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WAR ENTERING NEW STAGE?

OCT. 10-- From Combined Tel Aviv and Jerusalem Dispatches By Yitzhak Shargil and David Landau

Premier Golda Meir who on Saturday night told the nation that it was attacked by Syria and Egypt appeared tonight again on TV to tell the nation that: the Golan Heights was cleared of the Syrian attackers and Israeli forces continue to push the enemy across the borders; that in the Sinai there is also a very significant change and the Israelis are very close to the canal; that the goal of Israel is peace and that the leaders of the neighboring nations who so easily go to war should have a second thought; but that the war is not over.

She said she had no doubts that the war would end in our victory, but the victory now is not yet fully achieved and that means that the war is not over. Mrs. Meir stressed that the Syrian Army of today is not the army that it was four days ago or even three days ago. But she also stressed that "we have to ask the question not so much against whom we are fighting but against what." She blamed the Russians for the endless supply of the newest and most sophisticated types of arms to Egypt and Syria and stated that the supply to Syria continues.

She elaborated on this point saying that Israel is fighting against the Egyptian and Syrian Army but the missiles, the tanks, the aircraft - everything that is in possession of these soldiers emerged from Russia. It is Russia, one of the two superpowers, that has decided and apparently is still of the conviction she has to support the Arabs against Israel. Mrs. Meir said that on this eve of Succot Israel should rejoice for the change that took place in some places even a revolutionary change in the position over the one on Saturday.

As to reports that Jordan is calling up its reserves, Premier Meir said that she could only say that a considerate, sensible ruler, who has the interests and welfare of his people before his eyes, and has a good memory, will act in a sensible way. Israel hopes Jordan will act accordingly and not get involved in the war, she said. Replying to questions she said that while it's peace that Israel is seeking, it is now her duty to push the enemy well across the cease-fire line until it is assured that they have no line on which to deploy for yet another attack on Israel. She concluded by wishing all a happy holiday. Late tonight Israel's military positions appeared safer than in yesterday's battles.

The fifth day of the war began this morning with reports that there were indications that the Soviet Union was increasing its airlift of military supplies to Egypt, that some 18,000 Iraqi troops with 100 tanks had arrived in Syria, and that King Hussein of Jordan issued a royal decree calling up Jordanian army reservists, and that the British government had announced an embargo on arms sale to the Middle East.

The fifth day of the war also began this morning with air raid sirens breaking the early morning quiet in Tel Aviv. An all clear signal came on 15 minutes later. Israelis began to dig in for what appeared to be a long and grueling haul as the nation grappled with the realization that this war will not be another June 1967 eloquent victory for Israel.

Reserve Officers Recalled To Active Service

In a sober and realistic appraisal of the situation Israel faces Gen. Aharon Yariv (Res.), former chief of intelligence and former special advisor to Premier Golda Meir on the war against terrorism, told several hundred journalists in Tel Aviv last night that there were no visions of a quick Israeli victory. "This is not going to be easy. This is not going to be simple. It is a war that will be a prolonged one. But I am convinced that we shall be able to face it and win," said Yariv who is currently assistant to the Chief of Staff Gen. David Elazar.

High ranking reserves officers have been called up to active service. They include former Chief of Staff Gen. Chaim Barlev, recalled for special duties; former Gen. Yeshayah Gavish, who was made commander of the Southern Sinai Command which includes Sharm el Sheikh; former intelligence chief and former central command Generals Aharon Yariv and Rehavam Zeevi who were made special assistants to the Chief of

Staff; Gen. Amos Horev, the newly elected president of Technion, was made special assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff; and Gen. Mordechai Hod, former airforce commander, was returned to the airforce for special duties.

Israeli Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said last night in Jerusalem that the war has so far cost Israel some one billion dollars. This included loss of equipment. At the same time the Ministerial Economic Committee ratified a measure which will impose a compulsory loan on all taxpayers to raise \$250 million and decided to transfer funds from this year's development budget to the defense budget which was originally less than projected spending on social and welfare activities for the first time since 1948.

