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Israelis See Lebanon Cease-Fire As Settling Nothing; Nation Will Resist Guerrillas

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3(JTA)--Top level sources in Israel believe the present cease-fire in Lebanon between Palestinian guerrillas and the regime of President Charles Helou has settled nothing. The struggle for control of Lebanon is continuing but President Helou is still standing firm against the guerrillas and apparently has a large part of the Lebanese population behind him, according to these sources.

The sources here said the crisis in Lebanon is being directed by the Soviet Union which seeks to undermine Lebanon's sovereignty. Syria is playing an active role but will not move its army into Lebanon in the present circumstances, the Israelis said. They claimed that Syria prefers to let the Palestinian El Fatah and the Damascus-sponsored Al Saika guerrilla group handle the situation for the present.

There are about 5,000 trained guerrillas in Lebanon and Syria is providing them with guns, food and transportation. The Al Saika leader is a detached Syrian Army officer, Raif Alowani. The high level sources here repeated Israel's warning that it will not tolerate "lawlessness" on its northern border. They said that Israel intends to guard the lives, well-being and security of all its citizens.

Reports from Cairo quoted official Egyptian sources today as saying that the Lebanese Army and Palestinian commandos had reached agreement on all points of dispute between them. This would free guerrillas based in Lebanon to continue their attacks on Israel despite the danger of Israeli retaliation.

The Israeli newspaper Yediot Achronot said today that Israel would not tolerate a situation which would leave the guerrillas free to launch strikes on its territory without retaliating in force. Political sources here said Premier Golda Meir would make that policy clear in a message to President Helou. They said that Mrs. Meir has called a high level conference on the Lebanese crisis. The word was that Lebanon could expect Israel to retaliate swiftly against any terrorist incursions.

Mrs. Meir Runs Into Tough Talk From Gahal, Opens Negotiations With NRP On Cabinet

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3(JTA)--Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Premier, has run into tough talk from Gahal (Herut-Liberal Alignment) in the first stages of her Cabinet-making, and some members of her dominant Israel Labor Party are expressing reservations about the desirability of including Gahal in the new Government.

The United Labor Party, whose Alignment with the leftist, Marxist Mapam came out of the Oct. 28 national election for the seventh Knesset with less than a majority, is in a weakened position and is expected to face long and tough negotiations over the composition of the new Cabinet.

It was learned that the rightist Gahal will not agree to a new widely-based coalition built upon the basic policy lines of the outgoing Labor-dominated Government of National Unity. Gahal is expected to demand four ministries; at present it has only two Ministers-Without-Portfolio in the Cabinet. Laborites, on the other hand, say that the presence of Gahal in the Cabinet would introduce a brake on Government activity, especially in foreign affairs. Gahal stands for annexation of the occupied territories.

The National Religious Party (NRP), third strongest in the new parliament, is a likely and important factor in the next Cabinet. The NRP, which picked up an extra Knesset seat with the counting of the soldiers' vote to give it 12 to Gahal's 26, has demanded a ban on television broadcasts on the Sabbath as its price for joining a coalition. Mrs. Meir met yesterday with the NRP's head, Minister of Interior Moshe Shapiro. According to some Israeli newspapers, she surrendered totally to the Orthodox demands and pledged that television would not "desecrate" the Sabbath. Other newspapers claimed that Mrs. Meir gave Mr. Shapiro only "vague assurances" that TV would not interfere with traditional observance of the Sabbath. But most observers believe it is a virtual certainty that there will be no TV this Friday night, the date on which a seven-day broadcasting schedule was supposed to go into effect.

Concessions to the Orthodox have already been made in Tel Aviv where the Labor alignment created a coalition with a majority of one seat in the 31-member City Council after losing two in the election. The NRP was left out of the Tel Aviv coalition which is now composed of Labor, the Independent Liberals, the Ben Gurion state list and Agudat Israel. To appease the latter, it was agreed that some services that function on Saturdays would be partially closed or that tickets would have to be purchased a day earlier.

