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JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 (JTA)--A five-member Supreme Court panel today unanimously upheld a government order to expel Meyer Lansky, reputed US gangland boss, who had sought refuge in Israel under the Law of Return. The Court ruled that the Interior Ministry had ample grounds to support its decision that Lansky had "a criminal past likely to endanger the public welfare." The Court rendered its decision after studying the complete dossier on Lansky provided by US authorities. There was no indication today when Lansky must leave Israel.

The rejection of Lansky's appeal against the government's decision may not, however, result in his deportation to the US where he is wanted on criminal charges. The government announced some time ago that it would furnish Lansky with a laissez passer to any country willing to admit him. US authorities have revoked his passport and without a laissez passer his eviction from Israel would be tantamount to deportation.

The alleged underworld czar, who is 70, came to Israel in 1970 on a tourist visa. When the government refused to renew the visa last year, Lansky applied for citizenship under the Law of Return. But the law makes exceptions in the case of people with criminal records who are likely to endanger the public welfare.

That exception was applied in an 83-page judgment prepared by Justice Shimon Agranat, President of the Supreme Court, and concurred in by the other four justices sitting on the case. Lansky's appeal against eviction was heard by the Supreme Court last May and June. Lansky was present in the court today and appeared disquieted by the ruling. The Court ordered him to pay \$500 in costs. Justice Agranat praised Lansky's counsel, Yoram Alroi of Tel Aviv for his pleading on behalf of his client but added that the lawyer was "fighting a lost cause."

CHISHOLM DEPLORES MUNICH KILLINGS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D, N.Y.) attacked the "violent acts of Palestinian guerrillas" for the killings of the 11 Israeli Olympic athletes but opposed "any hasty retaliatory action" against Arab governments.

The Munich massacre, the only Black woman in Congress said in a statement received by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was "insane" and "dastardly" and "aimed at undermining prospects for peace in the Middle East."

"We all join with the State of Israel and American Jewry in mourning the deaths of these eleven," she said. However, the Brooklyn legislator who campaigned for the Presidency said according to the statement, that she did not believe these acts were "perpetrated by any responsible Arab government." She added that "we must not lay the blame" for the Munich murders "at the doorsteps of all Arabs in our world community" any more than all white Americans could be blamed for the shooting of Gov. George Wallace.

ISRAELI DIPLOMATS GRATIFIED BY US VETO

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Israeli diplomats at the United Nations and in Washington expressed gratification today for the historic US veto of a three-power resolution before the Security Council last night that ignored the provocation of Arab terrorism in Munich in connection with Israel's air strikes at terrorist bases in Syria and Lebanon Friday. Ambassador George Bush, who exercised the second US veto in UN history, was also the recipient of lavish praise from American Zionist leaders and Jewish organizations.

Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, the Israel envoy to the UN, characterized the resolution as "a one-sided text" that ignored the universal menace of Arab terrorism and said: "The negative vote cast by the United States which prevented the adoption of the inequitable draft will be applauded by the people of Israel and all peoples who desire to see the end of violence and the attainment of peace in the Middle East."

Tekoah added that Israel was determined to halt "the barbaric warfare initiated by the Arab states" and hoped that "effective and stringent" measures would be taken on an international scale to "put a definitive and prompt end to these atrocities."

Gad Ranon, a spokesman for the Israel Embassy in Washington told newsmen, "The American veto is important as an indication of the American administration's determination to explore every possible avenue, including the UN, to curb terrorism." He praised the eloquence of Bush in his "full condemnation of terror and the Arab governments which support it."

Herman L. Wetsman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, sent a telegram today to Secretary of State William P. Rogers commending the US veto. "America's stand in preventing the UN from once again applying a double standard as between the State of Israel and other member nations is a constructive use of the power of veto in the interests of justice and international cooperation," he said.

Another telegram in the same vein was sent to President Nixon by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation. He said "The US move underscores America's sense of fair play and objectivity in a Security Council whose history is punctuated by partiality, injustice and hostility." Rabbi Miller added that the US veto dealt a blow to the terrorists' cause and served "as a warning to terrorists' backers that the United Nations will no longer serve as a forum for an anti-Israel 'free-for-all.'"

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, stated in a letter to Bush that his organization "commends and applauds the veto of the Security Council resolution on the Middle East." He said the US veto was "a long overdue sign that the US will not stand idly by and permit the Security Council to continue its decline into a forum for the debasement of justice."

