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## ASSASSINATION OF JORDAN'S PREMIER SEEN AS BLOW TO ARAB UNITY TO COORDINATE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL

Death Of Tal Also Seen As Set-Back To Hussein's Plan For Peace With Israel

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28 (JTA)--The assassination of Wasfi el Tal, Premier and Defense Minister of Jordan outside of his Cairo hotel this morning, apparently by Palestinians, was viewed by observers here as a severe blow to Arab unity and attempts to coordinate military activity against Israel, especially on the eastern front. It was also viewed in some circles here as a serious set-back to plans King Hussein is believed to have had for reaching a peaceful settlement with Israel. There was no official Israeli government comment on the assassination nor any word from Amman where Hussein called his Cabinet into emergency session.

El Fatah, the leading Palestinian guerrilla organization, issued a statement today praising the assassins. "We think Tal's death was the natural end of a man whose hands are stained with the blood of the Palestinian people," El Fatah said. Tal was regarded as the author of Jordan's get-tough policy against Palestinian guerrillas which resulted in the virtual elimination of terrorist strongholds in Jordan this year and a marked subsidence of terrorist activities against Israel from Jordanian soil.

Tal was in Cairo at the head of Jordan's delegation to the Arab States' Defense Council, a meeting attended by the foreign and defense ministers and chiefs of staff of the Arab states. He was gunned down outside the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Cairo despite the presence of 15 Jordanian security men in his party. His assailants were reportedly seized by Egyptian police. Despite the fact that they are Palestinians, it is likely that Jordan will hold Egypt, the host country, responsible for its Premier's death, observers here said. Another Jordanian Premier, Haza el Majall, was murdered several years ago by Egyptian agents during a period of tension between Jordan and Egypt.

## Hard-Line Administrator

Commentators here described Tal as a unique political figure in Jordan and said it would be difficult to replace him. He was of Bedouin origin and thus represented the component of Jordan's population most loyal to Hussein and the backbone of his armed forces. During a previous tenure as Premier, 1965-67, he earned the reputation of an efficient administrator who modernized Jordan's governmental machinery.

During his current tenure he held both the Premiership and the Defense portfolio. In the latter capacity he ordered the King's Bedouin Army to hunt down terrorists and drive them from Jordanian towns and refugee camps last spring. Thousands of terrorists were killed in the process and many surrendered to Israel rather than fall into the hands of the pursuing Jordanian Army. Jordanian representatives have been negotiating with the terrorists in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia under the auspices of that country and Egypt but failed to reach an accord. Only yesterday, the terrorists announced that they were breaking off the talks because there was "nothing to negotiate about."

News of Tal's death was greeted joyfully in the Palestinian refugee camps. But serious-minded

West Bankers regarded it as a disaster. They felt that Hussein and the government headed by Tal were the only combination that could reach a peaceful settlement with Israel. In any renewal of fighting along the eastern front, they believe, the West Bankers will be the chief victims.

## TAL'S DEATH WILL INTENSIFY TURMOIL IN ARAB WORLD, JEWISH LEADERS SAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said today that the assassination of Jordanian Premier Wasfi el Tal in Cairo this morning contributed to the wave of turmoil in the Arab world and was a cause of deep concern for the rapidly deteriorating situation in the Middle East. Rabbi Israel Miller and Jacob Stein, acting co-chairmen of the Conference coupled their statement on the assassination with a renewed call to the Nixon administration to deliver more military equipment including Phantom jets to Israel.

"The renewed activities of the Palestinians and Egypt's open threat to begin a war of annihilation against Israel is reminiscent of the ominous atmosphere of 1967," the statement said. "It is essential that under the circumstances the Nixon administration not yield to blackmail of any kind."

Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Yitzhak Rabin, addressing the 48th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel, said Tal's assassination "shows what kind of brotherhood they (the Arabs) have and how careful Israel has to be when dealing with the Arabs. We are dealing with a society in convulsion that has not achieved the values of the US or Israel."

## UNDERGROUND EGYPTIAN GROUP WANTS PEACE WITH ISRAEL, END USSR DOMINATION

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 28 (JTA)--An anonymous Egyptian who described himself as a spokesman for "thousands" of Egyptians in an underground organization called the "National Front" said today that his group wanted peace with Israel and an Egypt free from Soviet domination. The spokesman appeared on a television interview that was taped in Cairo by the Arabic-speaking Dutch TV correspondent Hans Jansen and broadcast here today. He said Egypt and Israel could arrive at a political solution of their conflict provided that Israel withdraws from the occupied Arab territories, such as the Sinai.

