JEA daily 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

Sunday, September 21, 1969

No. 179

Eban Indicates Mrs. Meir May Seek Financial, Military Aid In Talk With Nixon

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir may seek United States financial assistance to meet increased military needs when she meets this week with President Richard M, Nixon, Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban indicated today. He appeared on the nationally televised CBS program "Pace the Nation." Mr. Eban pointed out that Israel was the only free world country that carried its military burden alone. He was "Gertain" that Mr. Nixon would want to know about Israel's overall problems including the economic situation. Citing Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko's rejection last week of Mr. Nixon's Mideast arms limitation proposal, Mr. Eban made clear that Mrs. Meir would seek additional weapons to balance the Russian weapons flow to the Arabs.

Mr. Eban voiced skepticism about the latest pronouncements by the Big Four on a Mideast set-ttement. He urged the powers not to "globalize" the conflict but to call upon the parties immediately concerned to negotiate a direct settlement. Mr. Eban declined to state Israel's present concept of permanent new boundaries in advance of negotiations. There would be no "conditions" established in advance of such negotiations, he said, but he indicated that peace boundaries would not be the same as the previous armistice lines. He suggested that Israel would not return to a divided Jerusalem, surrender the Golan Heights of Syria or Sharm el-Sheikh, or accept boundaries that threatened coastal cities.

Eban Tells UN General Assembly Firm Cease-Fire Must Precede Peace Moves

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 21 (JTA) — Mr. Eban told the United Nations on Friday that there can be no diplomatic effort pointing toward a Mideast peace unless the cease-fire is rehabilitated. In a General Assembly speech setting forth a seven-point program of principles and proposals to prevent war and promote peace, he urged that "as a first step, the Arab governments and Israel pledge anew their adherence to their obligations" under the June 6, 1967 cease-fire.

His six other central points were: 1. The Mideast states should declare their readiness to establish permanent peace and to negotiate detailed agreements on all matters at issue between them, including those listed in the Nov. 22, 1967 Security Council resolution. 2. Israel is ready to negotiate without any prior condition of any kind, He declared that "everything" is negotiable and that in negotiations Israel would naturally "define where our vital and indispensable interests lie." 3. An international conference on refugees should be convened with the participation of the Mideast states, the nations contributing to refugee relief and specialized UN agencies to work out a five year plan for solving the refugee problem by regional and international responsibility.

4. Israel has no claim of exclusive control or unilateral jurisdiction over the Holy Places of Christianity and Islam "and is willing to discuss with those traditionally concerned the means expressing this principle in any settlement." Until that time, the "Holy Places will be administered and maintained by the Christian and Moslem bodies to which they have been entrusted since 1907." 5. Secure, recognized and agreed boundaries should be established, replacing cease-fire or armistice lines, as part of the peaceemaking process, and armed forces shoull be disposed in accordance with the boundaries determined in peace treates. 6. "In conditions of peace, the people of Israel and the Palestinian Arabs on both sides of the Jordan would be living as free citizens of sovereign states in accordance with the agreed boundary concluded under the peace."

Mr. Eban reiterated his Government's adherence to the nine-point peace proposal that he outlined in the 1968 General Assembly. He also voiced his Government's support for use of Secretary-General U Thant's special peace envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring in negotiations and in preparing an agenda and venue for them. The Foreign Minister saw no progress made toward peace during the past year and blamed the Arabs for it.

The General Assembly voted on Saturday to consider "the situation in the Middle East" at a plenary session without any prior debate in a committee. The issue, which has been on the agenda since the June, 1967 special session, may not be taken up however. The question was put aside until the end of the 1967 and 1968 sessions and then postponed until the next upcoming General Assembly,

Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko accused Israel on Friday of "obstructing any steps toward a poltical settlement" and reiterated the Kremlin's ironclad demand for Israel's complete withdrawal from the areas occupied in the Six-Day War as a "major and indispensible" precondition to peace.

Addressing the 24th General Assembly during the second day of general debate, Mr. Gromyko replied to Mr. Nixon's proposal Thursday for an agreement on limitation of arms shipments to the Middle East. He stated that the Soviet Union had told Washington that a discussion of the issue "cannot serve any useful purpose" so long as Israeli troops remained in the occupied territories, Mr. Nixon had said that the indicated willingness of the U.S. to enter into a discussion on this question had not produced any results. Mr. Gromyko's statement of Soviet policy also revealed a complete divergence with the U.S. position on the future of the territories occupied by Israel in the Six-Day War.

