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The appeal to the heads of state and national legislative bodies demanding "human rights" for persons detained or inducted in the USSR was signed by Nashpitz and by Boris Einbender, Boris and Maria Orlov, Kaplan (first name not given), Valentine Prussakov "and others" according to the SSSI. It referred to Shapiro's arrest and to the arrests on June 5 of Boris Epist and on June 12 of Vladimir Prestin. "They will not go on trial but will be put in the Army," the communication said. Nashpitz's letter to Dr. Waldheim appealed to him "to use all your influence to prevent Gavriel's (Shapiro) induction into the Soviet Army and to effect his release to Israel."

EBAN HINTS NO PUNITIVE ACTION FOR LYDDA MASSACRE

COPENHAGEN, June 18 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel called on Lebanese authorities last night to eject Palestinian guerrillas from their territory and said that international aviation communities should take "preventive action" against a possible repetition of the May 30 Lydda Airport massacre.

But the visiting Israeli diplomat hinted that his country did not plan retaliatory action. "It is not the dogmatic policy of Israel to carry out punitive expeditions for each atrocity," he said at a press conference here.

(According to a report from Tel Aviv, thousands of Arab terrorists who fled from their bases in Lebanon in fear of Israeli retaliation for the Lydda massacre, are now returning. Israeli sources said there were some 6000 terrorists concentrated in Lebanon but immediately after the Lydda attack they dispersed to various towns and villages.)

Eban concluded a two-day official visit by signing a cultural agreement. He also held political talks with K.B. Andersen, the Danish Foreign Minister. Eban said there had been no new approach from the Soviet Union for a renewal of diplomatic relations with Israel.

MOROCCAN KING HINTS NEW MIDEAST PEACE MISSION BY OAU

But Israel Must Make First Gesture

RABAT, June 18 (JTA)--King Hassan of Morocco, speaking as president of the Organization of African Unity in session here, appeared yesterday to be seeking to soften the impact of the strongest anti-Israel resolution in OAU history. The 34 African chiefs of state approved by acclamation Wednesday a pledge of "Africa's full solidarity with Egypt in its legitimate fight to liberate its territory by all possible means." The language paralleled that in the recent Soviet-Egyptian communique issued after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's most recent visit to Moscow.

(Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem said Friday that the resolution was the result of Arab pressure and presence and should not be taken too seriously. According to Foreign Ministry officials, the resolution contravenes Security Council resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967.)

King Hassan told an OAU press conference at his Palace here that "if Israel showed any sign of goodwill which might lead to something positive and dynamic," it would not be "impossible" for the OAU to send another peace-making mission to the Middle East. This was a reference to a tour of Mideast capitals, including Jerusalem, last year by five African heads of state. No substantive results were recorded by that mission.

Acknowledges Israeli Aid To African States

Replying to questions, the King said it would be "political redundancy" to send another African mission to the Middle East "before Israel takes the first step, starting from the present situation." He did not spell out what he meant by a first step. The position of the Arab countries is that Israel must commit itself to total withdrawal from all occupied territories as a prerequisite to any settlement talks.

King Hassan noted that "many African nations entertain diplomatic relations with Israel" and that "many of them have quite deep relations. They get solid economic and technical aid." He argued it was not "our plan, not the plan of the African nations, to strip Peter to clothe Paul nor do we wish to create a crisis which would put certain friends of ours in a delicate situation."

COALITION DODGES CRISIS OVER CIVIL MARRIAGES BILL

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--A face-saving formula apparently was worked out today to prevent a Cabinet crisis over plans of the Independent Liberal Party to introduce a restricted civil marriage bill. The bill would permit civil marriage, now banned in Israel, in situations where the rabbis will not marry a couple because of difficulties stemming from Jewish religious law.

