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ISRAEL URGES GOVERNMENTS NOT TO SURRENDER TO TERRORIST EXTORTION - Condolences Sent To U.S., Belgium

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA)--The Israel government urged other governments tonight "not to surrender to extortion by terrorist organizations" if terrorist outrages are to be curbed. A sharply worded statement to that effect was issued by the Cabinet this evening, several hours after the announcement that eight Black September terrorists who murdered two American diplomats and one Belgian envoy in Khartoum Friday had surrendered to Sudanese authorities.

The Cabinet statement broke the official silence that Israel had maintained since Thursday when the heavily armed Black Septemberists shot their way into the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Khartoum and seized three Western diplomats and two Arab envoys who were attending a reception there.

The only Israeli statement until today was a brief message of condolence which Foreign Minister Abba Eban sent to U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers over the deaths of the two Americans, Ambassador Cleo A. Noel Jr. and U.S. Embassy Counselor George C. Moore. The third victim, Belgian Charge d'Affaires Guy Eid, was reported earlier to have been spared when the two Americans were shot.

Today's Cabinet statement contained additional condolences to the American and Belgian governments. It stated that the Khartoum episode provided "additional evidence of the murderous nature of the terrorist and sabotage organizations" and noted: "These organizations not only show total disregard of all human standards in their decisions and operations but also aim to torpedo every chance of progress toward peace between the Arab states and Israel."

Legal, Security Measures, Could Check Terror

The Israeli statement warned: "The terrorists threaten the peace of each and every country, undermining the sovereign interests even of Arab states. Their activities could be checked were the necessary security and legal measures to be instituted by the countries of the world, including the Arab states--each country for itself, in cooperation with the world community." The statement called "on all governments of the world not to surrender to extortion by the terrorist organizations and to do everything possible to prevent their activities."

Apart from the Cabinet statement, Israeli circles here laid a large measure of the blame for the latest terrorist outrages on what they called the acquiescence of some Western European governments to terrorist blackmail.

"There is the feeling that the Western European governments have, by their very acts of acquiescence to terrorist blackmail, increased the chances of terrorist activities," the circles said. "By their weak-kneed reactions, they have created an incentive to terrorism. Where the resistance to terrorism has been adamant, this has acted as a deterrent to terrorism." No Western European governments were named.

International bodies were also blamed for not acting strongly enough against international ter-

rorism. Circles here noted that last Dec. the United Nations General Assembly blocked American and Western proposals for punishment or extradition of international terrorists and voted instead for Arab proposals to study the question.

BOMB DISABLES SHIP WITH 252 ISRAEL-BOUND AMERICAN TOURISTS ABOARD

TEL AVIV, March 4 (JTA)--A Greek passenger ship with 252 Israel-bound American tourists aboard was disabled in Beirut harbor by a bomb explosion last night. The passengers, Baptists and Methodists on a Holy Land tour, were safely evacuated from the partially sinking vessel. El Al announced that it would operate four special flights this evening to bring the passengers from Cyprus, where they have been taken, to Israel.

It was learned that the bomb, apparently concealed aboard the ship by Arab terrorists, exploded at about 11 p.m. last night tearing a hole in the ship's hull. The vessel started to sink but managed to tie up to a quay. It was assumed here that the terrorists had intended the bomb to explode while the ship was in Haifa but it detonated prematurely.

The ship, the Sonion, is a regular caller at Israel, arriving at Haifa weekly following a call at Beirut. She is under charter to Wholesale Tours International of Florida which arranges pilgrimages to the Holy Land for American church groups. The pilgrims are flown to Cyprus where the Sonion picks them up for cruises to Turkish, Lebanese and Israeli ports. The vessel usually serves as their hotel while they take tours ashore.

FORMER NAZIS SENTENCED

BONN, March 4 (JTA)--Four former SS and gestapo officers have been sentenced in Wiesbaden for complicity in the wartime extermination of Jews in the Lublin area of Poland from 1941 to 1944.

Harry Sturm, 60, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment for abetting the murder of at least 8900 Jews. Sturm had been out of custody since 1964 on DM 50,000 bail. Gotthard Schubert, 59, was given six years for complicity in murdering 28,000 Jews. He was released, however, because he had already been imprisoned in the Soviet Union for the same crimes. Bruno Meiert, 55, was acquitted.