The spokesman claimed that the "National Front" membership was made up of "thousands of students and workers" as well as Egyptian Army and Air Force personnel. He said the movement was especially opposed to the presence of Russians who control his country's arsenals "which are now inaccessible even to Egyptian officers." He said the "National Front" was responsible for recent attacks on the government television station and on the Zamalik quarter of Cairo where many Russians live. He described the attacks as a "warning" of future actions that could lead to bloodshed. The spokesman said the "National Front" advocated a liberal socialist Egypt with free elections.

**EBAN WARNS SADAT'S THREATS MUST  
BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY; ON WAY TO UN  
FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY MIDEAST DEBATE**

TEL AVIV, Nov. 28 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban left for London this morning for three days of meetings with British leaders prior to attending the United Nations General Assembly meetings in New York. He told reporters at the airport that the war threats by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt met with a negative reaction throughout the world. At the same time, he said, it would be a grave mistake to take Sadat's threats lightly. Eban said that Israel's claim for more arms was getting a more sympathetic reception.

Last Friday Eban asked US Ambassador Walworth Barbour to convey to his government Israel's appeal for US support in the General Assembly against efforts by the Arab states and their Soviet allies to have the world body issue an "interpretation" of the Security Council's Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967. Eban reportedly warned that any interpretation of Resolution 242 could be taken by Egypt as an excuse to violate the cease-fire and lead to renewed warfare in the Mideast.

The Arab states and the Communist bloc have been trying to get a ruling from the General Assembly that would support their interpretation of the resolution which is that it calls for an a priori withdrawal by Israel from the administered Arab territories. Israel insists that the resolution must be taken as a whole and that withdrawal can be only to secure and agreed boundaries determined within the framework of a negotiated peace settlement.

**ISRAEL REPORTED FAVORING RESUMPTION OF  
JARRING TALKS WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS**

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28 (JTA)--The Cabinet held two sessions today. The second, which lasted well into the evening, was devoted mainly to political matters linked to Premier Golda Meir's meeting with President Nixon in Washington later this week. The Cabinet also approved the government's reply to a memorandum from four African Presidents conducting a Middle East peace mission on behalf of the Organization of African Unity. The reply will be sent to President Leopold Senghor of Senegal, head of the mission, who will in turn submit it to a committee of 10 African heads of State meeting in Dakar.

According to informed sources, the Israeli reply agrees to a resumption of the Jarring peace mission without prior conditions--which is believed to be the primary aim of the African mission--meaning that Israel will not commit itself in advance to withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories. On other points the Israeli reply is more guarded, informed sources said. The question of demilitarized zones, Israel says, must depend on the nature of peace and international guarantees can be considered only in the context in which they are proposed. Israel is also said to insist that its presence be maintained at Sharm el-Sheikh.

Mrs. Meir's talks with President Nixon, Secretary of State William P. Rogers and other American officials are considered of crucial importance here. Mrs. Meir is expected to advance Israel's doctrine of open options in settling the Middle East conflict and to emphasize her government's readiness to discuss all questions without prior conditions. Israel is also said to be willing to enter special agreements to reopen the Suez Canal. But Mrs. Meir will insist that her country cannot be expected to negotiate under pressure from the US. She is expected to state that the resumed delivery of Phantom jets is required as much to redress the political harm caused Israel by the US embargo as for military reasons, informed sources said.

**TSUR SAYS NEW LEFT LOSING HOLD ON  
JEWISH YOUTH. ZIONISM LACKS IMPACT**

LONDON, Nov. 28 (JTA)--Jacob Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund, reported on his return from a European tour today "a marked decline in the influence of the New Left and their anti-Israel and anti-Zionist agitation" with Jewish youth on the continent. "The New Left seems to be losing its hold on Jewish youth," Tsur told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. At the same time, he said, "Zionist organizations and groups in various European cities and towns do not have the impact upon Jewish life which one would have expected to find." He said that "here and there they are ineffectual and one hopes that the elections to the Zionist Congress will act as a stimulus for the Zionist movement in Europe."

