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## U.S. Says Israel Violated Cease-Fire But Egyptian Breaches Much Worse

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Israel has violated the current 90-day cease-fire and standstill but the Egyptian violations are much more serious, State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said today. He confirmed reports that the Nixon Administration had "evidence" of Israeli violations in the form of reconnaissance flights over Egyptian territory along the Suez Canal cease-fire line and by strengthening of fortifications along the Canal. The issue was raised by newsmen at the regular briefing today. Mr. McCloskey qualified the Administration charge of ground violations, reporting that U.S. officials had queried Israel about the charges, made by Egypt, and had been told that what was involved was maintenance of buildings and installations and equipment. He said he had no comment to make on that phase of the U.S.-Israel discussions about alleged ground violations other than that the United States had asked Israel for "clarification."

The spokesman said that Israel's reconnaissance photographs of Egyptian missile installations indicated that the Israeli planes had breached a phase of the cease-fire agreement requiring that neither Egypt nor Israel overfly each other's positions within 10 kilometers of the Canal on either side. Asked about United States reconnaissance, he said American planes observed the 10-kilometer limit. He rejected the statement by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad in Cairo yesterday that the United States had terminated the cease-fire agreement by announcing plans to provide additional economic and military aid to Israel. He said the United States had neither ended nor abandoned its peace initiative. He said the United States was maintaining its "even-handed" policy in the Middle East.

### Israel Files New Complaint Of Egyptian Breaches

(Political sources in Jerusalem denied tonight American press reports of alleged violations by Israel of the standstill phase of the cease-fire asserting that no complaints about the alleged violations had been received from the Nixon Administration. The denial came as Israel submitted another complaint to the United Nations of continued cease-fire violations by Egypt. Officials said the latest charge was based on information collected yesterday indicating that Egyptians were continuing work on construction of missile sites and stationing anti-aircraft guns within an area roughly 20 miles from the west bank of the Suez Canal. The sources in Jerusalem cited an official denial of the U.S. charges about Israeli violations, made in Washington by the Israel Embassy. The sources also criticized the asserting by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad that the peace talks were dead. They said the Riad charge proved that Egypt had decided to kill the talks under Gunnar Jarring at the UN by violations of the standstill phase of the cease-fire. The sources said that "it appears Egypt thought it could commit these violations under the protective cover of the Jarring mission. This transparent maneuver has failed and has foiled the mission. Egypt must choose between advancing the mission or the missiles.")

(Deputy Premier Yigal Allon said in Jerusalem yesterday that because of Egyptian violations, the 90-day cease-fire in the Suez Canal zone "no longer exists under international law." He added, however, that as long as there was no shooting, Israel would continue to observe the truce for an unlimited period and would "regard it as a blessing." Mr. Allon, who was named Acting Prime Minister during Premier Golda Meir's visit to the United States, addressed newsmen at a press luncheon. He said the Jarring peace talks in New York would not be resumed as long as the military situation in the truce zone was not restored to its status on Aug. 7 when the standstill cease-fire went into effect. He said restoration meant not only the removal of illegally erected Egyptian missile bases but the destruction of dug-outs prepared for new missile sites. Mr. Allon indicated that the government would not take reprisal measures against Arab terrorists in its custody as long as negotiations continue for the release of the hijacked airline passengers held hostage in Jordan. "Our courts are authorized to impose the death penalty," he said, "but as long as our struggle to free the hostages is at its height I think we shall not take any new decisions on this matter.")

Mr. McCloskey was asked about reports that King Hussein, who reportedly placed Jordan under a military government last night to cope with the increasing power and anti-government militancy of the guerrillas, had asked for United States military intervention. He said no request had been made and that the Nixon Administration had no intention of intervening. The internal situation in Jordan, he said, was a matter for the Jordanian Government to handle. He said that the International Red Cross was continuing its efforts to free the remaining 54 hijack hostages held by the guerrillas in Jordan. He said one Red Cross representative went to Jordan today and another planned to leave for Jordan from Cairo. He said the United States had been informed that the hostages were receiving good treatment, exercise and that they had been given cholera shots. He said he had been informed that the morale of the still detained hostages was "reasonably high."

