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Israel Charges Dead Israeli Pilot Was Tortured, Mutilated By Egyptians

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5 (JTA)--Israel today accused Egyptian personnel of murdering an Israeli fighter pilot who bailed out safely over Egyptian territory after his jet was shot down by ground fire last Aug. 3. The Israeli charge, contained in a complaint filed with the International Red Cross, states that the remains of Lt. Moshe Goldwasser indicated to Israeli medical examiners that his death was caused by inhumane treatment, including probable torture. Egypt reported Goldwasser's death on Aug. 4 and gave the cause as cardiac arrest following a nervous breakdown. Israel requested the IRC to demand that Egyptian authorities find and bring to trial the persons who ordered or committed inhuman acts against Lt. Goldwasser in violation of the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war. Israel has also demanded that Egypt take immediate action to prevent further breaches of the Geneva Convention. According to the Israeli complaint, Goldwasser's body was examined by an Egyptian doctor, Mohammed Fouad Anwar, on Aug. 17, 13 days after his death was announced. The remains were subsequently transferred to Israel where another post-mortem was performed on Sept. 2 by Col. Reuben Eldar, the Israel Army's chief medical officer.

According to Dr. Eldar, the remains were in an advanced stage of decay, indicating that the corpse was not kept under refrigeration as is the normal practice. The implication was that the Egyptians hoped that evidence of torture would be obliterated by the time the Israelis received the body. According to Dr. Eldar's post-mortem report sufficient evidence remained to indicate that Lt. Goldwasser had undergone severe torture including blows with blunt instruments, electric shock and mutilation while still alive. The Egyptian doctors removed some of his internal organs after death for no apparent medical reasons, the Israeli complaint stated. That in itself, according to the Israelis, indicated an attempt to remove evidence of maltreatment. The Israeli report noted that Lt. Goldwasser had undergone his annual medical check-up and was found in excellent condition six weeks before his plane was downed, only four days before the Suez cease-fire went into effect.

State Department Says Egyptian Leaders Interested In Continuation Of Truce

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (JTA)--The State Department said today that Egyptian leaders have expressed interest in a continuation of the 90-day Suez Canal zone cease-fire beyond its Nov. 6 expiration date. Department spokesman John King said the interest was conveyed to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot Richardson who headed the U.S. delegation representing President Nixon at the funeral of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser in Cairo last Thursday. Mr. King would not say which Egyptian leaders had expressed interest. "I cannot say that this involves a promise. I can say that their interest was expressed in a continuation of the cease-fire," the State Department official said. He added the U.S. hoped that the cease-fire is extended "because it would be in the best interests of all concerned." Mr. King also disclosed at a briefing for newsmen that Secretary Richardson had "naturally discussed" the problem of rectification of cease-fire violations with the Egyptians while he was in Cairo. Mr. King refused to spell out what the U.S. means by rectification but he said it was made plain to the Egyptians that "we want it." Similarly, Mr. King declined to say how the cease-fire might be extended, whether by written agreement of the two parties or simply by continued observance of it.

Mr. King said the U.S. "hopes that peace talks can be resumed and that to help prepare for these talks there should be rectifications of the standstill violations." He would not comment on reported charges by Israel that the Egyptians and their Soviet backers were continuing to increase their weaponry in the truce zone. He said rectification was being discussed in Cairo, in Moscow and here and that the discussions have gone on since Nasser's funeral. Mr. King said that the United Nations envoy Gunnar V. Jarring's return to his Ambassadorial post in Moscow last week did not imply that Arab-Israeli peace talks would not be held under his auspices. He said Dr. Jarring would return to the UN in New York "should conditions warrant." The Israeli Embassy here had no comment on Dr. Jarring's departure. But diplomatic sources here said the Israelis feel that were it not for Egypt's cheating on the cease-fire, the two sides might have been sitting down to talks right now. According to these sources the Israelis regard the continued presence of Soviet missiles in the standstill cease-fire zone to be the only obstacle to the talks under Dr. Jarring. The Israeli attitude is that when the missiles are withdrawn, the talks can begin, the sources said.