ANGRY CROWD BESIEGES VON THADDEN'S PLATFORM, NPD LEADER ESCAPES UNSCATHED BONN, Sept, 21 (JTA) — Screaming anti-Nazi demonstrators broke through elaborate police barricades in the industrial city of Essen yesterday to cutshort a campaign speech by Adolf von Thadden, chairman of the ultra right-wing, reputedly neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD). One demonstrator, identified as 23-year-old Lothar Plaga, managed to reach Von Thadden in his bullet-proof plexiglass cage and manhandled him until pulled off, kicked and beaten by two burly NPD guards. Police rescued Plaga but were unable to keep a crowd of more than 2,000 from storming the platform and Von Thadden's armored loudspeaker bus.

The NPD leader cut his speech short and fled in a bullet-proof car. The demonstration was the wildest of the many that have greeted Von Thadden since he and other NPD spokesmen began campaigning last month for the Sept. 28 national elections. The demonstrators shouted "get out of here Nazi swine" and "one Adolf was one too many" as the NPD leader began his standard campaign speech which is keyed to "law and order." Von Thadden spoke in the Ribbeckplatz, a square in Essen less than 300 yards from the domed former Central Synagogue which was sacked by the Nazis in 1938. The synagogue is now an exhibition hall. Police had prepared for demonstrations by setting up elaborate barbed wire barricades. They brought police dogs and water canon. But the demonstrators peppered the rostrum with stones and garbage. Policereported seven irrests including one NPD guard. Last week, two men were shot and wounded by an unknown NPD sympathizer at a party rally in Kassel after they had heckled "Yon Thadden.

The NPD leader reckons that 37 of 46 election rallies he has held have been "disturbed." But yesterday's incident was the first time anyone managed to lay a hand on him. Von Thadden nevertheless is optimistic about his party's chances to win even more than the five percent of next Sunday's vote required to enter the Bundestag. He said at a press conference a week ago that he would be surprise if the NPD failed to poll eight-12 percent. His campaign has been directed to lower-middle class ware earners who are disturbed by student demonstrations and rising living costs.

A group of 70 professors at Stuttgart University meanwhile have urged West German electors not to vote for the NPD under any circumstances. They said they feared that Germany would suffer a loss of world confidence if the NPD won seats in the Bundestag, affecting the nation's post-war cultural, scientific and economic achievements. West German politicians have maintained that an NPD victory in the elections would not have much impact internally but would adversely effect West Germany's image abroad.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES PUT RIPS ON TRIAL, 'SUNDAY' OBSERVER'REPORTS

LONDON, Sept. 21 (ITA).—Soviet authorities have decided to put on trial Illya Rips, a 20-year-old Jewish student from Latvia who set himself on fire last April reportedly because he was denied an emigration permit to go to Israel. According to Lajos Lederer, writing in the Sunday Observer, Mr. Rips' trial was scheduled to have begun in a Riga criminal court yesterday.

Mr. Lederer said the trial was viewed as a warning to other Soviet Jews who demand the right to emigrate. Rips has been charged with anti-State activities. Soviet authorities claimed that his attempted suicide by burning stemmed from "hisderanged mind since early childhood,"

The Rips affair was brought to light by eye witness accounts that reached Western countries last spring. The accounts said that Rips drenched himself with kerosine in a Riga square and denounced Soviet repression of Jews and denial of their right to emigrate. The witnesses said he was caught by passing Soviet sailors who extinguished the fire and then beat him. Shortly afterwards he was hustled away by secret police. He has been held incommunicado ever since.

RED CHINESE INCLUDE ANTI-ISRAEL SLOGAN AMONG THOSE ISSUED BY MAO FOR ANNIVERSARY WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (JTA) -- The New China News Agency of Communist China has included

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (17A) -- The New China News Agency of Communist China has included an anti-Israel slogan among the slogans issued by Chairman Mao Tse Tung to mark the 20th anniversary, on Oct. 1, of the Communist regime, Only three slogans specifically volced backing for foreign "fliberation" movements, Included were the struggle of the Vietnamese Communists, the Albanians and the Arabs. The new slogan pledged backing to "the people of all Arab countries in their just struggle against United States imperialism and Zionism."

ISRAELI SOLDIER KILLED. 2 WOUNDED IN CLASH WITH GUERRILLAS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21 (JTA) -- An Israeli soldier was killed and two others were wounded yesterday when a patrol clashed with Arab guerrillas north of the Dead.Sea, A third Israeli soldier was wounded when a mine exploded in the Jordan Valley yesterday afternoon, Israel denied a claim by Egypt that its anti-aircraft batteries downed three Israeli Skyhawk jets which were raiding Egyptian installations on the west shore of the Gulf of Suez on Friday. A military spokesman here said no planes were shot down but refused to confirm or deny that Israeli jets had staged an attack.