## Eban Bars Any Israel Role In Multi-Nation Pact For Hostage Release

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban ruled out yesterday any Israeli participation in an international deal with Arab terrorists for the release of 55 hijacked airline passengers and crewmen held captive by them in Jordan. Addressing a special session of the Knesset, Mr. Eban made it clear that Israel considered it was making a sufficient contribution to the safety of the hostages by accepting decisions by Britain, West Germany and Switzerland to submit to terrorist demands for the

release of seven Arab terrorists in their custody. "The sole aim of these seven thugs is an assault on the lives of Israelis," Mr. Eban declared. "If the three governments involved are prepared to consider, out of dire distress, purchasing the liberation of all the hijacked persons by these releases, it must under no circumstances be claimed that the contribution is in any other coin than that of the safety of Israelis," he said. Mr. Eban's remarks represented the government's first formal and full statement of Israel's attitude toward efforts being made to secure the hostages' release. It was seen as a total rejection of demands made by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Beirut yesterday that Israel agree in principle to free Arab terrorists in its custody before any agreement is made. The PFLP spokesman said that only after Israel agreed would it make known the number and names of the prisoners it wants freed. The PFLP also demanded separate negotiations with each of the European governments for release of their nationals among the hostages.

The Foreign Minister's statement was also seen as a stiffening of his government's stand under increasing pressure from the Western powers to make some sort of concession for the release of the hostages. Mr. Eban however left the door open for Israel, on its own initiative, to make an "humanitarian gesture" at such time as the hostages are released. Israel voluntarily freed a number of Arab prisoners in 1968 and early this year after Israeli hostages were released by Algeria and Syria. Another factor in Israel's refusal to be a party to any deal is the chaotic situation in Jordan where the hostages are being held. Should the Jordanian government fall or full-scale civil war break out between King Hussein's regime and the Palestinian guerrillas, it is highly doubtful that any final arrangement would be honored, observers here said. Mr. Eban noted that International Red Cross efforts to negotiate the release of the hostages have been ineffective. He said the British government was working on a solution. (Reports from London today said that Britain, Switzerland and West Germany were growing increasingly impatient with Israel and are pressuring Israel for an immediate, clear statement of policy on the hostages. A British Foreign Office official was quoted as saying that "the longer the Israelis refuse to say anything, whether yes or no, the greater the danger is for our people held hostage.")

(It was reported from Geneva last night that the International Red Cross has decided to send a new team to Amman to resume negotiations with the commandos. The PFLP accused the Red Cross yesterday of trying to "gain time for the benefit of the imperialist countries" in its negotiations last week. The Red Cross withdrew from negotiations on Sunday and talks have been stalled since then. The IRC was negotiating on behalf of the United States, Britain, West Germany and Switzerland, though not, apparently for Israel. The latter country however has been participating in five power consultations in Berne, Switzerland on means to secure the hostages' release.) Foreign Minister Eban gave the Israel Government's first official breakdown of the hostages by nationality and religion. He said 55 were still being held, including 32 Americans of whom 20 are Jews. Two of the Americans, he said, are residents of the United States but hold Israeli passports as well as American. He said the other hostages include eight Britons, six Swiss, two West Germans and one person from the Netherlands. The nationalities of the remaining six hostages have not been reported, he said.

### Premier Meir Flies To United States For Crucial Talks With Nixon

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir flew to the United States today for a round of talks with President Nixon and other top Administration officials in a period of severe strain between the two governments over many issues of Israel's security. (Mrs. Meir was scheduled to arrive at Kennedy Airport at about 7 p.m. New York time under strict security precautions.) The talks will follow Israel's withdrawal from the Middle East peace talks at the United Nations, an Egyptian declaration that the Nixon-sponsored peace initiative has been "killed" by promises of additional U.S. economic and military aid to Israel, and the continued detention of some 54 hostages by Arab guerrillas in King Hussein's seething kingdom.

