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## Dayan: Israel Has Halted Deep Raids Into Egypt, Ready To Re-Establish Cease-Fire

HAIFA, May 5 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said here last night that Israel has halted deep penetration raids into Egypt in order to avoid possible clashes with Russian military personnel. He asserted that Israel was ready to "re-establish an unconditional and unlimited cease-fire" in the Suez Canal zone as a step toward an eventual peace settlement, even if by so doing Egypt is enabled to reorganize and put up SAM-3 missile sites. Gen. Dayan's remarks at a question-and-answer session with students constituted the first acknowledgment by a top Israel government official that air raids deep inside Egypt have been stopped. Gen. Dayan said "We have, till now, had no clashes with Russians in spite of encounters over Egypt, and I am happy about it. I hope that we shall have no clashes with Russians on land and that no Russians will be hit." He added, however, that "We will continue to hold our present line at all costs and we shall not let the enemy undermine these lines." He said, "We will be careful in attack actions that might lead to a clash with the Russians. This is the reason why we discontinued the deep penetration into Egypt."

The Defense Minister said the recent Soviet escalation was aimed at showing the United States and Israel how far Moscow is prepared to go to back up the Arabs. He said Russian involvement has released more Egyptians for combat action and resulted in increased Israeli casualties in the canal zone. Gen. Dayan reported 89 casualties there, including 27 dead in April, compared with 47 casualties and nine dead in March. "I hope we will be in a position to reduce these figures even if the Egyptian initiative continues," he said. "It will call for a considerable military effort, but I trust we shall achieve the necessary results." He said it was significant that the U.S. has not demanded an Israeli retreat from the cease-fire lines to avoid a clash with the Russians. "We do not believe that Russian intervention will go as far as the Americans' in Vietnam," Gen. Dayan said. "Against Russian intervention we can only make it clear that we are ready to fight physically to hold our lines even if the Egyptians get Soviet assistance. If we do not, no one would come to our aid and nobody will fight our war."

## Kosygin Virtually Acknowledges That Russian Pilots Are Flying Egyptian Aircraft

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA)--An Israeli Foreign Ministry official accused Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin today of falsifying history in order to justify Russia's direct military intervention on Egypt's side in the Middle East conflict. The spokesman referred to Mr. Kosygin's press conference in Moscow earlier today at which the Kremlin leader attacked "Israeli aggression" and came close to confirming Israel's charge that Russian pilots were flying Egyptian aircraft on missions over Egypt. Premier Kosygin's statement confirms Soviet involvement in Egypt and the inclusion of Soviet personnel in the Egyptian forces, the Ministry spokesman told newsmen. The pretext given by the Soviet Premier that Soviet crews are in Egypt to ward off what he called Israeli aggression is a continuation of the falsification of history on which the Soviet Union has based its intervention on the side of the Arabs, even before the 1967 war, he said.

The spokesman noted that the same charge was made by the Soviet Premier in his June 1, 1967 speech at the emergency session of the General Assembly. Israel, he said, has never accepted this false accusation and has rejected every draft proposal submitted by the Soviet Union and its allies and the Arabs which sought to turn Israel from a victim of aggression into an aggressor. The renewal of this charge in order to justify the increasing Soviet involvement in Egypt proves that the Soviet Union wishes to continue the conflict in the area and possibly even deepen it but does not seek a settlement by peaceful means, the Israeli spokesman said.

(In the first press conference held by a Soviet head of government in the Soviet Union in 10 years, Premier Kosygin virtually acknowledged yesterday that Soviet pilots are involved in Egyptian air maneuvers. Newsmen asked Mr. Kosygin to "confirm or deny Israeli claims that Soviet pilots are flying operational flights over Egypt." He replied: "We do have an agreement with the government of the United Arab Republic under which there are Soviet military advisers in the troops of the UAR. They are there for the purposes of aiding the UAR in the struggle against Israeli aggression, an aggression which in turn is massively supported by the United States, which is providing Israel with arms and extending all-out support in creating aggression against that country. The functions of the Soviet military advisers are being co-ordinated with the government of the UAR.") (In Geneva, delegates to the arms control talks were reported very much concerned over the Russian-pilot allegations. They were said to fear that the U.S. will now agree to sell Israel more jets, widening the tension in the Middle East and adversely affecting the discussions there and the bilateral Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) in Vienna. One Geneva delegate observed according to reports that despite its continuing pleas for further American military aid, Israel has not allowed itself to become subservient to the U.S.)