Jarring Mission Still Alive; General Assembly Committee To Discuss Hijacking Control

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 5 (JTA)--United Nations and United States spokesmen continued today to assert that the Middle East peace mission of Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring was still alive despite its suspension. A UN spokesman said the mission had merely been "temporarily postponed" by Dr. Jarring's two-week return to Moscow, and that any pertinent developments here--that is, any move toward resumption of the negotiations by Egypt or Israel--would be transmitted to Dr. Jarring while he is away. Last Friday the spokesman said of Dr. Jarring, who is the Swedish ambassador to the Soviet Union, that "He will, of course, be available to come back to New York within 24 hours at any time that developments may warrant." A U.S. spokesman, asked today to assess the prospects for the mission, replied: "I can't comment on that," but added "The initiative continues." An informed Western source who declined attribution said his government "continues to attach importance" to the mission, and that Dr. Jarring's departure "should in no sense be construed as an abandonment of his mission."

The departure, the source said, "represents a realistic assessment that there is not much he can do in New York at the moment." The source said there were "certain indications"--specifically, press reports from Cairo--that Egypt was agreeable to an extension of the cease-fire past its Nov. 6 expiration. Israel has maintained that it is honoring an "indefinite" cease-fire, not merely one of 90 days. Asked if any progress toward peace could be made by Nov. 6 if Israel returned to the talks by mid-October and the cease-fire were not extended, the source said: "I hope so--but it's a tall order." The Sixth, or Legal, Committee of the General Assembly accepted today a Philippine motion for a discussion of hijacking control. U.S. and British spokesmen endorsed the proposal, the latter adding that his government hopes "some significant advance" toward controls can be made. (London sources said today that the Hebron government had received no protest from Israel over Britain's release of female hijacker Laila Khaled as part of a deal for the lives of 54 passengers abducted by Palestinian commandos. The sources said the British government had been in contact with Israeli officials in London, Tel Aviv and Berne, Switzerland, and that Israel "knew in advance what our plans were." Israel, the sources said, had made no request for the extradition of Miss Khaled and no protest following her release.)

U.S. Ambassador Charles W. Yost advised General Assembly president Edvard I. Hambro of Norway over the weekend that as of Oct. 1, the U.S. had sent approximately 310 tons of relief supplies to Jordan in accordance with a request for international "humanitarian" aid made Sept. 24 by Dr. Hambro and Secretary General U Thant. Mr. Yost noted that President Nixon had "earmarked \$5 million for emergency relief in Jordan." The permanent representative of Ceylon, Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe, conferred with Mr. Thant today on the matter of what a UN spokesman called "Israeli practices in the occupied territories." Ceylon has severed relations with Israel. On Friday, the General Assembly concluded its general debate, during which 70 speakers were heard since Sept. 17. In the closing days of the debate a number of speakers, chiefly from Arab states, assailed Israel for "obstructionist activities," "dirty purposes," territorial aggression and the desire for "the complete annihilation of the Palestinian people."

Quiet Week Along Israel-Jordan Border; Incidents Down Along Other Borders

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5 (JTA)--Last week was the quietest week along the Israeli-Jordanian border in some time. Not a single incident was reported during the last week of the Jewish New Year and the next three days, or through noon today. There were, however, two incidents along the Lebanese border, compared with one the previous week, and six in the Gaza Strip, down from nine. There were no incidents along the Suez Canal cease-fire line, except for two isolated shots. Israeli authorities are alert, however, to possible trouble stemming from the Jordanian government's granting of border enclaves to Palestinian commandos. Such an enclave appears to exist already in the Irbid area, where the government's army seems to have very little control. That enclave is opposite the Israeli settlements in the Beisan and Jordan Valleys.