Gahal's success was not confined to the national scene. It won the mayoral contests in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv, in Nathanya, Safad, Ashdod, Kiryat Malachi and Rishon LeZion. The results of the soldiers' vote, announced last night by the Central Elections Committee, reduced the Labor-Mapam Alignment representation in the Knesset to 56 seats from the 58 that they appeared to have won. Gahal too dropped from 27 to 26 seats. The NRP gained one seat. The so-called State List of former Prime Minister Ben Gurion went from three to four seats. There were no changes in other factions. But the total number of seats so far allocated amounts to 118. The remaining two are expected to go to one or more of the three smallest lists--Free Center, Haolam Hazev and Israel Communists--when the balance of soldiers' votes and those casts by Israeli sailors at sea are counted.

(Four Orthodox rabbinical organizations in the United States cabled a protest against Sabbath television to Mrs. Meir, Interior Minister Shapiro, and Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Minister of Religious Affairs. Saturday TV would mean "degradation of the nation's honor," said a cable from the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada, the Grand Rabbis of America, the Rabbinical Council of America and the Rabbinical Alliance of America.)

Concern For Fate Of 2 Israeli Hijack Victims Expressed By Nobel Prize Winner

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3(JTA)--Concern over the fate of two Israeli hijack victims still held captive in Syria was expressed by Dr. Salvador Luria, this year's joint Nobel Prize winner in medicine, in a cable to Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University. Dr. Luria's message was read by Mr. Harman yesterday as the university began its 1969-70 academic year.

The Nobel Laureate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said he shared the "anguish" of the University over the fate of Prof. Shlomo Samueloff and Salah Muallem who are held by Syria "in violation of all human and international principles." Prof. Samueloff, a member of the faculty of Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School, and Mr. Muallem were passengers aboard a TWA airliner hijacked by Arab commandos last Aug. 29 and forced to land in Damascus.

(Reports from Damascus today said that repair work has started on the Boeing 707 jet which was severely damaged by a bomb placed in its cockpit after the hijacked passengers and crew members were taken into custody. Except for Prof. Samueloff and Mr. Muallem, all passengers and crew were released shortly after the hijacking. Repairs to the jet will cost \$4 million and are expected to take 45 days to complete.)

Mrs. Shlomo Samueloff disclosed that she received recently a letter from her husband, the first in six weeks, delivered through the International Red Cross. She said on a radio interview that her husband said his condition was good but that he had had no visitors for four weeks. He reported receiving a parcel sent through the Red Cross.

(A recent edition of the Beirut daily Al Anwar carried an interview with the two hijackers, members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, who were freed by Syria. Asked how they were treated, they said, "We spent unforgettable days in Syria. Nobody questioned us. We were treated well, much better than we would have been treated in our country (Jordan), and besides, each of us got a cash prize of 1,000 dinars from the Arab National Bank.")

Pilots Head Urges Boycott Against State Collaborating With Hijackers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3(JTA)--The president of the United States Air Line Pilots' Association called today for a total boycott of all transportation against countries like Syria which collaborate with aerial hijackers and fail to punish them. Capt. Charles H. Ruby said he envisaged a boycott by ship, rail, truck and by international aviation companies and their personnel in the cases of Syria, Algeria and other countries that collaborate with hijackers.

Capt. Ruby told a press conference that his association takes "an extremely dim view" of the sale of tickets to Damascus by an American airline when Syria has freed the hijackers of a TWA jet but continues to hold two of its passengers in jail. He said pilots were "upset" because Syria has not released Prof. Samueloff and Mr. Muallem. "Our contention is that civil aviation should not be used for political purposes," Capt. Ruby said.