THE MILITARY FRONTS

In military activity today there was intensive action by the Israeli airforce. At least 20 Syrian and Egyptian planes were downed during today's fighting; 17 of them were Syrians that attacked Israeli armor on the Golan Heights. The airforce also carried out extensive bombings and attacks on targets in Syria and Egypt in addition to providing support to ground forces.

At 8:30 a.m. two Sukhoi P-7's, two MIG-21's and two MIG-17's were downed in a fierce air battle with the Syrian forces. Forty-five minutes later seven more Sukhois were downed in air battle. This was followed by the bombing of the naval base near Tartous, the fuel installations near Homs and power station near Katina. The Damascus International Airport was bombed and on their way back from their mission Israeli planes downed three more MIG-21's.

In the Egyptian sector the airforce played an important part in containing an advance of Egyptian forces down the Sinai Peninsula towards Ras Sudar. It was a rout that ran all along the eastern

bank of the Gulf of Suez. Throughout the day the airforce also dealt blows to the Egyptian armor and infantry on the eastern bank of the Suez Canal.

Military commentators stressed today that Israel had succeeded in stabilizing the lines after four days of war initiated by the enemy and it was now for the Israelis to calculate their future action. The repulse of the Syrians and the crushing of their armor left the Israeli armed forces with the main problem of dealing with the Egyptian front line. Egyptians have massed troops and armor in the narrow stretch on the eastern bank of the canal. Though hundreds of Egyptian tanks were destroyed - many more hundreds were brought in despite the Israeli airforce's continuous attacks on bridges and bridgeheads.

Israeli airforce and armor bit into the Egyptian force but it seemed that Israelis were not in a hurry to start an offensive. Nevertheless, Reserve Gen. Chaim Herzog said tonight that it was very likely that the Egyptians would be very sorry for putting so much of their force on the eastern bank. He also hinted that the extensive activity against Syria may deter Iraq and Jordan as well as Lebanon from an "irresponsible step." In any case, a victory over the Syrians does not mean a victory in the war and a redeployment of the Egyptian front will be needed before Israel would start an initiative, military commentators observed.

According to Yariv in his briefing to the press in Tel Aviv, this war is much different than the wars of 1956 and 1967 because Israel's defense forces entered it when the initiative was with the enemy. The line on the Golan Heights has been stabilized, but at a price, he said, adding that the Syrians paid a high price for their attack. Yariv, appraising the situation as of Tuesday night, said that while he did not want to describe the Syrians as defeated, they had to give up almost all of the gains made in their initial surprise attack Saturday.

Yariv said that Israel's regular forces garrisoning the Suez Canal bore the brunt of the initial Egyptian attack in which the enemy enjoyed an immense superiority of numbers and equipment. He said the Egyptians launched their attack with over 2000 tanks and swarms of warplanes. He admitted that Egypt's vastly improved anti-aircraft network based on several types of highly effective Soviet ground-to-air missiles played a major role in the initial success of the Egyptian attack. Israeli forces abandoned the Barlev line and redeployed in parallel positions facing the Egyptian bridgeheads, he said.

Arab terrorists were active from inside southern Lebanon last night. Between 25-30 Katyusha rockets were fired at Kiryat Shemona. No casualties were reported but some damage was done to buildings and vehicles. Shells and rockets were fired at other settlements and some landed in the region of Nahariya but no casualties or damage was reported.

Damage was extensive at Kibbutz Gvat where a "Frog" missile exploded Tuesday. The half-ton warhead destroyed the children's compound but the youngsters were all in bomb shelters at the time. The communal dining hall was damaged and electric wires were downed but repairs were made by workers today. Kibbutz members not at the front were busy in the cotton fields as volunteers cleaned up the debris.

Israel learned yesterday that UN truce observers on both banks of the Suez Canal were forced from their posts at gunpoint by the Egyptians.

THE HOME FRONT

Despite the war, life in Israel is continuing as normally as possible with schools open, most factories continuing production, the Housing Ministry repairing homes damaged by Syrian shells and even the central election committee going on with the job of preparing for the Oct. 30 Knesset elections. The blackout is still strictly maintained but the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra is maintaining its subscription concerts and movie houses are still operating although half empty since they are usually attended by young people now in the service.