## Mrs. Meir Reaffirms Israel Air Force Will Fight Russian Pilots If Necessary

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir repeated today that the Israel Air Force would fight Russian pilots if that became necessary to hold the Suez Canal line. Mrs. Meir, who spoke on the Armed Forces radio here said, "We do not seek opportunities to engage Russian pilots in combat... But one thing we cannot forego and that is self-defense. We shall have to do everything, with no consideration or regard for who is manning the planes, when the need arises to protect our Army and our

lives with all that is involved." Mrs. Meir made the same statement in a television interview on the BBC world affairs program "Panorama" broadcast in London last night. She told her Israeli listeners today that "We are not at war with the USSR. But if Russia sent pilots, and they are flying and if they will cause us to fight against them, we shall have no choice. We are not looking forward to this, nor do we have any such plans. But we shall not concede our defense and our lives on account of who sits in the cockpit."

### Beam Meeting With Soviet Officials On Russian Mideast Involvement

WASHINGTON, May 5 (JTA)--The State Department said today that U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam was meeting with Soviet officials in Moscow on the Soviet involvement in Egypt. Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said Ambassador Beam had an appointment today at the Soviet Foreign Ministry and planned to raise the question of reports that Russian pilots are flying Egyptian planes on missions over Egypt. Mr. McCloskey said Ambassador Beam would "question it, ask for an explanation and what Soviet intentions are." Sen. Jacob K. Javits said today that the United States should give Israel more Phantom jets immediately. Replying to questions by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the New York Republican said, "While the situation has not reached crisis proportions in the Middle East, it is fraught with danger."

(In Tel Aviv, former United States Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey declared last night that Israel is "not alone," because "America will not let you down." He spoke at a public meeting of the Israeli-USA Friendship League in Habimah Hall, attended by U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour and Tel Aviv University president George Wise. Mr. Humphrey said Israel must continue firmly the quest for peace, because that is the only hope of success. In this connection he used the Hebrew phrase "ein brerah"--"there is no alternative." Speaking figuratively to Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, Mr. Humphrey declared "You are wrong--the Middle East needs Israel." He lauded Israel's contributions to educational and scientific progress in the area.)

### Israeli Jets Attack Egyptian Positions In Suez Canal Zone And Positions On Waterway

TEL AVIV, May 5 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets attacked Egyptian positions in the northern and central sections of the Suez Canal zone this morning and returned safely to their bases. Several unidentified rockets were fired in the vicinities of Kfar Ruppin, Beisan township and Yavneel last night without causing casualties. The fire was returned. Military sources disclosed that Israeli artillery on the east bank of the Suez Canal opened fire on Egyptian positions 71 times last week. The report was the first to indicate that Israeli artillery as well as air craft were attacking Egyptian forces along the waterway.

### ZOA Urges Nixon To Take Positive And Firm Position Against Soviet Threats In Mideast

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA)--The head of the Zionist Organization of America today voiced great concern over the Soviet threat in the Middle East and urged President Nixon to take "a firm and positive position against the Soviet threat." Jacques Torczyner, president of the ZOA expressed confidence in Nixon's order last week for an immediate full evaluation of the tense situation in the Middle East. Mr. Torczyner said the massive Soviet military build-up and the fact that Russians were flying planes in Egypt "has introduced into the Middle East, step by step, a dangerous threat to world peace." He added: "We urge our government to take a firm and positive position against the Soviet threat, not only to the security of Israel but to the basic interests of the U.S. in the Middle East, and indeed, to world peace."

