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Terrorists Extend Deadline 72 Hours; Pilots Tentatively Reject Armed Guards On Planes

LONDON, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Palestinian guerrillas agreed last night to a 72 hour extension of their deadline for the release of some 300 hijacked airline passengers who have been held captive in Jordan since Sunday. (The new deadline will expire at 10 p.m. Saturday, New York time. It was to have expired at 10 p.m. last night.) According to Beirut radio all the hostages except Israelis will be freed if Britain, West Germany and Switzerland release seven Arab guerrillas in their custody. Israeli nationals apparently would be traded only for guerrillas held in Israel. The commandos today freed 21 of more than 100 passengers aboard a BOAC (British) airliner hijacked yesterday on a flight from Bahrain to Europe. Those released were all Arabs and an English girl engaged to one of them. Meanwhile, International Red Cross representatives in Amman are negotiating for the release of all of the passengers and crews of the hijacked aircraft. The Swiss and West German governments reportedly are ready to release six Arab terrorists imprisoned in those countries for previous attacks on airliners. But Britain is still undecided as to whether to free 24-year-old Laila Khaled, the survivor of an abortive attempt to hijack an El Al airliner off the British coast Sunday.

According to Beirut radio, the fate of the hostages now depends on Britain's decision. The terrorists have declared that there will be no further extension of the deadline. It was not clear today what would happen if the deadline expired without a deal being made with the terrorists. They have threatened to blow up the aircraft, but terrorist spokesmen have made conflicting statements about the fate of the passengers and crew. International airline pilots meeting here today on the hijack problem appeared reluctant to take any steps that might jeopardize the safety of the hostages in Jordan. The International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations urged immediate steps for airplane and airport security such as bullet-proof cockpits and closed circuit television for surveillance of passenger compartments. But the organization tentatively rejected proposals that airliners carry armed guards. It is also holding in abeyance a decision on proposals to boycott nations giving haven to hijackers. There were hints however that IFALPA might revise some of its positions once the hostages are freed. The boycott proposal has the support of pilots groups from several non-Arab countries.

Egyptian authorities took their own anti-hijack measures yesterday. Cairo's international airport was closed down and its runways blocked to prevent hijackers from landing a BOAC jet there yesterday. The action was said to reflect mounting anger over the recent hijackings and especially the destruction by explosives of a hijacked \$24 million Pan American jumbo jet on Sunday which Egyptian authorities seemed powerless to prevent. Egypt is particularly concerned over possible boycott action that would seriously effect its economy. (The American airline industry appeared today to favor the idea of armed guards on international flights. Najeeb E. Halaby, president of Pan American Airways said his airline would cooperate fully if guards were offered. That was one measure reportedly under consideration by a Federal Aviation Administration task force set up this week to devise means to protect airliners from hijackers. Another was more intensive searches of passengers boarding planes.) The Zionist Federation issued a statement condemning the hijackings and demanding that all countries ban from their airports aircraft of other countries which tolerate hijacking or fail to extradite the criminals engaged in this activity. Duncan Sandys, Conservative MP declared on BBC Radio that if the present situation in Jordan continues "nobody could blame Israel for a pre-emptive strike against Jordanian terrorist bases." Czechoslovakia today became the first Communist country to condemn the hijackings. The official Czech News Agency warned that "these hijackings play into the hands of Israeli right-wing extremists."

Thant Singles Out Israel As Ruthlessly Endangering Air Travelers

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Secretary General U Thant reaffirmed today his abhorrence of the "savage and inhuman" acts of the terrorist hijackers but singled out Israel as "an earlier case" exemplifying the increasing incidents "involving innocent international air travellers whose safety and lives are being ruthlessly endangered." The case, Mr. Thant told a press conference at United Nations headquarters, involved the detention of two high Algerian officials by Israel. Newsmen, surprised that he identified only Israel without once mentioning Egypt, Jordan or Lebanon which aided and abetted the hijackers who captured three planes within the past few days, pressed Mr. Thant to explain why only Israel came under his scrutiny. The Secretary General replied that he was not singling out Israel but merely stating publicly for the first time, the various steps he has taken to try to obtain the release of the two Algerian nationals. It seemed apparent, however, that Mr. Thant was implying that Israel's action might have led, however indirectly, to the hijacking incidents during the past few days. A similar view was expressed Monday night by the vice-president of the French Airline Pilots' Association who claimed that Israel's seizure last month of the two Algerians from a BOAC airliner at Lydda Airport was responsible for the current wave of hijackings.

