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## Eban Warns Lebanon That Israel Will Not Tolerate Border 'Lawlessness, Aggression'

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4(JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban today warned Lebanon that Israel will not tolerate a northern frontier at which "lawlessness and aggression are given free play." In a nationwide television interview, Mr. Eban also said that the Soviet Union's open support of Arab terrorists "is a logical continuation of its attitudes since the 1967 war and before." He recalled that Soviet incitement of the Arabs had played a large role in goading the Arabs into military actions that culminated in the Six-Day War.

His warning to the Lebanese--and in effect to the Palestinian guerrillas who are based in Southern Lebanon and elsewhere--came in the wake of a Lebanese-guerrilla agreement worked out in Cairo which grants the guerrillas freedom of action in certain parts of the country in return for their willingness to limit the scope of their operations.

As if to validate their intention to keep Israel's Northern border communities under fire, terrorists fired a Katyusha rocket today at Ramat Naftali, a moshav in the Upper Galilee. Windows were broken but no casualties were reported. In other military action, Israel sent a lone plane to buzz Cairo. Israeli jets also attacked Jordan Army artillery positions in retaliation for an attack against Israeli positions near the Damiya Bridge. Egyptian fire killed an Israeli soldier near Kantara on the Suez Canal.

### Tells Lebanese That Respect For Independence Must Be Reciprocal

The Foreign Minister said on TV that Israel favors Lebanese "independence and her right to her own unique national and cultural character. However, Lebanon is under obligation to respect the independence and security of Israel and prevent any attacks made from her territory upon Israeli citizens and territory."

Warning the guerrillas, he said that if terrorist organizations regard themselves as having the right to attack Israel, then Israel is entitled to take action against them in any way she deems effective. Soviet support for terrorists, Mr. Egan said, has had repercussions in Lebanon, proving that the Soviet Union "is not a peace-loving state" and does not desire Mideast peace. Also speaking on reported American new peace proposals to Russia, he said that the U.S. stand "is known to us and does not obligate Israel." Mr. Eban said that Israel "does not negotiate with the U.S. over borders."

Israel has intimated that Lebanon is courting swift and strong retaliation for any guerrilla strikes which it permits across its southern border. The principal factor leading to the 13-day near-civil-war in Lebanon between its Army and the guerrillas stemmed from Beirut's fear of Israeli reprisal. It had a foretaste of Israel's intentions last December when Israeli helicopter units struck Beirut International Airport and destroyed 13 commercial airliners. The fighting was the worst crisis faced by Lebanon since the 1958 civil war which was cooled down by the presence of United States Marines sent in by then President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The fighting flared last month when the Army cracked down on the guerrillas.

Following announcement of the agreement with Lebanon, worked out under the auspices of President Gamal Abdel Nasser, El Fatah leader Yassir Arafat announced "our military activity will not cease except when we achieve victory and regain occupied territory." Arafat is also chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which coordinates various guerrilla organizations. In Amman, Bahjat al-Talhouni, the Jordanian Premier, said his country was grateful for Col. Nasser's efforts to solve the crisis so that "Arab blood is shed only on the field of honor and martyrdom."

While details of the pact worked out between Arafat and Maj. Gen. Emile Bustani, commander-in-chief of the Lebanese Army, were not made public, Beirut reports reaching here said that Lebanon formally endorsed the presence of guerrillas in her territory and got a guerrilla pledge to "cooperate" with her Army. Najeeb Sadaka, secretary-general of the Lebanon Foreign Ministry and a member of the negotiating team, said the agreement "reconciled Lebanon's sovereignty and security with ensuring effectiveness in occupied territory" of the guerrillas. It was also reported here that Lebanese negotiators won a point in insisting that the guerrillas must give Lebanon prior notice of intended raids and must cross the border before attacking; rockets and artillery must not be fired into Israel from Lebanon.

Israel has indicated that it will not accept the so-called "new Arafat trail" which will give the guerrillas an open line of communication from their positions in Lebanon's Arkoub region to Syria. This supply line would lead right to the Israeli border. Israeli military circles said that if given a free hand, the guerrillas could establish themselves in southern Lebanon strongly within a few days.

## Labor-Mapam Unit Votes To Continue National Unity Government On Basis Of Old Platform

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4(JTA)--The supreme political committee of the Labor-Mapam Alignment voted yesterday eight to four to continue the Government of National Unity in the seventh Knesset on the basis of the outgoing Government's platform. The committee also voted to have the right-wing Gahal, the main opposition party, which won 26 Knesset seats in the Oct. 28 election, represented in the Cabinet in proportion to its seats in the 120-member parliament.

