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Allon Tells Knesset That U.S. Would Come To Israel's Aid If Russians Intervene

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon declared today that if the Soviet Union were to intervene militarily in a battle between Israel and the Arab states, "Israel would not be alone." He said the United States had made that clear to the Russians via the "hot line" at the time of the June, 1967 Six-Day War and called it "one of the most important decisions ever taken by an American President." Mr. Allon made his remarks in the Knesset (Parliament) in reply to an agenda motion submitted by Uri Avnery of the Haolam Hazeh faction. He spoke on behalf of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol who is still ill with a virus infection.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that Israel should not take the possibility of Soviet intervention lightly, but there is no evidence that the Russians are considering direct military intervention or any indications that they plan to reopen the Suez Canal by force. He said that contrary to many press reports, there was no evidence either that Soviet technicians or advisers had taken part in last Saturday's Egyptian artillery barrage across the Suez Canal. He said he regretted reports to the contrary.

(United Press International correspondent K. C. Thaler reported from London today that Communist diplomats there hinted strongly that the Soviet Union may force reopening of the canal. Mr. Thaler said signs were mounting that Russia wants the canal opened as a route to the Indian Ocean and North Vietnam and may push the issue by inducing Egypt to use force, backing such an operation with the massive Russian naval force in the Mediterranean.)

Mr. Allon referred to "global forces friendly to Israel" that are opposed to having the status quo in the Middle East altered by force. He said the U.S., in addition, has given a moral undertaking to keep the balance of armaments in the area. "The Skyhawks keep arriving and the Phantoms have appeared on the horizon," he said.

Mr. Allon took up the substance of Mr. Avnery's motion which concerned the possibility of Soviet military intervention. He said the Russians have in the past always been careful to confine direct intervention to the Warsaw Treaty countries and that Czechoslovakia cannot be taken as a precedent regarding Israel. He said the Russian fleet in the Mediterranean numbers more than 40 vessels of all types, including 25 modern warships. In addition, there is a squadron of TU-16 bombers based in Egypt which are piloted by Soviet flyers and operate under the direct command of Soviet military headquarters in Moscow, and there are about 3,000 Soviet experts in Egypt and about 1,000 in Syria, he said. But, Mr. Allon went on, these forces are vastly outnumbered by the U.S. Sixth Fleet. "If they were to become involved in a war they would be a death trap because they have no air cover and the Dardanelles Straits are in NATO hands and would be closed to Soviet vessels in the event of war."

Mr. Allon observed that the reopening of the Suez Canal by force would be much more difficult than opening it by agreement. "There is sand and silt and physical obstacles that have been submerged since the Six-Day War," he said. He said that after 16 months since the war, the Soviet Union should realize that Israel has always desired good relations with it and is willing to resume diplomatic ties at any moment. Any deterioration in relations between Israel and Russia was the Soviets' fault, Mr. Allon said.

Dayan Warns Of 'Huge Egyptian Cemetery' If Israel Is Attacked

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan warned yesterday that if Egypt attacked Israel suddenly and on a broad front, "the whole plain west of Suez will become one huge Egyptian cemetery." Gen. Dayan's remarks to members of the Knesset (Parliament) Labor Party faction contained his second stern warning in two days that Egypt would be courting disaster if it renewed hostilities against Israel.

Egypt cannot halt its "aggression" because of pressing internal problems and therefore "a new war may not be as far away as had been thought previously," he said. But Israel has the equipment for such an eventuality and is ready and its lines are fortified. "We will beat the Egyptians swiftly and decisively," Gen. Dayan added. He declined to reply to one Knesset member, who questioned him about the possibility of Soviet intervention if a new war breaks out with Egypt. Speaking earlier in the Knesset, Gen. Dayan warned Egypt of a massive military response if there was another artillery attack across the Suez Canal similar to last Saturday's exchange, initiated by Egyptian forces, in which 15 Israelis were killed and 35 wounded.

(In Washington, the State Department declined comment today on reports that Soviet-made "Katushya" 130mm. rocket batteries manned by Egyptians, with technical assistance from Russian Army officers, were used in Egypt's artillery attack across the Suez Canal last Saturday. According to the reports, the rockets were responsible for part of the Israeli casualties which were 15 dead and 35 wounded.)

