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## Israeli Soldiers, Terrorists in 6-Hour Clash in Southern Lebanon

TEL AVIV, Aug. 9 (JTA)--Six hours of clashes between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian terrorists took place today in Fatah Land in southern Lebanon. Israeli infantrymen entered the area, under cover of heavy fire, in pursuit of terrorists, at least two of whom were reported killed. The Israelis returned to their own territory late in the afternoon. Military authorities said the maneuver had been carried out in response to signs of increased terrorist activity in the area, especially the guerrillas' attempts to reorganize following the escape of many of them to Israel during the Jordanian Army's crackdown on them. Two Israeli soldiers were reported injured. (In Beirut, the Lebanese newspaper Al Kifah said the Lebanese Army was becoming restless over Egypt's seeming delay in reopening the shooting war with Israel.)

## Kukul Appeal To Be Heard; Residents Term Sentence Miscarriage Of Justice

LONDON, Aug. 9 (JTA)--The appeal of Valeriy Kukul, sentenced recently to three years for "anti-Soviet slander," will be heard tomorrow in Moscow, according to reports from Jewish sources there. They added that the 33-year-old prisoner's attorney, Leonid Popov, has withdrawn from the case on the grounds that numerous telephone calls from abroad in connection with the case were interfering with his work. His work on Kukul's behalf, the sources commented, has been half-hearted anyway, his position being that a one-year term would have been sufficient for Kukul's alleged offense. (In New York, usually reliable Jewish sources confirmed Popov's departure from the case, but could not confirm the hearing date.) Meanwhile, a group of residents of Kukul's city, Sverdlovsk, have written to the government newspaper, Izvestia, to point out that none of the prosecution witnesses had supported the charges against the defendant and calling his sentence a miscarriage of justice. Kukul himself told the court then: "Nothing will stop me from going to Israel."

Also in New York, it was reliably reported today that eight residents of Sverdlovsk have written to the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Republic, stating: "Even on the background of the awful trials against Jews," they wrote, "the trial of Kukul is a malpractice and contempt of elementary Constitutional rights. We are expecting justice and we demand the release of Valeriy Kukul." The letter was signed by Ella Kukul, the prisoner's wife; Vladimir Aks, Ilya Voitevetsky, Vera Voitevetskaya, Yulia Kosharovskiy, Vladimir Makman, Dina Zhenin and Margarita Kisselman. In addition, Mrs. Kukul cabied the British Broadcasting Corporation and Kol Israel yesterday to thank them and "all the friends of Valeriy Kukul who sent cables of sympathy, help and support that my husband would soon be freed." And she wired Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, asking him to "use your influence, the prestige of your family to achieve justice and the release of my husband, Valeriy Kukul, (and) to arrange for our going to our homeland, Israel." In Kiev, the 10 Jews arrested Aug. 1 for trying to mark Tisha b'Av by visiting the Babi Yar mass grave have protested their 15-day sentences for "hooliganism" in a letter to the Prosecutor General. Their wives protested separately to the Supreme Soviet.

## Fear Ending Of Prosecution Of 'Butcher Of Lyon' May Set Precedent

PARIS, Aug. 9 (JTA)--An agreement between West Germany and France, requiring automatic new trials in West German courts for all Nazis condemned in France in absentia was feared imperiled today by a ruling by the Munich prosecutor ending all prosecution of Klaus Barbie, wartime head of the Gestapo in Lyon. Barbie, known as the "butcher of Lyon" for his atrocities, was condemned in absentia to death by a French military court on Nov. 25, 1954. But Barbie fled to South America and reportedly is still in hiding there. The Association of Nazi Victims filed a complaint with West German authorities, who responded by opening an investigation of the case. The prosecutor, M. Rabi, ruled today a "discontinuation" in the probe. Sources here stressed that the verdict may have put in danger the application of the West German-French agreement to some 312 Nazis listed as within the application of the convention. The sources said there was a good possibility that such Nazis may argue that what applies to the chief of the Lyon Gestapo should apply for "smaller fry" among the Nazis as well.

