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## Israeli Commandos Cut Amman Aqaba Routes In Reprisal For Jordanian Bombardments

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 2 (JTA)--The Kingdom of Jordan protested to the United Nations Security Council today against an Israeli attack Sunday into Jordanian territory, but it did not ask for a meeting of the Security Council to consider its complaint. Jordan had been expected to seek Security Council action as it had in the past following other Israeli reprisal actions. However, it asked merely that its complaint be circulated to members of the Council.

Ambassador Muhammad H. el-Farra, the Jordanian representative, said in his letter to Endalkachew Makonnen of Ethiopia, this month's president of the Security Council, that the Israel action undermined the efforts of UN Middle East peace envoy Gunnar V. Jarring, who has just returned to his Nicosia, Cyprus headquarters. He conferred there today with Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel.

In Sunday's action, Israeli commandos blew up a railway bridge and a highway bridge on the two main routes linking Amman with the port of Aqaba, Jordan's only outlet to the sea. An Israeli military spokesman said all raiders returned safely to their bases and that the two spans had been completely destroyed. No details of the raid were given. It appeared however that the Israeli commandos were transported by helicopters. Helicopters were used in an Israeli commando raid exactly one month ago which penetrated 140 miles into Egypt and destroyed two bridges and a power station.

The targets of the raid were a bridge on the Hedjaz railway line and the Wadi El Abyad highway bridge about six miles to the south of the railway bridge. Each span was about 120 feet long, located 37 miles due east of Sdom and about 60 miles south of Amman. Their destruction cut Jordan in two and blocked land communications between the capital and Aqaba which lies at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba adjacent to the Israeli port of Eilat. Amman radio said today that the Israeli commandos were landed by helicopter and covered by jet plane fire. It claimed that two civilians were killed, four wounded and six cars destroyed. According to the broadcast, the Israeli raiders "withdrew before our forces arrived on the scene."

## Israeli Action Followed Violent Jordanian Bombardment Of Israeli Villages

The lightning strike coincided with a new flare-up of fighting along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line which observers said was one of the fiercest since the June, 1967 war. Israeli sources said Jordanians used Russian-made rocket launchers against the farm settlements of Degania Alaph, Tel Katzir and Neve Or south of the Sea of Galilee. Israeli forces struck back heavily by shelling Irbid, Jordan's second largest city. Amman radio claimed Israeli planes attacked Irbid and nearby Kfar Yub, killing two soldiers and wounding a third. It claimed that the attack on Irbid was carried out simultaneously with the commando raid many miles to the south. Israeli sources said that Irbid was attacked by planes only after Jordanians used long-range artillery to shell the civilian settlements. Amman radio said also that Israeli tanks exchanged fire with Jordanian forces in the northern Jordan Valley and claimed that two Israelis were hit. According to an Israeli spokesman, the only casualties were four cows.

An Israeli spokesman described the commando strike as a "sharp warning" to Jordan in the wake of King Hussein's Nov. 16 agreement with terrorist groups operating on Jordanian soil. In the two weeks since then, 51 attacks by Arab guerrillas have been reported including the shelling of civilian settlements in the Jordan Valley. The heaviest attack occurred Nov. 23 when El Fatah bands launched a rocket bombardment of the potash works at Sdom on the southern shore of the Red Sea, the Israeli spokesman said.

Israeli spokesmen indicated that the pact between King Hussein and the guerrilla groups was a major factor in carrying out the raid. Apart from the increase in terrorist acts that it brought about, the marauders were granted freedom of movement throughout Jordan, were given use of training camps and munitions dumps and were permitted to establish recruiting centers in Jordanian towns, the spokesmen said. In addition, Jordanian officers provide them with briefings and instruct them how and where to ford the Jordan River into Israel-held territory. Israeli sources made no mention of the Nov. 22 terrorist bomb explosion in Jerusalem's Machane Yehudah market place as a possible reason for yesterday's commando raid. The blast killed 12 persons and injured 55.

## Guardian Says Jordan Is On Brink Of Civil War Despite Hussein's Pact With Guerrillas

LONDON, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The Guardian said in a dispatch from Beirut today that contrary to Israeli opinion, King Hussein's relations with Palestinian guerrillas on Jordanian soil are as bad as ever and his Nov. 16 agreement with them "stems from mutual recognition of just how bad they are." According to the dispatch, which was filed before Sunday's Israeli commando raid deep into Jordan, the Hashemite Kingdom stands on the brink of chaos and civil war. If King Hussein eventually goes along

with the anti-Palestinians in his regime, it will be sure to precipitate a civil war and if he heeds the pro-Palestinians he will end up not as the guerrillas' leader but as their prisoner, the Guardian reported. "The crowning irony is that with the deep gulf of mistrust between the regime and the guerrillas, Hussein has managed to provide the Israelis with a pretext for holding him responsible for what the guerrillas are doing," the paper said.