Israel Deplores Algeria's Announced Participation In Suez Battle

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 30 (JTA)--Israel reacted Tuesday to news of Algerian participation in last Saturday's Suez Canal battle by filing a complaint in the Security Council. The official Algerian news agency announced Monday that Algerian troops had been in the canal zone during

the Israeli-Egyptian fighting and had participated without suffering any casualties. In a letter sent to the Security Council, Israel's UN Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said "this information is particularly grave in view of the fact that the Algerian Government, despite its participation in the hostilities of June, 1967 has ignored and continues to reject the Security Council resolution on the cease-fire and that Government on its own admission pursues an active role in military operations against Israel."

HHH Tells Presidents He Has Confidence There Will Be No 'Undue Delay' In Jet Delivery

NEW YORK, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey told a group of high level Jewish leaders here today that he has at this time "reason to believe that there will be no undue delay" in the delivery of Phantom jets to Israel. Mr. Humphrey told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that the current lack of quick State Department action on the Phantom matter is a result of normal, drawn-out diplomatic usage. He told the Conference at a private meeting here that if elected President he will give instructions that there must be no delay in the delivery of the Phantoms after Jan. 20, 1969 — inauguration day.

He was asked if he would make it clear that the United States would not tolerate direct Soviet intervention against Israel and replied that such intervention would be a "major international catastrophe" that would affect America's vital interest in the Middle East. He said that if the Soviet Union moved against Israel, he would use the White House "hot line" to Moscow and tell the Kremlin that such intervention is "intolerable and must be resisted" by the U.S. In an apparent reference to Washington-Moscow communications during the Six-Day War, Mr. Humphrey said, "I have an idea that the 'hot line' has already been used" in this respect. The Vice-President said that the Soviet Union is much too "cunning" for direct action and would try to destroy Israel through its neighbors, citing Soviet armament of the Arabs. He said that Israel survival must be protected, that its defense depends upon quick retaliatory capability and that as President he would make sure that it receives the weapons necessary for this end.

Mr. Humphrey told the leaders, representing 22 major Jewish organizations, that he opposed and imposed settlement by the Great Powers and that peace must come to the Middle East through negotiations between the contending parties. He said that he would not permit the Soviet Union to dictate Middle East terms as a "quid pro quo" for the U.S.-USSR relationship elsewhere in the world.

The Vice-President said that as President he and his Secretary of State would make it clear to the Soviet Union that anti-Semitism there and in its "client states" must be "strongly rebuked" by Washington. Such instructions, he said, would be given as "guidelines" for a new Secretary of State. He said that the Soviet Union "pounds away relentlessly year after year" at the U.S. on various matters and that Washington would counter with the same treatment on the "rights of religious groups." He would not be "committed to use violent measures on the anti-Semitism issue" but instead would have recourse to the power of rhetoric, he said.

Mr. Humphrey said he would do his best — conceding that it would be difficult — to compel the State Department to do his policy bidding on matters affecting Israel, acknowledging that there is a strong pro-Arab lobby there.

Religious Zionists Praise Humphrey, Nixon For Israel Stands

GREENFIELD PARK, N.Y., Oct. 30 (JTA)--The president of the Religious Zionists of America today praised Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the Democratic and Republican Presidential candidates, for the stands they have taken on Israel. Rabbi Herschel Schachter referred to the two Presidential aspirants in his report to 500 delegates attending the opening here of the 59th annual convention of the Religious Zionists.

Rabbi Schachter said he was "gratified with the vigorous position taken by the candidates and the platforms adopted at the national conventions of both parties which reaffirm the commitment of the United States to protect Israel and to help establish a lasting peace in that troubled area." He noted that both Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Nixon have asserted that it was in the vital interest of the U.S. and the cause of world peace that Israel be provided with sufficient military strength to deter Arab aggression.

Rabin Meets With State Department Official On Sale Of Phantoms To Israel

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin met today with Parker T. Hart, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, in what was described as "the beginning of a series of meetings on various levels" to discuss the possible sale of Phantom jet fighter-bombers to Israel. U.S. sources said that considerable time would be required before the negotiations reach a stage requiring a report by the Secretary of State to the President. Some of the discussions will involve Defense Department officials.

Reports here indicated that the State Department would like to block the transaction or delay it until after the election in the hope of persuading the next President to avoid a final conclusion of the sale. Department sources have indicated that Pentagon officials and some Israeli experts will participate in the talks. But they insist that a final decision has not been reached and that conditions attached to the sale of the Phantoms have yet to be resolved. Those in the State Department who oppose

the sale would like to see conditions imposed that Israel could not accept. They believe that the United States should not be linked with Israel's requirement for sophisticated weaponry because it might damage American diplomatic objectives in Arab countries by creating an impression of U.S. collaboration with Israel.

