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## Security Council To Meet This Afternoon To Hear Lebanese Complaint Against Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 12 (JTA) -- An urgent session of the United Nations Security Council will be held tomorrow afternoon at 5 P.M. to deal with a complaint against Israel filed by Lebanon following an airstrike by Israel yesterday against terrorist bases in the Mount Hermon area, in Lebanese territory. Council President Jaime de Pinies of Spain announced the meeting tonight following receipt of a second communication from Yahya Mahmassani, the Lebanese charge d'affaires asking for the meeting to hear the Lebanese complaint against the "premeditated and unprovoked aggression committed by Israel against civilian villages in southern Lebanon."

In an earlier communication to the Security Council which did not ask for a meeting, Lebanon charged that an Israeli airfleet of 10 Vulture bombers and six Mirage jet fighters raided six Lebanese villages with napalm bombs, rockets and machine-guns, killing four civilians and wounding three.

## Mrs. Meir Warns Lebanese They Are Responsible For Guerrilla Attacks From Their Soil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Golda Meir warned Lebanon today that it could not escape responsibility for the activities of Arab guerrillas operating against Israel from Lebanese soil.

Mrs. Meir said at a press conference in Haifa that "if Lebanese authorities could not deal with them, we shall have to." She said Israel's airstrike Monday was aimed at guerrilla bases, not at Lebanon's people. Lebanese sources said eight persons were killed and 21 wounded in the Israeli air attacks.

Mrs. Meir said Israel was not trying to escalate fighting along its frontier. She claimed that Sunday's air attack on Jordanian targets in which the Ghor irrigation canal was damaged for the second time in two months was intended to "cool" the border. "Maybe that Israel action and the fact that the water is not running where it used to will cool the escalation," she said.

## Lebanese Reported Quitting Guerrilla Infested Areas

Observers in Israel's northern border region reported today that Lebanese villagers were evacuating the area that came under heavy Israeli air attack yesterday. Lebanese border villages were blacked out last night. According to Israeli sources, the area on the heavily wooded western slopes of Mt. Hermon contained a concentration of Arab guerrilla bases. These were said to have been the targets of the Israeli jets.

Israeli sources said the raid was carried out in response to an escalation of sabotage and terrorist activities from Lebanese territory in recent weeks. They said that Arab commandos encamped on Lebanese soil have established an enclave near the Israeli border over which the Lebanese government has no control. They were held responsible for 21 incidents during the past month.

## Beisan Valley Area Enjoys Quiet After Jet Raids On Jordan

A military spokesman said the Beisan Valley area was quiet today for the second consecutive day following Sunday's jet raid on Jordanian military targets including the Ghor irrigation canal. They said the Beisan Valley settlements had passed two quiet nights for the first time in weeks.

Israeli authorities reported 89 instances of Jordanian fire across the cease-fire demarcation line last week. They said the fire was not concentrated but sporadic. In 19 instances the Jordanians fired artillery and in 33 instances mortars were used.

An Israeli soldier was wounded by an Egyptian sniper firing from the west bank of the Suez Canal shortly before noon today.

A military spokesman said the Egyptians had resumed their commando penetrations of the Israeli-occupied East Bank of the canal but had restricted their operations to sabotage and mine-laying. He said that two Israeli vehicles and a tractor were damaged by mines last week. Egyptian commandos also sabotaged a telephone cable south of Ismailia.

(News agencies reported from London that the Soviet Union had warned Egypt strongly against any escalation of the Middle East conflict into a fullscale war. There was no confirmation from Arab capitals. Al Ahram, semi-official Cairo daily, reported that President Nasser was considering a new Arab summit conference to consider the situation and the Arab reaction to the scheduled delivery by the United States of the F-4 Phantom supersonic fighter planes to Israel.

(In Washington, State Department sources said today that it was unlikely that the Soviet-American bilateral talks on the Arab-Israeli conflict could be resumed before next month. Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco, who has been conducting the talks with Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, was to leave today on a short vacation. Ambassador Dobrynin is still in the Soviet Union, reportedly on sick leave. Sen. Charles Goodell, New York Republican, will go to Israel Aug. 19 for a nine-day visit to study the situation there and make proposals regarding United States policy, it was announced today. Sen. Goodell will be accompanied by Prof. D. Rustow, of Columbia University and Prof. John Peretz of New York State University, Binghamton.)

