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## ISRAEL FORCES BREAK THROUGH SYRIAN FORCES ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

### Massive Losses Of Syrian Armor Reported, Fierce Fighting Continues On Sinai Front

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TEL AVIV, Oct. 11 (JTA)--Israel forces launched an offensive this morning at the Golan Heights cease-fire line, broke through enemy defenses and began advancing toward Damascus, the Israeli army spokesman reported tonight. He said Israeli armored units, backed by massive attacks by Air Force units, made the breakthrough and had advanced about four miles past the cease-fire line into Syria proper along the "Kuneitra-Damascus axis." Damascus is about 30 miles from the cease-fire line.

The announcement came shortly after Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said Israeli units were moving on the road to Damascus. Speaking at a military position in the Golan Heights during an inspection tour, Dayan said, "I don't exactly know the point our forces have reached but they are moving on the road leading from Kuneitra to Damascus." Observers said, however, that the Israeli target in the new offensive was probably the Syrian defense line, which runs about parallel to the cease-fire line, rather than Damascus.

During the day, Israeli planes continued attacks against military targets in Syria, including hits on eight military airfields. The spokesman said that on both fronts, 11 enemy planes were shot down by Israeli jets.

Fierce fighting continued on the Sinai front where Israel claimed yesterday that its forces have regained the banks of the Suez Canal at least at one point. An Israeli commando attack across the canal last night struck at Egyptian convoys and installations well behind the west bank of the waterway. The raiders returned to the east bank after completing their mission. Commentators noted that both the Israeli and Egyptian forces were engaged in what they termed a cat and mouse game, waiting to see what the other side might do first and digging in for the next round of fighting which is expected to be as brutal as that up to now. Reports from this front have been coming in slowly and piece-meal.

Israel's apparently stunning defeat of Syrian forces was described by Gen. (Res.) Chaim V. Herzog, a leading military commentator, who said today that the Syrians lost 800 of its 1400 tanks deployed on the front lines. He said the equivalent of 3-4 Syrian divisions suffered devastating losses but added that the Syrian Army is continuing to fight. Asked on a Tel Aviv radio interview whether Israel has now won the fight for the Golan Heights, Herzog replied, "Most definitely yes." He added that Israeli forces "have carried out a brilliant campaign under the most trying conditions."

### ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS

This time of the year the Golan Heights has a brownish yellow look, the aftermath of the summer's parching heat that has dried out the fields, withered the grass and denuded the trees. But today the plateau is more black than yellow. It is strewn as far as the eye can see with the blackened ruins of Syrian armor--tanks, half-tracks and armored cars--destroyed in a fierce two-day

battle that drove the invader back across the cease-fire lines under hot pursuit by Israeli forces.

The Golan is, in fact, a vast junk pile of Syria's Yom Kippur invasion. The remains of an estimated 800 tanks lie here, some still smoking, jagged holes in their turrets and sides, guns twisted with heat, drive chains askew. The scene is grim testimony to the devastating effects of Israel's Air Force that halted the Syrian advance and the power of Israel's counter-attack that sent the Syrian Army into retreat. The motors are still running in some of the smoldering tanks and half-tracks, the soldiers who manned them having died or fled on foot.

Otherwise, this serene plateau is quiet today, the tumult of battle having passed. But the distant echo of bombardment can be heard from beyond the cease-fire lines and the scream of Israeli jets across the sky is a reminder that the war goes on. Looking back toward the valley, the scene is placid. Cattle are once more grazing on fields recently furrowed by tank tracks. Settlers evacuated when the Syrians attacked six days ago are back repairing the damage. Most of the young men are at the front and the work is being done with the help of volunteers.

There is a lot of work to be done at Ramat Magshimim which was evacuated and occupied briefly by the Syrians. Ein Zivan and Elal are back to normal. Civilian vehicles are visible again on roads that were closed to all but military traffic two days ago. And in a few days one expects to see tourists coming to have their pictures taken alongside the burnt out ruins of Syrian armor, the tortured and twisted metal of which bears tribute to the bravery of Israeli troops and the spirit of the Golan settlers.

