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## Dayan: Only U.S. Can Check USSR in Mideast; Israel Would Invade, Occupy Jordan if Necessary

JERUSALEM, June 23 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said today that if the Soviet Union should actively join in a war against Israel, "then there is only one power that is capable of checking them--the United States." Addressing a press luncheon, Gen. Dayan said Israel had definite evidence that Soviet pilots were flying operative missions over Egypt but thus far they have avoided intervening in dogfights with Israeli planes over the Suez Canal zone. Gen. Dayan evaded a question on whether he considered an American physical presence in Israel necessary or desirable. He said it was to be hoped that "the two great powers will come to an agreement along the lines of 'we keep out, you keep out.'" Gen. Dayan indicated that Israel would invade and occupy Jordan if changes in the rule of that country threatened Israel's security. "We don't care who is in control" in Jordan, he said, "but we do care whether or not we are shot at from Jordanian territory. A situation might arise in which the interests of our defense make it necessary for us to march in. I would much rather march out again, but if necessary we would stay," he said.

Gen. Dayan expressed the view that Israel has not specifically accepted the United Nations Security Council's resolution of Nov. 22, 1967. He said the statement made at the time by Israel's UN envoy, Ambassador Yosef Tekoa, amounted to less than an acceptance. Premier Golda Meir's reference to Mr. Tekoa's statement on the resolution in a Knesset speech earlier this month was widely interpreted abroad as an avowal of Israel's acceptance of the resolution. It calls for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories in return for peace undertakings by the Arabs. Gen. Dayan hinted in his talk today at the extent to which Israel would be willing to withdraw. "In exchange for peace we are prepared to give back a lot of territory," he said. "We have historic links with Nablus, Hebron and Shiloh (all West Bank towns) but these are not title deeds. On the other hand, there are such places as Sharm el-Sheikh (in southern Sinai) which Israel is not prepared to give up although she has no historic links. But we do have an historical duty with regard to our future," the Defense Minister said. (In Washington today State Department spokesman Carl Baruch said "no comment" when asked about Gen. Dayan's statement that Israel would need U.S. intervention if the Soviet Union actively joins a war against it.)

## Rogers Seen Set To Announce Temporary Postponement Of U.S. Jet Sale To Israel

JERUSALEM, June 23 (JTA)--Informed sources said here today that Secretary of State William P. Rogers may announce another temporary postponement of the United States decision on Israel's request for more Phantom and Skyhawk jets when he meets newsmen later this week. They based their supposition on reports emanating from Washington concerning a new U.S. peace initiative in the Mideast and recent moves by the Kremlin and Egypt. (According to Washington reports, Mr. Rogers has tentatively scheduled a press conference for Thursday. He leaves Washington at the end of the week on a two-week trip to Asia.) Sources here said Mr. Rogers will reiterate America's concern for the security and territorial integrity of Israel and the need to maintain an arms balance in the Mideast. He is also expected to state U.S. opposition to any further extension of Soviet involvement in the region, but his statement is expected to fall short of a warning to Moscow. Israeli circles believe that Mr. Rogers may attach political conditions to Israel's request for more jets, although this would be done in an inconspicuous way.

Sources said there were indications that the reported new U.S. peace moves are based on a revival of the Jarring mission. Under the plan, the United Nations special Mideast envoy, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, would summon Israel and the Arab states to indirect talks, to be followed eventually by direct negotiations. According to informed sources here, the U.S. is expected to ask Israel to implement the United Nations Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967 which includes "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent (Six-Day War) conflict" and agreement to talks -- not necessarily direct talks as Israel wants -- between Israel and the Arab states. There were indications in Washington today that Israel has already been informed of aspects of the new U.S. peace proposals. The State Department has imposed a news blackout on these moves.

(But according to New York Times correspondent Sam Pope Brewer, "the outlines of the new American peace plan were discussed in the last 71 hours with Soviet, Israeli and Arab representatives in Washington and at the United Nations." It was understood that Mr. Rogers conveyed the highlights of the American peace plan to Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin at an unannounced meeting last Friday and to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin at an unannounced meeting last Saturday, Mr. Brewer reported.) According to Jerusalem circles Foreign Minister Abba Eban cancelled a South American tour scheduled for next month on the advice of colleagues who share his "dovish" views. They expressed the view that the absence of a leading "dove" from crucial cabinet sessions might weaken their position against the "hawkish" faction. The Foreign Ministry announced last week that Mr. Eban had called off his trip to Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina because the political situation prevented his being away from Jerusalem for an extended period.