He called for a world-wide approach to the hijacking problem. He said that in his view Russian pilots are concerned about the problem but may not be able to influence Moscow policies. He said that the U.S. and Soviet Union should impose peace because the current situation encourages hijacking. He portrayed the Mideast as different from Cuba which has promptly returned hijacked planes and their passengers.

Capt. Ruby expressed the belief that an international airline pilots' decision to boycott Syria was in the making. He said a boycott that might produce results would last longer than 24 hours and apply to all surface transportation as well as air traffic. He said airlines favored international compulsory extradition as a measure to deal with hijackers with sanctions and boycotts applied against countries unwilling to release passengers or to extradite hijackers. Capt. Ruby demanded the extradition by Italy of an American who hijacked a TWA airliner to Rome over the weekend. He noted that the Tokyo Convention did not provide for a compulsory extradition. Capt. Ruby warned that with the event of larger jets, more passengers would be subjected to hijacking. He urged the international community to take action before a disaster claims many lives.

Egyptian Nurse, an UNRWA Employee, Freed After Providing Aid To Arab Terrorists

TEL AVIV, Nov. 4(JTA)--An Egyptian nurse sentenced to three month's imprisonment for providing medical aid to an Arab terrorist in Gaza without informing Israeli authorities was freed today after she expressed regret for her offense. The nurse, Fatma Najuli, was employed by UNRWA, the United Nations Works and Relief Agency for Palestinian Arab refugees. She had appealed her sentence to the commander of Israeli armed forces in Gaza who waived the remainder of her prison term. Miss Najuli returned to her UNRWA post.

Israeli Jets Attack 3 Guerrilla Bases In Jordan

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3(JTA)--Israel Air Force jets attacked three guerrilla bases in Jordan today and returned safely to their bases, a military spokesman announced. The attacks lasted 30 minutes. One of the targets was opposite the Beisan Valley; the other two were in the Jordan rift,

Jews' Condition Varies From Persecution To Freedom In Arab Lands, 'Post' Reports

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (JTA) -- The condition of Jews in the Arab world varies from outright persecution in Syria and Iraq to full freedom, equality and respect in Morocco and Lebanon, the Washington Post reported today. A survey of the 3,000-mile Arab belt from the Persian Gulf to the Atlantic by correspondent William Tuohy indicated however even where Jews are relatively well off, they are increasingly apprehensive because of the Arab-Israel conflict. In those Arab countries that permit emigration, the Jewish communities have decreased markedly in size and Jews continue to leave in large numbers, Mr. Tuohy said.

He reported that the plight of Jews is worst in Iraq where at least a dozen have been hanged during the past 12 months on charges of spying for Israel and the United States. "Iraq Jews are forbidden to travel. There are severe restrictions on Jewish businesses and bank loans. Jews may not enter the university. Mail and telephone calls are censored. Arrests are made without charges," Mr. Tuohy reported. He said the Iraqi Jewish community, which once numbered 130,000, the largest in the Middle East, is now down to about 3,500. But virtually all of the emigration occurred prior to 1951 when the Iraqi authorities restricted the departure of Jews.

"In Syria the situation is similar because of restrictions placed on the 2,500 to 4,000 Jews remaining," Mr. Tuohy wrote. He said diplomatic sources in Damascus contradict claims by Syrian authorities that there is no discrimination against Jews.

In Egypt, only about 1,000 Jews remain out of 80,000 who lived there 20 years ago. Male heads of families were jailed after the June, 1967 Six-Day War and about 90 are still imprisoned, Mr. Tuohy said. "Yet life for Jews in Egypt is better than in Iraq or Syria."

Among the Middle East countries, conditions are best for 4,000 Jews remaining in Lebanon. "They have full rights along with the other citizens, Christian and Moslem," Mr. Tuohy wrote. He said that according to one Jewish lawyer in Beirut, the only discrimination comes from American, British and French firms who are afraid to hire local Jewish executives.