Mrs. Henry N. Rapaport, president of the National Womens League of the United Synagogue of America said the US veto was "a welcome and much overdue salutary act." She added that "it was time that other nations also approached the problem of terrorists' activities in more resolute fashion."

ELAZAR: AIR STRIKES AGAINST TERRORIST BASES PART OF A CONTINUING WAR

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Israel's Chief of Staff described the air strikes against terrorist bases in Syria and Lebanon Friday as part of a continuing war that began with an upsurge of ter-

rorist activity from those countries. Gen. David Elazar discussed the latest military operations in a television interview today. He said the air attacks were very effective in fighting terrorists.

"We did not attack Syria or Lebanon as such but the terrorist bases that have been permitted to be set up there and are the source of the terrorist activities," he said. Elazar stressed that every effort was made not to harm civilian settlements, adding that it was unfortunately not always possible to do this because the terrorists customarily locate their bases near civilian centers.

Elazar denied a Jordanian allegation that Israeli aircraft bombed a Jordanian village during a battle with Syrian planes over the Golan Heights Saturday. He blamed the Syrian pilots who, he said, dropped their bombs indiscriminately as they fled pursuing Israeli jets. Elazar claimed that no Israeli bombers were in the air at the time. He confirmed that three Syrian jets were shot down and a fourth damaged and that no Syrian pilots were seen parachuting before the planes crashed.

Tension was evident today in the border region. The Golan Heights were closed to holiday-makers and Israeli settlements in the region were placed on alert.

Meanwhile, reports from Cairo indicated that while the Egyptian government is angered with the Israeli air strikes it is determined to avoid military action in order to go on with the diplomatic campaign to gain political support in Western Europe following the withdrawal of Soviet military from Egypt.

CABINET BRIEFED ON MUNICH SECURITY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 (JTA)--The Cabinet was briefed today on the security arrangements provided for the Israeli Olympic team in Munich prior to the Arab terrorist attack on the Israeli compound in Olympic Village last Tuesday. The briefing was by Israeli security officials and the Israeli Ambassador to West Germany, Eliashiv Ben Horin.

A government spokesman refused to go into details of the briefing afterwards and declined to say which security officials were present. He indicated, however, that Premier Golda Meir would continue to amass information on the security arrangements and would report her findings to the Cabinet. Mrs. Meir is scheduled to address the Knesset tomorrow on the Munich tragedy. Her remarks will precede a general debate on the subject.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban indicated to the Cabinet today that Israel was making a major diplomatic effort to get European governments to step up their measures against terrorist activities within their borders. He said that Israeli representatives are stressing the necessity to advance from statements to "practical steps" against the terrorists.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban expressed appreciation today for the US veto of the resolution before the Security Council last night. He said the veto was "an act of great international importance" because it indicated that the Security Council could be something more than a "factory for the production of unfriendly resolutions."

A wreath to the memory of the Palestinian terrorists killed last week in Munich was placed at the foot of the Monument to the Dead in Grenoble last night by persons claiming to be members of the Black September organization. Insults to the State of Israel were also written on the Olympic installations in this French city.

5-DAY VIGIL FOR SLAIN ATHLETES

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)--A five-day vigil for the 11 Israeli athletes killed in Munich last week began today at the Brotherhood in Action Mall here. The vigil is being conducted by the Metropolitan area councils of B'nai B'rith District 1. Each day during the noon hour one of the councils will stage a silent march of mourning, culminated by the lighting of the memorial candles and the recitation of the kaddish, B'nai B'rith reported. The candles will then be carried to B'nai B'rith headquarters, where they will burn for 24 hours.

B'nai B'rith also announced that its youth organization, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, will name 11 new chapters after the dead Munich athletes. The first chapter, in Potomac, Md., will bear the name of Moshe Weinberg, the Israeli wrestling coach who was the first to be slain by the terrorists.

A chapter in Shaker Heights, Ohio will memorialize weightlifter David Berger, who was born in Shaker Heights. Other chapters are being organized in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Long Island, Youngstown, Ohio, Flint, Mich. and two in Montreal.

SOVIET EMIGRES, ORIENTAL JEWS CLASH
Two Youths Held in Killing Of Russian

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--A clash between Russian emigres and Oriental Jews was narrowly averted in the new immigrant township of Migdal Haemek following the killing Friday of a young soldier, Moshe Green, 18, who recently immigrated here from the Soviet Union. Two Oriental youths, Avraham Azolai and Meir Levi, both 19, were taken into custody and one of them reportedly confessed to the killing which was the outcome of a brawl.