The trial lasted two-and-a-half years. More than 200 witnesses testified, telling how ground water had been red with blood from mass graves, and how thousands had died in the Belzec extermination camp through poisoning by diesel fumes. They told of orphans and mentally handicapped persons being murdered, of babies being thrown out of hospital windows into waiting trucks.

Most of this testimony was directed against Sturm. The court judge described the acts as "unimaginable cruelty" "cruelty on a scale which those who demanded an end to such trials could not conceive of."

MRS. MEIR: MEETINGS WITH NIXON, U.S. OFFICIALS, 'WONDERFUL AND INSPIRING'

MIAMI BEACH, March 4 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir told an overflow audience of more than 3000 Jewish leaders attending the Israel Bond Organization Inaugural Dinner here last night that her meetings in Washington with President Nixon

and other top U.S. officials were "wonderful and inspiring." The Israeli leader said of her talk with Nixon in the White House Thursday that the President "never assumes a position of superiority in talks with the Prime Minister of a small country," and she added, the President knows "there's always something we want him to do."

Mrs. Meir said she was "convinced that this President and his predecessors understood our determination to live in dignity and freedom and that he (Nixon) believes that we honestly want to live in peace with our neighbors." She added, "No president would be so forthcoming if he doubted our honesty in the struggle for peace."

The Premier, however, divulged nothing of substance of her Washington talks which included, in addition to her meeting with Nixon a three-hour luncheon meeting with Acting Secretary of State Kenneth Rush and a meeting at the Pentagon with Defense Secretary Elliot Richardson.

Mrs. Meir concluded her round of talks in Washington with a two-hour breakfast meeting Friday morning with nine Senators, four of them members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. None of the Senators would reveal the details of their discussions with the Premier. Sen. Edward Kennedy (D. Mass.) said the discussions were "full and informed." Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R. NY), said "The Prime Minister was very forthcoming on all subjects including the Libyan airliner tragedy which left every Senator with the feeling that Israel is pursuing a course she is compelled upon by her neighbors but willing to find a way to bring peace and stability to the Middle East."

At the dinner given for Mrs. Meir Thursday night at the White House, Nixon toasted, "May our two countries always stand together in the cause of peace and independence and freedom for all people." In her response, the Israeli Premier said that when peace comes to the Middle East "we will always remember that in days of sorrow and difficulty and danger we were not alone. We had a friend."

Among the 125 guests at the black tie dinner were many prominent Jewish business, communal and industrial leaders, Cabinet members, Congressmen and Senators and officials of the Israel Embassy. Israelis present included Ambassador and Mrs. Yitzhak Rabin; Simcha Dinitz, political secretary to the Premier; Maj. Gen. Israel Lior, defense attache at the Embassy here; and Mrs. Lou Kaddar, the Premier's aide.

American officials included House Speaker Carl Albert; Cabinet members George Schultz, Elliot Richardson and Casper Weinberger; Senators Henry M. Jackson, Jacob K. Javits, William E. Brock, and their wives; Acting Secretary of State Kenneth Rush and former governor of Texas and Mrs. John V. Connally; and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Billy Graham.

Other guests included Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Herbert Stein, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, and Mrs. Stein; Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Torczyner; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stein; Dr. and Mrs. William A. Wexler; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zuckerman; and Mrs. Clara M. Stern, Mrs. Meir's sister.

ALTMANN CONFESSES HE IS BARBIE

NEW YORK, March 4 (JTA)--Klaus Altmann has confessed to Bolivian authorities that he is Klaus Barbie, the Gestapo "Butcher of Lyons" who is wanted in France on war crimes charges. It was reported here.

The report from La Paz, by Agence France

Presse, said that Barbie, alias Altmann, was taken into custody because Bolivian authorities feared he might try to leave the country. He faces extradition to France where he has already been tried and sentenced to death in absentia for the murder of a French resistance leader and the deportation of hundreds of Frenchmen, including Jews, to Nazi death camps.

The 59-year-old Barbie was traced to Bolivia a year ago but authorities there refused to extradite him because there is no extradition treaty between Bolivia and France. The Bolivians, however, agreed to reopen the case after a direct appeal by French President Georges Pompidou to President Hugo Banzer of Bolivia.