The central election committee, headed by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn, published the final list of parties for the upcoming elections yesterday. There has been talk of postponing the vote and also of setting up a national unity government -- but nothing like this has yet been decided and the election is still set for Oct. 30. The election committee met in the darkened Knesset building in Jerusalem.

Civil servants have not been called up for army service but have been shuttled between government departments under a preordained emergency plan to take care of essential services for the public which are understaffed because of the call-up. All legal contracts, documents, etc., which specify particular dates for particular action have had those dates postponed under emergency orders issued by the Defense Ministry. Dates for specific performances will be automatically extended 30 days beyond the person concerned's release from army service.

The Housing Ministry announced it would begin at once with repair work on civilian homes hit by Syrian shells in Migdal Haemek and Kiryat Shemona. The Housing Ministry was commissioned by the Treasury which said it would cover the full cost of repairs and would also arrange, at its expense, for alternative housing for the people during the repair work. Treasury assessors have already visited the sites to assess the damage.

All schools, secondary schools and higher education institutions, reopened for normal studies yesterday. Because two days were lost it was decided that schools will remain open on Wednesday, 'eve of Succoth. Secondary school pupils that were recruited for various auxiliary jobs, municipal sanitation departments or postal services - will continue their voluntary work after school hours. The youngsters proved of great help to various institutions especially hospitals where they replaced workers that were recruited. Many of the older students reported for blood donations which exceeded all expectations.

Police in Jerusalem have maintained round-the-clock patrols in all Jewish neighborhoods in East Jerusalem since the war began, but no incidents have been reported. Traffic across the Jordan bridges is proceeding normally an army spokesman announced today. Yesterday, he said, some 1000 persons had crossed in both directions, both residents of the two sides and tourists.

Lod Airport was back to normal with Air France, TWA, Sabena, Alitalia and KLM resuming normal operations according to schedules. El Al operated its 13 Boeings, three of which are jumbo jets, despite the fact that many of its employees were hastily recruited. And tourists continue to arrive. Thousands decided to extend their stay and many who arrived said they wouldn't alter plans because of just another war.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and leaders of the Jewish Agency and Keren Hayesod reported gratification with the response of Jews from throughout the world to Israel's needs. "World Jewry has

rallied round the State of Israel to an extent reminiscent of the Six-Day War, if not exceeding that enthusiasm," the Agency said. Moshe Rivlin, the Jewish Agency's director general, speaking on radio in Yiddish said the unprovoked aggression of the Arab states on Yom Kippur plus the continuing flow of Soviet immigrants have combined to have a major effect on Jewish communities.

Soviet Jewish immigrants continued to come into the country although none will arrive tonight because of Succoth. Many of the immigrants are pleading to be allowed to help the war efforts but instead are being sent to absorption centers.

PROFESSORS, INCLUDING LEADING DOVES, ISSUE STATEMENT SUPPORTING GOV'T.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10 (JTA)--A group of Hebrew University professors--including many leading "doves" who have often criticized the Israeli government for inflexibility, issued a statement today which accuses the Arabs of seeking to annihilate Israel and seems to support now, in the light of hindsight, the government's policy of not budging until peace. The statement declared:

"The Arab doctrine of prior agreement by Israel to withdraw from territory is illogical and unacceptable. Everyone of us is wholly convinced that our very existence today...to withstand the Egyptian and Syrian assault and turn it back; is due to the fact that this doctrine was rejected by us (Israel). The way that the Egyptian and Syrian attack was prepared and launched must convince the world that this rejection was thoroughly justified."

Continuing, the statement noted: "The Egyptian and Syrian attack on the Day of Atonement has led us to the painful conclusion that the policy of the present governments of the Arab states is to go to any length in order to destroy the existence of Israel." The statement concluded by calling on all free men "to insist on the overriding duty of the Arab states to recognize Israel's right to exist in peace and to demonstrate that by agreeing immediately to meet the representatives of Israel for discussion and negotiations."