Jerusalem Confirms Jarring Request To Riad To Await Eban's Return To New York

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Foreign Ministry sources said today that the United Nations peace envoy Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring was believed to have asked the Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad not to return to Cairo until Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban returns to New York. Mr. Riad today delayed his departure from New York. Mr. Eban is due in New York at the end of the week.

Israel Expels 10 More West Bank Arabs, Bringing Total Since Last Week To 14

TEL AVIV, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Israeli authorities expelled today 10 more West Bank Arabs accused of inciting and abetting civil unrest, among them several known Communists. The move was regarded here as an application of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's alleged invitation to dissident Arabs to leave the country if they are dissatisfied and "go to a country where they like the regime better." Gen. Dayan's purported remarks on this subject have not been denied by the Defense Ministry.

Only last Friday, four West Bank Arab leaders -- a doctor, lawyer, teacher and a deputy mayor -- were expelled on a few hours' notice. They had been accused of aiding terrorist groups and exhorting Arab municipal leaders and others not to cooperate with Israel. Today's move indicated a determined effort to rid the West Bank of persons believed to have incited the recent rash of pro-Nasser, anti-Israel demonstrations by high school students and adults in more than a half dozen West Bank towns and villages. Among the expellees was Rushdi Shahin, a Nablus Communist who agitated against Israel; Yaacoub El Oubedia, of Ramallah, head of the West Bank teachers' association; Achmed Salim Rabah, a leader of last week's demonstrations in Jenin; Mouhamed Fadel Taher, a teacher from Yaabad who organized demonstrations in his village; Dr. Yihyeh Wahabba, head of the Red Crescent (Moslem Red Cross) in Ramallah, who helped organize demonstrations there; Peyik Said Maryi, of Jenin; Sami Sheikh, of Toubas, a teacher accused of inciting his pupils against Israel; Rashid Absl Hamid, a Tulkarem teacher; Mouhamed Khaled, a teacher from Jericho; and Ahmed Hadjawi, the school inspector of Nablus. The latter is presently in Jordan and will not be permitted to return to the West Bank.

Military police have arrested Mayor Nadim Zaro of Ramallah on suspicion of inciting anti-Israel demonstrations and violence in that West Bank town. Ramallah is under a daily 15-hour curfew. Meanwhile, 70 curfew violators were arrested in Nablus today but most were released with a warning. The violators were caught in the streets at 8:30 a.m., a half hour before the night curfew expired. Elders of Araba village in the Jenin district dispersed a group of high school students who were about to demonstrate against Israel today. The village is not under curfew.

3 Arab Saboteurs Killed, 3 Israelis Wounded In Gun Battle On Mount Hermon

TEL AVIV, Oct. 30 (JTA)--Three Arab saboteurs were killed and three Israeli soldiers were wounded, one seriously, in a brief but fierce gun battle on the slopes of Mount Hermon in the northern Golan Heights today. A military spokesman reported that the seriously injured man was out of danger. Three Israeli soldiers were slightly injured today when an Army halftrack hit a mine north of Port Tewfik in the Suez Canal area. The vehicle was damaged.

Jordanian forces opened fire twice today on Israeli forces near the Allenby Bridge. The fire was returned and there were no Israeli casualties, a military spokesman said. Israeli forces were also attacked in the southern Golan Heights today but suffered no casualties. Last night, Jordanians fired on Israeli forces near the Damiya Bridge, drawing Israeli return fire. There were no casualties.

A prominent West Bank Arab who was formerly a member of the Jordanian Parliament pleaded not guilty before a military court yesterday to charges of espionage and contacts with the enemy. Moustafa Ahmed Abou Becker, of Jenin, has been brought to trial for allegedly handing over and planning to hand over information of military and security nature to the Iraqi Embassy in Amman. According to the prosecution, Becker gave Iraqi diplomats names of West Bank Arabs who "collaborate" with Israel and information on Israeli military encampments and installations. Becker was also accused of collecting information on Israeli mobilization procedures.