A strange vehicle, the likes of which cannot be seen in any other army in the world, lumbered down a Golan Heights road this evening. Soldiers and newsmen alike stared with surprise at an Israeli half-track with a succah on top on its way to war against the Syrians. One of the soldiers in the half-track, an observant Jew, persuaded his comrades to erect the succah complete with palm fronds--a symbol of peace on a vehicle of war. He said he wasn't going to let the war deprive him of the pleasure of sitting in a succah on the Succoth holiday.

### RABIN HEADING CAMPAIGN TO RAISE VOLUNTARY LOANS FROM ISRAELIS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 11 (JTA)--Six-Day War Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin has begun - at Premier Golda Meir's and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's request--to organize a campaign for raising voluntary loans from Israelis - in addition to the compulsory loan which the government will levy from all taxpayers. Rabin heads a three-man committee including Zalman Suzayeff, a leader of the Industrialists Association, and Asher Yadlin, a top Histadrut official.

Over and above the IL 1 billion in one year to be raised by the compulsory loan, this committee hopes to raise an additional IL 500,000 from voluntary loans from rich Israelis. The first meeting, to be attended by President Ephraim Katzir and other public personalities, is due tomorrow morning to launch the campaign. Rabin said today

he had already notched up IL 100 million pounds in pledges. The public statement issued by the committee declared: "We must strengthen the Israel defense forces in the very midst of combat - with new arms and equipment that will help save lives and hasten victory.... We call on every citizen and every family to respond whole-heartedly and subscribe to the war loan, in big or small sums, each according to his means." All the banks will sell the war loan.

#### WALDHEIM URGES END OF BLOODSHED

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 11 (JTA)--Secretary General Kurt Waldheim breaking his silence on the Middle East war urged all parties concerned today to end the bloodshed and move toward a permanent peace settlement. He said the UN stood ready to help them in that endeavor.

In a written statement released here this afternoon, the Secretary General said he had "no illusions about how difficult it is for countries in conflict to turn from war to peace" and stressed that he had "no wish to deflect any government from what it believed to be its legitimate sovereign aims." He said that he had "no detailed solution to suggest."

However, Waldheim went on, "after more than five days of heavy fighting which has already caused appalling human losses, I feel obliged to speak out as Secretary General." He said he had not spoken out thus far because he did not want to interfere in any way with efforts of the Security Council. He said he hoped Council members and other member states "will redouble their efforts to seek an end to the fighting."

Waldheim observed that "None of the parties is prepared to concede its objectives, either military or political. They would appear, therefore, to be embarked on a war of attrition with the gravest consequences not only for the region itself but for the world community as a whole."

#### FEAR DETENTE MAY BE TOTTERING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (JTA)--The State Department, reflecting growing concern over the Middle East conflict and its possible deleterious effects on Soviet-American detente, announced that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger may not be going to Europe this weekend, as planned, to meet with British and West German leaders. Saying it "very strongly appears" his trip will be put off, Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey added that the postponement "clearly" would be related to the Middle East and the Secretary's involvement in it on behalf of the United States.

Dr. Kissinger himself may hold a news conference tomorrow at which he doubtlessly will face a barrage of questions on the continuing Soviet airlift of air and ground military equipment to the two Arab states which attacked Israel Oct. 6. Dr. Kissinger originally was to have met the media today but he deferred to Attorney General Elliot Richardson who held a news conference regarding Spiro Agnew's resignation as Vice President.

Meanwhile, a joint Congressional committee voted today to restore funds to the Defense Department budget for tanks and light arms which could be used to replace Israeli losses. The committee approved the full allocation of \$100 million for the purchase of 360 M-60 tanks for the U.S. Army but which, according to sources, could be diverted to sale for Israel. The action followed against a background of continuing reports that the Soviet Union is airlifting military

supplies to Egypt and Syria. United States officials have declined to term this as a major airlift but said that the bulk of the aid seems to be going to Syria. Knowledgeable sources said the weapons are most likely missiles which reportedly have taken a heavy toll of Israeli planes.

Growing alarm was expressed over the fate of U.S.-Soviet detente as a result of the war and reports of large-scale Soviet arms airlifts to Egypt and Syria. Dr. Kissinger was authoritatively reported today as having asked House Speaker Carl Albert (D, Okla.) to seek a postponement of the debate in the House on the Mills-Vanik legislation affecting Soviet-American trade relations.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed that Dr. Kissinger phoned his request to the Speaker this morning because of the sensitive international situation growing out of the Middle East conflict. Speculation immediately arose that the question of most favored nation status for the Soviet Union barred by the Mills-Vanik measure has become an important factor in the intensive Soviet-American consultations on achieving a cease-fire in the Middle East fighting. It was speculated that the Soviet Union might agree to assist in halting the conflict if the Administration can persuade Congress to approve MFN and credits to the Soviet Union.