Signatories included Shlomo Avineri, Gershon Sholem, Ernst David Bergmann, Samuel Eisenstadt, Saul Friedlander, Yehoshafat Harakabi, Yehishua Praver, Michael Rabin, Nathan Rotenstreich, Jacob Talmon and Ephraim Urbach.

UN PARALYZED IN MIDEAST CRISIS

By Yitzhak Rabi, JTA UN Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 10 (JTA)--The United Nations seemed paralyzed today as far as dealing with the Middle East crisis. The Security Council did not schedule a meeting for today and no draft resolutions to end the hostilities were in sight.

A United States spokesman said the U.S. "is watching the situation closely" and consultations continue. A British spokesman also confirmed that informal and formal consultations are going on between Security Council members and European countries but "no achievements" have been reached. He said Britain favors a Council meeting if it will be fruitful.

Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban appearing on CBS television this morning said Israel would accept a cease-fire if the Egyptian and Syrian governments agreed to restore the cease-fire boundaries that were in effect when the current fighting broke out. Eban

said that Israel learned from the present war "the total fragility" of written undertakings, guarantees and signatures "of our neighbors" and "the vital importance of secure boundaries." Eban met this afternoon with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim with regard to the present crisis. The meeting was at Eban's request.

Eban meanwhile sent his personal condolences to the Norwegian government for the death in the Damascus bombing of a Norwegian UN observer, Capt. Didrik Birger Tjerswaag, his wife and their eight-year-old daughter. The family was killed when a bomb scored a direct hit on their apartment building located near the Syrian Defense Ministry.

Eban expressed "profound sadness." He said the Tjerswaag family "were innocent victims of war which was forced on Israel by Syria and their deaths are doubly regrettable because they were in the area on a mission of peace."

Later in the day, the Israeli Foreign Minister received a letter from Sir Lawrence McIntyre of Australia, president of the Security Council, expressing the Council's condolences for Israeli "innocent citizens" who were victims of the war. His expressions of sympathy were welcomed by Israeli officials.

Last night the Security Council session erupted in an angry exchange between Yakov Malik of the Soviet Union and Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah. The Israeli diplomat was expressing condolences for the "innocent civilian victims" of the bombing in Damascus when Malik rose to his feet and shouted, "I am unwilling to hear condolences from murderers and international gangsters."

Tekoah, who was interrupted by this tirade and who was interrupted by other delegates from completing his statement, nevertheless was able to continue speaking. He said: "I am not surprised that the delegate of the Soviet Union walked out of the room. His country must assume a great share of the responsibility for what has happened. The Soviet Union has identified itself with barbaric hatred and has supplied all kinds of weapons of war to the Arab states...the responsibility must be placed where it belongs with those who have initiated the fighting--Egypt and Syria." After leaving the Council hall Tekoah was congratulated by many for his remarks.

30,000 YOUNG JEWS SEEK TO VOLUNTEER

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Approximately 30,000 young American Jews have called the American Zionist Youth Foundation here and its offices and staffs around the country to volunteer to go to Israel to replace civilians called to battle. Cathy Gay, AZYF staff member, announced this afternoon.

AZYF has established a special Sherut La'Am (civilian) volunteer program for young people 18 to 24 years of age who are ready to volunteer for at least six months in Israel. They will be assigned only non-military functions. In most cases they will work on kibbutzim in whatever assignments are required. Volunteers will need to pay for their own flight tickets, which will cost approximately \$450.

Applications and further information are available from Sherut La-Am, Room 1016, 515 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. Telephone 212-753-0230 or 212-753-0282 or 212-753-0308.

The American Jewish Congress announced today it would cancel its members' travel program to Austria as a result of the decision by the government to close the Schoenau transit camp for Soviet Jewish refugees.

NIXON, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES AGREE ON CEASE-FIRE AND A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (JTA)—Congressional leaders of both parties today gave unanimous backing to the Nixon Administration's "position" on the Middle East war but the Administration's precise position itself was left unclear. This assessment came after 10 Senators and nine Representatives emerged from a hurriedly summoned bipartisan leadership meeting at the White House with President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to receive their reports on the military status and the diplomatic activities concerned with it.