### UAR Ambassador To UN Asks Thant To 'Once More' Urge Israel To Implement Resolutions

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 5 (JTA)--The Egyptian ambassador, Mohamed H. El-Zayyat, submitted a letter yesterday to Secretary General U Thant suggesting that the Israelis "should be called upon once more" to implement all the "relevant United Nations resolutions and that an appeal should be made for the sake of peace, to the government of the United States not to render further assistance and support to Israel" as long as it continues to "flout and defy" the Security Council and General Assembly resolutions. Along with this suggestion Mr. El-Zayyat also submitted to Mr. U Thant the speech made by President Nasser on May 1 in Egypt in which the Egyptian leader warned President Nixon that "if the United States wants peace, then it should get Israel to withdraw from all the Arab territories occupied in 1967." Mr. El-Zayyat, in submitting Pres. Nasser's May Day speech, referred to it as an "appeal to the President of the United States of America from the President of the United Arab Republic." Mr. El-Zayyat asked Mr. U Thant to circulate President Nasser's "appeal" as an official document of the Security Council and of the General Assembly. Last Wednesday, Mr. Thant expressed alarm that Russian pilots were flying missions over Egypt but declared that so long as the cease-fire resolutions and the Nov. 22, 1967 resolution calling for Israeli withdrawal are not implemented by the parties, the situation in the Middle East will continue to deteriorate. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel criticized this statement and declared it was proof that the UN could not deal objectively with the Arab-Israel conflict.

Ambassador Tekoah, replying today to newsmen's questions on the Nasser "appeal," stated, "The central point in Nasser's speech of May 1, 1970, is his determination to continue and intensify the war against Israel. The Egyptian representative's letter is another attempt in the Soviet-UAR campaign aimed at preventing international efforts to arrest the dangerous escalation of the Middle East conflict resulting from Soviet military involvement." In a letter today to Mr. Thant, Mr. Tekoah declared that the "Soviet military involvement" had been "established beyond any doubt," was known to the world, and had "introduced a new dimension into the regional conflict." He remarked that the declaration of both President Nasser and Mr. El-Zayyat did not contain "any explicit denials" of Soviet pilots in Egypt, and that they did not offer "any change" in Egypt's 22-year "policy of hostility and war." He reiterated that Egypt has "repudiated" its Security Council obligations and rejected opportunities for negotiations.

## Israeli And Dutch Journalists Refute Charges Of Israeli Cruelty To Arabs

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 5 (JTA)--An Israeli journalist who travelled extensively in the occupied Arab territories told a United Nations special committee last week that Arab social and economic standards have improved notably since the June, 1967 war and most Arabs acknowledge this though they don't "dance the national dance of Israel to its national hymn." Gideon Weigert, a former correspondent of the Jerusalem Post and a self-described student of Arab affairs, testified in Geneva May 1 before the UN committee investigating the treatment of Arabs in the occupied areas. A summary of his testimony was released by the UN Information Officer here today. Also released was the testimony taken in Geneva from a Dutch journalist, Louis Velleman, who also visited the occupied territories and confirmed much of what Mr. Weigert said. The UN officer also released a comment by Claude Pilloud, of the International Red Cross, complaining that a summary of his testimony in Geneva released by the UN contained several inaccuracies and did not fully reflect what he had stated.

Mr. Weigert, who at one point broke down and wept, said that the evidence presented to the committee and carried by the world news media gave a picture "that is false, that is distorted." He said the witnesses appearing before the committee fell into two classes--refugees from the fighting or emigres who left the territories immediately after the fighting, and people expelled for acts of terrorism and sabotage or for encouraging such acts. Their common aim, Mr. Weigert said, was to besmirch Israel and this was done with the blessing and approval of the Arab countries. The witness said he had spoken to hundreds of Arabs in the course of his work and had eaten and slept with them in towns and villages and refugee camps. He quoted from a series of articles in the Israeli press, several written by him, in which the Arabs acknowledged improved living conditions since the Israeli occupation. Production has increased three-fold since 1967 and income and profits four-fold, Mr. Weigert said.

Mr. Velleman stated in his testimony that it was very easy to find Arabs who would say they had been tortured but he could find no evidence of any individual cases of torture, let alone a systematic policy of torture that some witnesses attributed to the Israelis. Regarding the behavior of the occupying authorities, Mr. Velleman said the Arabs admitted that the Israeli military forces behaved properly. He said it was true that the Israelis demolished houses belonging to terrorist suspects, but the decisions were taken at the highest level, not by local commanders and were always reported to the press. Mr. Velleman said he had lived through the German occupation of Holland and there was no comparison between that and the Israeli occupation, as some Arab witnesses have charged. He also disputed the Arab terrorists' analogy of themselves with underground resistance groups in Europe during World War II. Asked if he would call the underground movement in the Netherlands under the Nazis "terrorist," he said the Dutch underground never threw bombs into market places or killed their own people as the El Fatah has done.