CONGRESSMAN URGES U.S. TO FACILITATE DIRECT TALKS

NEW YORK, March 4 (JTA)--Some 200 Zionist leaders in the country have gathered at the Americana Hotel for two days of talks on programs, issues and policies. The occasion is the semi-annual national board meeting of the American Zionist Federation. Rep. Ogden Reid (R. NY), former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, said at the opening session last night that good relations between the U.S. and Israel, notwithstanding, "this relationship should be without question since our security hangs together." He expressed the hope that the U.S. "will develop the maturity to make long-range security and economic commitments to Israel. We should not be middlemen urging pre-conditions but should rather facilitate direct talks."

Ambassador David Rivlin, Israel's Consul General in New York, expressed growing concern "over the question of Jewish identification and commitment to Israel among large numbers of American Jewish youths." He stressed that the Zionist movement must cease to be a marginal factor and become once again a leading force in American Jewry with a dominant aliya nucleus that will be able to challenge and fill the ideological vacuum which now exists."

Rabbi Israel Miller, AZF president, underscored the need to bring "a new kind of emissary to the U.S. who will show Israel as groping for spiritual values, which is the goal of Zionism and our people." He announced the cooperation of the AZF with the American Youth Foundation in a "Scholars in Residence Program" which is bringing some 20 Israeli intellectuals to this country for a two-week stay later this month. The program will culminate in a dialogue between the Israelis and their American counterparts. The newly formed Zionist Council of the Arts and Sciences will sponsor the dialogue, Rabbi Miller announced.

The Rev. Karl Baehr, who was director of the American Christian Palestine Committee during the pre-State period declared: "After more than 25 years of struggle to help the Christian world understand and accept Zionism, I am convinced that the basic barrier to the full acceptance of Israel and peace in the Middle East is still anti-Semitism. Thus, the prevailing dual standard which exists wherever Israel is involved is evidence of anti-Semitism of a kind which allows people to make parallels between the Munich massacre and the downing of the Libyan jet when, in fact, no such parallels exist."

The meeting opened with an observance of Israel's 25th anniversary chaired by Mrs. Rose Halprin, former chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, who spoke of the problems faced by the early founders of Israel.

GRAHAM'S STATEMENT ESCHEWING KEY 73 COERCION WELCOMED BY RABBI

NEW YORK, March 4 (JTA)--Evangelist Billy Graham's statement, made in reference to Jewish concerns over the Key 73 campaign, that he opposed "all forms of coercion, intimidation and proselytizing" was welcomed Friday as "a constructive contribution to interreligious understanding" by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee.

Rabbi Tanenbaum commented at a news conference on Dr. Graham's statement, in which the evangelist also declared that "God has always had a special relationship with the Jewish people." The statement was issued last Thursday by Dr. Graham's office in Atlanta. Rabbi Tanenbaum expressed confidence that the statement would encourage other Christian leaders to "make clear that Key 73 is aimed at reaching uncommitted Christians and has no intention of proselytizing the Jewish community."

The rabbi cited Dr. Graham's expression of his own evangelist philosophy that "I have never felt called to single out the Jews as Jews, nor to single out any other particular groups, cultural, ethnic or religious" and Dr. Graham's commitment to American pluralism "in which all religious groups are partners in society."

Examples Of Deception, Intimidation

Rabbi Tanenbaum made public a 36-page survey of the impact that Key 73 had already made on relations between American Jews and Christians. He said the national dialogue over Key 73 might result in the emergence of a majority consensus of Christian leaders who are declaring, for the first time in the history of Jewish-Christian relations in the United States, a policy of opposition to proselytizing the Jewish community.

The AJ Committee survey detailed a variety of episodes of psychological harassment, deception and intimidation. At Montclair, N.J., for example, the survey said, Jewish high school students were approached to come to bible-reading classes which they found were aimed at converting them to Christianity.

A "Hanukkah" celebration at the Miami Beach auditorium marking Israel's 25th anniversary turned out to be an effort by the American Board of Missions to the Jews, linked to Key 73, to invite the audience to make "a decision for Christ." In Boston, a Hebrew-Christian family sought membership in the Jewish community center with the avowed purpose of evangelizing Jewish families.

In reply to questions about Christian missionary activities in Israel, Rabbi Tanenbaum said he drew a distinction between such missionaries who "deceive and manipulate" Israeli Jews and those "who are above-board and identify themselves as Christians." He said he felt Israel would make "a terrible blunder" if it "violates the principle of religious liberty and freedom of conscience by succumbing to pressures from Jewish extremists who want to pass severe legislation to ban every form of religious activity which is not Jewish."