The Cabinet decided by a majority vote that the bill contravened the coalition agreement but also acted to give the Liberals time to reconsider. Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, the Liberal Cabinet member, contended the bill does not violate the coalition agreement. Since the majority disagreed, a proposal was approved that a Committee of Ministers will decide the issue in a month and that the Liberal Party agree in advance to accept the committee's decision. The Liberals would not proceed with plans to introduce the bill in the Knesset on Wednesday. Kol said he would have to consult with his party before replying to the proposal.

Earlier today, Premier Golda Meir met with Liberal leaders and was told by Gideon Hausner,

author of the measure, that the Liberals would proceed to bring up the bill on Wednesday. She warned that such action would violate the coalition agreement. The initial evaluation of some observers was that Premier Meir's Labor Alignment would not take drastic action because it would not want to be dependent on the Religious parties. That situation would develop under rules of the coalition pact in which the Minister of a faction voting against the Government is deemed to have resigned 48 hours after the vote unless a Cabinet majority decides otherwise. The Liberal bill would permit civil marriage in cases such as that of a Cohen and a divorcee and also of "mamzerim," whose mother did not undergo religious divorce procedures before remarrying.

CABINET SENDS \$3.9 BILLION BUDGET TO KNESSET FOR APPROVAL

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--The Cabinet today added \$86 million to the State budget, increasing the total awaiting Knesset approval for fiscal 1973 to \$3.9 billion.

In announcing the additions to the budget, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said that the additional outlays were in defense, housing and health services. He said the additions had been approved in existing legislation but not included in the budget prior to the Cabinet action. He said no additional taxes would be needed to meet the increases, declaring that rising salaries and incomes were bringing more tax revenues. No special legislation is needed because the state budget for the current year has not yet been approved by the Knesset. The services operate on a temporary budget which authorizes expenditures for April through July, fiscal authorities said.

Is W. Germany A Friendly Nation? JUDGE CLEARS ISRAELI YOUTH WHO TORE FLAG

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--A youth was cleared today of charges of defacing the flag of a friendly country when the magistrate ruled that it had not been proved that West Germany is friendly to Israel. Last year, on Holocaust memorial day, 23-year-old Shalom Goldberg of Hebron climbed a pole at Jerusalem's Convention Centre and tore strips from the black, red and gold West German flag. The magistrate said today that diplomatic relations were not in themselves proof of friendly ties, and that the State had failed to document Germany's friendship.

CANADIAN UIA RE-ELECTS BROWN

TORONTO, June 18 (JTA)--Gordon Brown, of Montreal, was re-elected national president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada at its annual meeting here. He has held the position since 1970. Brown disclosed that the UIA has just borrowed \$8 million from Canadian banks to meet critical social welfare needs in Israel. Leo H. Marcus, executive director of the Canadian UIA reported spring campaigns were running 20 percent ahead of 1971.

JEWISH CEMETERY IN ORAN THREATENED

PARIS, June 18 (JTA)--A public works project in Oran, Algeria, is threatening a Jewish cemetery there with partial destruction, it was learned here today. The Jewish consistory in Oran reported that about 2000 graves will be unearthed to make way for the project on a strip of land recently expropriated by the authorities. The rest of the cemetery will not be affected. The consistory said it notified the families whose kins' graves will be destroyed.

REVISIONISTS ASSAIL REFORM RABBIS FOR NOT BANNING MIXED MARRIAGES

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--The United Zionists-Revisionists of America has accused the American Reform rabbinate of "abetting the liquidation of Jewish life in America" by failing to ban its members from officiating at mixed marriages where the non-Jewish spouse is not converted. A statement issued here by Prof. Marnin Feinstein, director of public affairs of the UZRA, took issue with a decision by the Central Conference of American Rabbis at its 83rd annual convention last week to postpone action on the matter pending further study.

Prof. Feinstein told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that this was the first time the Revisionists have taken a public position on a non-political issue because they "feel it is a matter of utmost urgency." His statement found "most shocking" the results of a survey made for the CCAR which showed that 41 percent of its members officiated at mixed marriages and that half of them did not require an undertaking from the couples to raise their children as Jews.