Rabi held that there was insufficient proof against Barbie, a ruling covering a telegram sent by Barbie to his superiors on April 7, 1944, informing them he had arrested 41 Jewish children, 3 to 13 years of age, who were later deported and presumably gassed. Rabi held that "the fact that the accused had ordered the arrest of these children who were not, of course, destined for forced labor, cannot bring us to the conclusion that he knew the final fate of the children." Sources here pointed out that the fate of the children was known at the time by all Frenchmen and German occupation personnel, with the remarkable exception of the local Gestapo commander. Barbie also is known to be responsible for the deportation of the Jewish community of the Lyon region, the torturing to death of the chief of the French resistance, Jean Loulin, and for summarily killing dozens of French patriots, some with his own hands.

## Jewish Leaders Say Cease-Fire Year Saved Lives, But Future Threats Still Exist

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 (JTA)--Four Jewish leaders expressed satisfaction today at the absence of hostilities in the first year of the Suez Canal cease-fire, but emphasized that the future still held threats to Israel's existence. "On the balance, the cease-fire has been a positive manifestation for Israel," said Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today--the second day of the second year of the truce. "Soldiers are no longer losing their lives at the Suez," he explained. "Black-bordered pictures do not appear daily in the newspapers in Israel. Failure to adhere to the original cease-fire conditions displayed the duplicity of the Egyptians and their Russian mentors to the entire world. Israel is thus strengthened in its resolve not to make peace without geographical security." In addition, Rabbi Miller noted, "The threat of a united Arab world bent on Israel's destruction has markedly diminished. Nasser, its central figure, is dead;

the terrorists are in disarray; the Arab countries are beset by internal problems." But the AZF leader stressed that "there are dangers in the cease-fire as well," declaring: "The danger is always present of both Israel and Jews throughout the world relaxing and letting down their guard."

Rabbi Miller said that the continued Arab-Soviet challenge "can only be offset by Israel's continued strength, which in turn is dependent on the United States and our support." Finally, Rabbi Miller stated that "Israel must remain strong and vigilant while the search for peace continues, but it must be a peace with defensible borders negotiated between the parties to the conflict." Mrs. Max Schenk, president of Hadassah, noted to the JTA that "thanks to the American peace initiative, no lives have been lost at Suez for a full year." She said "the question now is how to keep the guns silent and people talking." The women's leader continued: "At the same time we are concerned lest in the euphoria we overlook the implications of the Soviet-Egyptian treaty of friendship and cooperation, which poses a threat to Israel. It is our hope that the United States will ensure that the balance of power not be tipped against Israel and that the sale of strategic arms will continue to assure Israel's self-defense." El-eazar Lipsky, chairman of the American Jewish Congress' Commission on International Affairs, advised the JTA that while peace was yet to come, "at least for the past 12 months war in the Middle East has been prevented from taking its customary toll in human lives and bereavement." He noted that "On both sides, men are alive today who would have been killed had the present agreement not been maintained."

#### Peace Is Predicated On Prolongation Of Cease-Fire, Aid Of Peace-Loving Nations

But Lipsky cautioned: "The complex search for new avenues toward peace is predicated upon the prolongation of the present cease-fire. It should by now be clear that no decision reached under the pressure of time limitations or political brinkmanship can ever make a contribution to the attainment of an enduring end to the conflict." Lipsky added that "the Middle East truce can provide the necessary diplomatic space to bring about direct negotiations between the adversary parties." He emphasized, however, that such negotiations toward a final settlement must be conducted "without big-power interference and imposed conditions." The AJCongress official concluded: "Renewed and intensified threats by Arab leaders again demonstrate that the cease-fire will be preserved only as long as the present balance of strength in that area is preserved. To that end our own country and all peace-loving forces in the world must pledge themselves anew if the lessons and benefits of the 12-month respite in the killing are not to be squandered." Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, expressed to the JTA his hope that the cease-fire "may be the harbinger of a permanent peace in that area." The absence of shooting, he stressed, "should not blind us to the fact that the entire Middle East area still seethes with unrest, and that the possibilities for peaceful development of the area without the daily threats of violence, revolution and instability are far from assured." Hoffman urged the U.S. not to lose patience and not to press for an imposed settlement.

#### Eban Reaffirms Israel's Objection To Plans For PLO To Open Office In Geneva

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban reiterated today Israel's objections to reported plans of the Swiss government to permit opening of a Palestine Liberation Organization office in Geneva. The report of the initial protest, made in Geneva, indicated, apparently erroneously, that the office was to be opened by El Fatah, largest of the Arab terrorist groups. The PLO is an umbrella organization of the guerrilla groups. Eban's protest was made to the Swiss envoy here, H.J. Hess. Eban was reported to have reminded the envoy that by their own admission, the PLO and its subsidiary groups had been responsible for the hijackings of civilian aircraft last year, for acts of terrorism and murder in neutral countries and for various other serious violations of international law. The envoy was reported to have told Eban that the Swiss government had not yet taken a final decision on the PLO request. The matter will be pursued further by Arye Levavi, Israel's ambassador to Switzerland, who filed the initial protest last week.