Israel Spurns Deal With El Fatah For Return Of Kidnapped Night Watchman

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5 (JTA)--The Israeli government has turned down an offer by El Fatah to free an Israeli watchman they kidnapped ten months ago in exchange for a number of convicted Arab terrorists serving sentences in Israeli jails, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from reliable sources. According to the source, El Fatah offered to release 54-year-old Shmuel Rosenwasser, of Metuliah who was seized by Arab guerrillas near the Lebanese border on the night of Dec. 31, 1969. He was subsequently taken to Jordan. In return, El Fatah demanded the release of convicted terrorists, among them Mahmoud Hijazi who was sentenced to death by an Israeli military court in 1965. His sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment. The source said that Israeli authorities rejected the El Fatah offer because Israel, as a matter of principle, refuses to make exchange deals or to bargain with terrorists. The source disclosed that during the height of negotiations for the release of hijacked airline hostages held captive in Jordan by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Israeli representatives refused to accept several envelopes containing the names of Palestinian guerrillas the PFLP wanted freed. While refusing to deal with El Fatah, Israel is pressuring Lebanese authorities to secure Rosenwasser's release on grounds that his kidnappers came from Lebanese territory. Israel has said it was willing to release 11 captured Lebanese soldiers in exchange for Rosenwasser.

Jordan River Bridges Reopened By Jordanian Authorities

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5 (JTA)--Jordanian authorities today re-opened the Allenby and Damiya bridges spanning the Jordan River which they had shut down last Friday, blocking traffic from the West Bank. Traffic today was sparse however because there was no advance notice that the bridges would be open. Israeli officials said that as far as they were concerned, the bridges were never closed. But they were blocked on the Jordanian side last Friday to all traffic except trucks carrying relief supplies for the victims of last month's Jordanian civil war. The closure, without prior warning, angered West Bank residents concerned about their relatives in Jordan. Even persons with official entry permits were turned back by Jordanian guards. Israelis said the shut-down may have been ordered to punish the West Bankers who had sided with the Palestinian guerrillas during the fighting in Jordan. Until last Friday both bridges carried heavy traffic from the West Bank as trucks rolled across with food, medicine, clothing and blankets for the civil war victims. Some of the relief consignments were provided by the Israeli government and the rest came from West Bank residents. A relief shipment was sent last Thursday by Arab employees of the Jerusalem municipality.

Cabinet Approves Mrs. Meir's Visit To U.S.; Will Attend General Assembly Session

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5 (JTA)--The Cabinet yesterday approved Premier Golda Meir's forthcoming visit to the United States, her second in two months, to attend the 25th anniversary commemorative session of the United Nations General Assembly.

No Decision Reached By U.S. On Granting Credits In Specific Amounts To Israel

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (JTA)--A State Department source said today that the United States government has not reached a decision on the granting of credits in any specific amount to Israel although it has a program of grants under consideration. The State Department was questioned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today in connection with reports from Jerusalem that the U.S. has granted Israel easy long term credit in the amount of \$450 million for the current fiscal year. Stories dealing with the loan were carried today by Israeli newspapers Haaretz and Davar and yesterday by the JTA. The State Department source said the \$450 million figure was understood to be in the general range of the assistance being considered. He said, "We have never quarreled with that figure." But he declined to comment on a report from Jerusalem that the sum is part of a \$1 billion credit applied for by Israel for the next two fiscal years. The source said that Israel's request for financial credits was made at the time of Premier Golda Meir's visit to Washington last month. According to the report from Jerusalem, the \$450 million is earmarked mainly for Israeli defense purchases in the United States.

Israel Will Not Release Two Algerians, Contrary To Earlier Reports

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5 (JTA)--Contrary to earlier reports, Israel will not release two Algerian nationalists detained here since August 14 as a reciprocal gesture for the release of the last of the hijacked airline passengers held by Arab terrorists in Jordan, a Foreign Ministry official said last night. Shimon Amir, deputy director general of the Ministry said in a radio interview that Israel was not a party to any deal with the terrorists. Following release of the hostages last week, the British, Swiss and West German governments freed seven Arab commandos in their custody. Israel has already protested to those governments, charging that the releases violated international law and the laws of the countries concerned. Mr. Amir conceded that at meetings with the other governments in Berne, before the hijack victims were set free, Israel had not opposed an exchange "lest we be accused of endangering the lives of the hostages." This gave rise to reports that Israel would free the Algerians plus an unspecified number of other Arabs in its custody. The two Algerians, Ali Belaziz and Maj. Khatib Jaloul, were removed from a BOAC airliner when it touched down at Lydda Airport on a flight from the Far East to Europe. Both were subsequently identified as high ranking officials of the Algerian government and Maj. Jaloul was alleged to be the chief of Algeria's secret police. Israel claims that the two men are not being held hostage. It claims the right to hold them for "interrogation" as agents of a country at war with Israel.