### Town of Gaza Curfewed Following Increased Sabotage; Houses Blown Up In Nablus

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Israeli authorities today evacuated and sealed off two houses in Nablus whose owners are suspected of having thrown hand grenades at the military governor's office. Israel Army sappers demolished two other Nablus buildings belonging to suspected saboteurs yesterday. But they decided to seal off the remaining two because their destruction would imperil adjacent buildings.

A night curfew was imposed on Gaza township in the Gaza Strip as a result of increased sabotage in the region. The curfew, in effect from seven p.m. to five a.m. does not include the refugee camps nearby.

### **U Thant Asks Israel, Egypt To Take Measures To Protect UN Observers on Suez Canal Line**

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Secretary-General U Thant has asked Israel and Egypt to agree to four measures for the protection of United Nations cease-fire observers along the Suez Canal. The measures, based mainly on recommendations from Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, head of the cease-fire observation organization, had been discussed by representatives of the seven nations supplying the observers before they were communicated to Israel and Egypt.

Mr. Thant asked both countries to agree to permit a UN patrol boat to ply the waters of the Suez Canal and thus provide easier access to the UN observation posts. Neither country has agreed to the use of the waters by the other and neither is believed willing to accord this right to the UN personnel.

A second measure asked by Mr. Thant was establishment of "safe perimeters" around the observation posts. Israel has largely observed this in practice and has not stationed guns or garrisons near the posts on the east bank but the Egyptians have placed batteries relatively close to the observation posts in the hope that the Israelis would not return their fire for fear of hitting the UN posts.

The third proposal was for the strengthening of the UN posts and making them safer. The Israelis have said that they were willing to build stronger posts for the UN observers on their side of the canal but Egyptian gunners have prevented the Israelis from carrying out the necessary construction work.

The fourth measure called for by Mr. Thant was the end of the exclusively Egyptian practice of sniping at the UN observation posts.

Gen. Bull was to hold meetings with both the Israelis and Egyptians in an effort to secure their agreement to these measures.

### **Herut Leader Says King Hussein Must Choose Between "Blood And Water"**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Herut Party leader Menachem Beigin said last night that King Hussein of Jordan must choose between "blood and water." Mr. Beigin, a Minister-Without-Portfolio in the coalition government, spoke at a public meeting in Beisan township, a target of recent Jordanian artillery attacks. He referred to Sunday's retaliatory air raid which damaged Jordan's Ghor canal, that country's major irrigation works.

Mr. Beigin noted that the canal was damaged by Israeli commandos last June 23 and that Israel permitted repairs to be made on condition that Jordan ceased its attacks on Israeli settlements in the Beisan Valley. When the repairs were completed, the attacks resumed. "Hussein had a choice of water or bloodshed and he chose bloodshed," Mr. Beigin declared.

King Hussein formed a new cabinet today including pro-guerrilla politicians four of whom have not served in previous Jordanian governments. The latest government shake-up followed the resignation of Premier Abdul Rifai. He was replaced by Bahjat Talhouni.

Seven of the new cabinet members were said to support active guerrilla warfare against Israel. Observers said their appointment was a clear sign that guerrilla warfare would increase.

### **British Deny Decision To Ban Sale of Chieftan Tanks To Israel**

LONDON, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Officials sources said here today that Britain's refusal to sell Chieftan tanks to Israel at this time did not imply a permanent ban on the sale of weapons to that country. The semi-official Cairo newspaper Al Ahram reported that Britain had assured Egypt that it would not sell weapons to Israel. The assurance was reportedly given by Goronwy Roberts, Minister of State of the Foreign Office at a meeting with Egyptian Ambassador El Feki last Friday. Mr. Roberts confirmed that Britain had not agreed to the sale of Chieftans to Israel.

### **Israeli Communications Workers Return To Jobs, Ending Paralyzing Strike**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Ten thousand government-employed engineers and technicians returned to work today after reaching a compromise agreement to end a three-day strike which began Sunday. The agreement called for a special committee to prepare amendments to a recent government regulation which would require jobs now filled by practical engineers and technicians to be assigned only to licensed engineers in the future. The compromise was worked out by Labor Minister Yosef Almogi who agreed to abide by the committee's recommendations which are to be made within two months.

The brief strike caused the suspension of all Israeli radio and television programs except for brief newscasts and limited communications at Lydda Airport to meteorological reports.

## **Labor Party Central Bureau Calls For Rejection of Ben-Gurion's Independent Slate**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- The Israel Labor Party's central bureau voted 17-0 last night to support the party's two lists exclusively in next October's general elections. The vote was a repudiation of the Rafi list headed by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion although the latter was not mentioned by name. But political experts said there was a 50-50 chance that some former members of the Rafi faction would defect from Labor Party ranks. Five Rafi members abstained in last night's vote.