Israel also denied a claim by the El Fatah command in Amman that it staged a series of successful raids on Israeli territory Friday involving hundreds of men. A spokesman here denied that action took place but claimed that four Arabs were killed on Friday in a skirmish near the Dead Sea. Israel imposed tight restrictions on travel on 100,000 Arab residents of Hebron on Friday. Military Governor, Brig. Gen. Raphael Vardi, said the measures were taken following "recent increases in acts of sabotage and clashes with Israeli forces on Mt. Hebron."

The El Aksa mosque, severely damaged by fire on Aug. 21, was reopened for prayer on Friday. More than 2,000 Moslem worshippers from East Jerusalem and the West Bank attended the services.

J IA Daily News Dulletin

Israel Participates In International Trade Fair In Paris For 1st Time In 5 Years
PARIS, Sept. 2. (17A) - For the first time in five years, Israel was a participant in the international trade fair which has just opened here. The fair designated Sept. 25 "Israel Day" at which time
the mayor of Paris and the local district governor will pay official visits to the Israeli payilion. Israel
is exhibiting articultural and industrial products and displays for tourism and various services.

Airline Pilots Association Says Several Nations Plan Anti-Hijack Resolution At UN

LONDON, Sept. 21 (JTA) -- A spokesman for the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations told JTA that several countries had offered to sponsor a resolution against hijacking at the current United Nations General Assembly session and that talks were under way to get it high on the Assembly agenda as a matter of "utmost urgency."

The spokesman said that an overwhelming majority of the affiliated associations favored a 24-hour world-wide strike if all other means of obtaining the release of two Israelis held captive in Damascus failed. Prof. Shlomo Samueloff, 48, a member of the Hadassah Medical School, and Saleh Moualem, 42, a travel agency employe, have been detained by Syria since a TWA airliner was hijacked by Arab commandos and flown to Damascus last month. All the other passengers, including four Israeli women, were released.

Hebrew University Senate Address Plea For Help To World Academic Community

JERUS ALEM, Sept. 21 (JTA) -- The Hebrew University's senate, its top scademic body, called on the world academic community today for action to help secure the release of two Israeli nationals detained by Syria.

Written messages from both men were received by their families last week, 10 days after they were posted with representatives of the International Red Cross who visited the prisoners. There was no explanation of the delay. The messages were written on standard Red Cross forms and contained only personal matters.

The Hebrew University senate met in extraordinary session attended by representatives of all institutions of higher learning in Israel. Its resolution addressed to academicians all over the world was endorsed unanimously. Foreign Ministry officials said that there were no significant developments to report concerning the two detainees. Syrian authorities reportedly say they are still undergoing interroration but give no indication that the men will be released once the interroration is completed.

U.S. Is Asking Other Governments To Sign New Extradition Treaties

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21, (JTA) -- State Department spokesman Carl Bartch said that the United States was asking foreign governments to enter into new extradition treaties with the United States that would designate hijacking of airliners as an extraditable offense. Mr. Bartch cited a new treaty with New Zealand as a model for updating existing treaties to make possible the extradition of hijackers.

CJCongress Denies Jewish Involvement In University's Refusal To Employ Arab

TORONTO, Sept. 21 (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has denied that the Jewish community was in any way involved with the refusal of a Canadian university to hire an Arab political science lecturer because of his outspoken views on the Middle East conflict. Dr. George Haggar, a 34-year-old native of Lebanon, has publicly cited a letter he had received from Dr. Owen Carrington, of King's College, rejecting his application for employment because "it would be impossible for us to have somebody on the faculty who would be openly hostile to the state of Israel."

Dr. Carrington's letter explained that the Western Ontario college had been negotiating with the Canadian Jewish community for the establishment of a Center for Jewish Studies and could not "accomodate somebody who would be locked in battle with the Jewish community." Dr. Haggar lodged a complaint against Kings College with the Ontario Human Rights Commission and has complained on similar grounds against Waterloo Lutheran University, Lakehead University and York University which also turned down his applications.

Sidney Harris, chairman of the Central Region of the CJCongress, said in a statement issued here last week that "to our knowledge there was no consultation on this matter with representatives of the Jewish community." Mr. Harris said, "I want it clearly understood that we would not sanction such interference in a college's hiring practices. An applicant's views on the Middle East or his Arab origin is irrelevant to his engagement as a lecturer in political science. There are other, quite legitimate, criteria to determine this."

Dr. Haggar, a vociferous Arab propagandist, taught at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for a year and for three years at Waterloo Lutheran University which fired him in 1967 after disputes over university philosophy and personnel. He was recently deported from the United States after participating in a student revolt in New Orleans. He acquired Canadian citizenship some time ago.