Tsur added, however, "There are, honestly, no signs to underpin such hopes. The efforts to revive and strengthen the Zionist movement in the diaspora will have to continue after the Congress and for some time to come if we are to judge from the present position in some European countries." He told the JTA, "One is filled with admiration in the face of the efforts by small Jewish communities and groups, who live in the wake of the holocaust in Europe, to preserve their Jewish identity. Finland is a good example, but one of many. You have in Helsinki, where there are less than 1,000 Jews, an efficient Jewish school which provides Jewish education for 80 children, including some of mixed marriages."

**COMMUNIST PROVOCATEURS PROVOKING  
DISCONTENT AMONG SOVIET EMIGRES**

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department claimed today that it had evidence of at least three instances in which "Communist provocateurs" sought to provoke discontent among recent Jewish emigres from Soviet Georgia. A spokesman for the department told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the provocateurs were members of Israel's pro-Moscow New Communist Party (Rakah) and described them as old-time Israelis, not themselves immigrants from the USSR. None have been apprehended but even if they were, it was considered doubtful that they could be charged with any offense under criminal law.

Last Friday, the directors of the country's 60 immigrant hostels and absorption centers were alerted to watch out for "Communist provocateurs" allegedly inciting new immigrants from the Soviet Union to return there or to send despairing letters to relatives complaining of their conditions in Israel. Director General Uzi Narkiss of the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department said in a circular letter to the hostel leaders that he had heard of "a few" such cases of incitement in recent weeks.

Jewish Agency sources said at the time that the rumors had not been substantiated but that it was considered advisable to alert immigration personnel. As a result of the alert, strangers found at the hostels and absorption centers will be asked to leave if they cannot give a satisfactory explanation for their presence. But no guards will be posted, Jewish Agency sources said.

Immigration officials have been unable to track down a letter allegedly written to Soviet leaders by 11 Georgian emigres requesting permission to return to Russia. Jewish Agency and Absorption Ministry authorities believe the reported letter may be a fabrication. Neither the Agency nor the Ministry have received applications for return. Some families have asked for passports but not to go to the Soviet Union.

## RABIN: ISRAEL WANTS PEACE; HOPES ARAB LEADERS WILL FIND WAY TO AVOID WAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (JTA)--Discussing the latest peace moves in the Middle East, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Yitzhak Rabin, stated today: "Let's keep the Middle East without bloodshed as long as possible. This is the most immediate and most important issue, not because we are afraid, but because we don't want war even when we know we'll win it, the same way as we won the others."

Speaking at the final session of the 48th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel, Rabin said "I hope the Arab leaders will find a way to avoid war and the major powers will find a way to influence--but not more than influence--the Arabs to seek peace." Rabin expressed the hope that when Israel's Premier Golda Meir arrives in Washington this week, "she will succeed in conveying to the United States government and people what Israel really wants and needs."

Noting that tomorrow is the 24th anniversary of the United Nations resolution which partitioned Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states, Rabin said, "the United Nations merely gave recognition to the Jewish struggle to have their own Jewish state in an area where there was once a Jewish state."

The UN, he stated, did not create an independent Jewish state. "The Jewish people did," Rabin declared. The United Nations, by failing to prevent the holocaust, paid their debt, and this was the last unique deed they performed when it comes to Israel." Rabin stated that "while Israel is thankful to the United Nations for its political support, we cannot forget that while Israeli boys were bleeding to death in 1948, the United States put an embargo on arms to Israel."

## HOUSE URGED TO CONCUR SENATE BILL TO PROVIDE \$500M TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (JTA)--The American Israel Public Affairs Committee urged today the House of Representatives to concur in the Senate's amendment to the Defense Appropriations bill which provides \$500 million in military credits for Israel and earmarks \$250 million for the purchase of Phantom jets. In telegrams to House members signed by Irving Kane, chairman, and I.L. Kennen, vice-chairman, the Committee said, "We believe this measure is a vital response to mounting Egyptian war threats and preparations including continuing shipments of Soviet bombers" to Egypt.

The Committee urged that telegrams calling for favorable action be sent to the Senate-House Conference Committee which is to consider the Defense Appropriations bill this week. The composition of the committee will be announced tomorrow. Telegrams should also be sent to Sen. Allen Ellender (D., La.) and Rep. George H. Mahon (D., Tex.) chairman of the Senate and House appropriations committees respectively, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee said.