#### Rogers Hopeful Recent U.S. Efforts Toward Mideast Settlement Will Have Effect

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 9 (JTA)--Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Assistant Secretary Joseph J. Sisco conferred with Secretary General Thant here this morning on Middle East progress, if any. Rogers, with Sisco standing by silently, told the press afterwards that the situation was too "complicated" for him to make any comment on the discussions. He added, however, that he hoped recent American efforts toward a settlement would "have an effect" on the outcome.

#### Mrs. Meir Signs Regulations Ordering Doctors Back To Work

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir signed tonight emergency regulations ordering striking doctors to return to their posts in government hospitals. She did so after Health Minister Victor Shemtov informed her that his Mapam Party had ordered him not to sign those regulations. No Cabinet crisis was expected over his refusal. The 2,000 striking doctors in government and joint governmental-municipal hospitals will return to work tomorrow. If both Mapam and Premier Meir's Labor alignment decide that the emergency regulations are not a matter of principle, on which differences require dissolution of the Cabinet, then no coalition crisis will occur. The Mapam stand was known beforehand and Mapam Ministers in the Cabinet voted yesterday against imposition of the back-to-work orders. Shemtov signed similar orders last June to compel the return to work of striking administrative and service hospital workers. Though he had party approval to do so, he was severely criticized for the action within his party. Mapam's view is that the government should not interfere with what the party regards as a basic right of the worker, the right to strike. The emergency regulations require the doctors to do their work fully and properly on penalty of dismissal with loss of severance pay and imposition of fines or jail terms.

The regulations remain in force for three months and then must be prolonged by the Knesset or lapse automatically. The Knesset has scheduled a session for tomorrow to discuss the objections of opposition members. Dr. Gideon Manelis, chairman of the doctors' union, told newsmen that the doctors would "bow to the law" but would refuse to negotiate their demands while the regulations were in effect. Dr. Noah Kaplinsky, chairman of the Medical Association, also expressed regret over the

decision to invoke the emergency regulations. He said that the action had "aggravated" the problem of the working conditions which the doctors had been protesting, rather than bringing it closer to solution. Preparations meanwhile continued for issuance of a back-to-work order to the Elat power station workers, who operate a desalination project there on which both people and local industries are dependent for water supplies. The desalination units were shut down for seven hours last night. Both groups of strikers are asking for more pay.

### Jewish Community Differs On Supreme Court Edict On Aid To Parochial Schools

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 (JTA)--The split in the Jewish community over government aid to non-public schools, specifically Jewish day schools, was dramatized again today by the issuance of opposing statements on the June Supreme Court decision that state aid to such schools is unconstitutional. The statement endorsing the rule was issued jointly by nine national Jewish organizations, including synagogue and rabbinic as well as civic groups. That statement also said the groups would oppose efforts "to find other means than those declared unconstitutional" to get public funds for religious schools. The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, in its separate statement, criticized the other Jewish groups, keying its statement to the argument that they were opposed to government aid "for the secular programs" of religion-sponsored schools. The president of the UOJCA, Rabbi Joseph Karasick, said the activities of the Jewish organizations "in no small measure contributed" to the substantial victory of the anti-aid forces represented by the June 24 Supreme Court ruling.

The nine agencies are the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the (Reform) Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, the National Council of Jewish Women, the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the (Conservative) United Synagogue of America. The UOJCA statement included an appeal by Joel Balsam, chairman of its communal relations commission, to the opposing Jewish groups to support other means than those barred by the Supreme Court ruling for aid to religious schools. The Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional supplemental state payments in Pennsylvania in the form of "purchase" of secular services from parochial schools. The nine groups said the Jewish community was "capable of and has sole responsibility" for supporting "a sound and effective system of Jewish education." The nine-agency statement noted that "we have supported free lunches, medical and dental services and similar non-educational health and welfare aids for all children at public expense regardless of the schools they attend, as well as such auxiliary educational services as remedial reading and speech therapy for parochial school children in facilities or centers under public control, which children of all religious backgrounds can attend."

