TAdaily news bulletin

Published by Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc. 660 First Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016

Contents copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement.

Vol. XXXVI Fifty-Second Year

Wednesday, February 26, 1969

No. 39

Eban Reveals That Jarring Told Mideast Settlement Must Include Halt To Terrorism

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- The United Nations Middle East peace envoy, Dr. Gunnar V, Jarring, was informed by Israel late last month that any settlement reached with the Arabs must include a halt to terrorist activities, Foreign Minister Abba Eban disclosed in the Knesset (Parliament) today. Mr. Eban said that the message was conveyed by a special emissary to Dr. Jarring who was in Copenhagen at the time. Israel also delivered the same message to the United States.

Mr. Ehan said the message was a response to Egyptian statements that the Arabs might agree to a political settlement with Israel without tying the hands of the guerrilla organizations which would be free to continue their activities. He said such an arrangement would be tantamount to making peace without including the enemy's armored or air forces in the agreement. The terrorist organizations, he said, were one of the arms with which the Arab governments continue to wage war against Israel.

The Foreign Minister said the world should view yesterday's air raid on terrorist bases in Syria as it might have regarded raids during World War II on Nazi SS (Elite Corps) training bases or on persons training for duty in Nazi death camps. He said the terrorists oppose peace, freedom and a Jewish state and favor murder, violence and dictatorship. He noted that they even oppose regimes of some of the Arab states

Wilson Says Britain Does Not Plan To Seek Big 4 Meetings On Mideast

LONDON, Feb. 25 (3TA) -- Prime Minister Harold Wilson told the House of Commons today that Britain did not plan to seek a meeting of the four permanent members of the United Nations Security Council to discuss measures for implementing the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution on the Middle East, (Preliminary bi-lateral UN talks among the U.S., Britain, France and Russia aimed at reaching common ground in pursuit of a Mideast settlement have reportedly made virtually no headway.)

Egyptians Nervous Following Israeli Air Attack On 2 Terrorist Bases In Syria

ERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Cairo appeared to be suffering from a severe case of jitters today in the aftermath of Israel's heavy bombing attack on two terrorist camps in Syria yesterday. The authoritative Cairo newspaper Al Ahram announced today that Egypt was on a "maximum alert." It reported that the peoples' militia, civil defense systems, hospitals, fire departments and public utilities were being manned on an "emergency basis." Observers here said the alert was probably prompted y fear of further Israeli air strikes on Arab territory to retaliate for the terrorist attack on an El Al airliner in Zurich last week and last Friday's bombing of Jerusalem's largest supermarket.

Two Israeli Air force jets streaked low over Jordan today to blast guerrilla positions near the deserted village of Manshieyeh. The air strike followed mortar, machine-gun and bazooka attacks from Jordanian territory on an Israeli patrol in the vicinity of the Beisan Valley settlement of Neve Urr. (A Jordanian spokesman said on Amman Radio today that the Israeli jets attacked twice, dropped napalm and strafed the villages with rocket and machine-gun fire. He said there were no casualties.) Israeli military spokesman said Israeli forces laid down a heavy barrage yesterday against saboteurs who attacked in the Beisan Valley with Katyusha rocket launchers. There were no Israeli casualties. Arab guerrillas aimed shells at Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's summer home in Degania, south of the Sea of Gaillee. The Prime Minister was in Jerusalem at the time. Two Israeli soldiers were injured in separate sniping incidents along the Suez Canal yesterday.

See Strike As Beginning Of New Strategy In Dealing With Terrorists

Observers believe that yesterday's dawn air assauli on the El Fatah headquarters at El Hamma, six miles from Damascus, and on the Mesaloun terrorist camp near the Lebanese border, marked a new phase of Israeli strategy which includes striking directly at guerrilla headquarters. This theory appeared to be confirmed in statements made later by Minister of Police Eliahu Sasson and Gent Halm Herzog, a Government spokesman. Mr. Sasson told the Knesset that Israel could not allow terrorists to continue attacks on innocent civilians and that it would take "self-defense" measures in keeping with its estimate of a situation, "We will reach out and get them wherever they are," he declared.

The Knesset today endorsed the Sasson position which was delivered on behalf of the Government. It was interpreted as meaning that Israel considers itself free to hit back at terrorists wherever they are and not necessarily in reply to a specific terrorist act against Israel or its nationals. Moscow-oriented New Communist faction abstained from voting.

Gen. Herzog declared on Jerusalem radio yesterday that Arab governments were responsible for terrorist acts because they harbored the guerrillas. "Israel has no option now but to strike in depth and create a situation which will be intolerable for the host Arab governments;" he said,

The air attack on the Syrian camps reportedly caused heavy damage. Syria claimed 14 were killed and 46 were wounded; reports yesterday put the toll at 150. Damascus claimed that four Israeli planes were

shot down. Israel said all its planes returned safely and that two Syrian MIGs were downed. Israeli pilots said they penetrated to within a mile of Damascus before making their bombing run over El Hamma camp. They said anti-aircraft defenses were very weak and that the Syrian capital was extermely vulnerable.