## PROTEST MOUNTED AGAINST MEETINGS OF FORMER NAZI COLLABORATORS

BRUSSELS, Nov. 28 (JTA)--Organizations of former resistance fighters and Nazi victims protested angrily today over a gathering of ex-Nazi collaborators here and demanded that the government cancel meetings sponsored by the Italian neo-Fascist Movimento Sociale Italiano Party, whose leader, M.G. Almirante is due in Brussels to address local supporters of his group. Also scheduled to take place today was a meeting of the Waffen SS "Legion Walonia" made up of Belgians who served the Nazis

during World War II. They reportedly invited representatives of the German "Stahlhelm" (Steel Helmets) group, an association of former Nazi soldiers and of the French Fascist Charlemagne Division which fought with German troops on the Russian front.

The International Union of Former Resistance Fighters and Victims of Deportation called a press conference to denounce the Nazi meetings. A spokesman characterized "those with feelings of nostalgia for their collaborationist past" as nothing but "unrepentant condemned war criminals." He warned the public not to shrug off the very real danger of a neo-Nazi revival. The "Legion Walonia" was said to have been ordered by its former Nazi officers to establish an organization of Flemish Belgians who served with Nazi forces during the war.

## WORKMEN'S CIRCLE APPEALS TO FOREST HILLS RESIDENTS TO REJECT DISTRUST

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (JTA)--The Workmen's Circle issued an appeal today to the residents of Forest Hills to "reject distrust and suspicion" and to organize a leadership "that will welcome new neighbors and work together with all neighbors for a better community motivated by understanding and cooperation." The appeal was issued against the background of continuing opposition in the predominantly Jewish community of Forest Hills, Queens, to an 840-unit low income housing project.

The Workmen's Circle statement warned that events in Forest Hills "must not be allowed to proliferate into an act of community polarization. It is shameful that society must have its poor and it is equally shameful that a community would exclude its poor." The statement noted that the fear of violence is "understandable" whenever an area is chosen for low-income housing but that "any attempt to exploit it by hysteria rather than true community cooperation with proper police authorities is an anti-social act in itself."

The statement called upon the city's Housing Authority to "pledge that proper screening of all tenants will be made for possible violators of law and security" and to augment the new housing "with increased public services to accommodate the population increase." Finally, the statement called for the creation, not alone in Forest Hills, but wherever middle-income and low-income housing exists side by side, of community based coordinating councils composed of tenant representatives in such housing to work with the proper law enforcement authorities and to provide safeguards and security both for persons and property.

## FAISAL DENIES MECCA VISIT APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 28 (JTA)--Cairo radio reported today that King Faisal of Saudi Arabia has officially denied reports that he would permit Israeli Moslems to make the pilgrimage to Mecca. The report apparently originated with Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaabari, Mayor of Hebron, who said last week that he received a message from King Faisal through an emissary. Jaabari said he planned to send a delegation to Amman to discuss measures to enable Israeli Moslems to make the pilgrimage.

## DENY EMIGRES WANT TO RETURN TO USSR

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (JTA)--Jewish sources here said they learned from reliable sources in Israel that there is no truth to a report that 200 Georgian families have asked for permission to return to the USSR. The sources said that six families had threatened to leave if grievances they had with Absorption Ministry officials were not redressed.

## FEDERATIONS WARNED AGAINST ATTEMPT TO BUY CONTROL OF DAY SCHOOLS' EDUCATION Agudath Israel To Launch World-Wide Crash 'Jewish Identity' Programs

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Nov. 28 (JTA)--A warning to Jewish federations and welfare funds not to "attempt to purchase control over the educational program of Jewish day schools," was issued at the 49th national convention of Agudath Israel of America. A manifesto adopted unanimously expressed "appreciation for the new awareness of the central Jewish fund-raising agencies to the fiscal needs of the Jewish day schools."

However, it expressed "grave concern" over the increasingly-expressed demand by non-Orthodox Jewish leaders that the federations must oversee the content of the curricula of the schools to be funded. The 1,500 delegates at the confab declared that "Jewish education is not for sale to the highest bidder, and despite their precarious financial condition, the Jewish day schools will insist that funding from Jewish federations will be channeled without any attached control strings."

