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## New Effort Seen To Make Israel, Lebanon Accept UN Observers On Both Sides Of Frontier

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Renewed efforts to induce Israel and Lebanon to accept the presence of United Nations observers on their territory on both sides of the Israeli-Lebanese frontier were expected today to follow the Security Council's unanimous condemnation of Israel for its August 11 airstrike against guerrilla bases near Mount Hermon on Lebanese territory.

Lebanon previously rejected a formal proposal by Secretary-General U Thant, arguing instead for reactivation of the mixed armistice commission set up under the 1949 armistice. Israel, which considers the armistice agreements dead letters, said it would consider the proposals if and when Lebanon changed its position.

Both Lord Caradon of Britain and Ambassador Charles W. Yost of the United States, in explanation of their votes Tuesday night, renewed endorsement of the proposal for extension of the UN observer force to the Israeli-Lebanese cease-fire lines. Matti Cawen, speaking for Finland, also urged the positioning of UN observers as a measure to help restore peace on the frontier.

Despite the American vote for the resolution, its adoption was considered a setback for the United States. Ambassador Yost admitted that the resolution "did not deal in as balanced a way as my delegation would have liked with the cycle of provocation and reprisal responsible for extending the violence to this frontier."

The New York Post reported today that the United States voted for the Security Council resolution condemning Israel "after Washington became convinced that its stand was essential to save the Lebanese Government from collapse."

It declared that "the American diplomats who spent a week working out the compromise resolution came away today convinced that the UN condemnation of the Israeli raid was necessary to prevent further weakening of the Beirut regime." Such weakening, it said, "could result in a takeover by elements backing more active support of guerrilla operations."

### No Direct Reference In Resolution To Attacks From Lebanon Which Preceded Air Strike

When the Council first began consideration of the Lebanese and Israeli cross-complaints on Aug. 12, Ambassador Yost called for a condemnation of the Israeli attack and, equally, for condemnation of the attacks on Israel, mounted from Lebanese territory which had preceded it. During the more than a week of negotiations, the American proposal for evenhanded condemnation was successively whittled down to the point where no specific reference was made to the attacks which provoked the Israeli response and other violations of the cease-fire were "deplored" rather than "condemned."

The leading role in the negotiations was played by Jaime de Pinies, of Spain, this month's president of the Security Council, who, speaking for Spain in winding up the Council debate, had demanded the sharpest condemnation of Israel and the threat of further Council action if further violations occurred.

The resolution which the United States accepted and which was unanimously adopted, condemned the Israel air action of Aug. 11, deplored "All violent incidents in violation of the cease-fire"; deplored the extension of the area of fighting and declared that military reprisal and other grave violations of the cease-fire "cannot be tolerated." The resolution warned that the Council would have to consider "further and more effective steps as envisaged in the Charter" to ensure against repetition. In its final form, it did not even enjoin both sides to observe the cease-fire.

The condemnation of Israel was hailed by Aleksei V. Zakharov of the Soviet Union as a moral and political defeat for Israel and for "the extremist policies of the present Israeli Government." But Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel rejected this view. The resolution, as adopted, he said, reflected the internal difficulties of the Security Council which prevented it from adopting a fair and balanced resolution on this question.

The resolution, he said, must be regarded primarily as a reflection of the arithmetic of the Council membership. Of the 15 members of the Council he pointed out, six had no diplomatic relations with Israel or denied Israel's right to independence and sovereignty.

### Israel Foreign Ministry Denounces Security Council Action, Reaffirms Right Of Self-Defense

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry today sharply criticized the Security Council resolution condemning Israel's Aug. 11 air raid on guerrilla bases in Lebanese territory. The Ministry spokesman declared that when Israel was subjected to attack it had "an inherent right and duty" to defend itself. The statement also rejected the reference to the 1949 armistice agreement between Israel and Lebanon contained in the resolution preamble. "The armistice agreements . . . are defunct and cannot

be revived and Israel does not recognize any obligations purporting to derive from them," he said. "Since June, 1967, the relations between Israel and the neighboring Arab states have been regulated by the cease-fire agreements and by international obligations to move beyond the cease-fire to permanent peace."

The statement added that if the Security Council wished the cease-fire to be properly maintained in this sector, it should address itself to Lebanon.