"As far as the Congressional elements at the meeting this morning are concerned," Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana told newsmen, "we are unanimously behind the positions undertaken by the President and Mr. Kissinger to bring about a cease-fire and a settlement in the Middle East." Describing the mood of the Congressional leaders and of the President as "serious," Mansfield, when asked how long the fighting might continue, said grimly "It was indicated it would not be a Six-Day War."

Mansfield and other Congressional figures at the hour-long session sidestepped two direct questions on the Soviet position toward the fighting. They seemed to be wary against exacerbating American relations with both the Soviet Union and the Arab states.

Reports Of Soviet Airlift To Egypt

The meeting took place as unofficial reports were received here that the Soviet Union had started an airlift to resupply Egypt and Syria with "very large tonnages" of military equipment. There was also a report that a Soviet cruiser and two destroyers had passed from the Black Sea through the Turkish straits and into the Mediterranean to join a new-style Soviet cruiser equipped with surface-to-air missiles which entered the Mediterranean prior to the Egyptian-Syrian attacks on Israel.

At the same time, the Norfolk (Va.) Ledger Star reported today that a Boeing 707 jet airliner with Israeli markings on its tail was being loaded with air-to-air missiles and bombs at the U.S. Naval Air Station at nearby Oceana. The paper said that earlier today a C-141 cargo plane from the U.S. Military Air Command landed at Oceana near the Israeli plane. There was no further immediate information available.

U.S. In Daily Contact With Parties In Conflict

After the meeting between the Congressional leaders and Nixon, the lawmakers were asked for views on the Soviet encouragement of the Arab aggressors. Sen. Mansfield said that the matter "did come up in passing" and immediately went on to say that the United States is in "daily contact" with the Soviet Union, the Republic of China, Western European countries and the parties in the conflict. When asked about the continuation of U.S. supplies of weapons to Israel, Sen. Mansfield replied "the matter is under advisement."

Republican Senate leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania observed similarly that "As far as the situation in the Middle East is concerned, there is no change in our desire to maintain contact with all the states in the area." But he went on to note that "We have never lost interest in those countries of the Middle East" and "this is historically true of Israel."

Scott pointed out that the Mansfield-Scott resolution, adopted unanimously by voice vote in the Senate Oct. 8 was in keeping with the "general policy" of the Administration but he noted, significantly it seemed to observers, that the resolution "was initiated without prior contact" with the White House. The resolution calls for a pullback by the forces to the lines of Oct. 5 the day before the attacks, and for more stable conditions which would lead to peace in the area.

However, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency had been informed on the day the resolution was adopted that Sen. Scott had read the text twice on the phone to Secretary Kissinger at the State Department and that Dr. Kissinger had expressed himself as finding "no fault with it." In addition, Sen. Mansfield earlier today said that Dr. Kissinger knew about the Mansfield-Scott resolution and "did not object to it."

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D.Ark.) told newsmen that "I find no fault with the Administration -- or what the Secretary of State is attempting to do -- to bring it to an early end and lay the basis for a more permanent settlement with due regard for UN resolutions of the past." Sen. Fulbright refused to discuss "details" of the meeting, saying "there were too many viewpoints." His use of the plural "UN resolutions" indicated he had in mind others than that of Nov. 22, 1967.

Opposed To U.S. Military Intervention

At a breakfast meeting with newsmen this morning, Mansfield expressed opposition to U.S. forces becoming involved in the conflict. Asked whether the U.S. would intervene if the war were to go badly against Israel, Sen. Mansfield replied: "Under no circumstances should the United States intervene on the side of Israel. When I say no more Vietnam I include Israel and Ulster where my parents emigrated from."

Asked about the supplying of U.S. arms to Israel, Sen. Mansfield said said that he would oppose that "unless the other side does." Sen. Mansfield has consistently opposed U.S. government credits to Israel for the purchase of American arms and is also against the Jackson Amendment affecting Soviet trade and emigration policies.

