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## Laird: U.S. Offers 'Protection' To Both Sides During Cease-Fire;

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird said today that the United States would offer "protection" to both sides during the 90-day ceasefire in the Middle East. He said, however, that it was "very difficult to prove or disprove" Israel's charges that Egypt violated the cease-fire by moving Russian-made SAM missiles into the prohibited zone hours after it went into effect. Mr. Laird appeared on "Issues and Answers," an ABC television network program. His offer of "protection" implied that the U.S. was maintaining surveillance of both sides in the cease-fire. He said the U.S. was studying the situation, "very carefully and very thoroughly." Mr. Laird hinted that the Administration was impatient with Israel's charges. He said it would serve "no useful purpose to have a public debate on what went on 12 hours before or 12 hours after" the cease-fire began.

A few minutes later Mr. Laird made the statement that it was difficult to prove missile movements "up to 18 hours either side of the cease-fire." He insisted that the United States possessed the "best means of verification." Asked if U.S. intelligence was better than Israeli intelligence, Mr. Laird replied, "Our intelligence is better." He refused to comment on reports that high altitude U-2 planes were carrying out aerial reconnaissance over the cease-fire zone. Asked if the Soviet Union was performing reconnaissance in the region, he replied, we must "assume" they are. Mr. Laird insisted that the "important thing is for us to move forward" with negotiations. "We need to get on now with the business of a settlement in the Middle East," he said. Asked if the U.S. is sending more jets to Israel, he said the U.S. will "continue to maintain the proper balance in the Mideast," adding, on that "we have made our position clear."

## Israel Delaying Naming Peace Talk Representative Until Standstill Violations Dealt With

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Israel was reported today to be deliberately delaying the appointment of a representative for peace talks with the Arabs under United Nations special envoy Gunnar V. Jarring until action is taken to restore the cease-fire status quo ante in the Suez Canal zone. The situation in the canal zone, where Israel claims Egypt moved Russian SAM missiles hours after the cease-fire went into effect Aug. 7, is the main topic of discussion. There is also mounting consternation over what is regarded as a less than vigorous response by the United States to Israel's complaint. Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol said today that the credibility of the U.S. Government has been called into question by recent events. He mentioned the alleged cease-fire violation and the letter from Ambassador Jarring to UN Secretary General U Thant which omitted Israel's conditions for accepting the American peace initiative. Mr. Kol, a leader of the Independent Liberal faction, is an influential member of the coalition cabinet. He originally supported the government's acceptance of the U.S. peace initiative. But, he pointed out today, "it was accepted on the basis of clear commitments of the U.S. government concerning maintenance of the balance of arms and that the cease-fire would not be used to Israel's disadvantage."

According to Mr. Kol, "if America wishes to save the talks it set in motion it has to demonstrate to us, by actions and facts, that it seriously intends keeping the promises it has given and that it will honor its commitments in future both in respect to arms supplies and removal of the missiles." According to Israeli intelligence reports, the Egyptians and their Soviet advisors utilized the hours of darkness after the cease-fire went into effect at midnight Aug. 7-8 to move SAM-2 and SAM-3 anti-aircraft missiles within 12 miles of the Suez Canal. Israel also claims that Egyptian troops have been digging new emplacements for missile installations in the cease-fire zone since the shooting stopped. Haim Zadok, chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee hinted in a radio interview yesterday that Israel might dissociate itself from the new American peace initiative if the Egyptians were left free to violate the cease-fire. Mr. Zadok's committee met secretly Thursday to discuss the situation. Mordecai Gazit, assistant director general of the Foreign Ministry disclosed on the same radio interview that high government officials were considering a "slow down" in consultations with Dr. Jarring. These consultations reportedly concern the time, site and level of the pending talks.