The Foreign Ministry said that the Security Council, in condemning Israel's "self defense" action and avoiding any reference to the armed attacks from Lebanon that made it necessary, "has failed once more to deal with the real issue." The statement said that, "having accepted the cease-fire, it is the duty of the Lebanese government to prevent all violations of it from Lebanese territory, whether by regular or irregular forces."

#### Correspondent Reports Signs of Disunity And Weakness Among Arab States

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- There is evidence of disunity and weakness among the Arab States in the current crisis, the Washington Evening Star reported today from Geneva.

Andrew Borowiec, its correspondent, said that Arab statesmen have postponed "crucial decisions in their struggle against Israel." He termed the Cairo conference of the Arab League an "anti-climax" and noted that there was no reference to real military action in the cautiously worded Cairo statement---"A strange contrast to the tension of recent days."

Mr. Borowiec wrote that "Arab experts are trying to unravel the implications of this sudden moderation." He said most observers saw indications of disunity, reluctance to act, and weakness rather than a deliberate preparation of total war against Israel. There were "no indications that the Arab world is about to overcome its feuds and plunge ahead on into another military adventure."

#### Israeli Army Reveals It Is Using Captured Russian-Built Armored Troop Carriers

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- An Israeli Army periodical disclosed today that Israel is using Russian-built troop-carriers captured in the June, 1967 Six-Day War. According to the weekly Bamachaneh, the Army has adapted two types of Russian carriers---the BTR-150 which is capable of transporting a squad of fully armed men over difficult terrain, and the smaller BTR-50. The well contoured armour-plating of the carriers offers protection against everything except artillery and recoilless guns, the publication said.

Bamachaneh also disclosed that Israeli sharpshooters have been replying to Egyptian snipers who fire almost daily across the Suez Canal and are responsible for a large portion of Israeli casualties in the canal zone. The Israeli marksmen have already scored a number of hits on Egyptian snipers, Bamachaneh said.

(The Washington columnists, Robert S. Allen and John A. Goldsmith reported today that "Egypt now has more Russian anti-aircraft missiles and radar-controlled guns than Communist North Vietnam" and that this Egyptian concentration "is the largest and most modern outside of Russia. It consists of hundreds of latest-model SAM missiles and radar-operated artillery.")

An Israeli civilian vehicle was fired on last night on the main Sinai road near El Arish. There were no casualties, a military spokesman reported. An Israeli patrol was attacked with bazooka shells near Kfar Rupin in the Beisan Valley this morning. The fire was returned and no casualties were reported on the Israeli side.

#### Battery of Rocket Launchers Terrorists Failed To Use Is Seized Near Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- An Israeli helicopter pilot spotted 16 Russian and Egyptian-made rocket launchers in a depression in the mountainous terrain between Bethlehem and Jerusalem yesterday. The weapons were aimed at Jerusalem with the obvious intention of shelling the city. But their electric firing devices malfunctioned. They were dismantled by Israeli sappers who were sent to the launching site.

The discovery was made in the course of a search for the Katyusha launchers which hurled at least four rockets into the southern suburbs of Jerusalem yesterday. Two of the rockets landed near a hospital and two exploded on an empty lot near the 400-room Ganei Yehuda hotel but caused no casualties or damage.

The spot where the rocket launchers were arrayed in a neat row is known as Beth Sehour. Arabs from neighboring villages were being questioned today and several arrests have been made. Israeli authorities said it would have been impossible for guerrillas to have set up the rockets unobserved in what is a fairly densely populated region. The rocket battery consisted of 130 mm. Katyushas, a launcher of Russian design that is a favorite of Arab guerrillas, and smaller 80 mm. launchers of Egyptian make.

#### Goodell Says He Will Urge President To Send Israel Arms To Maintain Balance Of Power

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Sen. Charles E. Goodell said here today that he would recommend to President Richard M. Nixon that the United States should supply Israel with more Phantom jets, Skyhawks and other arms "to maintain the balance of peace" in the Middle East as long as the influx of Soviet arms to the Arab states continues. The New York Republican addressed a press conference at the wind-up of a ten day visit to Israel during which he conferred with Premier Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and the commanders of Israel's armed forces. "There can be no unilateral disarmament in the Middle East as long as Russia continues to pour arms into the Arab states," Sen. Goodell said. He promised to report his findings to President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

### 'Israeli Soldier' Captured By Guerrillas Is Druze Fugitive From Israeli Police

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA)-- An alleged "Israeli soldier" whom Arab guerrillas claimed to have captured in a recent clash with Israeli forces is in fact a Druze with a police record who was discharged from the Army last year because he was mentally unbalanced, a military spokesman said here today.