Anglo-Israel Friendship League Holds 1st Meeting, Ignores Terrorist Threats

LONDON, Sept. 21 (JTA) -- The Anglo-Israel Friendship League held its inaugural meeting in the Southgate Town Hall ignoring threats from Arab terrorist groups here. The League is composed of non-Jewish groups interested in furthering Anglo-Israeli friendship. The meeting was addressed by Sir Stephen McAddon, a Conservative Member of Parliament, and Moshe Davis, educational director of the Jewish National Fund here. About 40 persons applied for membership.

Yom Kippur Messages Stress Universal Meanings Of The Day Of Atonement

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA) -- The universal meanings of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, were stressed by rabbinical and lay leaders today as American Jews prepared to observe the holiest day on the Jewish calendar.

Rabbi Bernard Segal, executive director of the United Synagogue of America, the congregational arm of Conservative Jewry, declared in a holiday message that Yom Kippur "is the search for reconciliation between man and God and man and man," He said this theme was "most appropriate for our generation" because "meyer before in history has man straved so far from God."

Rabbi Zev Segal, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox organization, said the great significance of Yom Kippur was that "it affirms Judaism's basic principle that no sinner is hopeless, no evildoer without his chance for forgiveness." According to Rabbi Joseph Karasick, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Yom Kippur provides for individuals and all of mankind "d day of sober reflection in which to return to the basic principles of truth and goodness."

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress, used the occasion of Yom Kippur eve to urge Syrian authorities to free two Israeli nationals detained since their TWA airliner was hijacked by Arab commandos and flown to Damascus Aug. 29.

Stringent Security Measures Are Put Into Effect In Israel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21 (JTA) -- Stringent security measures were in effect today as Israel prepared to observe Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which began at sundown. Special police squads were posted at the approaches to all cities and the larger settlements to guard against possible terrorist incursions. Israel's borders were sealed off from the West Bank and other occupied territories and all bridges across the Jordan River were closed for the duration of the holiday.

Local synagogues appointed security officers with instructions on how to deal with suspiciouslooking parcels that might be found on the premises, Seats were reserved for tourists, new immigrants and soldiers on leave.

Special arrangements were made for soldiers on duty at far-flung posts on the cease-fire lines or patrolling the occupied areas. Kol Nidre and Neila prayers were advanced 90 minutes before sundown for soldiers slated for patrol duty on Yom Kippur eve. All troops on duty were provided with abbre viated prayer books. Those on the front lines were given a dispensation by the chief chaplain to drink a minimum quantity of water on the fast day. Religious services will be held at all Army posts in accordance with military regulations.

NCRAC Denounces Jewish Defense League, Rejecting 'Paramilitary Operations'

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA) -- Eight major national Jewish organizations have joined in a statement denouncing the self-styled Jewish Defense League and other groups in the United States that would "take the law into their own hands" on the pretext of defending American Jews from threats by Arab terrorists. The statement was issued by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council which made it clear that it shared the "indignation and outrage" of Jews over recent acts of terror against Israeli legations and business premises in Europe.

But the statement said the NCRAC "firmly rejects the paramilitary operations of the Jewish Defense League as destructive of public order and contributory to divisiveness and terror." The NCRAC is an organization representing nine national Jewish bodies and 82 local community agencies.

The Jewish Defense League, headed by an Orthodox rabbi, Meir Kahane, staged demonstrations last night in fromt of the United Nations mission headquarters of Syria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq. In newspaper advertisements and handouts to the press announcing the demonstrations, the League claimed that Arab terrorists have sought to terrorize American Jews, including threats to kidnap contributors to the United Jewish Appeal and to bomb Jewish business premises. The grows said it would hold the Arab diplomats "responsible for any actions of terror against Jews in this country." About 500 persons took part in the demonstrations. Police broke up scuffles between League supporters and opponents but no arrests were reported.

The NCRAC statement was issued over the signatures of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform) and the United Synagogue of America (Conservative),

The statement declared that "Jewish security—indeed the security of any ethnic or racial group—does not lie in taking the law into one's own hands. That kind of simplistic approach to the complicated problems of our times can only produce warring groups, not solutions... The evils of our society and the extremists in our midst must be countered through peaceful processes consistent with democratic goals. The task is to work together in a calition of all respectable elements of the common to achieve social conditions which will eliminate the breeding grounds of rage and fear... Unfortunately, the Jewish Defense League has fallen victim to the very tactics it claims to oppose, We consider its activities no less harmful and dangerous because it has called itself 'Jewish.' "

The League maintains a summer camp in Orange County, N.Y. where youngsters are given instruction in judo, karate and paramilitary tactics. Recently it warned Negro militants that it would "defend" the premises of Jewish ghetto merchants threatened with violence.