## Eban: Israel To Demand Right To Defensive Equipment If Pre-Cease-Fire Status Quo Not Restored

Foreign Minister Abba Eban declared on television Thursday that if the pre-cess-fire status quo is not "restored" by the U.S., "Israel will demand its right to defensive equipment." The U.S., he noted "obtained commitments from the Soviet Union and Egypt, and if it should reach the conclusion that there were a breach, it can have the status quo ante restored." Mr. Eban indicated that a delay in the American decision would delay Israel's participation in the peace talks. "The government has not yet taken a position on that score," he said. "It will depend on the U.S. reaction to the fate of the cease-fire." Deputy Premier Yigal Allon said on a Friday night broadcast that he hoped Washington would not "sidestep" the issue by claiming that the Soviet missiles had been moved prior to the cease-fire. "The whole world knows that we are blessed with a superior intelligence service which has never let us down," Mr. Allon said. He warned that "if the Egyptians and the Soviets were to get the impression that the U.S. is unaffected by such provocations...it would seriously undermine belief in America in this region." According to unconfirmed reports, Israel detected the alleged movement of Soviet-made SAM missiles after the cease-fire by electronic means. These are said to have included monitored radio communications between trucks in a convoy carrying the missiles to their new sites and

certain signals used in testing the missiles. American high altitude U-2 photo reconnaissance planes have reportedly confirmed the presence of the Soviet missiles close to the Suez Canal line. American intelligence officials are reportedly trying to coordinate the U-2 photos with the electronic evidence supplied by Israel.

(According to reports from Washington today the U.S. has evidence of a certain "reshuffling" of the missiles within the Suez Canal zone as the cease-fire deadline approached. But the U.S. has still not determined whether this movement continued after the cease-fire deadline as charged by Israel. Administration spokesmen have publicly taken the position that the U.S. wants still more time to assess its intelligence reports. Privately, American officials were reported to be furious with Israel for publicly airing its charges of cease-fire violation and thus taking much of the momentum out of the movement toward negotiations. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan confirmed the cease-fire violation reports in the Knesset Thursday and claimed that the obligation to rectify the situation rested squarely on the U.S. which engineered the cease-fire and got commitments from Moscow and Cairo to abide by its terms. American officials called Dayan's charges "political with a capital 'P'." They also criticized his disclosure of the terms of the 90-day cease-fire agreement. Gen. Dayan read the text of the agreement to the Knesset, emphasizing what in Israel's view is its key paragraph--that the cease-fire is to be a "standstill" with neither side allowed to improve its military position while it is in effect.)

#### U.S. Officials Confident Cease-Fire Will Not Break Down And Talks Will Commence Soon

(According to some U.S. officials, the furore raised by Israel was intended to pressure the U.S. to send it more Phantom jets and electronic devices. Foreign Minister Eban's assertion that Israel would "demand its right to defensive equipment" gave some credence to that assumption. Sources in Washington said that the Israelis are realistic enough to know that the U.S. probably cannot obtain removal of the missiles from the Suez Canal zone. But they insist that Washington react with more vigor than it has shown heretofore. Israel's charge of cease-fire violation was reportedly "mentioned" to Egypt's UN Ambassador last week but no formal representations have been made by the U.S. either to Cairo or Moscow. The American emphasis appears now to get the peace talks started. Over the weekend, U.S. officials were expressing confidence that the cease-fire would not break down and that the talks would commence soon, possibly in the coming week. In Washington, the Israeli Embassy issued a "pink sheet" statement Friday noting that her government accepted the U.S. initiative because "Israel trusted the United States." The policy paper continued: "The latest initiative of the United States carries grave risks for Israel, of a kind that bear on its most vital security interests. Nevertheless, Israel is ready to take those risks because the author of the initiative to which it has subscribed is the United States.")

(Referring to conditions set down by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser in his acceptance of the initiative, the Israeli Embassy observed: "These are hardly encouraging beginnings. Nevertheless, Israel is still going ahead and will try to exhaust whatever slim hope there might be that the other side may yet be moved to show a measure of amicable intent and good will." An Egyptian Foreign Minister spokesman said in Cairo this morning that Egypt would not answer Israel's charges of cease-fire violation. According to diplomatic observers, this meant that Egypt shares the position of the United States and Soviet Russia that peace talks should be started as soon as possible and that differences arising from the cease-fire should be taken up at the peace talks. In Cairo on Friday, Al Ahram again condemned the Arab opponents of the U.S. initiative. The editor, Mohammed Hassanein Heykal, Minister of National Guidance, wrote: "The Iraq regime says that its army is ready. The Syrian newspapers say that their army is ready. The Algerian leadership says it can dispatch its whole army to the fighting in 24 hours. If they entered the battle at any time and ignored the cease-fire...Egypt certainly would not stand idly by. Those who don't fight have no right to teach those who are truly fighting what modern war means.")