Mr. Thant devoted a third of his prepared remarks to the efforts he made to have the Algerians released including his intention, which he communicated to the Charge d'Affaires of the Israeli Mission to the UN, "to send a high-level representative to Israel for the purpose of discussing with the appropriate Israeli authorities the question of the detention of the two Algerian citizens." He added that "as of this moment, I have received no reply to my appeal" for the release of the Algerians "nor any reaction to the sending of a high-level representative to Israel." A spokesman for the Israeli Mission denied Mr. Thant's allegation and said that Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah apprised Mr. Thant yesterday of

Israel's position on the two Algerians and the hijacking incidents this week. (See separate story) At the outset of his press conference, Mr. Thant said he would make a few comments on the developments in the Middle East but asked newsmen "not to press questions" about this subject. The reason for this "unaccustomed restrictiveness," he said, was the "complicated and delicate" situation. In his overriding concern to further the cause of peace in the Middle East, Mr. Thant said he was "not willing at this critical juncture to take any risk of saying anything which can be construed as obstructing peace."

In his prepared statement, the Secretary General said the current Mideast peace effort "has now had a severe setback even before it really got under way." Nevertheless, he added that he was not "yet prepared to say that it is beyond salvage." Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the Mideast peace mediator, continues to be "fully available to all parties," Mr. Thant said. Expressing gratification that the ceasefire in the Suez Canal zone "is being observed scrupulously," he noted that the standstill arrangements (which have been violated) involves neither Dr. Jarring nor the UN "but the United States and the two parties (Israel and Egypt) involved. It bears emphasis that this is an area in which the United Nations has no responsibility because none has been given to it." Mr. Thant said his immediate concentration will be on "getting the Jarring effort back on the tracks" in the conviction both officials share that this is "the one chance for a breakthrough to peace in the Middle East." Mr. Thant also stated, in reply to questions, that the international community is extremely anxious to put an end to the "criminal acts" of hijackings and that the matter would be discussed at the next session of the General Assembly which opens next Tuesday. Meanwhile, he added, he has been in touch with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), with the International Air Transport Association (IATA), and with the International Federation of Airline Pilots Association (IFALPA) regarding the two Algerian officials and that he would continue to press for their release. Mr. Thant also observed that the "peace-keeping capabilities of the United Nations should receive top priority at the General Assembly."

Israel To Thant: Hijacking And Detention Of Two Algerians Have Nothing In Common

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Israel notified yesterday Secretary General U Thant that the Arab hijacking of civilian aircraft and Israel's detention of two high ranking Algerian secret service officials had nothing in common. In a letter delivered by Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, Israel noted that the Arab terrorists "by force" seized civilian airliners and hold their passengers and crew as hostages for purposes of blackmail against their governments. The two Algerians, on the other hand, came to Israel of their own free will, arriving on a civilian airliner which was scheduled to land at Lod Airport, the letter stated. "The circumstances of their arrival in Israel were suspect," the letter continued. "They are known to occupy official positions in Algeria of a special character. The government of Israel is certainly within its right in detaining them in Israel on security grounds for questioning, questioning which is still in progress." The letter reaffirmed Israel's "unequivocal opposition" to all forms of aggression against civilian air transport, aircraft, passengers and crew and to all forms of piracy in the air. It also advised Mr. Thant that he would be kept informed of all subsequent developments in the matter of the two Algerian detainees.

Israel May Hold Its 300 PFLP Prisoners Hostages; Two Algerians To Be Released Soon

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA)--The cabinet met in extraordinary session today to discuss the problem of the hijacked planes and their passengers. A communique issued after the meeting reiterated Israel's demand for "the immediate release of all hijack victims without exception." Israeli authorities are obviously concerned that Israeli passengers will continue to be held as hostages after passengers of other nationalities are freed. A Foreign Ministry spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Israel has received no demands whatsoever from the hijackers so far, either directly or indirectly. The guerrillas have demanded that Britain, West Germany and Switzerland release seven Arab guerrillas in their custody in exchange for their nationals. Israel holds about 2500 guerrillas in its jails and also detains two high ranking Algerian nationals removed from a British airliner last month. There was no official word as to how the government intended to deal with terrorist demands for their release. Israel has insisted all along that it would never accede to Arab blackmail. There were reports today that 300 jailed members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the terrorist group responsible for the hijackings, would be declared hostages for the hijacked airline passengers in Jordan. Sources here said Israel might inform PFLP leader George Habash through certain channels that his actions would determine their fate.