Apart from Lebanon, the condition of Jews improves as the distance increases from the center of the Arab-Israel conflict. In Morocco, the 45,000 Jews remaining out of what was once a community of over 225,000 "are considered loyal subjects and they can--and do--hold public office," Mr. Tuohy said. But Jews in Rabat told him that "our co-existence has been undeniably damaged by the State of Israel."

According to the correspondent, moderate Arab leaders deplore the wholesale departure of Jews which deprives their countries of some of their most valuable citizens--doctors, lawyers, technicians and merchants. In Algeria, the former Jewish community of 140,000 has dwindled to 2,000, not because of discrimination but because most Jews regarded themselves as Frenchmen and went to France when Algeria achieved independence in 1962.

Jews are leaving Tunisia, where they have been well treated, because of the collectivization policies of President Habib Bourguiba. "In Libya practically no Jews remain of the 35,000 who lived there in 1948. The country's economy is said to have suffered because most of the import-export business was run by Jewish merchants," Mr. Tuohy reported.

Roman Catholic Priest Disappointed By Oberammergau Reception Of His Play Changes

BONN, Nov. 3 (JTA)--A Roman Catholic priest who said he spent two years revising the text of the Oberammergau Passion Play in order to eliminate its grossly anti-Semitic passages has charged that most of his work was in vain.

Father Stephan Schaller, of Eitel monastery, near Dusseldorf, said that the festival committee which will stage the play next year asked him to remove openly anti-Semitic passages from the century-old text which have been the cause of bitter Jewish complaints for years. However, after he adapted the text to modern German and adopted a conciliatory tone toward the Jews, his altered text was rejected by the committee except for some minor changes, Father Schaller said. He said he was disappointed by the "conservative attitude" of the people of Oberammergau. The Passion Play is performed every 10 years.

WJC Congress Report Finds No Anti-Semitism Behind Last Summer's Riots In Curacao

LONDON, Nov. 3 (JTA)--An investigation by an official of the World Jewish Congress has confirmed that there was no anti-Semitic intent behind the riots in the Netherlands West Indies colony of Curacao last summer in which the premises of some Jewish merchants were badly damaged. A report on the incidents by Lavy M. Becker, of Montreal, chairman of the Executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was published in the current issue of "World Jewry," periodical of the World Jewish Congress here. Mr. Becker is a member of the WJC World Executive and of the JTA board of directors. He maintains liaison with smaller Jewish communities in the Western hemisphere and visited Curacao on behalf of the WJC Congress.

According to his report, Jews on the island were not singled out for violence although a number of stores owned by Jews were looted and burned. Mr. Becker said that the rioting by blacks was an expression of general dissatisfaction with working conditions directed mainly against well-known international firms, but merchants and shopkeepers were classified as "bosses" by the dissidents. Anti-Semitism itself played no part in these riots, Mr. Becker concluded.

Orthodox Rabbinical Alliance Assails Reform Leader's Remarks On Vietnam

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA)--A Reform Jewish leader's sharp criticism of President Richard M. Nixon's Vietnam war policies was denounced by an Orthodox rabbinical group today. Rabbi Abraham Gross, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, called the remarks by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath in Miami Beach last month "irresponsible" and claimed that Rabbi Eisendrath "is not a spokesman for the American Jewish community."

Rabbi Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, spoke at the UAHC's biennial convention. He accused the Nixon Administration of trying to placate "public opinion and cool dissent" by withdrawing troops in "agonizingly small installments" from Vietnam. Denouncing South Vietnam's military establishment as "corrupt and tyrannical," Rabbi Eisendrath said that young Americans would not "be hoodwinked by the sleight-of-hand timing of off-again-on-again bombing halts, token withdrawals and diminution of draft calls cynically synchronized to college reopenings."

The Orthodox Rabbinical Alliance, taking a different view, wired President Nixon that it supported his "concerted efforts in obtaining an honorable settlement."