## Commandos Raid Army Post 47 Miles Inside Egypt; State Department Deplores Raid

TEL AVIV, June 23 (JTA)--Helicopter-borne Israeli commandos raided and shelled an Egyptian Army post 47 miles inside Egypt last night and returned safely to their base after destroying two Egyptian armored personnel carriers rushing re-enforcements to the camp. An Israeli military correspondent who accompanied the commandos said direct hits were scored on both vehicles, blowing them up

and killing their occupants. Each of the armored cars reportedly carried four or five soldiers. The target was identified as an Egyptian Army administration headquarters base near Bir Ghareida, midway between the Egyptian coastal defense base at Ras Zafarana on the Gulf of Suez and the Nile River. According to an Israeli military spokesman the main commando force shelled the camp with mortars, scoring direct hits on a motor pool and barracks. A smaller commando unit set up the ambush that destroyed the two armored cars. The commandos returned safely to their base, believed to be in the occupied Sinai peninsula. The military spokesman said they were greeted at the base by Israel's Chief of Staff, Gen. Haim Bar Lev who congratulated the soldiers on their successful mission, which he said was carried out swiftly and according to plan. Cairo claimed today that Egyptian forces drove off the Israeli commandos before they could cause casualties or damage. (In Washington, State Department spokesman Carl Barth said today in response to a question on the Department's attitude toward the Israeli raid into Egypt, "Our attitude is well known. We have and do and will deplore all cease-fire violations.")

Israel Air Force jets attacked terrorist bases on the southern slopes of Mt. Hermon for the second consecutive day today and returned safely to their bases. An Israeli civilian was wounded by Egyptian gunfire in the Suez Canal zone today. Corp. Moshe Neulinger, 33, of Migdal Haemek, was killed yesterday in a Syrian ambush in the Golan Heights south of Kuneitra. Neulinger, the father of three children, was driving a tank truck, which was set afire by bazooka shells and small arms. A military spokesman said Israeli forces fired on the fleeing Syrian ambushers. Syrian artillery opened fire to cover their retreat and an exchange of fire between Israeli and Syrian forces went on for some time, the spokesman reported. In Tripoli, Libya, yesterday, the chiefs of state of five Arab nations joined in a pledge to continue warfare against Israel. President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt declared there would be no cease-fire with Israel. The others joining him in the pledge were Presidents Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr of Iraq and Nouredin Al-Atassi of Syria, King Hussein of Jordan and Premier Muammer Qadhafi of Libya. They came to Tripoli last week ostensibly to celebrate the withdrawal of the last American troops from the Wheelus Air Force Base and stayed to hold an impromptu Arab summit conference which was reportedly concerned with coordinating military activities against Israel and action against the United States should it supply Israel with more warplanes.

### Dr. Herzog Says Israel Will Negotiate With Authorized Palestinian Representatives

GENEVA, June 23 (JTA)--An Israeli official told a Christian group here today that Israel would negotiate with authorized Palestinian representatives should they ever emerge "but never with a representation which projects the fulfillment of Palestine Arab destiny in the vitiation of the existence, sovereignty and character of the Jewish State." Dr. Jacob Herzog, director general of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem addressed a luncheon of the World Council of Church's international affairs committee. The World Council is a body composed of Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations. Dr. Herzog said that in certain church circles there was a misunderstanding of Israel's attitude toward Palestinian Arabs. He noted that "The Palestine Arabs did not assert a national entity either in 1922, the time of the partition of the original mandated area, or in 1947 when a further partition of the already diminished mandatory area took place, this time under a United Nations resolution." Dr. Herzog said the failure of the Arabs to force Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories without a prior peace settlement had deepened the divisions in the Arab world. He said there was no longer unanimity among Arabs about Israel being a "temporary phenomenon." Dr. Herzog said that everyone concerned with the welfare of the Middle East peoples were obligated to encourage realism by supporting negotiations between the parties directly concerned.