Premier Golda Meir was expected to confer today with Menachem Beigin, leader of Gahal (Herut-Liberal Alignment) on the inclusion of his faction in the Cabinet. Gahal has demanded alterations in basic policy, presumably on the question of occupied territories which it says should be annexed. The rightists have also demanded a number of Cabinet posts; in the outgoing Government it has only two Ministers-Without-Portfolio.

The four members opposing the political committee proposal were two members of the Achdut Haavodah faction of the Labor Party, Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati and the Mapam representative. Later in a radio and television interview, veteran Mapam Leader Meir Yaari hinted that his party might not accept Alignment discipline on the matter. He said however that he would have to consult with his party.

The political committee elected a subcommittee to begin Cabinet-making negotiations with other parties, beginning with the National Religious Party which has picked up another seat in vote counting and now has 12--one more than in the outgoing Knesset. A measure of the importance the Labor Party attaches to bringing the NRP into a broad-based coalition was indicated yesterday by the Labor-Mapam Alignment's acceptance of an NRP request to rescind an earlier Cabinet decision permitting television broadcasts on Friday evening. The supreme political committee was today to ask the State Broadcasting Authority to have television broadcasts on Friday afternoon instead of during Sabbath hours.

Almost all the votes have been counted--only a few from sailors are still outstanding--and it appears that the Labor-Mapam Alignment's loss is seven seats; it had 63, an absolute majority in the outgoing Knesset and is now down to 56. Haolam Hazeq, formerly a one-man faction whose seat was occupied by publisher Uri Avneri, picked up a second seat. The Free Center, which had four seats and lost three, was given a second seat after soldiers' votes were counted. The sailors' votes were not expected to change the picture.

## Deputy Premier Allon Defends Israeli Policies In Occupied Territories

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4(JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon hotly defended Israel's policies in the occupied territories yesterday and denied allegations by the foreign editor of the London Times, E.C. Hodgkin, that the occupation was cruel, repressive and aimed at driving out the Arabs. Mr. Allon, addressing a Joint Palestine Appeal study mission from Britain, claimed that "ours is the most enlightened military government in history."

Mr. Hodgkin's report on a visit to Gaza and the West Bank, published in the Times on Oct. 30, stirred a violent reaction from Israel sympathizers in and out of Parliament and an equivalent response from the opposite camp. The Times published an editorial last week defending the integrity of Mr. Hodgkin's reportage. He had alleged that Israeli occupation forces destroyed 7,140 Arab houses, meted out harsh sentences to Arab resisters and sometimes tortured them.

Mr. Allon observed that Israel does not have capital punishment and has no intention of introducing it, even for terrorists who kill innocent civilians. He defended the policy of blowing up terrorist-owned houses and supplies as "a necessary and effective means" of restricting terrorist activities. In other remarks, Mr. Allon asserted that "Israel has no less claim to the Sinai-peninsula than Egypt" and said Israel would continue to establish settlements in the Sinai in keeping with its security needs.

Other Israeli circles denied today that any officials had threatened residents of the occupied territories with mass deportation. They said Israel's policy is to let every inhabitant continue his normal daily life. But the expulsion of three headmen of the Bedouin Tamara tribe in the Judean Hills was announced today by the commanding officer of the Judaea-Samaria region, Brig. Gen. Rafael Vardi. The three deported to Jordan, were accused of involvement in sabotage activities in the Hebron area recently which included the firing of Katyusha rockets at a suburb of Jerusalem. A fourth tribal headman on the wanted list is believed to have fled to Jordan. The Bedouin tribesmen are believed to have aided terrorists in transporting the rockets to the firing site. Children of the tribe reportedly helped carry the shells.

Israeli circles conceded today that there was an apparent increase in cooperation between local Arabs on the West Bank and saboteurs. They recalled a recent statement by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who offered the Arabs three alternatives: Cooperate with Israeli authorities in fighting terrorists; report terrorist activities to authorities, or do nothing. Gen. Dayan warned that if they chose the third alternative, Israel would have to take counter-measures that could make life unbearable for the local residents. Israeli circles stated further that there was no policy of communal punishment. They said blowing up of houses in Halhul village, near Hebron, and in Gaza were the direct result of investigations which pointed to at least passive cooperation by the owners with known terrorists in the region. Eighteen houses were destroyed in Halhul and eight in Gaza.