The Orthodox gathering which opened Thursday and adjourned this afternoon also announced that an international "crash program" to educate the Jewish community throughout the world about the "true meaning of Jewish identification" will be launched by task forces of Jewish scholars. The task forces of Agudath Israel will attempt to educate Jewish masses on the dangers to their continued ties with the Jewish faith evolving from any attempt to distort the true interpretation of Jewishness.

The convention also sent a message of encouragement to Russian Jews: "You are not alone. The Guardian of Israel watches you and protects you. Our hearts beat as one for you and with you till your freedom is assured to live fully as Jews." The convention is the first Jewish gathering covered by the Voice of America since its recently-announced new series of Russian-language broadcasts to Soviet Jewry.

## Concern Over Soviet Emigres To Israel

The Orthodox Jewish gathering also expressed concern over reports that religious Jewish immigrants from Russia arriving in Israel are not being provided with absorption centers in areas conducive to their continuing the practice of their religious faith and instilling this heritage into the education of their children. The assembled Jewish activists called upon the Israeli government "to cease sending religious Jewish immigrants from Russia to non-religious communities totally estranged from Judaism, representing an act of bad faith to spiritual heroes who had maintained their religious practice at great personal sacrifice in Communist Russia."

In a message to the convention, President Nixon lauded Agudath Israel of America for "providing moral leadership to the Jewish community" and for its "outstanding charitable and educational programs (which) continue to serve our nation and to strengthen its humanitarian conditions."

## LABOR ISRAEL SETS \$10M GOAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (JTA)--The 48th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel concluded today with the adoption of a fund-raising goal of \$5 million for the Israel Histadrut Campaign and an additional target of \$5 million in deferred gifts for the Israel Histadrut Foundation. The funds will be used in Israel for a variety of health, educational and welfare programs maintained by Histadrut, the Israel labor federation.

Among the major programs supported by the American group is the Kupat Holim medical network that

serves over 70 percent of the Jewish and Arab population of Israel; a vocational training system of 26 schools with an enrollment of 10,000 teen-agers; and several hundred community and youth centers.

Leon Keyserling, who was elected to his third term as president, said "Israel needs, from us in the United States, money which I hope we can offer without worshipping the golden calf, and military hardware which I hope we can provide without looking to combat as the desired solution of conflicts among nations."

Continuing, Keyserling noted: "But we need from Israel the example of a free people who distinguish between the right to disagree with their own government's foreign policy and their obligation not to make impossible the conduct of any foreign policy by licentious flagellation and depreciation of those who must conduct a foreign policy." Israel, he said, offers the example of a free people who "censure and even repudiate their top public officials, but do not indulge in the cheap but costly destruction of confidences and credibility with respect to top national leadership."

## 200,000 Israelis Live In Poverty

At an earlier session of the three-day meeting, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, secretary-general of the Histadrut, said that about 200,000 Israelis about one-tenth of the population, live below the poverty line. "This has created a credibility gap between our original social ideology and the present reality of life in Israel," he said, noting that "Israel's leadership, especially the labor leaders, have had to overcome the embarrassment of this situation as we believed that 'it couldn't happen here.'"

But, Ben-Aharon said, "once we realized the nature of the problem, it became manageable." He said the social and economic problems confronting the under-privileged in Israel, particularly those from Middle East countries, could be overcome in six to eight years by expanding housing, the school years of the young, and job training for youths.

The convention delegates adopted a resolution appealing to the United States to renew shipment of Phantom jets to Israel. The resolution urged the US not to make the "mistaken assumption that by holding back on Israel's needs it will hasten a peaceful solution to the Middle East question." Messages of support for the work of the National Committee for Labor Israel were received from President Nixon and Israel's Premier Golda Meir.

## ISRAEL RETURNS THREE EGYPTIAN POWS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 28 (JTA)--Israel has returned three wounded Egyptian prisoners of war who are in need of medical attention, it was reported here today. The return was confirmed by the International Red Cross committee in Geneva. Their release was seen as a gesture by which Israel hoped to persuade Egypt and Syria to free Israeli POWs some of whom have spent 18-24 months in jail.

There are presently 11 Israelis being held in Egypt and three Israeli pilots in Syria. Israel holds 71 Egyptian POWs, 40 Syrians and one Jordanian. Israel has gone through foreign channels in efforts to secure the release of Eyal Achikar, an Israeli pilot who was seriously injured when his plane was shot down over Egypt on June 30, 1970. He has since been hospitalized in Egypt.