Earl Warren Receives Honorary Degree From Hebrew U., Will Head Truman Center Board

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Former Chief Justice Earl Warren was awarded last weekend an honorary degree by the Hebrew University and it was disclosed that he had agreed to serve as chairman of the international board of overseers for the Harry S. Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace, on Mount Scopus. Five university professors each received the Morris J. Kaplan international prize of \$5,000 to further their research. They were Arye Dvoretzky, Shmuel Eisenstadt, Jacob Mager, Isadore Twersky and Ephraim Urbach. A sixth award will be made at a later date in the United States to Prof. Milton J. Konvitz of Cornell University who will come to the Truman Center as a visiting professor. Mr. Warren said in his acceptance speech that he was not worried by student unrest, declaring he believed that "there is enough flexibility built into our institutions so that real social change is possible."

Hebrew Union College Will Break Ground In Los Angeles For New \$5 Million School

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Hebrew Union College will break ground here Sunday for a new \$5 million school adjacent to the University of Southern California, an institution with which HUC has had academic relations for the past three years. Plans for the new school were announced jointly in 1966 by HUC president Dr. Nelson Glueck and Dr. Norman Topping, USC president. Hebrew Union College trains Jewish and Christian educators, rabbis, cantors and social workers. It has campuses in Cincinnati, New York City and Jerusalem. Dr. Alfred Gottschalk has been appointed dean of the new California school.

Reform Synagogue Will Offer Rock Version Of Thanksgiving 'Prayers For Peace'

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA)--A Reform synagogue which staged an unprecedented rock music program at a Friday night service last April will offer the world premier of Thanksgiving "Prayers for Peace" composed in the same genre by Gary William Friedman, it was announced today. Rabbi Martin J. Zion, of Temple Israel here, said the performance, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23, would be open to the public. The piece is based on the composer's rock oratorio "Prayers for Friday Night" which drew more than 1,500 persons when it was first performed in the synagogue. Cantor Jonas I. Jabna, tenor soloist, will be joined by the temple choir and a rock orchestra of percussion and strings under the direction of the composer for the performance.

Dr. Schwartz, Bond Organization Head, Leaves For Israel For High Level Talks

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, left for a brief visit to Israel today to confer with that country's leaders. He will meet with Premier Golda Meir, Minister of Finance Commerce and Industry Ze'ev Sharef and Pincus Sapir, former Finance Minister and presently Minister-Without-Portfolio. Mr. Schwartz said before his departure that the prospect of continued tensions and lack of a peace settlement in 1970 "confronts Israel with a continued drain of record proportions on their resources for purposes of defense." Maintenance of the Nation's program of economic development, he said, will require "maximum" Bonds sale support.

Solomon Kerstein Dead At 68; Was Hebrew Scholar, Author, Publisher

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Solomon Kerstein, a Hebrew scholar, author and retired vice president of the Bloch Publishing Co., died yesterday at the age of 68. Mr. Kerstein was a founder and former vice president of the Jewish Book Council of America and of the national council of Torah Education of Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi. He was a director of the Jewish National Fund. He headed the Judaica and Hebraica department at Bloch and edited the company's Jewish book bulletin. Mr. Kerstein was the author of the monographs, "Jewish Libraries and Book Collections in America," "Jewish Institutions and Universities in the United States" and "The Literary and Spiritual Heritage of Rabbi Judah L. Maimon."

Public School In Brazilian Province Is Named For Late Prime Minister Of Israel

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 3 (JTA)--The governor of Guanabara province has announced that a Rio public school will be named in honor of the late Prime Minister of Israel, Levi Eshkol. Rio is the provincial capital and Brazil's largest city. Several other public schools here have been named for Jews or Israel. One is the Anne Frank School, another the Medinat (State of) Israel school. Three more have been named for Brazilian-Jewish industrialists and philanthropists. There are streets in the city named after Dr. Theodor Herzl, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Dr. Ludwig Zamenhoff and former Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.