Mrs. Meir is scheduled to meet with the President on Friday. While no official agenda for her talks with Mr. Nixon and other officials, including Secretary of State William P. Rogers, has been published, the talks are expected to cover Israel's insistence that it cannot return to the Jarring talks until all illegally-placed Egyptian missiles are removed from the Suez Canal truce zone. She reportedly will suggest that if this is not a feasible objective for the Nixon Administration to pursue, then Israel may consider a new cease-fire agreement, with possible pullbacks on both sides of the canal zone. She is also expected to raise with Administration officials Israel's new military needs created by the Soviet-backed Egyptian violations. The security measures included special checks of personnel coming and going from Lydda Airport as Mrs. Meir arrived for her flight. All vehicles were searched by army and police explosives experts. Special badges were issued to people permitted to attend the Premier's departure.

### Airline Pilots Ass'n Joins World Transport Workers To Battle Hijacking

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Leaders of 46,000 airline pilots in 55 countries said in a statement here today that they had decided "to coordinate their activities with the International Transport Workers Federation against all forms of violence in civil aviation." Capt. Ola Forsberg of Finland, president of the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA), made the statement after a special session of the group here yesterday, a continuation of a meeting held in London last week. The session was attended by IFALPA top officers from Britain, Italy, France, the United States, Austria, Ireland, Canada and the Netherlands. The statement said that the problem of the hijacked hostages still being held in Jordan "by the Palestinian guerrillas" was "so delicate" that IFALPA was refraining from comment "at this time," but it added that it was making the statement today on the joint action with the Transport workers as a further means of ending hijackings and airborne violence."

Charles M. Blyth of London, ITF general secretary, appeared with Capt. Forsberg and "underlined the mutual interests of the quarter-million transport workers in ending air piracy throughout the world."

The two officers also said that "on the immediate problem, that of the hostages, the matter is in the hands of governments. IFALPA is not involved in these very delicate contacts and consequently refrains from comment in order not to run any risks of jeopardizing the situation." C.C. Jackson of London, IFALPA, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the organization "embraces all known pilot groups free to join an international organization without objections from their governments." He said that IFALPA now numbers pilots associations in 55 countries as "full members" and that they included Lebanon, Egypt and the Sudan. He said representatives of pilots in the Soviet Union, Poland and Yugoslavia have attended IFALPA annual meetings "occasionally as observers."

### Black Leader Calls Detention Of Jewish Hostages Reminder Of Nazism

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA)--A leading black militant has denounced the action of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in taking Jews as hostages from hijacked planes, comparing the action with events which occurred in Nazi Germany and to the time when black "slave families" were similarly separated. The denunciation will appear in the form of a front page editorial tomorrow in the Manhattan Tribune, signed by Roy Innes, national director of CORE and co-publisher of the new weekly. In the editorial, entitled "The Jews Must Not Stand Alone," Innes charged that "the sight in Amman this week of fathers being separated from their families because they are American Jews not only vividly illustrates the irresponsible tactics of certain guerrillas, but undermines the argument of the Arab nationalists who maintain their fight is against Zionism and not against the Jewish people."

Declaring that "our wing of the black movement in America has its own agenda of priorities to achieve," the black leader added that "but for us to ignore what happened in Amman is to inaccurately acknowledge that injustice which does not touch the black man is not an injustice." The taking of Jewish hostages "is a symbolic and frightening reminder of a disease which too many people ignored in Germany and a reminder of the days when slave families were similarly separated," he said. He noted that "once before the Jews were left to stand alone" and that "our brand of black militancy cannot stand aside and allow this to happen again without injuring the justice of our own arguments."

### General Assembly President Feels UN Not Equipped To Combat Hijacking

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 16 (JTA)--Dr. Edvard Isak Hambro of Norway, elected president yesterday of the United Nations General Assembly's 25th anniversary session, expressed the view today that the UN was "not equipped to take material action" in cases of hijacking. He said he thought the UN should be "better equipped" but declined comment on Secretary General U Thant's proposal, made Monday night, for an international tribunal on hijacking. Dr. Hambro told a press conference that hijacking was "international piracy" and "very threatening." He called the taking of hostages "a serious violation of fundamental human rights," declining to make any distinction between the seizure of airline passengers by Palestine commandos and the detention of Arabs by Israel.