#### Tekoah Charges Egypt With Grave Violation Of Standstill; El-Farra Terms Charge Sensational

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 16 (JTA)--The Jordanian ambassador to the United Nations, Muhammed el-Farra, met on Friday with Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring and United States Ambassador Charles W. Yost and reportedly told them that Israel's charges of Soviet-Egyptian missile advances during the cease-fire were "sensationalism and fabrications in an attempt to mislead world public opinion and divert it from the Israeli defiance and acts of lawlessness." Dr. el-Farra and Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoah differed sharply on the standstill situation. In a heated exchange of views, Dr. el-Farra charged Israel with hindering peace and Ambassador Tekoah asserted "the central problem" was Egypt's "grave violation" of the standstill agreement. A UN spokesman said on Friday that Dr. Jarring prefers negotiations at the Foreign Ministerial level rather than on the ambassadorial level favored by Egypt and Jordan.

#### Israeli Jet Pilot Repatriated; Dayan Charges Egypt Violating Geneva Convention On Prisoners

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that Egypt was disregarding a provision of the 90-day-cessate-fire agreement that required the parties to abide by the 1949 Geneva Convention relative to the treatment of prisoners of war. According to Gen. Dayan, wounded prisoners of certain types must be freed without regard to the status of hostilities. He said that Egypt was not abiding by that provision, except in the case of Capt. Yigal Shochat, a Phantom jet pilot shot down Aug. 3, who was repatriated yesterday. Gen. Dayan spoke at an impromptu press conference at a military hospital where he greeted the returned airman. Captain Shochat's leg was amputated in an Egyptian prison hospital, apparently to prevent the spread of gangrene. He was transferred to Israel under auspices of the International Red Cross, via chartered plane from Cairo to Cyprus and by Israel Air Force transport to Tel Aviv. Capt. Shochat was reported to be in serious condition but not in danger.

when he arrived here. Premier Golda Meir visited Capt. Shochat in the hospital today. She was accompanied by Gen. Shlomo Lahat, chief of the manpower branch of the Israel Army and Col. Reuben Eldar, chief of the Medical Corps. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar Lev and Air Force Commander Gen. Mordechai Hod were also waiting at the hospital along with Gen. Dayan. When the young flier opened his eyes, he said, "Thank God I'm out of that mad house." Capt. Shochat had no information on the fate of his navigator, Moshe Goldwasser, who bailed out with him over Egypt when their F-4 fighter was downed while attacking missile sites. Both men were reportedly shot at while descending by parachute. Later Goldwasser was reported by the Egyptians to have died of a "heart malfunction." Israel is seeking the return of his remains. Israel has sought in vain to arrange a prisoner-of-war exchange with Egypt for 13 Israeli airmen, soldiers and civilians in Egyptian captivity. Cairo insists that it will not discuss prisoner exchange except as part of a general peace agreement. There has also been no success whatsoever in obtaining the release of Shmuel Rosenwasser, a 50-year-old night watchman at Metullah who was kidnapped on the night of Dec. 31 by Arab guerrillas from Lebanon. Rosenwasser has been held in Jordan but Israel insists the responsibility for his release rests with Lebanon and has refused to negotiate with El Fatah.

### Peres: Only Return Of Pre-Cease-Fire Status Will Satisfy Israel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (JTA)--A member of Israel's Cabinet said here today that his government would not be satisfied with a confirmation by the United States that Egypt has violated the cease-fire, as charged by Israel, but will insist on restoration of the status quo ante. Shimon Peres, Minister-Without-Portfolio, spoke at a press conference here. Mr. Peres, who is returning to Israel tomorrow after visiting Latin America and the United States, came to Washington to address tonight the 56th annual convention of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America. He said Israel had approached the U.S. with its violation complaint against Egypt because "we are operating in a vacuum and the American peace initiative is filling that vacuum for the time being." He would not describe the nature of Israel's evidence against Egypt but remarked, "If we had no evidence we wouldn't say so." He said that to his knowledge, the U.S. has not responded so far to Israel's statement except to say it is studying it. Mr. Peres said that the violation was bringing the missile sites closer to the Suez Canal; how they get there is a secondary matter. The Israeli minister said, "We have a cease-fire but we don't have peace and the road to peace is long and complicated."