## Thant Loses Temper Over Correspondent's Question On Withdrawal Of UN' Force In 1967

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 4(JTA)--Secretary General U Thant lost his temper at a press reception here yesterday when a free-lance reporter asked whether he might have acted incorrectly when he removed the United Nations peace force from the Middle East in May, 1967, on the eve of the Six-Day War. Mr. Thant's action, at the request of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, was believed by many diplomats to have precipitated the war. It has been the subject of widespread criticism.

Obviously angered by the question from a British reporter, Edwin Roth, Mr. Thant retorted, "Only a nincompoop or a malicious distortionist would still maintain that I had other alternatives to the action I took." He added that he had "never made a more correct decision" and that his remarks were on the record.

The exchange between Mr. Thant and Mr. Roth occurred during ceremonies at the UN Correspondents Association (UNCA) clubrooms just after the Secretary-General blew out the candles on a cake in observance of his eighth anniversary in office. The occasion is an annual event. But Mr. Roth, who later described himself as a free-lance newsman representing nobody but himself, pressed Mr. Thant with questions on whether the Secretary-General felt he had made any mistakes during his tenure. Mr. Thant replied that he was "not conscious of any mistakes." He abandoned his usual composure however when Mr. Roth asked if he thought he had acted correctly in May, 1967.

UNCA officials apologized to Mr. Thant and called a press briefing to explain the incident. After a heated debate between UNCA members and Mr. Roth who is not a member, UN guards were asked to escort the free-lancer out of the building. Roth insisted that he had asked Mr. Thant legitimate questions and that if anyone had been aggressive it was the Secretary General.

## Canadian Jewish Congress Supports Languages Bill, Opposed By Many French-Canadians

MONTREAL, Nov. 4(JTA)--The Canadian Jewish Congress has come out in support of the controversial Bill 63, legislation introduced to the Quebec Assembly by Premier Jean Jacques Bertrand which would ensure the primacy of French in the Province but at the same time give parents the right to choose between French and English as the language of instruction for their children in public schools.

Last week--several thousand young French-Canadians marched on the Provincial Assembly in Quebec to denounce the bill. Rene Levesque, a leader of the French separatist movement in Quebec, has accused Premier Bertrand of betraying Quebec's aspirations to make French the language and culture in the province. M. Bertrand's bill would require all pupils to pass oral and written examinations in French.

The Canadian Jewish Congress is on record as favoring the strengthening of French in the province and making instruction in French available for all. However, it has maintained in all its representations to commissions of inquiry in Quebec dealing with education that Parental choice of education for all children is a basic right which ought not to be denied to anyone regardless of origin.

In an Ottawa development, a bill providing prison terms for incitement to racial hatred or advocacy of genocide has passed its first reading in the Canadian House of Commons. It would set a two year-penalty for persons convicted of inciting hatred or contempt against a group distinguishable by race, religion, color or ethnic origin and five years for conviction on charges of advocating or promoting genocide. The bill differs from one sponsored by the Government and passed by the Senate last June in that it includes religion among the attributes of an identifiable group. The revision was requested in a brief submitted by the Canadian Jewish Congress last winter.

## Axel Springer, West German Publisher, Named Honorary Fellow of Weizmann Institute

REHOVOT, Nov. 4, (JTA)--The appointment of Axel Springer, the West German publisher, as an honorary fellow of the Weizmann Institute of Science, was announced here today. Mr. Springer, whose newspapers have long espoused the cause of Israel, is the fifth West German to be so honored. The Institute celebrated its 25th anniversary this week under the co-direction of Meyer W. Weisgal, retiring president, and Dr. Albert Sabin, the president-elect.

Mr. Springer's publications work for the reconciliation of the Jewish and German peoples. In accepting the Weizmann honor, Mr. Springer said, "today one more step is taken toward that reconciliation."

The Institute also dedicated a statue to the noted British Jewish leader Lord Sieff of Brimpton, who is marking his 80th birthday. Symbolizing the enduring link between science and man's progress, the sculpture is located at the entrance to the Daniel Sieff Research Institute, predecessor of the Weizmann Institute. The Sieff Institute was founded in 1934 under Chaim Weizmann. Present at the dedication was Marcus J. Sieff, deputy chairman of the Weizmann board of governors.

## World Union Leaders Visit Latin America To Study Relationship Of Reform To Jewry

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 4(JTA)--Representatives of the World Union for Progressive Judaism arrived here yesterday for a special regional conference to study the relationship of Reform Judaism in Latin America to the general situation of Jews in those countries. The delegation is headed by Dr. Jacob K. Shankman, president of the World Union, and Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The visitors were welcomed by the Latin American branch of the Jewish Congress at a reception addressed by Dr. Shankman and Mark Turkow, secretary of the WJCongress here.