Fire Destroys 6000 Hebrew, Yiddish Books In Australian Jewish Cultural Center

MELBOURNE, Oct. 5 (JTA)--Detectives of the arson squad are investigating a fire at the Kadimah Library of the Jewish Cultural Center here that destroyed 6000 valuable Hebrew and Yiddish books. Most of the volumes were over a century old and considered irreplaceable. The collection had been assembled from all over the world during the 60 years since the Kadimah Library was established by Jewish migrants from Eastern Europe. Suspicion of arson was aroused because of a fire six months ago that destroyed a new stage being built for the Yiddish theater here. At that time arson was suspected.

Dr. Goldmann Confirms He Sought Approval To Meet With Palestinian Representative

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann confirmed today that he had recently asked Premier Golda Meir for approval of a meeting between himself and a representative of the Palestinian liberation movement. Mrs. Meir disclosed in a television interview last Friday that Dr. Goldmann had approached her in connection with a meeting with a prominent Arab personality. Asked if it was President Nasser of Egypt, Mrs. Meir replied, that it was somebody "much worse." Dr. Goldmann who arrived at Lydda Airport last night for a brief stay in Israel, refused to say whether the leader he had in mind was Yasser Arafat, chief of El Fatah and head of the Palestine Liberation Organization. But he told newsmen that meetings between Israelis and Arafat should not be ruled out if both parties were interested. He said that when Mrs. Meir told him that his request would have to be approved by the whole Cabinet, he dropped the matter.

Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress and a past president of the World Zionist Organization, created a furor here recently when he asked the government to approve a private meeting between himself and President Nasser. The request was rejected and Dr. Goldmann was bitterly criticized for engaging in "private diplomacy." But just a week before Nasser's death, the Jewish leader told a West German television audience that he was in regular contact with emissaries of the Egyptian President and expected another invitation for a meeting in Cairo. He said that he was also invited by King Hussein of Morocco. Dr. Goldmann told newsmen here that he regarded Nasser's death as a blow to peace prospects in the Middle East. He said Nasser was the only Arab leader of sufficient stature to engage in negotiations with Israel and retain the support of the Arab masses.

30 Congressional Candidates Agree U.S. Must Continue To Aid Israel

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (JTA)--Thirty congressional candidates from New York agreed yesterday that the United States must maintain Israel's strength through continued economic and military support in order to thwart Soviet attempts to dominate the Middle East. The 30, who are seeking election or reelection to seats in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives next month, attended a meeting of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee here. A spokesman for the committee said later that a "substantial number" of the candidates favored outright grants of economic aid and gifts of military equipment to Israel instead of loans and sales. Attending the meeting were New York State's three senatorial candidates, Charles E. Goodell, the incumbent Republican, Richard L. Ottinger, Democrat and James L. Buckley, the Conservative Party candidate. The three agreed that the Soviet Union must be held responsible for truce violations by Egypt in the Suez cease-fire zone. Sen. Goodell scored the Nixon Administration for protesting the violations "merely to a deputy foreign minister in Moscow." Mr. Ottinger warned that the Mideast constituted "the greatest threat to world peace today."

College Studies Program Launched By American Association For Jewish Education

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (JTA)--A project to develop materials in Jewish studies to be used in public high schools and colleges throughout the United States has been undertaken by the American Association for Jewish Education, the national coordinating agency for Jewish education in the U.S. The project was announced by Robert H. Arnow, president of the AAJE, following authorization by its national executive committee. Mr. Arnow, who is also president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said the initial stage of the three year project was made possible by a grant from the Herman and Gertrude Gross Education Foundation. He said that Dr. Sara Feinstein, recently appointed to the staff of the AAJE, will direct the program conducted under the guidance of the AAJE's national curriculum research institute. Mr. Arnow announced the appointment of Herbert Berman, a member of the New York City Board of Higher Education, as chairman of the AAJE's national committee for the undertaking.