The Labor Party bureau met for the purpose of averting a split. Premier Golda Meir exhorted the Rafi adherents to stay within party ranks. She said she didn't ask them to renounce Ben-Gurion the man or his ideological heritage but to reject his rival election list. Mrs. Meir was supported in her plea by Shimon Peres, former secretary of the Rafi faction, who said he supported Mr. Ben-Gurion and what he stood for but would urge all party members to rally around the Labor banner.

According to political observers, the Ben-Gurion list, composed of members of the original Rafi faction who refused to go along in its merger with Mapai and Achdut Avodah to form the Israel Labor Party early this year, complicated an already snarled situation. Disaffected Rafi members within the Labor Party are demanding greater independence and more representation in the Party councils.

They also demand a clear decision on whether the party will adopt the proposals of their leader, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, as an unwritten plank of its election platform. Gen. Dayan's proposals spelled out what Israel would consider to be its security borders. They were sharply attacked by Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban who insisted that the platform contain only general principles without geographical definitions.

The Rafi members are expected to meet later this week or next week to decide on their position. The fact that Mr. Ben-Gurion has submitted a rival list under the Rafi banner provides a rallying point for Rafi members unhappy in the Labor Party, political observers said.

## **Labor Party Approves Alignment List of Candidates For Histadrut Elections**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- A list of 1,001 candidates for the Histadrut elections, headed by Premier Golda Meir, was approved by the Labor Party Central Committee last night. The list contains 814 Labor Party candidates and 187 candidates of the Mapam party which has entered into a political alignment with Labor.

The names of the candidates were listed in alphabetical order except for the first four--Mrs. Meir, Aharon Becker, the Histadrut secretary-general, Ben Aharon and Shimon Peres, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's name was among the "Ds".

## **American Wife of Arab Doctor Accuses Israelis Of Looting, Pillaging In East Jerusalem**

LONDON, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- The American wife of a Lebanese doctor told a United Nations investigating group in Beirut today that Israeli troops looted and pillaged Arab property in East Jerusalem after the June, 1967 Six-Day War. Mrs. Nancy Nolan Abi Haidar, formerly of Grosse Isle, Michigan, alleged that Israeli troops displayed "utter lack of respect for any and all property, Arab, American or UN."

Mrs. Abi Haidar made her charges before the human rights committee established by the UN Human Rights Commission to investigate the treatment of Arab civilians in Israel-occupied territories. Israel has refused to cooperate with the committee unless a simultaneous investigation is made of the treatment of Jews in Arab countries.

Mrs. Abi Haidar lived in East Jerusalem at the time of the Six-Day War and returned there a month later. She said she could verify allegations that Arab civilians were mistreated. She charged further that Israeli authorities had prevented relief supplies from reaching needy Arab civilians. According to Mrs. Abi Haidar, the Israelis not only prevented the Arabs from helping each other but would not permit welfare organizations to enter the occupied territories.

Yesterday, a Palestinian student leader who claimed to have been imprisoned in Israel for nine months after the June, 1967 war told the UN group that the Israelis had applied torture to 15 percent of all Arabs arrested on the West Bank and 25 percent of those arrested in the Gaza Strip. He identified himself as Assad Abdul Rahman, president of the Palestinian Students Union in Lebanon.

## **Israelis Support 'Operation Books' To Provide Reading Matter For Troops At Front**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Branch offices of the Bank Leumi all over Israel became depositories for books purchased or donated to Israeli servicemen on the front lines today. The bank began "operations books" in response to an appeal for reading matter of all types for soldiers along the Suez Canal, Sharm el-Sheikh, the Golan Heights and other far-flung outposts. During the first day, tens of thousands of books were deposited by civilians. They will be distributed by the soldiers welfare fund.

## **12,000 Arab Students Returned To West Bank To Visit Families There**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Israeli authorities reported today that about 12,000 students from Arab countries have entered the West Bank so far this summer to visit parents or other relatives under a special program permitting such visits. A total of 20,000 permits were issued on request but so far 8,000 remain unused. Last summer 18,000 Arabs visited the West Bank under the same program.

## Israeli Students Protest Polish Regime's Deadline On Emigration Of Jews To Israel

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- The Israeli Students Association has sent a protest to the United Nations Human Rights Commission today against the Sept. 1 deadlines set by the Polish Government on the emigration of Jews. The students also urged that special measures be taken by the UN to enable Polish Jews who were placed as children in Christian homes to protect them from the Nazis, to come to Israel.