Israeli officials would not characterize the raid as an act of retaliation for the Feb. 18 Arab attack on a El A Airliner in Zurich. They noted that the El Hamma and Mesaloun camps were headquarters of El Fatah, The Zurich terrorists were members of a rival organization, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Market Blast Hurts 2 Arabs; Officials Escape Injury In British Consulate Explosion

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Bombs blasted a Lydda market and the British Consulate building in East Jerusalem today. Two local Arabs were injured in the Lydda explosion. No one was hurt at the Consulate but part of a room was wrecked and all windows were shattered.

Lydda is a town of mixed Arab-Jewish population about 10 miles east of Tel Aviv and is adjacent to Lydda Airport, Israel's international air terminal. Three Arab suspects were arrested after the blast which occurred when the market was closed. Windows were smashed and some poultry killed. The explosives that went off at the British Consulate were planted on the window-sill of a secretary's room, Consul General John Henry Lewea attributed the blast to rumors that Britain would sell Centurion tanks to

Israel.

An attempt to bomb the Consulate last Friday failed when the explosives were discovered and detonated harmlessly in a nearby field. The discovery was made shortly after a bomb wrecked the Supersol supermarket in West Jerusalem, killing two Israeli students. Israel today suspended all permits for Arab

in Jerusalem who want to visit Jordan pending completion of the investigation into the supermarket blast.

Eytan Returns To Jerusalem For Consultations On Cool Relations Between France, Israel JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to France, Walter Eytan, arrived home today for consultations with Foreign Minister Abba Eban and senior Foreign Ministry officials on the problem of Franco-Israel relations which are at an all-time low. Relations between the two countries cooled after President Charles de Gaulle charged Israel with aggression in the June, 1967 Six-Day War. They deteriorated further last December in the wake of France's total embargo on military equipment and spare part

to Israel following the Dec. 28 reprisal raid on Beirut Airport. Immigration Has Not Been Hurt By Security Problems, Jewish Agency Official Says

LONDON, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- The new director-general of the Jewish Agency's immigrant absorption department told newsmen today that the security situation in Israel was not affecting immigration. He predicted an influx of from 36,000-40,000 newcomers in 1969 compared to just over 30,000 in 1968. Gen. Uzi Narkiss, who commanded the paratroop brigade that captured East Jerusalem from Jordan in the Six-Day War, said that Arab terrorists have not succeeded in disrupting "normal" life in Israel. He added that Israel is security forces were stronger than ever.

Gen. Narkiss said the processing of immigration had become more efficient citing the establishment of telex communications between the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and aliyah (immigration enters abroad He said about 1,500 immigrants were expected from Britain this year and about 7,000 from North Africa. Gen. Narkiss added that "immigrants are now reaching Israel from sources that could not have been anticipated only a few months ago," but did not specify what they were.

UJA's Israel Education Fund Raises \$25 Million, Builds 32 Institutions

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal's Israel Education Fund has brought in \$100 million since it was established four years ago, Jewish Agency chairman Aryeh L. Pincus disclosed today. He said that in that period the Jewish Agency had constructed 32 schools and educational and cultural institutions in new development towns. Mr. Pincus spoke at a farewell event for Ralph Goldman, outgoing director-general of the Education Fund. Mr. Goldman has been appointed co-chairman of Malben, a Joint Distribution Committee agency providing homes and support for the aged.

Israeli Police Enter Moslem Cemetery, Bar Completion Of Monuments To Arab Soldiers

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Israell police entered a Moslem cemetery today and stopped Arab workers from putting finishing touches on two marble monuments honoring Arab soldiers who fell during the Six-Day War. The Moslem Wafq, which controls Moslem Holy Places in Jerusalem, had already erected one monument and planned two more. Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek had approved the memorials but was over-ruled by the city council. A compromise was reached whereby the Wafq was to apply for permission to the Jerusalem district building commission. It did not do so but instead went ahead with the monuments. Police were called in by Mayor Kollek to halt the work.

National Religious Party Convention Surprised By Visit From Rumanian Chief Rabbi

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) --The National Religious Party opened its convention here yesterday, a the highlight of the occasion was a surprise appearance by Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania. He had arrived to supervise the distribution of Torah scrolls which Rumanian-Jewish communities donated to syagogues in Israel.

agogues in Israel.

Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro declared in a keynote address that preservation of the national unit coalition Government was vital. He said, however, that statements on the future of the occupied territori were not binding, even if made by the highest office-holders, unless they had been previously approved by the Cabinet. He was referring to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's statement in a recent Newsweek magazine interview that Israel was prepared to give up certain areas of the West Bank. The remark almost resulted in a walk-out by Gahal (Herut-Liberal alignment), the second largest party in the Oovernment.