The town elders managed to cool passions in the town which threatened to erupt into a clash between the Russian and Oriental communities. But police continued today to patrol the streets of Migdal Haemek, near Nazareth. Green died of wounds inflicted by a group of Sephardi youths who crashed a Rosh Hashana eve party given by Russian emigres to celebrate their first year in Israel. An altercation developed during which the party crashers allegedly used broken bottles as weapons.

AFRICAN CHIEF PRAISES JEWS FOR HELPING
DISPOSSESSED AND POWERLESS IN S. AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Speaking to a large gathering of Durban Jews at the Durban Jewish Club, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, chief minister of KwaZulu, the Zulu homeland, paid tribute to "those Jewish South Africans who have stuck their necks out for the dispossessed and the powerless" in South Africa. This is the first time that the head of an African homeland has been the guest of the Jewish community.

Chief Buthelezi said, "I believe as you do in the God of Abraham, and I believe that we are all creatures of His creation, and I believe that it is His hand that has inspired you to want me, as your Black countryman, to come to your club at this particular time to have this kind of social intercourse which is bound to make us understand each other better."

He also said that the Black people in South Africa identify their situation with that of the Israelites in Biblical Egypt and derived inspiration from the Jewish advance to freedom. Chief Buthelezi appealed to the Jewish group to help his nation to "stand on our own feet," a struggle made harder by the fact that Africans were at an economic and educational disadvantage.

He remarked that even though "a white skin is a badge of security in South Africa," there is still racial prejudice against Jews. He expressed the hope that Jewish South Africans were among those working to save South Africa from destruction.

ISRAELI OFFICERS, SOLDIERS, DID NOT
PARTICIPATE IN MUNICH RESCUE EFFORT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--An authoritative spokesman described as nonsense last night reports from Germany that Israeli officers and soldiers participated in the abortive attempt by Munich police to rescue nine Israeli hostages held by Arab terrorists in Munich last week. "Had an Israeli unit been involved, the result would have been different," the spokesman said.

He also dismissed reports that Israeli advisors were involved in planning the rescue operation. The spokesman said that an Israeli military personality did go to Munich at the time but his criticism of the German rescue plan was brushed aside. (Munich's chief police inspector Georg Schmidt said yesterday that two Israeli officers were involved but only as observers and did not participate in the operation.)

Egypt's Middle East News Agency seized on that revelation to claim that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan himself had gone to Munich to direct the rescue operation. The newspaper Yediot Achronot claimed today that Dayan actually planned to go to Munich but was observed by reporters at Lod Airport and had to call off the trip.

JORDAN WILL NOT MAKE SEPARATE ACCORD

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Anwar el Khatib, the former governor of East Jerusalem district, told reporters last night that Jordan would not make a separate settlement with Israel. El Khatib, who recently returned from a visit to Amman where he met King Hussein, was commenting on a statement by the Palestine Liberation Organization. In that announcement El Khatib was accused of conducting political talks in Jerusalem on behalf of the Jordanian government. He emphasized Amman's determination not to act separately. He categorically denied being assigned to any political mission by Jordan.

9TH MACCABIAH TO BE DEDICATED TO THE 11

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Maccabiah - the all-Jewish four yearly sport event - which will take place in Israel in July 1973, will be dedicated to the memory of the eleven victims of the Munich massacre. A decision to that effect was adopted unanimously here by the Executive of the Maccabi World Union.

MRS. MANYA BIALIK DIES AT 96

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Manya Bialik, widow of Israel's poet laureate Chaim Nachman Bialik, who died yesterday at the age of 96. She was buried at the Old Cemetery beside the grave of her famed husband whom she survived by nearly 40 years. Bialik, who was one of the leaders of the Hebrew cultural revival in Palestine after World War I, died in 1934. Mrs. Bialik had been his closest companion.

Reportedly it was she who had to give "clearance" to his writing before he submitted it for publication. His letters to his wife were published here several years ago. The Bialiks' large home here was turned into a museum and library years ago. Mrs. Bialik subsequently converted an annex into a women's hall where the works of women artists are exhibited.



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Henry Kissinger "vigorously protest" the Soviet Union's "exorbitant exit tax" against educated Soviet citizens seeking to emigrate. In a wire to President Nixon last week, David M. Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith, proposed that Dr. Kissinger's current consultations in Moscow be used to convey the United States' distress over the tactic of taxing a would-be emigre as much as \$30,000 depending on the extent of his "free education" in the Soviet Union. The measure--which Blumberg condemned as "sheer ransom"--is scheduled for a ratification vote by the Supreme Soviet on Sept. 19.