The position of the CCAR has been to discourage mixed marriages but an outright ban which many of its members have advocated over the years has not been forthcoming. Rabbi Herman Schaalman, chairman of the CCAR's Mixed Marriage Committee, recommended at the convention that the present position of the organization be maintained for the time being to enable additional research and analysis into the effects of mixed marriages.

Prof. Feinstein accused Rabbi Schaalman of being "more concerned with unity within the Reform movement than with the future of American Jewry." He claimed that by "Allowing this condition to proceed uncondemned and unchallenged," the CCAR was "a silent accessory to those rabbis who in the interests of 'humanitarianism' are abetting the liquidation of Jewish life in America."

CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE WOMEN JOIN TO TRANSLATE IDEALS INTO ACTION

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--A Conference of Church and Synagogue Women is planning a two-pronged program to enable "millions" of American women "to translate their religious idealism into practical action" to deal with "the current threatening challenges to western civilization," a spokesman for the interfaith group said today.

The conference, which held its spring conference last week at the office of the National Women's League of the (Conservative) United Synagogue of America, was described as a movement by which Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox Christian women mobilize their common goals and action through Church Women United. It also represents the (Reform) National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and the National Women's League. The spokesman said the two-part effort will seek to organize the concerted power of the millions of members "in the struggle to achieve freedom as well as responsible social order in a global society, for the benefit of all people."

The first action will be circulation of a letter to the various constituencies of the Christian and Jewish women's groups proposing the initiation of dialogues on social action issues. Among suggested topics for such dialogues are respect for human rights, strengthening of such social institutions as family life, the neighborhood, church and synagogue, children and the educational sys-

tem, racism, international peace, and protection of the human environment.

In the second action, a subcommittee will explore and make suggestions on one or more projects which can be pursued jointly by the cooperating groups. Their recommendations will be brought to the next meeting of the conference for adoption. The date was not announced.

HEAVY DEMAND REPORTED FOR SOVIET JEWRY EXHIBIT

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--The Greater New York Conference for Soviet Jewry said today that hundreds of requests have come in for a portable exhibit titled "Crisis and Survival: The Plight of Soviet Jews." The exhibit was officially unveiled in the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. last Thursday at ceremonies attended by 50 Congressmen of both parties. So far 35 Congressmen have asked for copies for display in their home districts and at least 500 more are being sent to communities all over the country in response to requests from various Jewish groups, according to a spokesman for the Greater New York Conference.

The ceremonies on Capitol Hill marked the second anniversary of the mass arrests of Jews in Leningrad and other Russian cities who were subsequently tried in Leningrad and sentenced to long prison terms at hard labor for allegedly plotting to hijack a Soviet airliner. The ceremonies were sponsored by the National Conference for Soviet Jewry and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and co-sponsored by 120 members of Congress of both parties. The exhibit, consisting of panels of photographs and original documents on Soviet anti-Semitism, Soviet Jewish culture, Jewish prisoners and the activities of concerned Americans was prepared by the Greater New York Conference and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Copies are available at \$10 apiece to cover expenses, the Conference spokesman said.

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE TO COORDINATE ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY EVENTS IN US

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations announced today that it has been asked by various American-Jewish groups to coordinate all nation-wide activities in connection with the celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary. Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference, has already left for Israel to confer with government officials there on the matter.

The organizations that approached the Conference here included the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization, the Conference spokesman said. He said further that following his talks in Israel, Stein would lead a delegation of observers representing the Presidents Conference to the plenary sessions of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) in Geneva July 7-10.

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The appeal was addressed to President Nixon and the US Congress; to the prime ministers and parliaments of Great Britain and France and to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. A separate plea on behalf of Gavriel Shapiro, a Jewish activist arrested June 12 after he was secretly wed to Judy Silver, a Cincinnati social worker, was addressed to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim by Mark Nashpitz, a 29-year-old former dentist in Moscow.