### Mrs. Meir: No Opportunities For Contacts With Arab Leaders Passed Up By Government

JERUSALEM, June 23 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir told the Knesset yesterday that no opportunities for contacts with Arab leaders had been passed up by her government. But she said she could not give any details about the contacts, as publicity would undermine them. Mrs. Meir has in the past indicated that Israel was making such efforts. She said that all political contacts with foreign countries in connection with a Middle East peace settlement have been made with the knowledge and approval of the entire Cabinet. Mrs. Meir also told the Knesset that 30-35,000 Gaza Strip residents have left that area since the Six-Day War, most of them for Jordan. She also reported that consultations were continuing between Israel and the United States on the countries' joint seawater-desalination project. Israel has to decide whether to agree to contribute half the \$40 million cost, as the U.S. Congress has already done.

### Call Mounted To Modernize Halacha To Make It Relevant To Contemporary Life

JERUSALEM, June 23 (JTA)--Delegates representing Conservative Judaism in 26 countries heard calls today for pressure to modernize halacha--Jewish religious law--to make it applicable and relevant to contemporary life. Addressing the eighth biennial convention here of the World Council of Synagogues, the international representative body of Conservative Jewry, Prof. Ernst Simon of Hebrew University declared, "Never in history did halacha change without pressure. It is pressure that will bring change." Dr. Simon, who lectures at the Students Center of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in Jerusalem, said there was a significant religious awakening in Israel, especially in the kabbutzim and among youth who for years were distant from their Jewish religious heritage but are now, especially since the Six-Day War, seeking to come closer to their Jewish roots. Dr. Pinchas Peli, of Seminary's Jerusalem section agreed that many Israelis are seeking to return to their Jewish heritage but cannot identify themselves with the present religious establishment in Israel which has assumed the corpus of a political party. He said the answer for such Israelis must be the Conservative movement and called on Conservative Jews in America to help expand the movement's activities in Israel. There are presently only four Conservative congregations in Israel, one each in Haifa, Jerusalem, Ashkelon and Nathanya. Leaders of the congregations have charged that the Orthodox establishment has been placing obstacles in the way of the development of Conservative Judaism here.

## Churchill: Israel Not To Be Blamed For Halting Soviets In Mideast If U.S., Allies Don't

LONDON, June 23 (JTA)--Winston Churchill, grandson of the late Prime Minister Winston Churchill and newly elected Tory MP for Stratford, Manchester, asserted today that "If the United States and her allies are not prepared to halt Soviet penetration in the Middle East and her intervention in the war, they cannot blame Israel if she takes it upon herself to halt it." He added that "One would prefer the U.S.A. and other Western powers to stand up and be counted," because "such an act would defuse the situation in the Middle East." Israel, he said, "could only do it militarily." Mr. Churchill spoke at a luncheon of the Federation of Women Zionists of the Women's International Zionist Organization, marking the 50th anniversary of that federation and the 25th anniversary of El Al. "Remember," he said, "It was Allied soldiers who gave their blood to conquer North Africa. Now we find NATO outflanked by the Soviets, and the Soviets now have access to Europe through its soft underbelly. We are too busy bolting the front door while the Russians are coming through the back door--the Middle East. We cannot stand aside and witness the rise of a Soviet empire in the Middle East." In another address, departing Israeli Ambassador Aharon Remez charged the Western powers with failing to react quickly enough to the changing nature of the Mideast power balance. "Israelis, however, cannot be pushed around any longer," he said. "We are no longer second-class citizens and no one can tell us what our interests are and should be." Chief Rabbi Lord Goodman said British Jewry is "committed to preserve Israel--not only for Jewry but for the entire civilized world." Lord Sleaf of Brimpton paid tribute to the late Lady Sleaf, founder of the WIZO and the Federation.

## Supreme Rabbinical Court Officially Approves Conversion Of Mrs. Zeidmann

JERUSALEM, June 23 (JTA)--The Supreme Rabbinical Court today gave its official stamp of approval to the conversion of American-born Mrs. Helen Zeidmann, who underwent Orthodox conversion rites last week. It did so by rejecting an appeal against the conversion filed by Shalom Cohen, a New Left Knesset member who held that the conversion performed by Army Chief Chaplain Shlomo Goren and two other military chaplains constituted military interference in civilian affairs. The rabbinical court claimed that Mr. Cohen had no standing as an interested party and therefore could not file an appeal. There was no word on how the rabbinical court planned to deal with an appeal filed at the same time as Mr. Cohen's by a group of rabbis associated with Agudath Israel who charged that Mrs. Zeidmann had received insufficient instruction for admission to Judaism. The conversion had been carried out swiftly after Mrs. Zeidmann agreed under severe pressure from government leaders to undergo rites for a second time. She was originally converted by a Reform rabbi in Tel Aviv but the Ministry of Interior refused to register her as a Jew because in the eyes of the Israeli rabbinate, Reform Judaism has no status here.