LANSKY ORDERED EXPELLED FROM ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 (JTA)--A five-member Supreme Court panel today unanimously upheld a government order to expel Meyer Lansky, reputed US gangland boss, who had sought refuge in Israel under the Law of Return. The Court ruled that the Interior Ministry had ample grounds to support its decision that Lansky had "a criminal past likely to endanger the public welfare." The Court rendered its decision after studying the complete dossier on Lansky provided by US authorities. There was no indication today when Lansky must leave Israel.

The rejection of Lansky's appeal against the government's decision may not, however, result in his deportation to the US where he is wanted on criminal charges. The government announced some time ago that it would furnish Lansky with a laissez passer to any country willing to admit him. US authorities have revoked his passport and without a laissez passer his eviction from Israel would be tantamount to deportation.

The alleged underworld czar, who is 70, came to Israel in 1970 on a tourist visa. When the government refused to renew the visa last year, Lansky applied for citizenship under the Law of Return. But the law makes exceptions in the case of people with criminal records who are likely to endanger the public welfare.

That exception was applied in an 83-page judgment prepared by Justice Shimon Agranat, President of the Supreme Court, and concurred in by the other four justices sitting on the case. Lansky's appeal against eviction was heard by the Supreme Court last May and June. Lansky was present in the court today and appeared disquieted by the ruling. The Court ordered him to pay \$500 in costs. Justice Agranat praised Lansky's counsel, Yoram Alroi of Tel Aviv for his pleading on behalf of his client but added that the lawyer was "fighting a lost cause."

CHISHOLM DEPLORES MUNICH KILLINGS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D, N.Y.) attacked the "violent acts of Palestinian guerrillas" for the killings of the 11 Israeli Olympic athletes but opposed "any hasty retaliatory action" against Arab governments.

The Munich massacre, the only Black woman in Congress said in a statement received by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was "insane" and "dastardly" and "aimed at undermining prospects for peace in the Middle East."

"We all join with the State of Israel and American Jewry in mourning the deaths of these eleven," she said. However, the Brooklyn legislator who campaigned for the Presidency said according to the statement, that she did not believe these acts were "perpetrated by any responsible Arab government." She added that "we must not lay the blame" for the Munich murders "at the doorsteps of all Arabs in our world community" any more than all white Americans could be blamed for the shooting of Gov. George Wallace.

ISRAELI DIPLOMATS GRATIFIED BY US VETO

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Israeli diplomats at the United Nations and in Washington expressed gratification today for the historic US veto of a three-power resolution before the Security Council last night that ignored the provocation of Arab terrorism in Munich in connection with Israel's air strikes at terrorist bases in Syria and Lebanon Friday. Ambassador George Bush, who exercised the second US veto in UN history, was also the recipient of lavish praise from American Zionist leaders and Jewish organizations.

Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, the Israel envoy to the UN, characterized the resolution as "a one-sided text" that ignored the universal menace of Arab terrorism and said: "The negative vote cast by the United States which prevented the adoption of the inequitable draft will be applauded by the people of Israel and all peoples who desire to see the end of violence and the attainment of peace in the Middle East."

Tekoah added that Israel was determined to halt "the barbaric warfare initiated by the Arab states" and hoped that "effective and stringent" measures would be taken on an international scale to "put a definitive and prompt end to these atrocities."

Gad Ranon, a spokesman for the Israel Embassy in Washington told newsmen, "The American veto is important as an indication of the American administration's determination to explore every possible avenue, including the UN, to curb terrorism." He praised the eloquence of Bush in his "full condemnation of terror and the Arab governments which support it."

Herman L. Wetsman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, sent a telegram today to Secretary of State William P. Rogers commending the US veto. "America's stand in preventing the UN from once again applying a double standard as between the State of Israel and other member nations is a constructive use of the power of veto in the interests of justice and international cooperation," he said.

Another telegram in the same vein was sent to President Nixon by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation. He said "The US move underscores America's sense of fair play and objectivity in a Security Council whose history is punctuated by partiality, injustice and hostility." Rabbi Miller added that the US veto dealt a blow to the terrorists' cause and served "as a warning to terrorists' backers that the United Nations will no longer serve as a forum for an anti-Israel 'free-for-all.'"