Rabbi Karasick asserted that while the intent of the opposing Jewish organizations "is to preserve their interpretation of the principle of church and state, the effect of their activities represents a disaster to Jewish interests." Balsam said, in the same statement, that the best thing that might happen would be for Jewish Federations to "fill the void and rescue the Jewish day schools." If that happens, he asserted, it will mean the outlay of Jewish communal funds "to support secular programs that ought properly to have been the responsibility of government." But, he said, "at worst, the gap will not be filled by them, or not in time for the impending school year, with the result that staff will be discharged, children of parents without the necessary means will be turned away, and many schools will close altogether." He noted that, as of last June, there were 417 Jewish day schools in the United States, with a total enrollment of 80,000 children.

### Mrs. Meir Issues Plea For Coexistence Between Secular, Religious Sectors

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9 (JTA)--A strong plea for coexistence between the religious and secular sectors of the Jewish State was made last night by Premier Golda Meir in an address to the convention here of the Religious Zionists of America. The question of such a coexistence, she said, was as vital to Israel as her border problems. Alluding to the fact that the convention delegates were not Israeli residents, Mrs. Meir remarked: "Don't think that when you have passed a resolution you have settled anything. You have to live with it." The Premier warned against expelling anyone from the Jewish community or nation, noting that the Nazi Holocaust and a half-century of Bolshevism in the Soviet Union had seriously compromised the Jewish nation's human resources. "Now that the remnants are with us," she asked, "can we so lightly bar them?" The new Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, former Army chaplain Shlomo Goren, said in a speech preceding Mrs. Meir's that halacha can be made flexible--an obvious reference to the case of the "mamzerim," two members of the Israel Defense Forces who have been barred from marrying because they are deemed illegitimate. But, he said, contravening halacha is another matter entirely.

### Municipal Council Condemns Violence In Mea Shearim

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9 (JTA)--The Municipal Council condemned last night the violence in the Mea Shearim quarter on Saturday launched by religious zealots against buses of the Egged cooperative. Seven people, including three policemen and a journalist were injured when hundreds of Orthodox militants rioted again in protest against buses traveling on the Sabbath. Egged, the country's largest bus cooperative, operates special buses for tourists here on the Sabbath, a practice objected to by the Orthodox. The rioting occurred after the Sabbath was over, when Egged's buses had resumed their normal schedules. Buses entering Mea Shearim, the Orthodox section of the city, were pelted with stones, and most of those injured were hurt by glass splinters from shattered windshields. Police said the journalist was hit by a stone aimed at a policeman. A sizeable police detail dispersed 500 of the rioters who had gathered in a central square in Mea Shearim. Members of the Poalei Agudat Party in the Municipal Council and their colleagues of Agudat Israel joined in the condemnation of the rioters. One of the latter said the entering of yeshivot by policemen had had an impact on the Orthodox similar to that of a pogrom.

### Israeli Consul General in Denmark Named Ambassador To Tanzania

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 9 (JTA)--The consul general of the Israeli Embassy in Denmark, Shlomo Arnon, has been named the new Israeli Ambassador to Tanzania. His post will be taken over by Uri Bar-Ner.

### AJCongress Appeals To Nixon To Approve VOA Broadcasts In Yiddish

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress appealed today to President Nixon to approve Voice of America broadcasts in Yiddish to Soviet Jews, asserting that such broadcasts would "reflect the concern of the Government of the United States with their welfare." Although the State Department and the United States Information Agency oppose such broadcasts, it was reported that the final decision will be up to the President. In a letter to him, AJCongress executive director Will Maslow said State Department and U.S.I.A. claims of difficult technical problems in reaching the entire Soviet Jewish community--because it was scattered over a huge geographical area-- were "only superficially accurate." He told the President 90 percent of Soviet Jews lived within two Western time zones. Approximately 1.6 million Soviet Jews lived in Russia and Ukraine alone, Maslow wrote, adding: "The distribution of the overwhelming majority of the Jewish population in the Soviet Union poses no insurmountable technical difficulties to the institution of Voice of America Yiddish broadcasts to the Soviet Union." The American Jewish Congress director questioned State Department and U.S.I.A. claims that starting such broadcasts would require the acquisition of additional transmitters, boosting broadcasting costs.