Mr. Arnow noted that "A distinctive trend in American education in recent years has been the introduction into the school curriculum of materials relating to the cultural background, ideas and aspirations of the ethnic components of American society." He foresaw the enrichment of secondary school and college curricula through the introduction of texts and material that would accurately describe the nature of Jewish contributions to Western civilization. "We will not seek to embellish the role of the Jew, nor will materials be doctrinal or propagandistic," Mr. Arnow said. "On the other hand, Jews and non-Jews at last will be able to obtain a more balanced picture of Western history than has heretofore been available in traditional texts and courses." He stressed that in its capacity as the national coordinating agency for Jewish education in the United States, the AAJE is the logical agency to help plan, research and prepare required materials.

19 Southern Georgia Communities Respond To United Jewish Appeal

ATLANTA, Oct. 5 (JTA)--Nineteen southern Georgia communities that had not previously been fully explored as sources of contributions to the United Jewish Appeal have been tapped in recent days. The towns are Alma, Bainbridge, Baxley, Camilla, Cordele, Cuthbert, Douglas, Dublin, Edison, Fitzgerald, Hazlehurst, Hawkinsville, McRae, Nashville, Ocilla, Swainsboro, Tifton and Albany. "As Jews in America," said drive chairman Larry Kaminsky, "we are all proud of the State of Israel and its determination to exist and feel we want to act now to help meet her need for funds to survive." The southern Georgia towns with Jewish inhabitants "know that they must help in this constant struggle for survival that faces this tiny country in the Mid-East," he continued. Mr. Kaminsky said he was sure those residents "will heed the cry for help this year, which is crucial in Israel's fight for survival." The campaign has been aided so far by a dinner at which the Rev. Dr. Carl Hermann Voss, a frequent visitor to the Middle East and the author of several books sympathetic to Israel, spoke on the question "Can Israel Survive?"

N.Y. Committee For State Of Israel Bonds Launches Fall Campaign; Eban Main Speaker

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (JTA)--Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban will be the principal speaker tomorrow night at a dinner sponsored by the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds. The dinner, at the Plaza Hotel, will open the Committee's 1970 Fall campaign. Nine New York business leaders will be accorded special tribute for their participation in the effort to mobilize Israel Bond investment funds to advance the economic development of Israel, the Committee announced today. William Goldfine, president of the Royal National Bank and honorary chairman of the Israel Bond campaign in New York City, is dinner chairman.

Wexler Praises Nixon For Holding Firm On Release Of Hijacked Victims

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (JTA)--President Nixon was praised by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations for "steadfast leadership" in the successful effort to free hostages aboard airliners hijacked by Arab terrorists last month. Dr. William Wexler, chairman of the group, said in a letter to the White House that President Nixon's "insistence that all the hostages be released simultaneously, rejecting any individual negotiations for the separate release of the nationals of various countries, brought about positive changes" in the policies of other nations "only too eager to ransom their own citizens without regard to the safety of others." The last group of freed hostages returned to New York Wednesday afternoon, hours before the start of Rosh Hashana. Dr. Wexler wrote the President: "Your demand that all American citizens and all persons traveling under the protection of the American flag receive equal treatment regardless of race, religion or national origin was a clear and forceful articulation of American democratic principles whose message was clearly heard by the terrorists." In his letter, Dr. Wexler expressed regret, however, that Great Britain, Switzerland and West Germany had "surrendered to Arab blackmail by agreeing to free Arab terrorists to commit more crimes against international civil aviation." He added that "if the hijacking epidemic is to be ended and safety of the skies restored, the Arab governments must renounce terrorism and the free world must reject extortion." Dr. Wexler also observed that "as we condemn all hijackers and all others who seek to terrorize civilian air travel, so must we hold accountable those governments that give haven to such criminals."

AJCongress Officials Picket Soviet Mission To Dramatize Plight Of Soviet Jews

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (JTA)--Five national officers of the American Jewish Congress picketed for an hour today across the street from the Soviet Mission to the United Nations to demonstrate "solidarity" with Soviet Jewry. The protesters, who fasted for the day, convened on the steps of the Park East Synagogue, bearing placards demanding equity for Soviet Jews. They read excerpts from the letters and petitions sent to the United Nations and heads of state by more than 200 Soviet Jews seeking the right to emigrate to Israel. An AJCongress spokesman said the demonstration was part of the Congress' continuing campaign to dramatize the Soviet Jewish plight.