The Warsaw regime announced two months ago that it would adopt a restrictive policy on Jewish emigration beginning Sept. 1. Previously it had issued exit visas to Jews ready to renounce their Polish citizenship in favor of Israeli nationality.

## Report Yuri Daniel's Wife, Seriously Ill In Siberian Camp, Is Denied Hospital Treatment

PARIS, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- The newspaper Le Monde reported today that the wife of the imprisoned Soviet Jewish writer, Yuri Daniel, is seriously ill in a Siberian concentration camp. According to Le Monde, Mrs. Larissa Daniel who was deported to the Potma camp after her husband's arrest, is suffering from an intestinal inflammation, a pulmonary infection and acute anemia. But she is not receiving adequate medical care and is not permitted to go to the nearest hospital which is 600 miles away, Le Monde said.

Mr. Daniel was one of several Soviet writers sentenced to long prison terms for protesting against infringements on the liberty of writers and intellectuals in the USSR.

## Mayor Lindsay Calls For International Body To Secure Release Of Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- More than 5,000 attending a garment center rally to mark the anniversary of the execution of 84 Soviet Jewish writers on August 12, 1952 and to protest the imprisonment of Jewish writers in the Soviet Union today, heard Mayor John V. Lindsay call for establishment of an international committee to secure the release of Soviet Jews and admonish Americans "to petition the Soviet government to let its people go - to emigrate to Israel if they wish." The demonstration was organized by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

In a declaration marking the anniversary today, the World Jewish Cultural Congress deplored the fact that although 17 years had passed since the executions, the graves of the Jewish martyrs were still unknown and unmarked and the majority of the Jewish writers and artists who had fallen victim to Stalinist tyranny had not been rehabilitated.

The declaration deplored the failure of the Soviet regime to express regrets and to condemn the assassinations and noted that those guilty of the crime were still unpunished.

Mayor Lindsay told the garment center audience that what was happening in the Soviet Union "is part of the campaign which has sent more than 200 Yiddish writers and artists to their death in the last gasps of Stalinist bloodshed and which has sent hundreds of other Jews to silent, anonymous deaths." He added that "today, mercifully, the bloodshed has stopped, but the intimidation, the harassment of Jews within the Soviet Union continues."

## Says UN Human Rights Commission Should Condemn Cultural Pogroms

City finance administrator Fioravante G. Perretta called on the UN Human Rights Commission to condemn the liquidation of Jewish writers and artists in the Soviet Union. He told the rally that "cultural pogroms were as much a violation of human rights as those perpetrated by the czars."

Mr. Perrotta asserted that "fighting for the release of those Soviet writers and artists now imprisoned and condemning the death of those assassinated, has no partisan barriers, no religious or racial frontiers and no time limit."

Abraham Beame, former City Controller, also addressed the gathering and said that Americans demanded that the Jews of the Soviet Union be permitted to emigrate to freedom elsewhere. Others who addressed the meeting included Simeon Golar, New York City Human Rights Commissioner, and Rabbi David Golovensky, former president of the New York Board of Rabbis.

## Israeli Chief Rabbi Says Mixed Marriages Among Russian Immigrants Won't Pose Problem

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isser Unterman said yesterday that he was confident Halacha, Jewish religious law, would find a solution to the problem of determining the status of Soviet Jewish couples of mixed marriage if and when they immigrated to Israel. The Chief Rabbi spoke at the opening session of a conference on oral law.

He said the halachic problem would be solved in light of "the facts of the situation" prevailing in Russia but added that the task "is not as simple as in the days of Ezra who, we are told, made sure of the genealogy of the Jews in Babylon before he led them back to Israel."

## American Israeli Paper Mills Acquires Interest In Major Israeli Publishing Firm

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (JTA) -- American Israeli Paper Mills Ltd., announced today that it had acquired a 50 percent interest in the Israel Program for Scientific Translations which it described as Israel's largest publishing house. The acquisition was made from Clal Israeli Investment Company Ltd., for an undisclosed amount of cash. Clal will retain the remaining 50 percent.

American Israeli Paper is Israel's largest paper manufacturer with sales in excess of \$17 million annually. Its stock is traded on the American Stock Exchange. The publishing house, established in 1959, has 360 fulltime employees, including an editorial staff of 125. Its sales last year totalled \$1.43 million of which \$1.1 million was in export sales.