State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey, questioned about the Soviet airlift reports, replied that "we have had some indications" about the Soviet airlift but added that he could not be "specific" and that the USSR "may be attempting this kind of effort." He added, "If this turns out to be a massive airlift, it would tend to put a new face on the situation" in the Middle East. He stressed, however, that "I don't want to make a charge about something not confirmed."

President Nixon, arriving in the East Room of the White House to present national medals to scientists, said that the U.S. "is trying its best" to mediate "a very dangerous situation in the Middle East" and that the U.S. "is playing a responsible role, very fair to both sides." The President did not elaborate and gave no indication of progress in his efforts to bring about a cease-fire in the Middle East war zone. (By Joseph Polakoff, JTA Washington Bureau Chief)

According to the Israel Ministry of Tourism in New York there were 12,000 Americans in Israel when the "Yom Kippur" War broke out. The Director General of the Ministry of Tourism, Hanoeh Glivon, visiting in New York at the time the war broke out said that there was only minimal discomfort for the 30,000 tourists in Israel now and for the estimated 12,000 Americans who were part of the total.

"WE SALUTE YOUR COURAGE, WE EMBRACE YOUR HOPES"

400 Jewish Leaders Hold Emergency Meeting

By Joseph Polakoff, JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (JTA)--"We salute your courage. We embrace your hopes. We share your anguish and prayers as we say together with you, Am Yisroel Chai--the people of Israel live, and shall live." These were the concluding words of the cable sent last night to Israeli Premier Golda Meir as a sign of solidarity with Israel's embattled people by the emergency national convocation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The convocation, at the Shoreham Hotel, was attended by more than 400 Jewish organizational leaders representing the Conference's 31 secular and religious bodies and the overwhelming majority of American Jews. The nationwide gathering, arranged on less than 24 hours notice, was to mobilize public support for Israel's cause among all Americans. The three-hour session was marked by a somber mood and in an atmosphere of unremitting devotion to Israel and determination to turn back the Arab attackers and their allies.

The convocation expressed its purposes and determination in a resolution that declared: "We gather at a moment of profound crisis for the Jewish State and the Jewish people. Once again Israel finds herself the victim of aggression, disadvantaged because she risked greater casualties by observing obligations to respect the cease-fire agreement rather than launch a preemptive strike against massed Egyptian and Syrian forces."

The resolution called on the Nixon Administration, with the support of Congress "to move forthwith to restore the full strength of Israel's defense capability to meet and repel the challenge of Arab aggressors aimed at destroying Israel. Israel must receive the military, political and moral support she requires, to the extent and of the nature called for."

Typifying the feelings of numerous members of the two houses of Congress and of both major parties who have been making statements backing Israel, Senator Edward F. Kennedy (D, Mass.) and Senator Richard S. Schweiker (R, Pa.) gave firm assurances of full support to the Jewish State in personal appearances at the convocation. Their remarks, welcomed by standing ovations, followed a report on the war situation by Israel's Ambassador to Washington, Simcha Dinitz and an appeal by Jacob Stein, the Conference chairman, for financial assistance to Israel. Stein pointed out that Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir had advised him that the cost to Israel of the current fighting, in its fourth day, already exceeded \$1 billion.

Goal: To Return To Cease-Fire Lines

Dinitz stressed that Israel's goals now are to drive every Egyptian and Syrian soldier back to last Friday's cease-fire lines and "hand both these armies such a devastating blow that never--at least for a long time--will they be able to regroup themselves for another attack." No one in Israel, he said, "doubts the successful outcome" but he indicated a long struggle ahead, saying "we have to recondition ourselves for a harder war than some of us thought initially."

Israel, he said, needed time and war materiel. The Jewish nation, he added, facing "in one day" 2000 tanks from Egypt and 1000 from Syria, "countless" planes and missiles of the most so-

phisticated kind in the Russian arsenal, suffered heavy losses in human beings and equipment; "We inflicted heavier losses than we suffered but this is no consolation for us," the envoy said. "Our purpose is not to kill the enemies but to live in peace with them."