Deny Report That Canada Has Decided To Accept Iraqi Jews If Released By Baghdad

OTTAWA, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Authoritative sources here today denied a report published vesterday that the Canadian Government has decided to accept Iraqi Jews if they are permitted by the Baghdad Government to emigrate. The original report had said that admission of a "generous" number would depend on clearance of exit visas by Iraq. The sources said today that the Government has the issue under consideration but that no decision has been made. It was reported that officials were "favorably inclined" to accept Iragi Jewish refugees.

President's Conference Organizes Demonstrations, Services For Executed Iraqis

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has organized demonstrations and special prayer services for the 14 Iraqi Jews, Moslems and Christians hanged last Jan. 27 for allegedly spying for Israel. The events, to take place tomorrow, will mark the end of the traditional 30-day mourning period. A spokesman said demonstrations will be held in front of the Iraqi, Syrian and Egyptian missions to the United Nations.

(The intependent trade union movement in Buenos Aires has denounced the Iraqi hangings. In a statement issued today the group declared that world opinion regarded the executions as "brutal reprisals" carried out against Iraqi Jews merely because they were Jews.)

West Germany Welcomes 'Al Ahram' Report That Arms Have Not Been Delivered To Israel

BONN, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- The West German Foreign Ministry today welcomed a report in the semiofficial Cairo newspaper Al Ahram which said that West Germany was not delivering arms to Israel and has not done so since 1965. The report was written by the paper's editor, Hassanein Heikal, a confidant of President Nasser.

The Foreign Ministry statement said the report was proof that Bonn had pursued a "correct" policy in the Middle East which was now acknowledged by Egypt. The statement was seen by observers as a further development aimed at improving relations between West Germany and the Arab States. It was regarded as an overture for the resumption of diplomatic relations which Cairo severed when West Germany recognized Israel three years ago.

(Former deputy defense minister Shimon Peres of Israel, said in Tel Aviv recently that according to Arab sources, West Germany had supplied Israel with \$350 million worth of arms. Mr. Peres neither confirmed nor denied the allegation. He stressed, however, that West German authorities maintained a friendly attitude toward Israel.)

2 Quebec Officials Affirm Loyalty Of Province And Jews To Each Other

MONTREAL, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Two Quebec Provincial officials yesterday affirmed the loyalty of Quebec and its Jewish population to each other. Their declarations came against a background of increasing Jewish-French Canadian friction that has its roots in the strong nationalism of the separatist movement here

Speaking at a Jewish fellowship dinner where he was given a "man of the year" award. Quebec Premier Jean-Jacques Bertrand said Jews will never be "second class citizens" of the Province. He expressed pleasure over the "steadily growing number of French-speaking Je 45" in Quebec. M. Bertrand said, "the Jews will not blame French Canadians for being loyal to themselves because Jews know what it means to be a minority." Dr. Victor Goldbloom a Liberal member of the Provincial Parliament, told participants in a Jewish-Christian dialogue at Loyola College, Catholic institution, that "Jews' loyalty to Israel does not weaken their loyalty to Canada. The situation is somewhat similar to a Canadian Catholic and his relationship to the Vatican," The dialogue was sponsored by Loyola, the United Church (Protestant) and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

It was reported here that Hebrew is among the nine languages spoken at the new office of the Quebec Immigration Service opened here to assist newly arrived immigrants who have communications difficulties because of a language barrier.

West German Judge Takes Testimony Against Stengel From Resident In Caracas

CARACAS, Venezuela, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- A West German judge visited a survivor of the Treblinka death camp living here to take testimony in the war crimes trial of the former camp captain, Franz Stengel. Judge Haag Schedersky of Dusselforf made the trip in order to speak to a former Polish Jewish inmate of the camp who was too ill to come to Germany. The inmate, who requested anonymity, escaped from Treblinka in 1943 after losing his family there.

DAIA Says Reportedly Left-Wing Organization Misrepresents Its Community Status

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- A reportedly left-wing Jewish organization was accused here today of falsely characterizing itself as representative of organized Jewry in Argentina. The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, made the charge against the Federation of Cultural Jewish Institutions of Argentina, an organization which it said was ousted from the DAIA in 1953 for supporting anti-Jewish trials in Czechoslovakia. The DAIA charged in a statement that the activities of the Federation were outside the framework of Jewish life here, that it was aligned with ideologies and groups openly opposed to Israel, and that it supported Soviet policy in the Middle East.