Israel is also expected to announce shortly the release of the two Algerians to preclude possible reproaches that it was jeopardizing the release of the hostages in Jordan. Both Algerians are alleged to be senior officers in the secret service of a country that has proclaimed itself at war with Israel. Israeli officials claim that, therefore, they had the right under the Geneva Convention to detain the men and interrogate them. A Foreign Ministry spokesman denied reports that Israel has sent food and medicine to the hostages in Jordan. He said in that respect Israel relied fully on the International Red Cross. Premier Golda Meir, addressing a meeting of working women today, complained about the world's attitude. "Much ado is being made now, but in the case of previous hijackings, when only Israeli passengers were held captive, the world seemed indifferent," she said. Mrs. Meir referred to two Israeli nationals held captive by Syria for three months after their TWA airliner was hijacked to Damascus a year ago. The victims of the most recent hijackings number 300.

Reports that Britain, Switzerland and West Germany have agreed to release seven Palestinian terrorists in their custody in exchange for their hijacked nationals were the apparent cause of bomb threats received at the British and West German embassies yesterday. A bomb threat was phoned to the Swiss Embassy earlier in the week. All turned out to be false alarms. Police tended to attribute the threats to young pranksters. They are taking more seriously threatening letters received by several foreign legations, signed by followers of "Etsel." "Etsel," or Irgun Zvai Leumi, was a Jewish terrorist organ-

ization of the pre-State era that fought both the British Mandate authorities and the established authorities of the Palestine Jewish community whom it considered insufficiently militant. The group, led by Menachem Beigin, now leader of the Herut party, was disbanded shortly after Israel's independence. The letters sent in the name of "Etzel" threatened to bomb the aircraft of any nation that "yields to the black-mail of terrorists by freeing terrorists." The letters warned that "no one will be safe in the air if we are not safe. The Chief Rabbinate called for special prayers to be recited for all of the hostages at morning and evening services. Israelis and Jews all over the world were asked to recite Chapter 142 in the Book of Psalms.

McCloskey: Egypt Has No Right To Re-Deploy Missiles; Action On Hostages Continues

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (JTA)--A State Department official today disputed a Soviet claim that Egypt had "the full right" to re-deploy missiles in the standstill cease-fire zone without affecting the truce. Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said "standstill means standstill." He said the Russian attitude did not agree with the terms of the cease-fire agreement which clearly limits military activities in the standstill zone to the maintenance of installations already there and the rotation of personnel. Mr. McCloskey referred to an article in Krasnaya Zvezda, the Soviet Defense Ministry newspaper which claimed that the Egyptians had not introduced new missiles into the truce zone after the cease-fire went into effect. The article quoted an Egyptian memo reportedly given to the United States disputing the American and Israeli allegations of truce violations by Egypt. Mr. McCloskey described the memo as part of Egypt's response to representations on the cease-fire by the U.S. He said the purpose of raising the question of violations with the UAR and Moscow was "to secure rectification of the matter." He added, in an implied rebuke to the persistent questioning of newsmen, "If we are forced to continue this publicly there is a very good risk that we'll get nowhere. I am not going to bleed the subject any further."

Mr. McCloskey's press briefing today was largely devoted, as it was yesterday, to the 300 hijack hostages held by Arab terrorists and efforts being made to secure their release. He announced that a meeting was being held in Berne today between the international committee of the International Red Cross and representatives of the U.S., Britain, West Germany, Switzerland and Israel. He described the meeting as another step in efforts by the IRC "to develop a consensus of the governments involved so that it can sensibly carry their views to the IRC representatives in Jordan" in negotiations with the guerrillas. He said the chief of the IRC mission in Amman, Andrei Rochet, had no difficulty making contact with representatives of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, although their leader Dr. George Habash, was not there. At one point Mr. McCloskey said Mr. Rochet was trying to make contact with "responsible Palestinians."