NRP RESOLUTION CALLS FOR COMPULSORY MILITARY DUTY FOR YESHIVA STUDENTS

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA)--The newly elected central committee of the National Religious Party is expected to overturn a controversial resolution adopted Friday evening by a substantial majority at the stormy closing session of

the NRP's national convention in Tel Aviv which calls for compulsory military service for yeshiva students, hitherto exempt.

That was the clear impression conveyed today by NRP secretary general Zvi Bernstein when he appealed to Israel's two chief rabbis not to take any action until the central committee meets, sometime in the next two weeks. Both Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and his Sephardic colleague, Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, issued separate appeals to the NRP Friday to withdraw the resolution.

Rabbi Goren, former chief chaplain of Israel's armed forces, urged the NRP leadership not to advocate changing a practice that has been in effect since Israel's establishment. Rabbi Yosef said he was "shocked" by the resolution and demanded to know why the NRP failed to consult the Chief Rabbinate before acting on it.

The resolution was adopted at the NRP convention by a vote of 298-170, precipitating near pandemonium as rabbis and yeshiva heads opposed to it stormed the rostrum in an attempt to seize the microphone. Rabbi Mordechai Frenkel, of Haifa, tore up his NRP card in front of the convention and left the hall. Because of the turmoil, a vote could not be taken on a modifying amendment and the matter was left to the party center to decide.

The controversial resolution was introduced by Yaacov Tsur, a member of the Religious Kibbutz movement whose son had volunteered for service and was killed in action. He suggested that because some religious youths abuse their exemptions and in view of Israel's mounting military needs, military service be made obligatory for yeshiva students within a framework that combines Army service with Torah studies.

FRENCH PLANE TEAM COMPLETES MISSION

JERUSALEM, March 4 (JTA)--The Cabinet heard a report today on the three-man French delegation sent here to investigate the Libyan airliner disaster. The team departed this morning after completing their mission. They said they had received the fullest assistance and cooperation from Israeli authorities and would submit their report to the French government which had assigned the investigation.

The Cabinet report on the French mission was presented by Attorney General Meir Shamgar who had been assigned by Acting Premier Yigal Yadin to coordinate the activities of all government ministries with respect to the inquiry. It was understood that the French civil aviation authorities will collate the investigating team's findings with information received from Egyptian authorities before publishing their conclusions.

The Cabinet, meanwhile, set up a ministerial committee to determine the amount of ex-gratia (free will) payments by Israel to the families of the victims and the survivors. The committee will also determine a method for affecting the payments. It consists of Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro who is serving as chairman, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Health Minister Victor Shemtov, Transport Minister Shimon Peres, Religious Affairs Minister Zerach Warhaftig and Minister Without Portfolio Israel Galili.

It was also announced that one of the survivors, a French steward, will be flown to France tomorrow at the request of his family for further medical treatment. Another survivor regained consciousness today for the first time since the disaster. He was identified this morning as Abou Baker Mouhamed, 33, a Libyan citizen.

Record Breaking Initial Sale\$136.3M OF \$360 M ISRAEL BOND GOAL FOR 1973 SOLD AT DINNER HONORING ROTHBERG

MIAMI BEACH, March 4 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir's first visit to Florida as Israel's head of state triggered an unprecedented response last night to Israel's economic needs, bringing about a record-breaking initial sale of \$136.3 million in Israel Bonds toward a 1973 goal of \$360 million, at the Bond's inaugural dinner.

More than 3000 Jewish leaders from the United States and Canada purchased a minimum of \$2500 per couple in Israel Bonds in what the dinner chairman, Jacob M. Arvey of Chicago, characterized as "an unparalleled outpouring of love and affection for the Prime Minister and a resounding affirmation of confidence and moral and material support for the people of Israel."

Ira Guldin, president of the Israel Bond campaign, said the \$360 million 1973 goal represented 60 percent of Israel's development budget of \$600 million for the year. He noted that this budget provided for every phase of the country's economic development.

Prior to the dinner session, Leo Bernstein, executive vice-president of the Bond Organization, summed up the objectives of the 1973 campaign as aiding the expansion of Israel's economy to provide jobs for an expected 70,000 immigrants this year; improving the economic position of the disadvantaged section of Israel's population; and stimulating the development of industry and exports to bring Israel closer to the goal of economic independence.