#### EBAN: TRAGICALLY HEAVY LOSSES

NEW YORK, Oct. 11 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban disclosed today that he received a telephone call from Israel reporting that the first day of the Arab attack "Frog" missiles rained down on Israeli settlements in the north of Israel. Speaking at a press conference at the Israeli Consulate, he said Israeli losses were "tragically heavy" in proportion to its population but that morale in Israel is high and that the shock of the first day of war has been absorbed. Eban refused to respond to a question that American pilots have volunteered to fight for Israel. He also expressed "no comment" when asked if Israel had received 30 Phantom jets from the U.S. since the war broke out. Eban said the U.S. policy in regard to military supplies for Israel "has not changed."

#### FRENCH SEND WEAPONS TO LIBYA, SAUDI

PARIS, Oct. 11 (JTA)--The French newspaper L'Aurore said today that 15 French tanks of the AMX type were due to leave Marseilles Oct. 15 for Saudi Arabia. Yesterday, the French cargo ship Mejean 2 sailed from Marseilles with a reported cargo of bombs, tanks and ammunition for Libya. Jewish students and Chief Rabbi Israel Salzer of Marseilles have protested to President Georges Pompidou urging that all arms shipments to Arab countries be suspended.

LATE BULLETIN: Former Congressman Herbert Tenzer, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, declared today that "never in the history of this humanitarian organization have so many New York Jews volunteered to work for UJA nor has the organization ever received so many individual gifts in such a short period of time." Referring to the response to the UJA's Israel Emergency Fund Campaign which began when the war broke out, Tenzer said more than 7500 people have come to the UJA headquarters to make personal contributions ranging from a child's 25-cent piece to an industrialist's check for \$25,000. So far 200 fundraising rallies and meetings have been held and more than 250 are scheduled to be held within the next few days.

**SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED AS NATIONAL MOBILIZATION DAY FOR ISRAEL BONDS**  
Other Rallies Planned Throughout Nation

NEW YORK, Oct. 11 (JTA)--Asserting that there can be no slackening of effort while Israel is fighting for its life and freedom, Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, announced today that Sunday would be observed as National Mobilization Day for Israel Bonds in hundreds of communities across the United States and Canada. Rothberg announced the National Mobilization Day at a special meeting tonight with Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban at the Israeli UN mission headquarters in New York. More than 200 leaders from New York and Canada attended the meeting.

More than 700 synagogues and practically all other local and national Jewish organizations, including country clubs and trade groups, have pledged their cooperation in Sunday's mass effort to involve every Jewish family in active support of Israel through the sale and purchase of Israel Bonds. A total of more than \$130 million has been realized in cash and commitments since the beginning of hostilities on Yom Kippur morning, the Bonds organization reported.

At the same time the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported that it expects hundreds of thousands of people to demonstrate in more than 60 communities Sunday. In New York the rally will take place at noon at City Hall Plaza and in Washington there will be a candlelight walk sponsored by the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington.

Richard Maass, chairman of the NCSJ said: "We have received messages from Soviet Jews asking us to relay their support and unity with Israel in its present struggle. More than ever before they wish to be free to leave for Israel..." Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry said the rally Sunday was originally scheduled as a Simchat Torah "Festival of Freedom" for Soviet Jewry but now it will also show "support for Israel in its battle against the Arab invaders." The theme of the rally is "Israel must remain free so that Soviet Jews can become free."

In Washington B'nai B'rith called on its 2500 local units here and abroad to initiate emergency Israel Bond campaigns within the next several days. B'nai B'rith president David M. Blumberg in a communication directed to the organization's lodges and women's chapters, appealed for "an outpouring of support as a practical expression of solidarity with Israel." Blumberg similarly called for "maximum possible response" by B'nai B'rith's 500,000 members to the emergency UJA campaign.