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, stated in a letter to Bush that his organization "commends and applauds the veto of the Security Council resolution on the Middle East." He said the US veto was "a long overdue sign that the US will not stand idly by and permit the Security Council to continue its decline into a forum for the debasement of justice."

Mrs. Henry N. Rapaport, president of the National Womens League of the United Synagogue of America said the US veto was "a welcome and much overdue salutary act." She added that "it was time that other nations also approached the problem of terrorists' activities in more resolute fashion."

ELAZAR: AIR STRIKES AGAINST TERRORIST BASES PART OF A CONTINUING WAR

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Israel's Chief of Staff described the air strikes against terrorist bases in Syria and Lebanon Friday as part of a continuing war that began with an upsurge of ter-

rorist activity from those countries. Gen. David Elazar discussed the latest military operations in a television interview today. He said the air attacks were very effective in fighting terrorists.

"We did not attack Syria or Lebanon as such but the terrorist bases that have been permitted to be set up there and are the source of the terrorist activities," he said. Elazar stressed that every effort was made not to harm civilian settlements, adding that it was unfortunately not always possible to do this because the terrorists customarily locate their bases near civilian centers.

Elazar denied a Jordanian allegation that Israeli aircraft bombed a Jordanian village during a battle with Syrian planes over the Golan Heights Saturday. He blamed the Syrian pilots who, he said, dropped their bombs indiscriminately as they fled pursuing Israeli jets. Elazar claimed that no Israeli bombers were in the air at the time. He confirmed that three Syrian jets were shot down and a fourth damaged and that no Syrian pilots were seen parachuting before the planes crashed.

Tension was evident today in the border region. The Golan Heights were closed to holiday-makers and Israeli settlements in the region were placed on alert.

Meanwhile, reports from Cairo indicated that while the Egyptian government is angered with the Israeli air strikes it is determined to avoid military action in order to go on with the diplomatic campaign to gain political support in Western Europe following the withdrawal of Soviet military from Egypt.

CABINET BRIEFED ON MUNICH SECURITY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 (JTA)--The Cabinet was briefed today on the security arrangements provided for the Israeli Olympic team in Munich prior to the Arab terrorist attack on the Israeli compound in Olympic Village last Tuesday. The briefing was by Israeli security officials and the Israeli Ambassador to West Germany, Eliashiv Ben Horin.

A government spokesman refused to go into details of the briefing afterwards and declined to say which security officials were present. He indicated, however, that Premier Golda Meir would continue to amass information on the security arrangements and would report her findings to the Cabinet. Mrs. Meir is scheduled to address the Knesset tomorrow on the Munich tragedy. Her remarks will precede a general debate on the subject.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban indicated to the Cabinet today that Israel was making a major diplomatic effort to get European governments to step up their measures against terrorist activities within their borders. He said that Israeli representatives are stressing the necessity to advance from statements to "practical steps" against the terrorists.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban expressed appreciation today for the US veto of the resolution before the Security Council last night. He said the veto was "an act of great international importance" because it indicated that the Security Council could be something more than a "factory for the production of unfriendly resolutions."

A wreath to the memory of the Palestinian terrorists killed last week in Munich was placed at the foot of the Monument to the Dead in Grenoble last night by persons claiming to be members of the Black September organization. Insults to the State of Israel were also written on the Olympic installations in this French city.

5-DAY VIGIL FOR SLAIN ATHLETES

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA)--A five-day vigil for the 11 Israeli athletes killed in Munich last week began today at the Brotherhood in Action Mall here. The vigil is being conducted by the Metropolitan area councils of B'nai B'rith District 1. Each day during the noon hour one of the councils will stage a silent march of mourning, culminated by the lighting of the memorial candles and the recitation of the kaddish, B'nai B'rith reported. The candles will then be carried to B'nai B'rith headquarters, where they will burn for 24 hours.

B'nai B'rith also announced that its youth organization, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, will name 11 new chapters after the dead Munich athletes. The first chapter, in Potomac, Md., will bear the name of Moshe Weinberg, the Israeli wrestling coach who was the first to be slain by the terrorists.

A chapter in Shaker Heights, Ohio will memorialize weightlifter David Berger, who was born in Shaker Heights. Other chapters are being organized in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Long Island, Youngstown, Ohio, Flint, Mich. and two in Montreal.