### Agency Plan Calls For 25 Settlements On Golan Heights, 12,000 Population By 1973

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A Jewish Agency official said yesterday that the Golan Heights, which is in occupied Syrian territory, will have about 25 Israeli settlements and a population of about 12,000 by 1973, based on a development plan drawn up by the Agency's settlement department. There are presently 10 settlements on the Heights. The forecast was made by Meir Shamir, director of the settlement department's Galilee and Golan region. Before the Six-Day War the Syrians used the Heights for artillery attacks on Israeli settlements in the northern Jordan River Valley near the Sea of Galilee.

### Hartke Says De Gaulle Should Release Mirages Before U.S. Provides France Benefits

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Sen. Vance Hartke, Indiana Democrat, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, said today that if the United States is to help France out of her fiscal difficulties and restore her NATO benefits, President de Gaulle should first release the 50 Mirage jet fighter-bombers built for Israel. The jets were impounded by de Gaulle as a result of the Six-Day War. Sen. Hartke charged the de Gaulle Government with a breach of contract and took notice of the Israeli payment already made on the purchase of the jets. The Senator indicated that he is considering offering legislation to implement his position when the new Congress meets in January.

### Cabinet Puts Brake On Economic Integration Of West Bank With Israel

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The Cabinet today put a brake on a plan for economic integration of the West Bank with Israel. Its decision to vest final approval of new enterprises in the occupied territory with a special ministerial committee was at least a partial victory for Minister Without Portfolio Pinhas Sapir over Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Finance Minister and Minister of Commerce Zeev Sharef. Mr. Sapir, the former Finance Minister and now secretary-general of the Israel Labor Party, wants to keep the occupied territories segregated from Israel. Gen. Dayan and Mr. Sharef favor economic integration. The Cabinet decision today reversed a Nov. 29 Cabinet committee decision that gave Mr. Sharef sole power to approve West Bank enterprises aided by Government funds.

The effect of the decision will be to slow down economic integration. Each proposal will have to be brought before the full ministerial committee. The unit will have to approve the enterprise and the amount of aid it is to be granted. Mr. Sapir had objected earlier to two proposals to establish factories on the West Bank that would serve as sub-contractors for Israeli and other firms. Mr. Sharef, who received a carte blanche only last Friday, had already urged world Jewry to assist in establishing plants and factories in the occupied territories.

The Cabinet's consensus decision was announced by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. The Cabinet also began a general discussion of policy in the occupied territories which it will continue at future sessions. No specific plans have yet come up for discussion. Participants in today's session were Menachem Beigin, Mordecai Bentov, Gen. Dayan, Moshe Kol, Zalman Aranne, Joseph Sapir and Pinhas Sapir. Messrs. Dayan, Beigin and Joseph Sapir are classed as "hawks" while Kol, Aranne, Bentov and Pinhas Sapir are considered "doves." Mr. Eshkol is said to lean to the "hawks" but tends to mediate between the two camps rather than take sides.

In a television interview last night Gen. Dayan said the crux of the ongoing debate was what "practical measures" could be taken on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip in the interim period pending a peace settlement. He explained that his plan for economic integration was not intended to turn West Bank Arabs into Israeli citizens nor did it involve annexation of the territory. He said, however, that the present situation of no-peace, no-war would not change within the year and Israel must begin planning for a third year of occupation. He said that if a situation arises that forces Israel to choose between holding its present lines and a new war, the Government would have to examine the situation carefully. Its decision would depend on what new lines were proposed and against whom a new war might have to be fought. For the present, he said he believed the whole Government agreed that Israel must not withdraw from the cease-fire lines without a guaranteed peace.

### Report \$2 Billion National Budget Adopted By Cabinet; Excludes Security, Defense

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A national budget, reportedly amounting to \$2 billion for the next fiscal year, was adopted by the Cabinet yesterday and will be submitted to the Knesset (Parliament) later this month. The figure, which was reported by informed sources, is \$350 million higher than the budget approved for the present year but represents cuts in spending for development projects such as public works and road building. It does not include security and defense expenditures. The 1969 fiscal year will begin on April 1.

Financial reporters commenting on the details of the budget saw a credit squeeze in the offing. They noted yesterday's statement by a Government spokesman that no compulsory loan would be imposed on the population next year. However, Israeli banks will be asked to purchase Government bonds amounting to \$58 million. Since they will have to make their purchases from funds set aside for customer loans, they will be less able to grant credit to the general public, the financial writers said.