The appeal to the heads of state and national legislative bodies demanding "human rights" for persons detained or inducted in the USSR was signed by Nashpitz and by Boris Einbender, Boris and Maria Orlov, Kaplan (first name not given), Valentine Prussakov "and others" according to the SSSI. It referred to Shapiro's arrest and to the arrests on June 5 of Boris Epist and on June 12 of Vladimir Prestin. "They will not go on trial but will be put in the Army," the communication said. Nashpitz's letter to Dr. Waldheim appealed to him "to use all your influence to prevent Gavriel's (Shapiro) induction into the Soviet Army and to effect his release to Israel."

EBAN HINTS NO PUNITIVE ACTION FOR LYDDA MASSACRE

COPENHAGEN, June 18 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel called on Lebanese authorities last night to eject Palestinian guerrillas from their territory and said that international aviation communities should take "preventive action" against a possible repetition of the May 30 Lydda Airport massacre.

But the visiting Israeli diplomat hinted that his country did not plan retaliatory action. "It is not the dogmatic policy of Israel to carry out punitive expeditions for each atrocity," he said at a press conference here.

(According to a report from Tel Aviv, thousands of Arab terrorists who fled from their bases in Lebanon in fear of Israeli retaliation for the Lydda massacre, are now returning. Israeli sources said there were some 6000 terrorists concentrated in Lebanon but immediately after the Lydda attack they dispersed to various towns and villages.)

Eban concluded a two-day official visit by signing a cultural agreement. He also held political talks with K.B. Andersen, the Danish Foreign Minister. Eban said there had been no new approach from the Soviet Union for a renewal of diplomatic relations with Israel.

MOROCCAN KING HINTS NEW MIDEAST PEACE MISSION BY OAU

But Israel Must Make First Gesture

RABAT, June 18 (JTA)--King Hassan of Morocco, speaking as president of the Organization of African Unity in session here, appeared yesterday to be seeking to soften the impact of the strongest anti-Israel resolution in OAU history. The 34 African chiefs of state approved by acclamation Wednesday a pledge of "Africa's full solidarity with Egypt in its legitimate fight to liberate its territory by all possible means." The language paralleled that in the recent Soviet-Egyptian communique issued after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's most recent visit to Moscow.

(Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem said Friday that the resolution was the result of Arab pressure and presence and should not be taken too seriously. According to Foreign Ministry officials, the resolution contravenes Security Council resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967.)

King Hassan told an OAU press conference at his Palace here that "if Israel showed any sign of goodwill which might lead to something positive and dynamic," it would not be "impossible" for the OAU to send another peace-making mission to the Middle East. This was a reference to a tour of Mideast capitals, including Jerusalem, last year by five African heads of state. No substantive results were recorded by that mission.

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Replying to questions, the King said it would be "political redundancy" to send another African mission to the Middle East "before Israel takes the first step, starting from the present situation." He did not spell out what he meant by a first step. The position of the Arab countries is that Israel must commit itself to total withdrawal from all occupied territories as a prerequisite to any settlement talks.

King Hassan noted that "many African nations entertain diplomatic relations with Israel" and that "many of them have quite deep relations. They get solid economic and technical aid." He argued it was not "our plan, not the plan of the African nations, to strip Peter to clothe Paul nor do we wish to create a crisis which would put certain friends of ours in a delicate situation."

COALITION DODGES CRISIS OVER CIVIL MARRIAGES BILL

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--A face-saving formula apparently was worked out today to prevent a Cabinet crisis over plans of the Independent Liberal Party to introduce a restricted civil marriage bill. The bill would permit civil marriage, now banned in Israel, in situations where the rabbis will not marry a couple because of difficulties stemming from Jewish religious law.

The Cabinet decided by a majority vote that the bill contravened the coalition agreement but also acted to give the Liberals time to reconsider. Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, the Liberal Cabinet member, contended the bill does not violate the coalition agreement. Since the majority disagreed, a proposal was approved that a Committee of Ministers will decide the issue in a month and that the Liberal Party agree in advance to accept the committee's decision. The Liberals would not proceed with plans to introduce the bill in the Knesset on Wednesday. Kol said he would have to consult with his party before replying to the proposal.