A spot check by B'nai B'rith Foundations reported spontaneous rallies and fund drives by Hillel groups at many of the 80 major campuses. "Jewish students and faculty have responded quickly with their own blood drives, emergency UJA campus campaigns, solidarity rallies and other expressions of unity with Israel," said Rabbi Max Tickin, Hillel's assistant national director. Rallies were held at Brandeis University, the University of Miami, the University of Maryland, Cornell, Wisconsin, Boston University and other schools.

In New York a center for a free will offering from the people to donate contributions to the emergency fund of the United Jewish Appeal or send messages to Israel, Soviet Jews or to their legislative representatives has been set up by Reform Judaism's congregational body at its

headquarters in the city.

The Moetzes Gedolei Hatorah (Council of Torah Sages) of Agudath Israel called upon Jews to "carry the responsibility together with the Jews of Israel," and urged every Jew to "speedily help in every possible manner" for their aid and rescue. Yeshiva students in this country were called upon to learn Torah additional hours each day, to "follow the example of the Yeshiva students of Israel who cancelled the holiday recess and organized themselves to study Torah continuously twenty-four hours around the clock" as a "spiritual front to help in this difficult hour."

In California, the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles, at its Board of Directors meeting this week, asked all Los Angeles Jewish organizations to set aside their own fund-raising activities in favor of raising funds for the Israel Emergency Fund or Bonds for Israel. The action was asked for "the duration of the present emergency."

In Waltham, Mass., Brandeis University officials announced that because of the severe crisis confronting the State of Israel, the university has placed a moratorium on many of its fund-raising activities within the American Jewish community and will seek funds "only for its most essential operating needs." In Ohio, Greater Cleveland church leaders issued a joint statement and noted with abhorrence "the cynical decision of the Syrian and Egyptian governments to launch their attack" on Yom Kippur. The church leaders, representing a cross section of all faiths, pointed out that "United Nations observers have noted that hostilities were initiated by Syrian and Egyptian aggression."

**Rallies Abroad Are In Full Swing**

In Brussels more than 10,000 persons demonstrated in support of Israel. In Montreal a rally of 1000 students in support of Israel and condemnation of Arab aggression was held on the McGill University campus. In Oslo a spokesman for the Israeli Embassy reported that a large number of Norwegian citizens had volunteered to join the Israeli forces. "We have of course turned down the offers, but we are pleased to receive such expressions of support," the spokesman said. Not all the volunteers have had ethnic ties to Israel, the spokesman added.

In London an official at London Airport described it this morning as resembling a recruiting office for the Israeli Army with 500 young American Jews arriving at the airport enroute to Israel in four jumbo jets. In addition, 51 young American Jews arrived in a plane going to Hamburg but switched here to El Al for Lod. At the same time, several hundred British Jews are waiting for transport to Israel. El Al is running almost a shuttle service. Some of the volunteers said they had to borrow the money to pay for their fares.

Also in London an impressive demonstration of solidarity and complete identification with Israel took place at an emergency meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews in which chairmen of other important Anglo-Jewish bodies participated. The response of Anglo-Jewry to the war was summed up by Michael M. Sachier, chairman of the Joint Israel Appeal. He said: "As soon as the war started, it was clear to us that British Jews were ready to register their response.... The honorary officers (of the JIA) have decided that there was no need for 'an emergency appeal' but rather for an intensified appeal for larger pledges within the framework of the 1974 campaign, and we have every reason to believe that we shall achieve twice as much as in 1973."

**U.S. UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE IN UN**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (JTA)--The United States may be under heavy pressure by the numerically overwhelmingly pro-Arab bloc in the United Nations to convince Israel that the fighting can end only when the Israelis return to the lines before the Six-Day War in 1967. Both at the White House and the State Department there are indications that the U.S. representatives at the UN are making no headway at all with the Communist, Arab and African countries hostile to Israel to find a way to end the fighting and bring about an overall settlement in the area.

State Department senior officials have made it plain that the U.S. effort to crystalize a consensus in the Security Council would have to be drafted so that it would not be vetoed and that would require Israel and the warring Arab states to agree on the time and place of a cease-fire. That in turn raises the question of whether the Security Council would arrange a cease-fire that would stop the fighting as of the time of agreement or whether it would go beyond that and try to establish a framework for negotiations.

(Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, in his first statement on the Middle East war since its outbreak, urged both sides today to "consider alternative courses before it is too late, so that fighting and bloodshed may cease." Expressing deep concern over "the wider threat to international peace and security which this situation may create," Waldheim appealed "to all the governments concerned to look urgently to the possibility of turning this tragic conflict into a starting point for a new effort at a real settlement." He said they would find in the UN "the instrumentalities to assist them to go forward.")

State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey admitted yesterday that the U.S. has stepped up its diplomatic activity and that it is proceeding on parallel lines with its efforts within the Council. He said that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin have been in communication "at least once and sometimes more often each day" since the Arab attacks began Oct. 6.

**EBAN, WALDHEIM MEET**

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 11 (JTA)--In his meeting yesterday afternoon with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban furnished the Secretary General with "further proofs of the premeditated Arab attack on Israel" on Yom Kippur, according to an Israeli spokesman. Also discussed in the meeting was the "hysterical atmosphere" that prevailed in the Security Council meeting on Tuesday afternoon, when the Council members were sending condolences to non-existing Soviet victims in Damascus, and Egypt was inciting the Council members with non-existing Israeli air raids on Cairo.

It was recalled that Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, who addressed the Security Council meeting Tuesday evening said: "My delegation will join in the expression of sympathy by members of the Security Council for all the victims of the renewed warfare--men, women and children, irrespective whether they are Egyptian, Syrian, Israeli or citizens of other states."

**JUNTA IN CHILE REPORTED FRIENDLY TOWARDS JEWISH COMMUNITY**

NEW YORK, Oct. 11 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith reported today that it has received information that the military

junta in Chile has made some positive gestures towards the Jewish community. In addition to sending identical New Year's messages to the Representative Committee of the Jewish Community of Chile and to the Zionist Federation of Chile, the junta chiefs reportedly sent several aides to attend the closing synagogue service on Yom Kippur as an apparent gesture of respect and friendship, a practice that has not happened in Chile for many years, the ADL reported.

The New Year's message signed by Gen. Augusto Pinochet, was read in all synagogues and broadcast on radio. It asked the presidents of the two organizations to transmit "our best wishes that the New Year of the Jewish people--whose religion is the base of our civilization and our moral principles--be one of peace and prosperity." The message also reiterated the junta's respect for "the Chilean national tradition of freedom of religion..."

Worship services for the Sabbath and High Holy Days were held as usual, except that evening services were held at an earlier hour so as to enable worshippers to return home before the curfew hour. Services at two synagogues in Santiago were conducted by Rabbi Angel Kreiman and Rabbi Abraham Skorka.

An advertisement in "El Mercurio" Sept. 26, signed by seven major Jewish organizations asked members of the Jewish community to subscribe to the National Campaign of Reconstruction. Jews were asked to make their contributions to the Jewish Committee for National Reconstruction.

**WJCongress Urged To Protest Against Junta**

Meanwhile a report from Bucharest stated that the Chief Rabbi of Rumania, Dr. Moses Rosen, who is also the chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities in that country, has sent a message to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, asking him to protest against what he termed the arbitrary behavior of the Chilean junta in its suppression of democratic rule and its introduction of violence against Chilean citizens.

Rabbi Rosen said that Jews, because of their experience in the past, have a duty to protest against brutality. The Chief Rabbi also expressed anxiety about the fate of Chilean Jews and asked for the intervention of Dr. Goldmann and the WJCongress at this level, too, "in the spirit of the decisions and practice of the Congress to defend Jews who are oppressed wherever this may happen."

**MEANY URGES SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (JTA)--George Meany, president of AFL-CIO sent a cable yesterday to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger which read: "I have today wired Y. Meshel, acting Secretary General of Histadrut, to express the AFL-CIO's solidarity with and full support of Israel, the Histadrut and the Israeli workers in their struggle for a free society based on decency and social justice."

Continuing, the labor leader stated: "I urge you in this grave hour of the Israeli nation to give clear and strong voice" to the heartfelt sentiments not only of our membership but to the overwhelming majority of all Americans. "The ignominious Syrian and Egyptian aggression launched on the holiest Jewish holiday has but one purpose--the destruction of Israel and, with it, of democracy in the Middle East," Meany said. "He noted the role of the USSR in supplying the Arab nations and urged the U.S. to act upon its commitment to insure the survival of Israel."