Mr. Peres said the American cease-fire was achieved because all the parties concerned were interested in it but not all of them have altered their basic intentions. Mr. Peres claimed that Soviet Russia has not given up its ambition to dominate the Middle East and Egypt has still not agreed to the idea of a full-fledged contractual peace agreement. Asked about press reports today which quoted unidentified high U.S. officials as saying the Mideast peace talks could get underway this coming week, Mr. Peres remarked that the report was "optimistic." The principle that the parties to the Middle East conflict must be left to themselves to work out a peace settlement was expressed by Sen. Hugh Scott, of Pennsylvania, Republican Senate Majority Leader, in remarks prepared for delivery to the Hadassah convention tonight. Sen. Scott stressed however that the U.S. must help maintain Israel's deterrent strength if peace negotiations are to be successful. He noted that the U.S. has given \$239 million in military assistance to the Arab states. He said, "It is essential that the U.S. carefully review its military and economic support to Israel, and I will help to see that this is done."

### Shooting Along Jordan, Lebanon Borders; Four Israeli Soldiers, Two Policemen Wounded

TEL AVIV, Aug. 16 (JTA)--The Suez Canal front remained quiet over the week-end but shooting erupted along Israel's borders with Jordan and Lebanon. Four Israeli soldiers and two border policemen were wounded. An Israeli Arab youth was killed in the Arab village of Fasutta in Galilee when a mine exploded in an orchard where he was working Friday. Two other villagers were injured. Israeli Air Force jets blasted guerrilla bases and Jordanian Army positions in Jordan Friday after heavy mortar attacks on Yardena and Moaz Chaim in the Beisan Valley the night before. The assault was the first on Jordanian Army positions since the 90-day cease-fire began on Aug. 7. An Israeli spokesman said the targets were in the region of Irbid where Jordanian regulars were aiding the guerrillas. He said all planes returned safely to their bases. A Jordanian spokesman in Amman charged Israel with two cease-fire violations in a single day. He said the Israeli jets wrecked a supply base wounding seven guards. An Israeli patrol was fired on this morning in the northern Beisan Valley near Ashdot Yaacov. There were no casualties. Manera settlement in Upper Galilee was shelled from Lebanese territory last night without casualties.

### Britain Intervenes With Israel On Behalf Of Algerians Removed From BOAC Airliner

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Great Britain is intervening with Israel on behalf of two high ranking Algerian nationals who were removed from a BOAC airliner in transit at Lydda Airport Friday and are under detention. British Ambassador John Barnes called on Foreign Minister Abba Eban at the former's request today to discuss the matter. It was reportedly the second approach by Britain in the case. Government secretary Michael Arnon reported that the subject of the Algerians was raised at today's Cabinet meeting. "One of the ministers asked a question about and was given an answer," was all that Mr. Arnon would say. Meanwhile, opinion was divided in the country over whether to release the Algerians or hold them as hostages for Israeli prisoners in Arab hands. Israelis recalled that just two years ago an El Al airliner was hijacked to Algeria and all of its Israeli male passengers and crew members were detained for 39 days until Israel agreed to release a number of Arab prisoners. The two Algerians were identified as Maj. Khatib Jaloul, Secretary of the Algerian Government and a close associate of President Boumedienne, and Ali Bel Aziz, a senior ministerial secretary. They were removed from a BOAC airliner enroute from the Far East to Europe. Maj. Jaloul's wife was permitted to continue her journey.

## Hadassah To Open Unique Community College In Israel In Fall

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 16 (JTA)--Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, will introduce the first community college of its kind to Israel this October, Mrs. Benjamin Gottesman, national chairman of Hadassah Israel Education Services, announced here at the organization's 56th national convention. Hadassah is holding its annual national convention today through Wednesday where more than 2,500 delegates will attend workshops and seminars, hear reports, and vote on policies concerning Hadassah's health, education, Jewish and American affairs programs here and in Israel. Mrs. Max Schenk of New York, is national president. While the college, which will accommodate 350 students, is modeled after its American counterparts, it is unique because it is planned as part of a comprehensive educational complex which will extend from junior high school through the first two years of college, serving a total of 1,200 students. "As in the United States," Mrs. Gottesman explained, "the community college is the most significant major contribution toward expanding educational opportunity. It will be a pilot venture, for Israel, in advanced career preparation." Marvin Feldman, former Ford Foundation education expert and presently Assistant Director, Program Management, Office of Economic Opportunity, who has been a consultant to Hadassah in developing this program says: "The opening of the Community College this fall may prove to be as important in setting the standard of equal educational opportunity in Israel, as were Hadassah's pioneering efforts in medical education. Hadassah Community College will, it is hoped, become part of a chain of community colleges which will throw open the doors of higher education to every Israeli, regardless of income."