Earlier today, Premier Golda Meir met with Liberal leaders and was told by Gideon Hausner,

author of the measure, that the Liberals would proceed to bring up the bill on Wednesday. She warned that such action would violate the coalition agreement. The initial evaluation of some observers was that Premier Meir's Labor Alignment would not take drastic action because it would not want to be dependent on the Religious parties. That situation would develop under rules of the coalition pact in which the Minister of a faction voting against the Government is deemed to have resigned 48 hours after the vote unless a Cabinet majority decides otherwise. The Liberal bill would permit civil marriage in cases such as that of a Cohen and a divorcee and also of "mamzerim," whose mother did not undergo religious divorce procedures before remarrying.

CABINET SENDS \$3.9 BILLION BUDGET TO KNESSET FOR APPROVAL

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--The Cabinet today added \$86 million to the State budget, increasing the total awaiting Knesset approval for fiscal 1973 to \$3.9 billion.

In announcing the additions to the budget, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said that the additional outlays were in defense, housing and health services. He said the additions had been approved in existing legislation but not included in the budget prior to the Cabinet action. He said no additional taxes would be needed to meet the increases, declaring that rising salaries and incomes were bringing more tax revenues. No special legislation is needed because the state budget for the current year has not yet been approved by the Knesset. The services operate on a temporary budget which authorizes expenditures for April through July, fiscal authorities said.

Is W. Germany A Friendly Nation? JUDGE CLEARS ISRAELI YOUTH WHO TORE FLAG

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--A youth was cleared today of charges of defacing the flag of a friendly country when the magistrate ruled that it had not been proved that West Germany is friendly to Israel. Last year, on Holocaust memorial day, 23-year-old Shalom Goldberg of Hebron climbed a pole at Jerusalem's Convention Centre and tore strips from the black, red and gold West German flag. The magistrate said today that diplomatic relations were not in themselves proof of friendly ties, and that the State had failed to document Germany's friendship.

CANADIAN UIA RE-ELECTS BROWN

TORONTO, June 18 (JTA)--Gordon Brown, of Montreal, was re-elected national president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada at its annual meeting here. He has held the position since 1970. Brown disclosed that the UIA has just borrowed \$8 million from Canadian banks to meet critical social welfare needs in Israel. Leo H. Marcus, executive director of the Canadian UIA reported spring campaigns were running 20 percent ahead of 1971.

JEWISH CEMETERY IN ORAN THREATENED

PARIS, June 18 (JTA)--A public works project in Oran, Algeria, is threatening a Jewish cemetery there with partial destruction, it was learned here today. The Jewish consistory in Oran reported that about 2000 graves will be unearthed to make way for the project on a strip of land recently expropriated by the authorities. The rest of the cemetery will not be affected. The consistory said it notified the families whose kins' graves will be destroyed.

REVISIONISTS ASSAIL REFORM RABBIS FOR NOT BANNING MIXED MARRIAGES

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--The United Zionists-Revisionists of America has accused the American Reform rabbinate of "abetting the liquidation of Jewish life in America" by failing to ban its members from officiating at mixed marriages where the non-Jewish spouse is not converted. A statement issued here by Prof. Marnin Feinstein, director of public affairs of the UZRA, took issue with a decision by the Central Conference of American Rabbis at its 83rd annual convention last week to postpone action on the matter pending further study.

Prof. Feinstein told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that this was the first time the Revisionists have taken a public position on a non-political issue because they "feel it is a matter of utmost urgency." His statement found "most shocking" the results of a survey made for the CCAR which showed that 41 percent of its members officiated at mixed marriages and that half of them did not require an undertaking from the couples to raise their children as Jews.

The position of the CCAR has been to discourage mixed marriages but an outright ban which many of its members have advocated over the years has not been forthcoming. Rabbi Herman Schaalman, chairman of the CCAR's Mixed Marriage Committee, recommended at the convention that the present position of the organization be maintained for the time being to enable additional research and analysis into the effects of mixed marriages.