## Eban Demands Punishment Of Gunmen Who Killed Israel Embassy Worker And Wounded One

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban demanded last night that the Paraguayan government punish to the full extent of the law two gunmen who murdered a secretary at the Israeli Embassy in Asuncion yesterday and critically wounded her co-worker. The pair, identified as probable El Fatah members, entered the Embassy and opened fire with pistols fatally wounding Mrs. Edna Peer, wife of Embassy First Secretary Moïshe Peer. Diana Zawluck, secretary to Ambassador Benjamin Varon was also wounded and reported in critical condition today. Mr. Eban called the shooting "yet another link in the chain of Arab terrorist attacks against innocent plane passengers and defenseless office workers outside the area of the Arab-Israeli conflict and in violation of other countries' neutrality." He called on Paraguayan authorities to take all necessary steps to protect Embassy personnel in Asuncion. The two gunmen captured by police as they tried to escape after the shooting were identified as Miguel Adapo and Cando Kalek. Their alleged affiliation with El Fatah could not be immediately confirmed. Asuncion police were seeking a third man said to be an accomplice.

## Shanker, Meany Say Labor Supports Humanitarian Demands Of Soviet Jews

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA)--Albert Shanker, president of the United Federation of Teachers, told a Labor Conference in Support of Soviet Jewry last night that the Soviet Union's "anti-Jewish, anti-Zionist, anti-Semitic offensive is being pursued with increased intensity." The labor leader declared, Soviet Jews cannot fully speak out. "We must, therefore, give voice to their grievances, we must present their case, we must serve as their spokesman," he said. Charles S. Zimmerman, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, which sponsored the conference, said the meeting was being held as a "response to the Soviet Union's increasingly virulent anti-Jewish campaign. Our protests are necessary. We must demand that the anti-Jewish campaign should come to an end." Mr. Shanker declared, "The situation of Soviet Jews commands our attention not because it is part of the cold war but because human rights are involved. The case for the Soviet Jews is simple. The demands are simple. They are not political. They are humanitarian." George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, in a message to the conference, said the plight of Soviet Jewry is the deep concern of the 15 million American workers in the AFL-CIO. Mr. Meany stated, "Despite denials by Soviet leadership, the facts of anti-Semitism are clearly established. On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I wish to express our support of any effort which can restore even small measures of freedom to the Russian people."

JERUSALEM, May 5 (JTA)--A dispatch on Page Two of the JTA Daily News Bulletin of Tuesday, incorrectly attributed to the Zionist General Council decisions taken by the Zionist Council of Israel, a body created two years ago, composed of Israeli organizations. The Zionist Council of Israel opened its second plenary session in Jerusalem today.

## AJCongress Condemns Fatal Shooting Of Four Students At Kent University

NEW YORK, May 6 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress, commenting on the fatal shooting of four students at Kent University in Ohio, declared in a statement today by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, Congress president, that "it is difficult to believe that any combination of circumstances could have justified the killing of students yesterday at Kent State University." He said that "protests--even violent protests--is not a crime punishable by death. It is inconceivable that the National Guard troops on the Kent State campus had no alternative to firing live ammunition into a crowd of students because some of them were throwing rocks." Continuing, Rabbi Lelyveld declared: "We grieve for those killed and those wounded, for their families and for the many other students who were exposed to the horror of bloodshed. President Nixon has indicated that the only lesson he draws from the killing of the students at Kent State is that, 'when dissent turns to violence, it invites tragedy.' Even now, the President does not appear to realize that we cannot expect the deeply held feelings about our country's actions in Viet Nam, the subject of the students' protests, to find expression only in the form of polite discussion." Rabbi Lelyveld added "the adoption of get-tough policies, such as that of Gov. James Rhodes of Ohio, who called out rifle-bearing troops to confront unarmed students, can only further exacerbate the tragic unrest on our nation's campuses. The answer of the National Guard at Kent State, when dissent spilled over into violence, was to shoot to kill. The nation must make it clear that it rejects that answer."