Move Under Way In Knesset To Lift Immunity Of Arab For Alleged Sedition

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30 (JTA)--A move is under way in the Knesset (Parliament) to lift the immunity of an Arab Communist member so that he can be brought to trial for allegedly seditious remarks on the floor of the chamber. The charges have been leveled by a group of MKs against Emil Chabibi of the new Moscow-oriented Communist faction. They have asked the Knesset presidium to deprive him of his parliamentary immunity because of speeches he made supporting President Nasser of Egypt and referring to terrorist incursions into the West Bank and Israel as "a legitimate weapon of an occupied nation." Some experts believe that he could not be legally deprived of his immunity because a Knesset member is not answerable for violations of the law in the course of what he considers his duty as a representative of the people.

Israel Accuses Syria At UN Of Totalitarianism, Abuse Of Prisoners

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 30 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador Josef Tekoah accused the Syrian Government today of following a policy of "totalitarian ideologies, torture of Israeli prisoners, oppression of Syrian Jews and other Syrian minorities."

In a letter to Secretary-General U Thant, replying to one sent previously to Mr. Thant by Syrian Ambassador George Tomeh, accusing Israel of "inhuman treatment of prisoners of war," Mr. Tekoah said that Syria "masquerades as an advocate of human rights" and that its attitude "can evoke nothing but contempt."

Syria Renews Charges Of Israeli 'Violations' In Occupied Areas

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 30 (JTA)--Syrian Ambassador George J. Tomeh transmitted yesterday to Secretary-General U Thant what he said were seven cables from various Syrian organizations concerning "violation of human rights and the Geneva Conventions in occupied Arab territories."

One, said to be signed by the Syrian Red Crescent, appealed to Mr. Thant "to compel Israel" to admit a Security Council representative to "investigate cruel acts against the Arab population."

Another cable, attributed to the Executive Bureau of the Syrian General Federation of Trade Unions, asked Mr. Thant to "put an end to the horrible massacres carried out by the neo-Nazis in our occupied territories."

Other cables were said to have been signed by the Committee on Afro-Asian Solidarity, General Union of Syrian Peasants, Federation of Syrian Arab Teachers, National Students Union and Association for the Defense of the Rights of Men.

Lebanon Lodges Second Complaint At UN Of Israeli Shelling At Border

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 30 (JTA)--Lebanon has lodged its second complaint this week with the United Nations Security Council alleging shellings by Israeli forces of positions inside the Lebanese borders. In a letter to the Security Council President yesterday, Lebanon's representative, Ambassador Edouard Ghorra, charged that Israeli forces fired 150 mortar shells at two border positions near the villages of Honine and Al-Malikiyah on Oct. 28. He called it an "act of aggression...unprovoked and unjustified and...a threat to the security of Lebanon."

Mr. Ghorra complained to the Security Council Monday that Israeli forces had shelled the Lebanese village of Almajdyiah the day before, wounding two soldiers and damaging houses and livestock.

WJC South American Section Enlarges Base Toward Central Role

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Oct. 30 (JTA)--The South American section of the World Jewish Congress took a first step toward broadening its base to become a major Jewish representative body on the continent. At the closing session of the fifth conference of Latin American Jewish communities here today, resolutions were adopted to expand the WJC executive to embrace major Jewish communities, youth organizations and the World Zionist Organization in addition to the various national Jewish bodies. The WZO representation will be through South American members of the Zionist Actions Committee.

Other resolutions dealt with the critical situation of Jews in Arab countries and in Eastern Europe, and solidarity with Israel. Two committees were established for political action and community problems respectively. Earlier, the conference played host to Uruguayan Government ministers, members of parliament and the diplomatic corps at a reception marking United Nations Day. Dr. Venancio Flores, the Foreign Minister of Uruguay, compared his country's struggle for independence and security in the last century with Israel's today.

McGill U. Offers Comprehensive Jewish Studies; 100 Students In Courses

MONTREAL, Oct. 30 (JTA)--McGill University here is one of the first Canadian universities to offer a comprehensive program of Jewish studies. It is estimated that some 100 students will take such courses during the current academic year.

The university this year is offering Jewish philosophy, literature and history in its regular curriculum as a result of negotiations between the University Senate and Prof. Harry Bracken, head of the philosophy department, and others associated with him, and with financial assistance of the Allied Jewish Community Services.

Prof. Bracken sought AJCS support because McGill could not afford to finance the program at this time. He and his associates felt that if finances were made available for four or five years, student response to regular courses for credit would encourage McGill to assume full responsibility for them.

The estimated cost of the first year is \$30,000, half of which is being absorbed in the department of philosophy budget. It is hoped that by 1969 or 1970 enough courses can be developed to initiate a "major" and then an honors program in Jewish studies.