Prof. Feinstein accused Rabbi Schaalman of being "more concerned with unity within the Reform movement than with the future of American Jewry." He claimed that by "Allowing this condition to proceed uncondemned and unchallenged," the CCAR was "a silent accessory to those rabbis who in the interests of 'humanitarianism' are abetting the liquidation of Jewish life in America."

CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE WOMEN JOIN TO TRANSLATE IDEALS INTO ACTION

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--A Conference of Church and Synagogue Women is planning a two-pronged program to enable "millions" of American women "to translate their religious idealism into practical action" to deal with "the current threatening challenges to western civilization," a spokesman for the interfaith group said today.

The conference, which held its spring conference last week at the office of the National Women's League of the (Conservative) United Synagogue of America, was described as a movement by which Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox Christian women mobilize their common goals and action through Church Women United. It also represents the (Reform) National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and the National Women's League. The spokesman said the two-part effort will seek to organize the concerted power of the millions of members "in the struggle to achieve freedom as well as responsible social order in a global society, for the benefit of all people."

The first action will be circulation of a letter to the various constituencies of the Christian and Jewish women's groups proposing the initiation of dialogues on social action issues. Among suggested topics for such dialogues are respect for human rights, strengthening of such social institutions as family life, the neighborhood, church and synagogue, children and the educational sys-

tem, racism, international peace, and protection of the human environment.

In the second action, a subcommittee will explore and make suggestions on one or more projects which can be pursued jointly by the cooperating groups. Their recommendations will be brought to the next meeting of the conference for adoption. The date was not announced.

HEAVY DEMAND REPORTED FOR SOVIET JEWRY EXHIBIT

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--The Greater New York Conference for Soviet Jewry said today that hundreds of requests have come in for a portable exhibit titled "Crisis and Survival: The Plight of Soviet Jews." The exhibit was officially unveiled in the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. last Thursday at ceremonies attended by 50 Congressmen of both parties. So far 35 Congressmen have asked for copies for display in their home districts and at least 500 more are being sent to communities all over the country in response to requests from various Jewish groups, according to a spokesman for the Greater New York Conference.

The ceremonies on Capitol Hill marked the second anniversary of the mass arrests of Jews in Leningrad and other Russian cities who were subsequently tried in Leningrad and sentenced to long prison terms at hard labor for allegedly plotting to hijack a Soviet airliner. The ceremonies were sponsored by the National Conference for Soviet Jewry and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and co-sponsored by 120 members of Congress of both parties. The exhibit, consisting of panels of photographs and original documents on Soviet anti-Semitism, Soviet Jewish culture, Jewish prisoners and the activities of concerned Americans was prepared by the Greater New York Conference and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Copies are available at \$10 apiece to cover expenses, the Conference spokesman said.

PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE TO COORDINATE ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY EVENTS IN US

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations announced today that it has been asked by various American-Jewish groups to coordinate all nation-wide activities in connection with the celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary. Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference, has already left for Israel to confer with government officials there on the matter.

The organizations that approached the Conference here included the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization, the Conference spokesman said. He said further that following his talks in Israel, Stein would lead a delegation of observers representing the Presidents Conference to the plenary sessions of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) in Geneva July 7-10.

SYRIAN MIGS OVERFLY GOLAN

TEL AVIV, June 18 (JTA)--Four Syrian MIG-21s overflew Israeli positions in the Golan Heights Friday, a military spokesman announced today. The spokesman said Israeli jets were sent up to intercept the intruders but did not say whether contact was made. A complaint was lodged with the United Nations truce observation staff in Jerusalem.

According to the announcement, the Syrian overflight began in the southeastern Golan Heights at the junction of the Israeli, Syrian and Jordanian borders and continued due north along the cease-fire line, leaving Israeli airspace in the Kuneitra region.