## Black Militants Charged With Roughing Up Two Jews And Shouting Anti-Semitic Abuses

NEW YORK, May 5 (JTA)--A spokesman for one of the city's 26 local anti-poverty agencies charged today that black militants shouted anti-Semitic abuse during a special panel meeting last week of the city's Council Against Poverty and roughed up two Jews with no protests from officials of the Council. The panel meeting concerned complaints about distribution of anti-poverty funds in a section of Brooklyn to poor Jews, blacks and Puerto Ricans. Dr. Marvin Schick, assistant to Mayor Lindsay for inter-group relations, said the city administration was seriously concerned about the problems of anti-poverty fund handling in the Brooklyn section and was exploring means of reducing tensions in that area arising from differences between Jews and the other minority groups in the allocation of poverty funds by that area's community corporation, the designation for the locally-elected anti-poverty agencies. Panel meetings are arranged by the Council, the city's central anti-poverty agency on which the 26 community corporations are represented, to hear complaints about handling of poverty funds by the local corporations. The panel meeting last Thursday night, held at the Council's Manhattan offices, was arranged in response to protests that poverty funds were going disproportionately to poor Jews in the Brooklyn area to the purported detriment of poor blacks and Puerto Ricans. The area is one of two in the city in which Jews are represented on the local poverty agencies.

Dr. Schick also told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his office had been informed about the panel meeting but that he had no information that there had been use of anti-Semitic language. He was told that the Jewish victims planned to file charges and said he had discussed that aspect of the panel meeting and that he had advised members of the Jewish community in the Brooklyn section that he felt they had an obligation to see to it that the charges were filed and pressed. At the start of the panel meeting, according to the Jewish source who was one of seven members attending the panel session, there were some 30 Jews present from the Brooklyn section and five or six blacks attending as community representatives to hear the panel arguments. After the meeting was underway, the informant said, some 30 additional blacks, led by former CORE leader Sonny Carson, came into the room and began heckling speakers. He said the chairman of the panel, and the Council's executive director, James Greenwich, a Negro, declined to halt the anti-Semitic statements. Mr. Greenwich disputed that account. When the meeting ended, with no action taken on the issue for which it was called, fist fights broke out, the spokesman said, and some black militants assaulted a 70-year-old Jew, breaking his nose. A younger Jew was also roughed up but not injured. The spokesman said the two Jews were filing complaints against their alleged attackers.

Mr. Greenwich told the JTA that he had not been present throughout the panel session since he had some work to do. He said that he had not heard any anti-Semitic statements during the periods he was present during the panel session. He said that the session was adjourned by the panel chairman, Joseph Francois, who said it appeared that all relevant views had been expressed and that the matter would be reviewed for appropriate action. He then called an executive session of the panel to discuss further action and Mr. Greenwich was called to that executive session, which was held behind closed doors. Mr. Greenwich said that at this point an altercation broke out in the hallway and that police were called. The police left and a second altercation broke out and police again were called. This time, Mr. Greenwich said, he told the police to clear the area and they did so. No arrests were made by the police. He also said that blacks who had been involved in the disputes after the panel meeting claimed they had been assaulted by Jews and Jews claimed assaults from the blacks.

## Big Four Meet For 34th Time; Deputies Sent Back To Drawing Board To Complete Memorandum

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 5 (JTA)--The United Nations ambassadors of the United States, Soviet Russia, Britain and France who are attempting to reach an agreement on a Middle East settlement, met at the Soviet UN Mission here today. It was their 34th meeting since the deliberations began 13 months ago but only the second since March 31. In the interim, the ambassadors assigned their deputies the task of drafting a memorandum that would spell out the points of agreement and disagreement between the Four Powers. But there has been no final draft as yet and one participant in the deputies' meetings said today, "Nothing has happened. I don't expect anything to happen today and I can't see anything in the near future." According to diplomatic sources, today's meeting was expected to accomplish little more than send the deputies back to their task.