Elaborate Security For Premier

The inaugural dinner was a tribute to Sam Rothberg, general chairman and principal founder of the Bond Organization which has produced more than \$2.2 billion in bond sales for Israel since its inception in 1951. Israel's Finance Minister, Pinchas Sapir, lauded Rothberg in a cabled message from Jerusalem. Noting Rothberg's nearly 30 years of "devoted efforts" in Israel's behalf, Sapir said he was totally committed to the survival of the Jewish people and the building of Israel.

Elaborate security precautions surrounded Premier Meir's arrival here Friday evening. Official welcoming ceremonies reserved for visiting foreign dignitaries were eliminated. Mrs. Meir was greeted at Miami Airport by Rothberg, Guldin, Bernstein and Julian B. Venezky, national chairman for regions of the bond drive. Strict security precautions were repeated at the dinner. All guests were double checked by security officers before being permitted to enter the grand ballroom.

The dinner was the wind-up of the Bond Organization's four-day Inaugural Conference. At a breakfast session Friday morning, sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America, Rabbi Irving Lehrman, vice-president of the ZOA said that to appreciate Israel's 25th anniversary, "we have to think in terms of what the plight of the Jews of Europe was before there was a State of Israel." Mortimer May of Nashville, dean of the American Zionist movement and honorary chairman of the Israel Bond cabinet of the ZOA, was honored for his pioneering efforts in helping to establish settlements in Palestine prior to statehood.

MAJOR UNION DENOUNCES HEAD TAX

WASHINGTON, March 4 (JTA)--The Commun-

ications Workers of America (AFL-CIO), representing more than 550,000 workers in the United States, has denounced "the Soviet government's bigotry" in imposing head taxes on Jews seeking to emigrate. In a hard-hitting and well-documented statement issued by the organization's executive board, the Soviet government was criticized not only for this "reprehensible form of extortion" but also for its suppression of Judaism within the Soviet Union.

According to the statement, synagogues have been arbitrarily closed down in community after community for the past 30 years. Fifteen years ago, in 1957, there were 450 synagogues. In April of 1963, almost 10 years ago, there were 100, and today the total has dwindled to less than 60 synagogues which "remain to serve a population of three million."

The CWA statement noted: "Judaism is not even permitted any central or coordinated structure, unlike the other ten recognized religions in the USSR. The publication of religious literature and the manufacture of religious articles for Jews are prohibited." The statement continued: "It is indeed a tragic irony that the Soviet government will not let its Jewish citizens live in peace, as productive citizens in their country, yet at the same time refuses to permit them to find peace in other countries which have indicated a willingness to accept them as emigrants."

TALKS WITH MIDEAST LEADERS WILL GIVE U.S. CHANCE TO REFLECT ON SITUATION

WASHINGTON, March 4 (JTA)--Responding to questions regarding Premier Golda Meir's visit, State Department spokesman Charles Bray said Friday that the views of Mrs. Meir, Egyptian emissary Hafez Ismail and Jordan's King Hussein will give the United States "an opportunity to reflect" on their positions before proceeding further, but said nothing specific on the "future evolution" of the Middle East situation. Bray declined to comment on the level of assistance the U.S. will give Israel in the future but pointed to White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler's statements Thursday regarding "continuing support" to Israel.

Some analysts here interpreted Ziegler's remark as meaning the on-going support in the pipeline where Israel is getting approximately \$515 million in economic and military aid, mostly in credits, and that the new fiscal year beginning July 1 may bring a different U.S. position on foreign aid in general.

While the political complexion of the Middle East may cause some variation in the Nixon Administration's outlook by mid-summer on help to Israel on the present level, it is believed that the Administration's problems with inflation and its conflict with Congress on budgetary limitations may be much more important considerations on the level of assistance for Israel.

Rep. Bella S. Abzug (D.N.Y.) telephoned the mother of Boris Penson, the imprisoned Soviet Jewish artist, and assured her of strong support for the movement to free her son and to obtain full rights for Jewish citizens in the USSR, including the right to emigrate. Mrs. Abzug, speaking in Yiddish and English in an overseas call Friday to Riga, informed Mrs. Gessia Penson of the widespread efforts on behalf of her son, including demonstrations; petition campaigns and plans for exhibits of Boris' works in a number of American and Canadian cities.