"Hard evidence points to the fact that existing VOA transmitters in Europe are unused during significant periods of time. By using VOA transmitters efficiently, the direct additional cost of instituting VOA broadcasting in Yiddish would be minimal," he wrote. Maslow also took issue with a State Department claim that only a "small number" of Soviet Jews spoke Yiddish and that those who did also spoke another language in which the Voice of America already broadcast, thereby making Yiddish broadcasts redundant. He cited the official 1970 census which stated that 17.7 percent of Soviet Jews, or 380,000, named Yiddish as their mother tongue. "In addition," he wrote, "28.8 percent of the Soviet Union's Jews named a language other than Russian as a second language which they spoke fluently. One can safely assume that in many cases Yiddish was indeed that second language. It follows that 600,000 Jews and quite possibly more were fluent in Yiddish in 1970." The AJCongress spokesman wrote that he knew of the President's "deep understanding and concern" for the situation of Soviet Jewry. "I know you are aware that all the major American Jewish organizations have been careful in their protests concerning Soviet Jewry not to endanger in any way your efforts to achieve a sane détente with the Soviet Union on arms limitation and other issues vital to the survival of the human race."

### Union Leader, Honored For Work in Israel, Says Israel Shows Way To Progress

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9 (JTA)--Eight hundred and fifty trade union, civic, communal and political leaders witnessed the presentation of the 1971 Histadrut Humanitarian Award to Floyd E. Smith, president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and vice-president of the AFL-CIO, at a dinner held last night at the Fairmont Hotel. Proceeds of the gala affair will go toward a new Histadrut cultural center at Kibbutz Netzer Sereni in Israel. The presentation was made by Leon H. Keyserling, president of the National Committee for Labor Israel, which sponsored the testimonial to Smith in cooperation with the American Trade Union Council for Histadrut. The award cited Smith's "outstanding efforts in fostering sympathetic understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Israel; and his warm encouragement to the cause of Histadrut." Lane Kirkland, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO, stated that the "American workers are profoundly aware that on the fortunes of that little nation of workers (Israel) and her success in bearing up under the constant shadow of unreasoning hate and the threat of destruction at the hands of her neighbors hang the hopes of peace, progress and brotherhood of all men." In response, Smith said: "The Israelis started out with one of the poorest lands in the world and have built a thriving, progressive nation. In a time when we are being torn apart by so many enemy challenges, Israel has reaffirmed our faith in the democratic processes. Israel is living proof that a nation can maintain its ideals despite the severest of challenges."

### Brazilian Deputies Urge Vatican To Establish Diplomatic Relations With Israel

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 9 (JTA)--Six members of the Brazilian House of Deputies of both the government and opposition parties have asked the Vatican to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. They also proposed internationalization of the holy places in Jerusalem. The deputies took that stand at a special session of the House in Brasilia which was dedicated to Israel in connection with the transfer of the Israeli Embassy from Rio to Brasilia. One of the deputies, a member of MDB and a Catholic priest, M. Nobre, praised Israel's "political and administrative form of humanitarian socialism" and the "voluntary kibbutz system which characterizes the State's progress." Emphasizing that the anniversary of Israel's creation was "a great date in world history," the prelate warned against "increased anti-Jewish" activities around the world and censured the Catholic Church for maintaining "until not long ago" anti-Jewish expressions in prayer books. He also criticized Christians "who under the pretext of serving God," were spurring "furious anti-Semitism." He urged Pope Paul to move to establish diplomatic ties with Israel, calling that "the desire of all Catholics the world over." He also proposed internationalization of all holy places "within the Israeli capital--Jerusalem." At the same session, the other five deputies expressed full solidarity with the prelate's speech.

### Vandals Destroy, Damage Tombstones, Candelabras In Jewish Cemetery

SAO PAULO, Aug. 9 (JTA)--The Jewish Federation here reported today that vandals destroyed or damaged 13 tombstones and more than 50 ornamental candelabras in the Butatan Jewish cemetery between Saturday night and yesterday morning. Police have opened an investigation. Marcos Frier, Federation president, planned a visit to the State Secretary for Public Security on the outrage.

### First Act Of Sabotage In Jerusalem Municipality In Three Months

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9 (JTA)--A hand grenade activated by a timing device exploded last night under a parked car in West Jerusalem close to the Arab section of the city. No one was injured and the car was slightly damaged. This is the first act of sabotage in the city's municipal area in three months. The previous incident involved the shooting of an Arab policeman by Arab terrorists.