The case history of Yousof Hassan Habakka, of Yanoa village in Galilee was made public in response to guerrilla claims that they had captured their first Israeli soldier in battle. The guerrillas displayed Habakka to the press in Jordan today.

The Israeli spokesman said that the Druze was wanted by police for various crimes. He said the man enlisted in the Israeli Army but was discharged soon afterwards as a result of a psychiatric examination which found him unfit. He apparently crossed the border on his own because there was no clash such as the one described by the guerrillas and no Israeli soldier was captured by them, the spokesman said. The Druze are non-Moslem, and are loyal to Israel. They serve in the Israeli Army and police force.

### Preparations Being Made For Prime Minister Meir's Official Visit To Washington

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Preparations for the September visit of Israeli Premier Golda Meir moved ahead this week with a meeting of Israeli Embassy officials with Emil Mosbacher. Arrangements for the state visit were discussed. Mrs. Meir will be an official guest at the Blair House, where the President's guests are accommodated. Israeli Minister Shlomo Argov and Counsellor Moshe Raviv met with Mr. Mosbacher.

### Congress Of Jurists Condemns Iraqi Executions, Calls For Worldwide Protests

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA)-- The First international congress of Jewish lawyers and jurists adopted a resolution here today condemning the Iraqi executions as "barbaric mass execution." The congress, before adjourning, sent a copy of the resolution to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant.

"The international congress of hundreds of lawyers and jurists from all corners of the free world convening in Jerusalem devoted its first session on the subject of human rights to the exekutions in Baghdad of 15 men without proper trial and in violation of all fundamental human rights," the message stated. "The congress expresses its horror and indignation at this barbaric mass execution and calls on the world legal community in particular and civilized mankind in general to rise in protest and effectively outlaw such uncivilized and inhuman methods and to have the rule of law upheld everywhere."

The conference opened Monday under the auspices of Minister of Justice Ya'acov S. Shapiro. It was convened by the Israeli Bar Association. Prof. Rene Cassin of France delivered the keynote address on "The Struggle for Human Rights and its Implications." Dr. A. Zeltner, president of the Tel Aviv district court and chairman of the Israeli Committee of Human Rights, lectured on the contribution of Jewish law to the modern codes.

The congress established the International Organization of Jewish lawyers and Jurists which today unanimously elected former United States Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg as its first chairman. Mr. Goldberg, who served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations during the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson, has accepted the honorary post. The organization said it would establish headquarters in Jerusalem and open branches all over the world.

### Jewish And Christian Clergy Hold Memorial For Iraqi Victims At Embassy In London

LONDON, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Jewish and Christian clergymen led a peaceful demonstration and prayer service outside of the Iraqi Embassy here today. The clergymen of both faiths recited memorial prayers for the two Jews and two Christians among the 15 Iraqis executed in Baghdad Monday as alleged spies for Israel and the United States.

About 300 persons participated in the services and in a 15 minute silent vigil. They were mostly Jews with a sprinkling of non-Jews. Police ringed the Embassy building and there were no incidents.

The World Union of Jewish Students informed JTA today that it would conduct a peaceful protest march to the Iraq Embassy and other Arab legations here on Friday. They said they wanted to express revulsion at the Baghdad executions and the persecution of Jews in Iraq and other Arab countries.

### Jews In Germany Ask West German Government To Aid Jews Of Iraq

The Central Council of Jews in West Germany issued a statement in Dusseldorf today deploring the Iraqi hangings. It compared them to "barbaric acts of medieval times" and appealed to Christian churches and the German Government to help the Jewish minority in Iraq.

### Argentine Jews Ask U Thant To Aid In Securing Emigration Of Iraqi Jews

Buenos Aires, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- An appeal to facilitate the emigration of Jews from Iraq was sent to Secretary-General U Thant of the United Nations and to International Red Cross headquarters in Geneva today by the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry. The message said that Iraqi Jews were being held as hostages and suffered persecution. It urged both world bodies to make efforts to prevent the further executions of Iraqi Jews and others on spy charges.

## Britain Advises Arab States To Observe Restraint In Reaction To El Aksa Fire

LONDON, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Iraq's Ambassador to Britain was invited to the Foreign Office today. He met with Minister of State Goronwy Roberts who reportedly asked him to convey to his government Britain's counsel of "caution and patience" to avert a new explosion in the Middle East.