Await Action By ICAO On Threat To Aviation Posed By Armed Attacks And Terrorism

MONTREAL, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- Nations concerned with the increasing threat to the safety of civilian aviation posed by hijackings and armed attacks like those which have victimized EI Al are waiting to see what action--if any--will be taken by the International Civil Aviation Organization headquartered here. The II6-member governmental body, which is loosely affiliated with the United Nations, was urged yesterday to take up the matter of protecting airplane traffic from illegal interference. The call or action was made by the United States, supported by eight other powers, to the ICAO's 27-member governing council. The ICAO's secretary-general, Bernardius Twight, received a letter on the subject from VSecretary General U Thant. Some members believe the matter is outside the sphere of the body, which normally concentrates on technical problems of aviation.

One member complained the UN was "passing the buck." Observers here thought speedier, more effective action, might be obtained through the International Air Line Pilots Association. That group, headquartered in London, is a professional association of airline pilots and was believed instrumental in securing the release from Algeria of an Israeli airliner that was hijacked by Palestinian terrorists last summer and forced to land in Algiers. IALPA threatened that none of its members would fly to Algeria unless the plane and its crew and passengers were freed. Such threats, it was believed here, could be effective against Middle East governments that refused to cooperate in protecting airliners from terrorism or retailation.

The nine-power proposal, which was under preparation before the Zurich attack on an El Al Boeing 720B last week by Arab terrorists is intended to forestall a new round of terrorist attack on airliners and reprisals such as Israel's Dec. 28 raid on Beirut Airport in response to a terrorist attack on an El Al plane in Athens last year. American officials have stressed that the question is not one of partisanship in the Middle East conflict but one that potentially affects airline passengers of all countries. The U.S. representative to the ICAO, Robert J, Boyle, told newsmen here yesterday that the nine-nation objective was to create "a climate of moral sussion" on governments to do whatever they could to protect aircraft and air transportation facilities. He said the Zurich incident "clearly lends impetus and ungrency to the consideration of the general subject of assuring the safety, security and regularity of international civil aviation."

Measures mentioned included the establishment of a special ICAO committee to investigate each instance of interference with air traffic. A subcommittee of the ICAO council has already proposed an international convention to deal with air hijackers. The country in whose territory the offender landed would be expected to punish him or to extradite him to the country of registration of the stolen aircraft. One delegate suggested that the ICAO declare interference with civil aviation to be a common crime rather than a political crime. ICAO is scheduled to meet Friday to decide if it will take up the matter.

Labor Zionists Urge Members To Contribute Week's Pay To UJA Israel Emergency Fund

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- The American Labor Zionist movement has called on its 90,000 members to contribute at least one week's income to the 1969 United Jewish Appeal Israel Emergency Fund in addition to their contributions to the regular UJA campaign. The organizations comprising the movement are the Poale Zion-United Labor Zionist Organization of America, the Farband-Labor Zionist Order, Pioneer Women and the Habonim Youth organization. The members were asked to give a week's wages or household expenses because of the increased burdens and dangers facing Israel.

Maryland Grand Jury Indicts Electrical Worker For \$200,000 Bombing Of Synagogue

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (J7A) -- A 30-year-old electrical worker has been indicted by a Prince George's County Grand Jury for the Jan. Il bombing of Shaare Tikvah Synagogue in suburban Temple Hills, Maryland. The accused, David V. Maness, was being held in jall in lieu of \$16,000 bail. His trial has been set for April 17. The synagogue suffered an est mated \$200,000 damnage from the blast. It was empty at the time but only because a teen-age dance had been cancelled owing to a flue pidemic. Maness, who is also under indictment for burglary, was arrested after police found explosives and a large quantity of weapons in his home as well as a map pin-pointing the synagogue.

Numismatic Journal Will Sponsor Independence Day Medal Linking Tel Aviv, Philadelphia

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA) -- The Journal of Israel Numismatics announced today that it is sponsoring an Israel Independence Day medal that will link the cities of Tel Aviv and Philadelphia, the respective birthplaces of Israel's and United States' independence.

According to Fred Bertram, journal editor, the medal will be minted at the Franklin Mint in Philadelphia. Special gold specimens will be struck for presentation to the mayors of Tel Aviv and Philadelphia on Israel's 21st Independence Day, April 23. Silver and bronze specimens will be available in limited numbers to collectors, he said. The medal will bear a representation of Independence Hall on one side and Tel Aviv's municipal seal on the other. The combined municipality of Tel Aviv-Jaffa marks its 60th anniversary this year.

Jewish Agency Concludes 'Summer' Institute For Latin Americans In Israel

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA) — The Jewish Agency-sponsored summer institute for students and teachers ended here yesterday. It was "summer" for the 230 participants who hailed from Brazil, Argentina, Chile and South Africa where fall is now approaching and the regular school year will soon begin. They had taken part in three months of sightseeing, courses and seminars in the Hebrew language and Jewish cultural subjects. Preparations are now under way for the summer institute for residents of the Northern Hemisphere who will be coming to Israel beginning next July.