Dinitz declared that "in the weeks" before the attack began on Yom Kippur, the Soviet Union had increased its shipments of arms in "unparalleled quantities and quality" to its Arab allies. While the Russians, he added, evacuated their troops from Syria, they left behind their planes, tanks, missiles and know-how. He questioned how the build-up of Russian weaponry used in the attacks "fits into the spirit of detente."

Kennedy, noting that since President Truman's formal recognition by the United States of Israel this nation has been pledged to the independence of Israel, declared: "I say that we will stand by that pledge today and tomorrow and for however long it takes for all nations to accept the existence and the independence of the State of Israel."

The convocation was arranged simultaneously with the preparations for local rallies of Jews and non-Jews in approximately 125 communities across the country.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA)--No gifts of blood for Israel are needed now, according to a statement issued by the National Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns of the Jewish Agency for Israel. "Word has been received from the Israel government, and from the Jewish Agency office in Jerusalem, that there is no need for blood donations for Israel at the present time," the statement said. However, organizations and communities will register the names of those who wish to donate blood, and should it later become necessary, prospective donors will be contacted."

600 PURCHASE RECORD-BREAKING \$20M IN ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA)--In response to an urgent call for aid to Israel, more than 600 New York business, civic and Jewish religious and communal leaders last night purchased a record-breaking sum of more than \$20 million in State of Israel Bonds at a dinner in the Plaza Hotel. Ambassador Jacob Barmore, Minister Plenipotentiary in the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, told the gathering: "Don't be deluded... We are fighting for our survival. What will happen to us (Israel) will not depend on a resolution adopted by the United Nations or the Security Council. It will depend on your commitment to the Jewish cause."

The event resulted in the highest sum in Israel Bond sales ever attained at a single event since the inception of the drive in 1951 in New York City. The amount, which was announced by former Congressman Herbert Tenzer, dinner chairman, reflected the concern of New York's Jewish community for Israel. More than 300 Israel Bond rallies have been held in the metropolitan area since the start of the fourth war in Israel's 25-year history.

Jack D. Weller, prominent New York Jewish communal leader who is secretary-treasurer of the Israel Bond Organization, was guest of honor at the event, which was sponsored by the executive committee of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds, under the chairmanship of Samuel Neaman, chairman and chief executive officer of McCrory Corporation. Weller, who was presented with a Silver Israel Anniversary Award by Ira Guldien, chairman of the Bond's Board of Governors, said that he had an "unshakeable faith

in-Israel" and he was deeply gratified in being able to "share in a small way in the rebirth of our people."

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, declared that "when the Egyptians and Syrians launched their attack on Yom Kippur, their guns were not only aimed at Israel but against the entire Jewish people. It is not a question," he said, "of whether we want to be involved. We have no choice. Every Jew is as much a target of this war as Israel itself. Therefore, it is up to every Jew to join the fight to defend and protect Israel. We are in an emergency in which every hour and every minute counts."

Barmore, who substituted for Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, said that since the State of Israel was founded 25 years ago "our very right to exist has been questioned time and time again." He declared that Israel is now "bleeding and bleeding profusely.... This is a battle for life and death for Israel."

The Israeli diplomat, who came to the dinner directly from the United Nations, spoke emotionally about the walkout of Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik when Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah tried to extend his condolences for Soviet civilians reportedly killed in the bombing of Damascus. Barmore said Malik has demonstrated some of the most "rabid anti-Semitism" seen at the UN. He said Tekoah was right in presenting his condolences but no one at the UN was expressing condolences for Israeli civilians killed by missiles coming from Syria.

Demonstrations Continue Throughout World

Meanwhile, demonstrations, mobilizations and appeals for the aid of Israel continued to mount in this country and abroad. In Paris over 20,000 persons rallied last night on behalf of Israel at a meeting organized by the Paris "Committee for the Support of Israel." Daniel Mayer, president of the Human Rights League, attacked French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert who had earlier said one could not call aggressors those states which try to recover territory which belongs to them. "Such a statement is not diplomacy but dishonest," Mayer said.