### Agency Plans Center In Israel For Judaica Chairs In Overseas Universities

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency's Education and Culture Department has decided to establish here a Center for Hebrew and Judaica Chairs at Foreign Universities, according to Department head Haim Finkelstein. The center will be a clearing house for the recruitment of professors and lecturers. Israel's three major universities--the Weizmann Institute, the Technion and the Hebrew University--have pledged their cooperation, as has the Foreign Ministry. An additional function of the center will be the promotion of new Judaica chairs. Mr. Finkelstein said also that a pilot project of the "Bridge of Brotherhood" scholastic scheme has succeeded beyond expectations. Five more high school classes from Argentina, Uruguay and possibly Chile are to follow in the current school year. The scheme provides for the pupils' joining regular classes at their grade levels in Israeli schools and for their living with the families of their temporary classmates. The headmasters of 30 Israeli schools have announced that they would like to receive such guest classes. Some 120 Jewish high school pupils will arrive soon from South Africa for a year's stay. Their studies in this country will be recognized by the South African Ministry of Education. Mr. Finkelstein said that 1,100 Jewish educators had arrived in Israel for training this year, with another 400 expected. That is 50 percent more than last year. Mr. Finkelstein noted that 80 percent of the 2,000 Jewish teachers in Argentina were trained in Israel at the Greenberg Institute, which will soon be expanded and moved to larger premises and which has modern facilities for Hebrew study. The activities of the Education and Culture Department now cover around 250,000 Jewish pupils in 2,000 schools in 27 countries, he said.

### Israel Cholera Cases Now Total 135; Arab Source Theory Disputed

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (JTA)--The Health Ministry spokesman, in an unprecedented move, denied today a statement on the cholera situation by Health Minister Victor Shemtov. The spokesman said that Mr. Shemtov's statement on Monday that Arab terrorists may have spread the cholera germs in Israel was only an assumption. Fifteen more cholera cases were reported today, for a total of 135. Health Ministry sources said they were awaiting the completion of the mass destruction of vegetables watered with untreated sewage; cholera is commonly acquired through the taking of germ-ridden water into the body. If the germs in the current rash of cholera cases were spread via infected vegetables, a significant drop in new cases is expected within a week after their destruction, the sources indicated.

### Israel Plans To Set Up Five More Settlements In Occupied Areas

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Acting Premier Yigal Allon disclosed today that the government has decided to establish five more settlements in administered areas. It is assumed that the new settlements will be situated in accordance with the Allon Plan, under which para-military settlements are set up along the Jordan River with a view toward demilitarizing the West Bank and returning it to Jordanian control. There are already 24 settlements in the occupied territories--12 on the Golan Heights, five in the Jordan Valley, three each in the Hebron area and in the Sinai and one near Latroun, on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

## Cleveland Federation Plans Appeal For Soviet Jews To Moiseyev Troupe

CLEVELAND, Sept. 16 (JTA)--The Jewish Community Federation said today that it was planning a "constructive protest" against Soviet treatment of Jews when the Moiseyev Dance company appears here this weekend. Under guidance of the Federation's community relations committee, some 100 protesters will distribute pamphlets to patrons. Sidney Zilber, CRC chairman, said the pamphlets will extend a welcome to the Soviet ballet members but will also note that what the audience will be shown "is but one side of the Russian story. There is another side, a side seldom seen, sordid, inhuman and oppressive, the story of oppression of the Jewish minority." The pamphlet charges that "to be a Jew in the Soviet Union is to be subject to special repressive treatment," and it cites prohibitions on Jewish education, religious observance and culture in the Soviet Union. Mr. Zilber said the CRC also will seek a meeting with Moiseyev troupe leaders to "extend them a community welcome" and to congratulate them on their "magnificent talents."

At the same time, he said CRC representatives will point out to the Soviet troupe leaders "that their government is refusing to permit many thousands of Jews to leave Russia and go to Israel and, because they have been outspoken in their demands to leave, many have been deprived of their jobs and livelihood" and that "of this group, 28 have been imprisoned." He expressed the hope that when the dancers return to Russia, "they will be able to tell Soviet leaders that America is also aware of the repressions against Russian citizens whose only crimes are that they are Jewish and that they wish to leave for Israel." He said petitions would be circulated at each of the three weekend Moiseyev performances to be sent to the Soviet ambassador in Washington "seeking release of the 28 Jews who have been arrested and permission for them to leave so they can rejoin their families."