## Central Council Of Jews Charges Desecration Of Synagogue Was Political Act

BONN, June 23 (JTA)--The Central Council of Jews in Germany charged today that despite denials by the Munich police, the recent desecration of a synagogue there was anti-Jewish and political in nature. It also stressed the danger in what it described as links between German radicals and Arab terrorists. Heinz Galinsky, chairman of the Berlin Jewish community said in a published article, many Arab workers in Germany were supporters of the Arab terrorist groups. The Council also claimed that protective measures taken after the old-age home fire disaster in February were inadequate. In another development, intruders broke into the restaurant of the Munich Jewish community center and availed themselves of the provisions there. The police said there was no political significance to the incident.

## Memorial Light Dedicated To Holocaust Victims; May Be First At Military Reservation

FORT KNOX, Ky., June 23 (JTA)--A memorial light has been dedicated here in tribute to the 6,000,000 Jews who perished in Europe during World War II. Such memorials have been dedicated in more than 500 Jewish centers of worship, but Fort Knox is believed to be the first military reservation having one. More than 100 persons, members of the Fort Knox Jewish Congregation and friends, attended the dedication service at the Eleventh Avenue Chapel. The light, similar to those in synagogues throughout the world, has six branches in mounting flames, symbolizing the 6,000,000 martyrs. The Fort Knox congregation observed Holocaust Day earlier this month with the recitation of special memorial Psalms and special readings from Holocaust literature. Fort Knox maintains close ties with the Jewish community of Louisville through the Armed Services Committee of the Jewish Community Center.

## Communal Farm Based On The Israel Moshav To Be Established In The Philippines

JERUSALEM, June 23 (JTA)--Noting that more than 500 Filipinos have made pilgrimages to Israel in the past seven years, Philippine Ambassador Enrique M. Garcia said that a communal farm based on the Israeli moshav will be established in his country. Mr. Garcia, speaking at the conclusion of "Philippine Week," called for even greater Israeli-Philippine tourism and wider social and economic cooperation.

## Loyalty Of Druse To Israel Praised; Druse Say They Have Common Future With Jews

JERUSALEM, June 23 (JTA)--The loyalty to Israel of the Druse, the Arab mountain-tribe that has been persecuted by the Arab states for their political position, was praised on the publication of the book "Ties of Blood," by Musabih Balabl. The book discloses that 84 Druse soldiers have died in Israeli-Arab wars. Amal Nasr Eddin, a bereaved Druse father, said: "We have a common future, and what is good for the State of Israel is also good for Jews and Druse alike." Mr. Eddin spoke at publication ceremonies in the office of Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, Minister of Religious Affairs. Dr. Warhaftig said that "Every Druse soldier who falls causes us sorrow and pain." Sheikh Jaber Muzil, a Druse member of the Knesset, noted that "The ties of blood between the two nations has historic roots beginning with Moses and his father-in-law, Jethro." The latter is considered the oldest ancestor of the Druse.

## Demonstrations In Philadelphia, N.Y. To Protest Arrests Of Jews In The Soviet Union

PHILADELPHIA, June 23 (JTA)--More than 40 members of Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and the Philadelphia Union of Jewish Students demonstrated this morning at the Monument of the Six Million in protest against the Soviet arrests of Jews and others in connection with the attempted Leningrad plane hijacking June 18. The demonstrators called for the immediate release of the Jewish "Leningrad 8" and the others being held, a fair and open trial, emigration permission, and restitution of Soviet Jewish rights. The students placed on the monument signs reading "Is desire to go to Israel treason?" and "Free the Leningrad 8." Jewish groups have charged that the "alleged hijacking" was a "protest" for repression of emigration demands.

In New York, about 50 youths representing the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry demonstrated in front of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations yesterday in a similar protest. But the demonstrators also turned their ire against American Jewish organizations which they accused of "passivity on the issue of Soviet Jews." The charge that not enough was being done by Jewish organizations here to alleviate the plight of Jews in the USSR was made by Glen Richter, coordinator of the Student Struggle. He specifically mentioned the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, an umbrella organization embracing more than 25 national Jewish organizations. Mr. Richter said that his group wants to see a budget and a structure introduced to American Jewish efforts to help Russian Jews and make their situation known to the world. He said the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry had a letterhead and ground out press releases but had no office, no staff, no budget and no program.