Dr. Helen Kittner, director of Hadassah's Education Projects in Israel, will head the Community College. She recently returned from a national tour of American two-year colleges arranged with the cooperation of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Dr. Kittner reported to the Hadassah National Board that the close collaboration of industry and government in community college-manpower development programs in the U.S. provides a useful model for dealing with Israel's problems, where there are acute shortages of trained technical manpower in such industries as plastics, aircraft, tourism and education. The curriculum, therefore, will be geared to overcome these shortages. The college, located in Jerusalem, is to occupy a new building within the existing educational compound. The Hadassah-Alic Seligsberg Comprehensive School for Girls and Hadassah's Brandeis Vocational Training Center for Boys, have been merged. These together with the College will form the new comprehensive co-educational center for 1,200 students from junior high school through two years of study at the college level. Most in the initial student body of 350 young men and women will be drawn from the ranks of those who cannot afford to pay for higher education. Many will be from Oriental Jewish families, generally a disadvantaged group, with little opportunity for higher education or career training, particularly after they complete their army service.

## Major Jewish Organization Terms Release Of Terrorists By Greeks Surrender To Blackmail

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations has criticized as a "surrender to blackmail" the release last Friday by the Greek government of seven convicted Arab terrorists. Dr. William A. Wexler, chairman of the conference and president of B'nai B'rith, said the Greek action, which came after assurances of Arab diplomats that Greek territory would hereafter be immune from terrorist activity, "has in effect directed such terrorism elsewhere." A cable of protest was sent by the Presidents Conference to Premier George Papadopoulos of Greece.

Dr. Wexler said that "Greece's capitulation is all the more regrettable coming at a time when nations are struggling with the growing problem of insuring the safety of international air travel and of diplomatic officials stationed in foreign lands." The fact that Egypt's President Gamel Abdel Nasser "welcomed the convicted murderers" at the Cairo airport "is no less disquieting for its encouragement of continued terrorist attacks;" Dr. Wexler declared. He said that Col. Nasser's actions "reflect on the good faith with which he approaches his obligations under the Middle East cease-fire agreement." Dr. Wexler disputed the Greek government's assertion that "national honor" was involved in fulfilling the pledge made last month to six other terrorists who had hijacked a Greek airliner and had held its passengers and crew hostage. "The pledge was extracted at gunpoint and was without moral or legal effect," Dr. Wexler said.

## Israelis, Druze On Month-Long Tour Of Eastern U.S. Communities Feted In Washington

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Twenty-five Israelis including two Druze visited the White House and other historical sites last week as part of a month-long tour of eastern United States communities. The Druze were Munir Hamdan of Haifa, one of the group's three adult leaders, and Sala Azmi of Osfia, a teenager. The group belongs to Noar L'Noar ("Youth to Youth"), an Israeli organization affiliated with the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. The visitors to the White House were greeted by Bruce Rabb, executive assistant to President Nixon. At a lunch tendered by B'nai B'rith, the delegation was addressed by Jess Fisher, treasurer of B'nai B'rith Youth; Dr. Max Baer, international director, and Ruth Cantor, Greater Washington director. They also visited the Israeli Embassy. The group, which has already been to New York, Atlantic City, N.J., and Philadelphia, will be in Allentown, Pa., today and in Starlight, Pa., on Tuesday.

## 10 Jewish Chaplains Enter U.S. Armed Forces To Plan Rosh Hashanah Services

NEW YORK, Aug. 16 (JTA)--Ten new Jewish military chaplains are entering the U.S. Armed Forces in time to plan Rosh Hashanah services which they will conduct for Jewish military personnel, it was announced by Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy and spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, N.Y. Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown September 30 and continues through sundown October 2.