SOVIET EMIGRES, ORIENTAL JEWS CLASH
Two Youths Held in Killing Of Russian

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--A clash between Russian emigres and Oriental Jews was narrowly averted in the new immigrant township of Migdal Haemek following the killing Friday of a young soldier, Moshe Green, 18, who recently immigrated here from the Soviet Union. Two Oriental youths, Avraham Azolai and Meir Levi, both 19, were taken into custody and one of them reportedly confessed to the killing which was the outcome of a brawl.

The town elders managed to cool passions in the town which threatened to erupt into a clash between the Russian and Oriental communities. But police continued today to patrol the streets of Migdal Haemek, near Nazareth. Green died of wounds inflicted by a group of Sephardi youths who crashed a Rosh Hashana eve party given by Russian emigres to celebrate their first year in Israel. An altercation developed during which the party crashers allegedly used broken bottles as weapons.

AFRICAN CHIEF PRAISES JEWS FOR HELPING
DISPOSSESSED AND POWERLESS IN S. AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Speaking to a large gathering of Durban Jews at the Durban Jewish Club, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, chief minister of KwaZulu, the Zulu homeland, paid tribute to "those Jewish South Africans who have stuck their necks out for the dispossessed and the powerless" in South Africa. This is the first time that the head of an African homeland has been the guest of the Jewish community.

Chief Buthelezi said, "I believe as you do in the God of Abraham, and I believe that we are all creatures of His creation, and I believe that it is His hand that has inspired you to want me, as your Black countryman, to come to your club at this particular time to have this kind of social intercourse which is bound to make us understand each other better."

He also said that the Black people in South Africa identify their situation with that of the Israelites in Biblical Egypt and derived inspiration from the Jewish advance to freedom. Chief Buthelezi appealed to the Jewish group to help his nation to "stand on our own feet," a struggle made harder by the fact that Africans were at an economic and educational disadvantage.

He remarked that even though "a white skin is a badge of security in South Africa," there is still racial prejudice against Jews. He expressed the hope that Jewish South Africans were among those working to save South Africa from destruction.

ISRAELI OFFICERS, SOLDIERS, DID NOT
PARTICIPATE IN MUNICH RESCUE EFFORT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--An authoritative spokesman described as nonsense last night reports from Germany that Israeli officers and soldiers participated in the abortive attempt by Munich police to rescue nine Israeli hostages held by Arab terrorists in Munich last week. "Had an Israeli unit been involved, the result would have been different," the spokesman said.

He also dismissed reports that Israeli advisors were involved in planning the rescue operation. The spokesman said that an Israeli military personality did go to Munich at the time but his criticism of the German rescue plan was brushed aside. (Munich's chief police inspector Georg Schmidt said yesterday that two Israeli officers were involved but only as observers and did not participate in the operation.)

Egypt's Middle East News Agency seized on that revelation to claim that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan himself had gone to Munich to direct the rescue operation. The newspaper Yediot Achronot claimed today that Dayan actually planned to go to Munich but was observed by reporters at Lod Airport and had to call off the trip.

JORDAN WILL NOT MAKE SEPARATE ACCORD

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Anwar el Khatib, the former governor of East Jerusalem district, told reporters last night that Jordan would not make a separate settlement with Israel. El Khatib, who recently returned from a visit to Amman where he met King Hussein, was commenting on a statement by the Palestine Liberation Organization. In that announcement El Khatib was accused of conducting political talks in Jerusalem on behalf of the Jordanian government. He emphasized Amman's determination not to act separately. He categorically denied being assigned to any political mission by Jordan.

9TH MACCABIAH TO BE DEDICATED TO THE 11

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Maccabiah - the all-Jewish four yearly sport event - which will take place in Israel in July 1973, will be dedicated to the memory of the eleven victims of the Munich massacre. A decision to that effect was adopted unanimously here by the Executive of the Maccabi World Union.

MRS. MANYA BIALIK DIES AT 96

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA)--Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Manya Bialik, widow of Israel's poet laureate Chaim Nachman Bialik, who died yesterday at the age of 96. She was buried at the Old Cemetery beside the grave of her famed husband whom she survived by nearly 40 years. Bialik, who was one of the leaders of the Hebrew cultural revival in Palestine after World War I, died in 1934. Mrs. Bialik had been his closest companion.

Reportedly it was she who had to give "clearance" to his writing before he submitted it for publication. His letters to his wife were published here several years ago. The Bialiks' large home here was turned into a museum and library years ago. Mrs. Bialik subsequently converted an annex into a women's hall where the works of women artists are exhibited.