## Comay Oppose Possible Resolution On Custodian For Arab Property In Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 2 (JTA)--Israel today expressed opposition to a possible resolution here that would call for appointment of a custodian to administer Arab properties in Israel. Michael Comay told the UN's Special Political Committee that such a resolution would be harmful to Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring's Middle East peace mission and that Israel would oppose it. The Israeli diplomat, who was former UN envoy, spoke in reply to a representative of Pakistan, Eskandar Ali, who last Friday told the committee that a draft resolution on a custodian was under consideration by several delegations.

Indicating that a call for solution of the Arab refugee question was part of the Nov. 22, 1967 Security Council resolution that authorized the Jarring mission, Mr. Comay said the custodian proposal was "highly controversial, provocative and harmful" and would inject "a fresh source of friction into a complicated question at a very highly sensitive stage of negotiations."

The Special Political Committee today continued its debate on the report of Commissioner-General Laurence Michelmore of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). The committee is considering a United States draft resolution that would extend the UNRWA mandate, slated to expire June 30, 1969, for three years.

Mr. Comay told the committee that the proposal for appointment of an Arab property administrator had assumed different guises in the past but there was still a question left unchanged -- whether the UN had the right to intervene in the affairs of a country in a dispute regarding the settlement of property rights. The answer, he said, was no. Pakistan told the committee last Friday that Israel has argued that the custodian proposal infringed upon its domestic jurisdiction. "If there is any issue to which the pleas of domestic jurisdiction is wholly irrelevant, it is the issue of Palestine refugees," he said. Mr. Comay replied today that there was no grounds for questioning Israel sovereignty on the question. He appealed to committee members to persuade delegations who want to introduce a custodian proposal to refrain from doing so. The Israeli added that figures on income of Arab properties as given by some delegations were a "figment of the imagination." More than 500,000 Jewish refugees from Arab countries had been settled in Israel and their properties had been confiscated by the Arab governments concerned, he said, adding that no offer of compensation for their property had ever been made.

## 7 Ex-Nazis, Including Babi Yar Murderers, Sentenced To Prison For 1941 Killings

DARMSTADT, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Seven former Nazi SS (Elite Guard) members of a wartime German commando unit charged with the mass shootings of 60,000 men, women and children, mostly Jews, in the Ukraine in 1941, have begun sentences of prison terms ranging from four to 15 years and loss of their civil rights for varying periods. The trial, which lasted 14 months, concerned 200 mass murder cases involving Jews and Slavs, the most renowned being the massacre of Babi Yar ravine where thousands of Jews were shot to death. It was the longest trial since the hearings against former staff personnel of the Auschwitz death camp. Three former commandos were not sentenced because under military laws of 1941 they were not guilty. The longest prison term -- 15 years and loss of civil rights for 10 years -- was imposed on Kuno Kalsen, 56, for whom the prosecution had demanded life imprisonment.

## Monument Will Be Dedicated In 1969 On 25th Anniversary Of Liberation Of Maidanek

LONDON, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A monument will be dedicated next year at the site of the Maidanek extermination camp in Poland, according to Polish press reports reaching here. The unveiling will take place on the 25th anniversary of the camp's liberation. An Auschwitz survivor, Victor Tolkei, told a Lublin newspaper that his experience in the Hitler death camp had influenced his design of the Maidanek monument. The monument will be a complex of swirling figures and will contain a mausoleum for the ashes of those who perished in the camp. It will contain an inscription in 28 languages -- the tongues of Maidanek's victims.

An inscription will read: "People who lose their memory lose their existence." This is a quote from the poet P. Penikowski. Also on the monument will be the statement: "Our fate is a warning." There was no mention whether Yiddish will be one of the 28 languages. Mr. Tolkei said that a special plaque will be placed on the spot where 18,000 Jews were executed by the Nazis on Nov. 3, 1943.

### Monument Dedicated To Yugoslavian Jews Who Perished During Nazi Occupation

BELGRADE, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A huge menorah carved in stone -- a monument to Jews who perished during the Nazi occupation of Yugoslavia in World War II -- has been unveiled in the town of Bor on the site of a slave labor camp where thousands of Jews died in 1943 and 1944. The victims were mostly deportees from Hungary. The unveiling ceremonies were addressed by Dr. Lavoslav Kadelburg, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia, and Dr. Geza Seifert, president of the Jewish Communities of Hungary. Another speaker was a non-Jew, the manager of the local copper mine where the Nazi victims were forced to work.

## Ladino Dictionary, Containing 16,000 Entries, Being Published In Bulgaria

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A new Ladino dictionary containing 16,000 entries will be published here soon. It is the work of Bulgarian Jewish scholar Itzhak Moskano. Ladino is a Spanish dialect used by various groups of Jews in southeastern Europe since the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492.