He described the situation in Amman as tense but said the IRC told the U.S. Embassy there that the hostages were safe. He added, however that he was "hard put" to report the collective state of well being and that it was "quite clear" to him that the fedayeen were making distinctions between Jews and other hostages. Asked if religion was the issue, he said he wasn't sure whether it has arisen in negotiations with the guerrillas but "clearly it has arisen regarding those held aboard the aircraft." Mr. McCloskey reiterated U.S. opposition to any so-called piece-meal release of the hostages. "We understand this is (also) the objective of the Swiss, British and Germans. It is on that basis that the IRC is negotiating." Mr. McCloskey said. He confirmed that six U.S. C-130 transport planes were standing by in Turkey to evacuate the hostages. Asked if they had received permission to land from the Jordanian government, he replied that the question has not yet arisen. The State Department spokesman announced that the new U.S. Ambassador to Jordan, L. Dean Brown, was on his way to Amman. There has been no U.S. Ambassador there since May.

Security Council Resolution On Hijacking Is Limp And Listless

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Last night's Security Council resolution calling for the immediate release of airliner hijack victims and steps to prevent future hijackings was considered unlikely to achieve either of its objectives, according to political observers here today. The resolution was adopted unanimously, by consensus instead of by formal vote. It was immediately interpreted by the Arab states as calling for the release of Arab guerrillas imprisoned in Europe and Israel as well as the 300 hostages from the three hijacked jets. United States officials made it clear that they did not agree with that interpretation. But observers saw the resolution nullified by the interpretation put on it by the Arabs. They noted in addition that the resolution was not addressed to any specific state or group. The text appealed to "all parties concerned for the immediate release of all passengers and crews without exception, held as a result of hijackings and other interference in international travel." It also called on "states to take all possible legal steps to prevent further hijackings or any other interference with international civil air travel." But there was no hint in the resolution as to the nature of the steps the Security Council favored.

Soldier Wounded By Bazooka Fire; Guerrilla Leader Captured

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--A soldier was wounded today when guerrillas fired bazookas at an Israeli patrol near Biranit in Upper Galilee close to the Lebanese border. Israeli security officials disclosed today that a senior commander of guerrilla forces in the Gaza Strip was captured a month ago. He was identified as Salem Husein Zrayei who escaped from the Strip several months ago when Israeli forces rounded up many of his subordinates. He was captured as he was returning to the Gaza Strip from Lebanon by boat. The prisoner is considered responsible for many acts of sabotage in the Gaza Strip.

Second Cholera Fatality; Total Cases Now 81

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Israel had its second cholera fatality today as seven new cases were reported bringing the total to date to 81. The victim, who died at Tel Hashomer Hospital, was identified as an inmate of a home for retarded youths. Health authorities said he was visited by his parents from Jerusalem earlier in the week and may have contracted the disease from them. He was brought to the hospital in a serious condition and died shortly afterwards. The earlier cholera fatality was a seven-year-old Arab girl from East Jerusalem. Jerusalem is hardest hit. All of today's cases are from there.

City's Anti-Poverty Agencies Charged With Discrimination Against Jews

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA)--A group of Brooklyn rabbis and Jewish community workers charged today that the city's anti-poverty agencies were guilty of "blatant discrimination" against Jews generally and against Jews in Crown Heights in particular. Crown Heights is one of the city's 26 officially-designated poverty areas and has been the scene of sharp differences between Jews and blacks over funding of anti-poverty projects for the section. Crown Heights is one of two of the areas where Jews have substantial representation on the local community corporations through which anti-poverty funds are channeled by the Council Against Poverty, the policy-making city agency for poverty programs, and the Community Development Agency, the operating arm of the Council. On July 20, the offices of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council, an umbrella agency for Jewish organizations and synagogues in the area, was wrecked by a firebomb. Mayor John V. Lindsay paid a personal visit to the scene and promised intensive action to find the vandals and provide city aid in re-building the burned-out office. In a statement scheduled for distribution today at City Hall, in connection with a protest visit by the 30 rabbis and communal workers, Rabbi Sholom Gorodetsky, Crown Heights representative on the Council Against Poverty, declared:

"The situation in regard to discrimination against people of the Jewish faith in general and residents of Crown Heights in particular has reached proportions of grave concern." The group charged there was a "conspiracy" by a "militant few" to drive all Jews out of Crown Heights. Rabbi Gorodetsky added that "so-called responsible people who are supposed to represent various ethnic groups in the Council Against Poverty" are "in fact blatantly indifferent and outright discriminatory against the Jewish people." He charged that such statements as "It's not my fault you were born Jewish" were "unfortunately very common and to be expected at most of the meetings of the Council" he had attended. He said a list of six demands had been prepared for presentation to Councilman Theodore Silverman, who represents the section on the City Council. One of the demands, he said, was for apprehension of an individual who "assaulted" Elliot Rosman, a Jew, who is manpower director of the Crown Heights Community Corp. He charged that Rosman was assaulted on Aug. 27 at a summer festival in Prospect Park, sponsored by the community corporation as part of its program this year.

David Garber, executive director of a newly-formed Association of Jewish Community and Anti-Poverty Workers, charged the CDA with "insensitivity toward the Jewish delegate agencies which are funded by the CDA." He cited, as an example, "the fact that although numerous requests were made by Jewish delegate agencies for funds for spot announcements and advertisements" for elections to Community Corporations scheduled for next week "such as those granted to other minorities, they were not even granted the courtesy of a reply, let alone the funds themselves." Rabbi Arnold Wolf, chairman of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council, expressed "dismay that after two months of a so-called city dragnet to apprehend the bombers, no significant leads have been uncovered." Other demands prepared for submission to Mr. Silverman urge a stop to the purported conspiracy to drive Jews out of Crown Heights; arrest of those responsible for the fire-bombing; immediate reconstruction for the fire-bombed office; and a stop to "the blatant discrimination" charged against the Council Against Poverty and the CDA. The CDA was charged specifically with bias in allocation of funds for the forthcoming poverty agency elections and in day to day contact with Operation Belfry, an anti-poverty project being carried out by the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council.

30 Prominent Educators Call On Administration To 'Keep Faith With Israel'

BOSTON, Sept. 10 (JTA)--Thirty prominent educators have called upon the Nixon administration to "keep faith with Israel" and take immediate steps to "restore the essential military balance between Israel and Egypt." The statement, which was transmitted to Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's national security affairs advisor, identified the signers as both hawks and doves "whose views range wide over the political spectrum." The signers include John Kenneth Galbraith, former Ambassador to India now professor of economics at Harvard; former Assistant Secretary of State William P. Bundy, now of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Arthur Schlesinger, former Kennedy administration advisor, and professor at the City University of New York; and Edward Teller, professor of physics at the University of California. The statement, issued in response to the official U.S. acknowledgement that Soviet missiles had been placed in the Suez Canal standstill zone in violation of the truce agreement, noted that Israel had agreed to the cease-fire only on the basis of U.S. assurances that it would not weaken her security. "We believe it to be the moral responsibility of the U.S., as well as in our national interest, to keep faith with Israel and to maintain the substance of the cease-fire," the educators said. While they had no specific suggestions, they called upon the administration to take "prompt steps to restore the essential military balance between Israel and Egypt to that obtaining at the start of the cease-fire." Without such redress, they said, "there can be no fruitful negotiations, no stable frontiers and thus no peace in the Middle East."

Jewish Draftees May Request Deferments During High Holy Days

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA)--The National Jewish Welfare Board's (JWB) Commission on Jewish Chalmers has been officially advised by the Selective Service Commission that all draft boards have been asked to give "favorable consideration, whenever possible" to requests from Jewish registrants for postponement of their physical examination or induction into the Armed Forces during the coming Jewish High Holy Days. This official word was received by Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, N.Y., and Commission Chairman, from Dr. Curtis W. Tarr, the Director of Selective Service, in the form of Operations Bulletin No. 81, as amended and addressed to draft boards throughout the country. Bulletin No. 81 applies to Rosh Hashanah (Oct. 1 and 2), the Jewish New Year; Yom Kippur (Oct. 10), the Day of Atonement, and Sukkot (Oct. 15-23), the Feast of Tabernacles. Since all the High Days commence at sundown of the day previous to these dates, Bulletin No. 81 states that "normally, the registrant's physical examination or induction should be postponed to a date following the religious holiday involved."