly By Cubans, Damages Hias Clothing Store

NEW YORK, Aug. 20 (17A)—A used clothing shop run by Hias, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, was damaged yesterday by a bomb that exploded in the doorway of the West Side Liberal Club which has its headquarters over the store. The bomb was the 16th in recent weeks believed to have been planted by anti-Castro Cubans. Hias officials pointed out that the agency has worked to resettle 5,409 Jews who have left Cuba since Castro seized power in 1959. The bombing was linked to fanti-Castro group by a phone call to news media which said that a secret Cuban organization was protesting against the "liberal" Government of the United States that allegedly encouraged Communists.