## Four New Arrests Of Soviet Jews Reported; Total In Recent Months Now 32

LONDON, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Soviet authorities have arrested four Jews known to be friends of Alexander Galperin, who was arrested July 15 with other Soviet Jews for undisclosed reasons, according to authoritative reports reaching here. The arrests bring to 32 the number of Soviet Jews detained in recent months, apparently because they spoke out for the right to emigrate to Israel. The new arrests are significant in that they were made in Kishinev in the Ukraine; of the 28 arrested previously, only Mr. Galperin was from that town. The new arrests, word of which has just reached Western sources, were made shortly after Aug. 15, when the houses of the four were searched and several volumes of the Jewish Encyclopedia were confiscated, although there is no ban against that publication. Of the 32 arrested so far, two have been sentenced. The four newly detained Jews are Arkady Voloshin, David Rabinovich, Abraham Trachtenberg and Harry Kirsiner. It was not immediately known whether they had signed petitions calling for emigration rights. They are believed to be in their 20s or early 30s, as is Mr. Galperin.

In a similar report, Soviet Jews were disclosed to have complained openly that they were the only ethnic group in the Soviet Union "who are ordered in plain terms to assimilate, to dissolve, to disappear among other peoples." The charge was contained in a letter signed by 83 Moscow Jews appealing to "brother Jews" to unite "to save their brothers and sisters from the destruction which threatens them." That letter, and another addressed to the delegates at the United Nations General Assembly was distributed to Western newsmen yesterday. Both letters complained of harassment and arrests of some Jews in other cities in recent months and house searches and confiscations of books of Jewish nature. They also complained that Jews were not permitted to live a full cultural and religious life in Russia or to emigrate to their "spiritual homeland, Israel." The letter to the UN was signed by 77 Jews, most of whom also signed the first letter. The signatories channeled the letters through foreign newsmen because, they claimed, they had no hope of delivery to the UN through the mails.

According to reports from Moscow, the number of Jews allowed to emigrate has declined in recent months to a "handful." There is no free emigration for any Soviet citizens but applicants are treated on an individual basis and some have been allowed to leave if their departure was not considered contrary to Soviet interests. Until recently about 200 Jews a month were permitted to leave. The letter to "brother Jews" complained that "The Soviet Union has long been without any kind of public organization that could in some measure represent the interests of the Jewish ethnic minority...We declare that forceful assimilation is the same thing as genocide." (In Jerusalem, it was reported that a Jewish physician in Riga has appealed to Israeli authorities to help him emigrate to Israel with his young children in order to join his parents and a sister already there. A letter from Dr. D. Skorokhod was received by Arieh Eliav, secretary general of the Labor Party. It was addressed to him apparently on the mistaken belief that he still held his former post as Deputy Minister of Immigration. The petitioner wrote that his parents were permitted to go to Israel in 1967 to join a sister who lives in Jerusalem but all his applications to Soviet authorities have been rejected. He said he had worked for over 14 years as a physician in Yakut area of Siberia and in Riga "conscientiously justifying the higher education I received in the Soviet Union.")

## Bishop Pike's Widow Enrolls At Hebrew U., Plans Regular Visits To Israel

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (JTA)--Mrs. Diane Pike, widow of former Bishop James Pike who died in the Judean desert last year has enrolled at the Hebrew University to study Hebrew. Mrs. Pike said she wanted to learn the language of Israel because she intends to bring a number of Americans here on a regular basis under the auspices of the Bishop Pike Foundation. Mrs. Pike whose home is in Bakersfield, Calif., said she was continuing her late husband's research in Israel for a book on the historical Jesus. It was in the course of that research in the wilderness near the Dead Sea that the former Episcopal Bishop of California, died of heat exhaustion while his wife sought help. Mrs. Pike said she intended to complete the book which is to be published in the U.S. by the Doubleday Co.