Jean-Pierre Bloch, president of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (LICA) said Jobert's statement was the same as Hitler's who said "we're going home" when entering the Rhineland in 1938. Earlier Socialist opposition leader Francois Mitterand strongly criticized the French government's position on the Middle East war and called Jobert's statements "cynical and esoteric."

In Brussels 15 Belgian Jewish students were injured today at the University of Brussels when fights broke out between them and Arab students. The fighting took place when the Jewish students organized, for the third consecutive day, a meeting at the "Cite Universitaire" to express their solidarity with Israel. Some 150 Jewish students were attacked by the Arabs, who were joined by non-students and who were armed with chairs, sticks, bottles and clubs. The injured students were taken to the hospital.

In Johannesburg 2000 jampacked the Zionist Center last night in solidarity with Israel and to protest the Austrian surrender to Arab terrorist aggression. Board of Deputies president Maurice Porter gave assurance that in the present crisis the Jewish community was totally united. He said that the South African Jewish community was mobilized in an emergency campaign to raise cash and that large sums have already been spontaneously offered. There were also mass rallies

in other South African cities.

In Oslo, Gen. Odd Bull, former commander of the UN observer group in the Middle East, said that the current fighting in the Middle East seems to be the result of a combined military operation launched by Egypt and Syria which had planned an all-out campaign.

In New York Christian leaders meeting at the American Jewish Committee's national headquarters yesterday, deplored the attack by Egypt and Syria on "the right of Israel to live in peace and security" and termed the attack "not only a threat to Israel but to world peace." The Catholic and Protestant clergymen, who were meeting to discuss the AJCommittee's new Christian Visitors to Israel Tour, declared they would not be deterred from their determination to work for a dialogue between Israel and the Arabs, particularly the Palestinians by the present conflict.

In Los Angeles, Victor M. Carter, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Tel Aviv University and emergency chairman of the State of Israel Bonds announced today that the Tel Aviv University Decennial Festival Dinner that had been scheduled for Oct. 14 had been cancelled. He said that the cancellation was due to "the cowardly and sacrilegious attack by Egypt and Syria upon the State of Israel on the holiest day of the Jewish year, and in recognition of Israel's urgent need for immediate financial assistance in this hour of crisis." The dinner was to have been addressed by world famous scientists, Congressmen and Ambassador Simcha Dinitz.

Carter, a member of the JTA Board of Directors, said: "In place of the Decennial Dinner, a Community Emergency Assembly will now be held in behalf of State of Israel Bonds at the Century Plaza Hotel on the same date." Announcing that Dinitz and Sen. Henry M. Jackson have agreed to speak at the Emergency Assembly, Carter declared: "We urge the Jewish community of Los Angeles to turn out en masse for the Emergency Assembly, and to buy Israel Bonds to the limit of its individual means. Those who wish to support the Tel Aviv University may enjoy a double mitzvah by purchasing Israel Bonds and contributing them to the Tel Aviv University."

Hectic Activities In Communities

In Detroit, every organization and synagogue has held fund-raising campaigns. There were rallies at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. At the latter there were over 1000 students who raised \$7000. A partial fast day was called today by the Council of Orthodox Rabbis and on Sunday there will be a city-wide solidarity rally under the auspices of the Jewish Community Council.

In Philadelphia where some 20,000 persons attended a rally last night at Kennedy Plaza, Mayor Frank Rizzo said he would ask the City Council to buy \$1 million in Israel Bonds. He was followed by City Council President George Schwartz who said he would try to speed the resolution through the Council. In Maryland, some 6000 persons spilled out into the street as part of an overflow crowd attending a rally at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase organized by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington.

In Dayton, Ohio the response of the Jewish community in the first nine hours of the appeal to raise cash brought in \$750,000 with Jews and non-Jews donating. There were also donations of blood and plasma. At Kent State University in Ohio some 300 students held a solidarity rally. At Case Western Reserve University in Ohio 350 students rallied.