Mr. Richter told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a telephone interview yesterday that the student group wanted to see an effective organization that could meet with Congressmen and other officials on the matter of Soviet Jewry and stimulate active intervention on their behalf. Mr. Richter said it was "shameful" that major American Jewish organizations "with millions of dollars" at their disposal have taken no action in this direction. He said the Student Struggle planned future demonstrations at the offices of some of the constituent organizations of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry to emphasize their demands. Yesterday's demonstration in New York went off peacefully although police at one point prevented demonstrators from approaching the Soviet Mission premises. Pickets carried signs reading, "Why is it treason to want to go to Israel?" and "Free the Leningrad Eight." Two candidates for the Democratic Senatorial nomination in New York State, Theodore Sorensen and Paul O'Dwyer, addressed the group and called for freedom of emigration for Soviet Jews. A message in a similar vein was received from Arthur J. Goldberg, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in New York. This afternoon, the Jewish Defense League seized two floors of an office building in New York housing Amtorg, the official Soviet Union trade office, and evicted the personnel. Rabbi Meir Kahane, director of JDL, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He said the seizure was in retaliation for the arrests of Jews and raids on Jewish homes in the Soviet Union. Rabbi Kahane said the 30-50 JDL members who seized the office here "intend to remain in the office indefinitely."

## CJFWF Maps Series Of Community Programs; Discuss Jewish Community Needs In Europe

NEW YORK, June 23 (JTA)--A delegation of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, having found "remarkable progress" by European Jewish communities crushed by the Nazis a quarter-century ago, proposed over the weekend that such visits be made on a regular basis by American and Canadian Jewish leaders. Louis Stern, CJFWF Overseas Services Chairman and head of the 18-member delegation that spent 15 days in continental Europe and England, said "the visits proved productive beyond our expectations. He emphasized, in this regard, the rebuilding of the Jewish communities in Paris, Brussels and Antwerp. "Much of their previous population had either migrated or had been murdered by the Nazis," Mr. Stern said. "The majority of the present residents of these communities have come to them within the past 25 years. It has been necessary to build a sense of community, of common purpose, to develop an experience of working together despite differences in background, religious practices and beliefs, or indifference to formal religion."

In its conferences with Jewish leaders abroad, the CJF delegation discussed a wide variety of Jewish problems, including college youth and faculty, education and culture, communal development, laymen's involvement in Jewish affairs, development of young Jewish leaders, skilled professional staff recruitment, fund raising, social welfare, community relations, and the work of the Joint Distribution Committee. The CJFWF, which held its spring meeting here, permitted the participation of student spokesmen for the first time. Those taking part were Stephen P. Cohen, a doctoral candidate and campus editor at Harvard, and J. Blum, a medical student at the University of Pennsylvania. The delegates also discussed community programs to fight drug abuse, trends in allocations to social and welfare agencies, Federation planning for Jewish education, financing programs of Jewish immigration and immigrant absorption in Israel, programs for leadership development and greater involvement of college youth and faculty in Jewish communal affairs. Delegates from Milwaukee, Cleveland and Philadelphia reported favorably on projects in which they sent small television crews to Israel. A CJFWF spokesman said that various proposals on these matters "still have to be fleshed out."

## Harry Lang, Labor Movement Analyst For Jewish Daily Forward, Dies At Age 81

BEVERLY HILL, June 23 (JTA)--Harry Lang, who had specialized in labor-movement analyses for the New York-based Jewish Daily Forward since 1916, died here yesterday of pneumonia at the age of 81. Mr. Lang, who was born in Lithuania, came to the United States in 1904 and was active in the Jewish labor union strikes of 1914-16. He later became the Forward's labor editor, and in 1930 moved here to be West Coast editor. For the past dozen years he had served the paper as a news analyst. Mr. Lang was the author of the World War I book "The Bride of Suffolk Street," later adapted for the stage; "Along American Paths," 1928, and "62--A Biography of the Union," 1939, about the neglected workers of the International Ladies Garments Workers Union. He had been a business agent for the union before becoming Forward labor editor.