Mr. Roberts, who is standing in for vacationing Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart, conferred on the same subject yesterday with Israeli Ambassador Aharon Remez and, separately, with the ambassadors of Lebanon and Jordan. His talks with the Iraqi envoy were reported to have been limited to the situation created by the El Aksa mosque fire in Jerusalem last week. No reference was made to Monday's executions in Baghdad of 15 Iraqis charged with spying for Israel and the United States.

## India Demands Security Council Action On Status of Jerusalem

NEW DELHI, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- India called today for United Nations action to enforce Security Council resolutions barring Israeli annexation of the eastern parts of Jerusalem. The Indian position was voiced in a statement holding Israel responsible for the El Aksa fire made by Foreign Minister Dinesh Singh.

He told the Indian Parliament that "the continued occupation of Jerusalem by Israel in defiance of the resolutions of the United Nations, is a matter of grave concern. The shocking incident makes it imperative that the Security Council's resolutions on Jerusalem should be implemented without delay. In this country, Israel cannot be absolved of responsibility for this outrage."

## London Press Reports Israeli 'Underground' Active In Combatting Arab Terrorists

LONDON, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- British newspaper reports of an alleged Jewish "undercover" organization planning retaliatory action against agents of Arab guerrilla groups believed responsible for a rash of fire-bombings of Jewish-owned premises in London in recent weeks are a "pure invention" of Fleet Street, according to well-informed sources here.

The stories cropped up following a bomb explosion Monday in the Regent Street passenger office of the Israel Government-owned Zim Lines. Last month fire bombs exploded harmlessly in two major London department stores that are Jewish-owned---Selfridges and Marks & Spencer---and in several West End shops.

The sources said that rumors of Jewish counter-terrorism are without basis although local Jewish citizens have voluntarily guarded synagogues and Jewish institutions which have been threatened in the past by home-grown Fascist organizations.

## Revival Of Swastika Smearing In West Germany Draws Little Attention

BONN, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- A recent series of swastika daubings in West Berlin and other West German cities has yielded no arrests and been given scant mention in the German press.

The daubing of swastikas and other Nazi symbols or slogans is illegal in West Germany. But three incidents have occurred in the past two months in Berlin and the suburb of Wannsee where someone scrawled "Freedom for Germany! Out with the Jewish plague" on a public edifice. A swastika appeared on a Berlin monument and another in the Ploetzensee, the site of Nazi executions of resistance fighters during the war.

In Wuppertal, swastikas and Nazi slogans were scrawled on four churches and other buildings. Similar smearings were found on the city hall in Brunschweig and on public buildings in smaller towns.

## Hillel Leader Denies College Campus Is 'Disaster Area' In Jewish Life

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 27 (JTA) -- Blaming the college campus for the rejection by many students of their Jewish identity is a "bitter injustice" which ignores the underlying reasons for this attitude, a B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations official said today. He decided that the real reason was "erosion of Jewish knowledge and the absence of a meaningful Jewish experience in their lives."

Dr. Alfred Jospe, Hillel director of program and resources, said the Jewish communities' basic problem with much of its college generation was not the outright defection of the students from Judaism but their lack of adequate exposure to the Jewish past--its traditions, history, culture and teachings. "This has left many of them with no sense of Jewish identity, and has resulted in their believing that Judaism is irrelevant in the modern world," he told 230 Jewish undergraduates from 120 American and Canadian universities at the opening session of Hillel's annual summer institute at Camp B'nai B'rith here.

Declaring that "Jews can only be defined in an historic context," Dr. Jospe said the Jewish past must be interpreted to mean "a past as contemporary experience, an affirmation of relationships which extends to all places and all times."

To condemn the campus as a "disaster area" in Jewish life is "an unwarranted and unacceptable generalization," Dr. Jospe said. "There are tens of thousands of Jewish students who are deeply committed to Jewish life and do not seek to escape Judaism. But there are also far too many students with no memories of a real Jewish experience from which to develop the substance of their identity."

## Dave Brubeck Cantata, Based On Bible And Reform Prayer Book, To Have Premiere

CINCINNATI, Aug. 27 (JTA) -- A Cantata by the jazz musician, Dave Brubeck, will have its premier performance at the dedication of the new Rockdale Temple here Oct. 19. It is Mr. Brubeck's second extended work for voice.