## CJFWF Assembly Will Hear Student Demands For Changes In Federation Priorities, Ways

NEW YORK, Nov. 4 (JTA)--An official of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJFW) said today that the program of its 38th General Assembly this month had been broadened to provide for a presentation of the views of a newly-formed Jewish Activist League on matters of Jewish communal priorities. It was indicated that the student activists had agreed to the arrangements.

Discussions reportedly have been under way for several weeks with representatives of the student activists since spokesmen for the new organization announced that chapters in New York City's Columbia University and Brandeis University were organizing a delegation to attend the CJFWF General Assembly, scheduled in Boston for Nov. 12-16. The activists, who said that a number of Hillel directors and Jewish faculty members were taking part in the formation of the delegation's "demands," said they had been offered time during the opening of the conference on Nov. 12 and had rejected the offer, insisting on being heard during the Thursday, Nov. 13 evening session.

Philip Bernstein, CJFWF executive vice-president, in announcing the broadened General Assembly format, said the organization "warmly welcomes the interest expressed by a group of students and faculty in the Boston area for more active participation in Jewish communal affairs and particularly in the Assembly." Adding that the CJFWF and constituent Federations throughout the United States and Canada were "committed to action" to increase such participation, he said that CJFWF officials "had invited college students from a number of communities to join actively in the deliberations" and had arranged "for the participation of a number of faculty members."

Mr. Bernstein added that while the program of the Assembly had been planned months in advance, arrangements had been made to bring the points of view of the student activists to Assembly delegates "in view of the student acti  
"in view of the expressed interest of a number of Boston Jewish college youth for even greater participation." He reported that the luncheon session on Thursday, Nov. 13, "already had been scheduled for a presentation by young leadership of their view on Jewish community priorities. Instead of limiting this to the generation of young people in their 30s, we will add the expression of the campus community on these same issues."

He reported also that "we are cooperating with the students and faculty on facilities and other arrangements to make possible their fullest participation in the Assembly" and that, "as part of the overall plan for the General Assembly, there will be a series of sessions involving Jewish community leadership and college youth and faculty on issues of common concern, such as social action, Jewish education and intellectual life and others."

### Students Tell What They Want In Budgets And Representation

In announcing plans for the delegation's appearance, spokesmen for the new Jewish Activist League said that participants were being sought at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion the Reform seminary here, as well as at Yeshiva University, various City University colleges, and other universities in the area, and from local Hillel Foundations and a "broad spectrum" of Jewish youth organizations.

Spokesmen for the League said research into the budget of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston and of the total of all Jewish Federation budgets had shown "disturbing information about budget priorities." The spokesmen said that the students had been helped in the research by Rabbi Albert Axelrad, Hillel director at Brandeis; Prof. Léonard Fein, director of the Harvard-MIT urban studies center; Dr. Marshall Sklare, the noted Jewish sociologist, and Leon Jick, director of contemporary Jewish studies at Brandeis.

The spokesmen said that the delegation planned to present to the General Assembly a list of demands based on the thesis that "the federations have not served the Jewish community well. We feel they must change their ways in response to the crisis which now exists in our local communities." It was indicated that the demands will include a request that each local Federation set up, during the coming year, a foundation for college youth, special communal projects for youth, funding for new experiments in Jewish education and Jewish life including publications, study groups, classes and fellowships for graduate work in Jewish education. Other planned demands will be that local Federations be "democratized" to include students, faculty members and interested members of the community so that they can be involved in all aspects of Federation work, particularly in budget and allocation committees, and that Federation resources -- files, records and accounts -- be made available to "all interested parties."

### **B'nai B'rith Hillel Student Leaders Endorse Nov. 13-15 Moratorium March In Capital**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (JTA)--Student leaders of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations endorsed today the Nov. 13-15 Vietnam Moratorium March on Washington as an affirmation of their "desire to expedite the end of the war." The 23 students from campuses throughout the country, holding their first meeting as the National Hillel Student Consultative Committee, also called on local Hillel units at 240 American colleges to give consideration to "their individual involvement in local moratorium observances." The consultation committee was created this year to give students a greater voice in Hillel policy actions. Four of the group also serve as full voting members of the Hillel Foundations' national commission, the organization's highest policy board. The committee also offered student assistance to Hillel's national headquarters for its cooperative program with other Washington-based Jewish organizations "to provide housing, religious services, kosher food and relevant programs" for Jewish students who will participate in the upcoming Moratorium observance.