## Israel To Make \$50 Million Payment To Agent Here To Redeem Maturing Bonds

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Israel will deposit \$50 million in the Chase Manhattan Bank, the Jewish State's fiscal agent, on Dec. 23 in its largest single redemption of State of Israel Bonds. Minister Without Portfolio Pinhas Sapir, the former Finance Minister, will make the payment to the bank. Of the total, \$48.5 million is to be paid out for coupon bonds of the First Development Issue which mature next Jan. 1. The balance will go to owners of certain other maturing Israel Bonds.

Following the transaction, Mr. Sapir will be guest of honor at a dinner of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, its vice-president, noted that "Israel is making this payment promptly and in full even though it must carry heavy burdens as a result of the continuing crisis in the Middle East." He stressed that "Israel has never defaulted on any financial obligation during its entire history." He urged those whose bonds were being redeemed to purchase new State of Israel Bonds.

## Announce \$150,000 Scholarship Fund Gift To Weizmann Institute Graduate School

BOSTON, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A gift of \$150,000 to establish three \$50,000 scholarships in perpetuity at the Feinberg Graduate School of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, was disclosed here by Dr. Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Institute's board of governors. The gift was made in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice M. Gordon of Boston. A son, Robert Gordon, and a son-in-law, Donald Jacobson, were instrumental in arranging the gift. Mr. Gordon, realtor and philanthropist, has given extensively to Jewish and non-Jewish causes in this country and to Israel. He is a former member of the Massachusetts Committee on Atomic Energy.

The scholarships will be awarded annually to three graduate students of any nationality seeking a doctorate in science at the Feinberg School. The school, on the Weizmann Institute campus, is chartered as an American institution by the Board of Regents of New York State. It presently has a student body of about 300 of whom 20 percent are from abroad.

## Board Of Rabbis Asks Educators To Combat 'Religious Hoodlumism' In New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The New York Board of Rabbis called today upon the administrators of public, private and parochial schools in New York City to counter the "religious hoodlumism" blamed for the vandalizing of 11 Jewish religious institutions in the city in the past three months by "appropriate indoctrination of school children" in good citizenship, in the genuine brotherhood of religions and races which should be the hallmark of America's tradition. The Board also called on the clergy of all faiths to condemn these desecrations and appealed to its 900 members and to "all citizens of good will of every faith" to assist in the restoration of the damaged and destroyed institutions.

The Brooklyn Jewish Community Council asked Mayor John V. Lindsay to direct the New York Commissioner of Police to conduct an investigation into the acts of vandalism "in depth to determine if there is evidence of organized anti-Semitic intent behind these attacks."

Temple Israel, of Great Neck, L.I., announced it had established a fund to assist New York synagogues damaged by vandals. Its first donation, according to Harold Bernstein, congregation president, will be \$25,000 for Yeshiva Mesivta of Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, gutted by fire last week.

## Madison Square Garden Party Opens B'nai B'rith 125th Anniversary Celebration

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--B'nai B'rith began a year-long celebration of its 125th anniversary tonight with a birthday party at Madison Square Garden attended by 15,000 members of the order and their friends. Among the audience were more than 1,000 teenage members of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and students from Hillel Foundations on campuses throughout the country.

Dore Schary, national chairman of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, produced, directed and narrated the program which dramatized the organization's work in three areas -- youth, Israel and the ADL. Dr. William L. Wexler, international president of B'nai B'rith, was the principal speaker. The anniversary will be observed by B'nai B'rith organizations in 46 countries.

## New York Yiddish Dailies Raise Price Of Their Daily And Sunday Editions

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Two New York Yiddish daily newspapers today announced their first price increases in eight years. The Forward and Day-Jewish Journal, in coordinated action, told their readers that beginning Dec. 9 the price of the daily paper would be boosted from 10 to 15 cents, and the Sunday paper from 15 to 20 cents. Both publish seven days a week.

Both newspapers are understood to be operating on a deficit. In recent years their major costs -- labor, newsprint and transportation -- have increased and income has not kept pace. The papers said they tried to avoid increasing the prices but that they were compelled to take the action now in order to avoid jeopardizing themselves. The general decline in the size of the Yiddish-reading public in recent years is understood to have affected their circulations.

## Canadian Nazis Use Local Telephone Service To Spread Anti-Jewish Propaganda

TORONTO, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The Bell Telephone Company said today that the use of telephone service for anti-Semitic purposes by the Canadian National Socialist Party was legal and the company could not cut off the service unless it was established that the recorded messages used were obscene or libelous. The party, headed by John Beattie, is distributing a Toronto telephone number which, when called, puts the caller onto a recorded message which extols the National Socialist movement and accuses the Jews of controlling the Canadian press.