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## HAND GRENADE EXPLOSION IN OLD CITY INJURES 20; NO FATALITIES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Twenty persons mostly women and children, were injured when a hand grenade exploded in the middle of a crowd of shoppers on David St. in the Old City today. The injured were hospitalized at the Shaare Zedek Hospital in West Jerusalem and the Hospice Clinic in East Jerusalem. Most of the injuries were described as minor.

According to eye witnesses, the incident, the first of its kind in over a year, occurred at 12:50 p.m. local time. The grenade exploded seconds after someone, possibly the perpetrator, shouted a warning in Arabic. It was apparently intended to spare Arabs in the crowd from injuries. A number of Arab street vendors and shopkeepers scrambled for shelter. Four Arab youths were among the injured persons.

The others included four Israeli girl soldiers, a young mother and her infant, several women and girls from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem who were shopping and a husband and wife, tourists from Rumania. Police, who reached the scene minutes after the explosion, cordoned off the area and arrested several suspects for questioning.

Mayor Teddy Kollek, who also rushed to the scene, denounced "the cowardly attack against innocent people, women and children, that can serve no purpose." Shopkeepers on David St. closed their shops after the explosion. Most of them re-opened late in the afternoon, shortly before their normal closing time. A report from Shaare Zedek Hospital this evening said that only one of the victims had sustained serious injuries. Most of the people were hit in the legs by grenade fragments. Many of them left the hospital after treatment.

## HISTORICAL CEMETERY FACES LIQUIDATION

LONDON, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported that the Odessa daily newspaper, "Znamia Kommunizma" (The Communist Banner), stated that the City Council had decided to liquidate the old Jewish cemetery on Tshernomorski Road by the end of this year. This cemetery contains a number of historical Jewish graves, among them that of Mendele Mocher Seforim and Simon Frug.

According to Soviet law, relatives or any other interested parties are entitled to transfer buried remains and coffins to a new place of burial when a cemetery is liquidated. Thus, even foreign organizations can, theoretically, apply for permission to transfer the remains and tombstones to another place in the city. But there is very little time left, and Soviet Jews are worried that neither they nor Jews abroad will succeed in saving the historical graves and tombstones.

## HOLLAND DEMANDS ISRAEL EVACUATE ALL THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--The Netherlands government today called for Israel's total evacuation of the occupied territories. The official statement, issued by the Foreign Ministry, stated that Israel in principle must evacuate all the occupied territories because acquisition of

territory by means of force is inadmissible. The statement is an obvious concession to recent Arab demands that The Netherlands issue a unilateral declaration amending its allegedly pro-Israel attitude in the Middle East if the oil boycott is to be lifted.

It is a sharp departure from Holland's outright refusal last Saturday in Brussels to promise any concessions to the Arab nations or apologize for the Dutch Mideast policy. At that time, Dutch Economic Affairs Minister Ruud Lubbers said that Holland refused to "trade principles for oil." Lubbers had just conferred with Saudi Arabian oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani in an effort to get the Arab nations to relax their oil boycott on Holland.

## HOUSE COMMITTEES APPROVE \$2.2 B EMERGENCY MILITARY AID FOR ISRAEL \$1 B In Grant, \$1.2 B In Credit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Two House committees overwhelmingly approved today President Nixon's request for \$2.2 billion in emergency military aid for Israel. The full House is expected to vote on the measure before Dec. 10 and send it to the Senate. The Appropriations Committee, without a record vote, wrote in its bill \$1 billion to be given to Israel as a grant and the balance of \$1.2 billion in credit. The Foreign Affairs Committee in authorizing the full amount did not specify grant and credit segments.

A committee aide told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the breakdown was left to the Appropriations Committee. Proposals in both committees to reduce the full appropriation to resupply weapons for Israel lost in the 18-day Oct. war by \$500 million were set aside.

Administration spokesmen yesterday outlined the need for the full amount the President asked by detailing in secret session the kind of equipment that the United States must send to Israel to counterbalance the Soviet Union's weapons shipments to Egypt, Syria and Iraq. In the Appropriations Committee, Rep. Otto E. Passman (D-La.), chairman of the Foreign Operations Committee, called for a half billion dollar cut last week. But today he recommended restoration to the full amount after referring to the Administration's explanation of the need.

The Appropriations Committee, of which Rep. George Mahon (D.Texas) is chairman, incorporated the \$2.2 billion as part of the overall foreign aid bill totaling \$5.8 billion. The latter amount includes a military credit of \$300 million and a grant of \$50 million for Israel, but they are not parts of the \$2.2 billion emergency money.

## U.S. SEEKING TO ALLAY ISRAELI SUSPICIONS, PESSIMISM OVER PROSPECTS OF PEACE

By David Landau, JTA Jerusalem Bureau Chief

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--The United States is seeking to allay Israeli suspicions and growing pessimism over the prospects of a peace settlement with Egypt and to bolster its confidence in continuing American support and friendship. That was the thrust of the message conveyed to Premier Golda Meir by U.S. Undersecretary of State Kenneth Rush in over two hours of talks last night with Mrs. Meir and other Israeli leaders. Rush

met for over an hour this morning with Foreign Minister-Abba Eban, after which he told reporters he was optimistic over the prospects of a more stable cease-fire and was confident the Geneva peace conference will open as scheduled Dec. 18. Rush, who headed the official U.S. delegation attending the funeral of former Premier David Ben Gurion yesterday, used the occasion of his brief visit to meet Israeli leaders and ease their doubts, especially over recent reports alleging U.S. pressure, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned. Rush made it clear that Israel can depend on American friendship and that Washington is resolute in its efforts to pursue its initiatives aimed at stabilizing the cease-fire and paving the way for the Geneva conference.

Rush also stressed that the U.S. has no specific peace plans that it wants to see implemented at Geneva and does not intend to present the parties with a peace package, the JTA was informed. In his talks with Mrs. Meir, which the American diplomat described as "very satisfactory," he reportedly sought to persuade her that Israeli fears of a new outbreak of hostilities were exaggerated. According to top Israeli sources, the U.S. is confident that fighting will not be resumed before the Geneva conference gets underway. The talks did not touch on the crucial question of borders, on which the American position has yet to be defined. But Rush did refer to the matter of U.S. guarantees and explained that Washington viewed them as paralleling an agreement on secure borders rather than substituting for such an agreement, the JTA learned. This apparently eased Israeli doubts for the time being though American views on what constitutes secure borders remain unknown.

Rush also sought to calm Israeli fears arising from newspaper reports--especially a New York Times report published yesterday--that the Nixon Administration intends to place strong pressure on Israel for concessions. The Administration position, as conveyed by Rush, is that such reports are out of proportion and often out of context. He asserted that newsmen tend to misinterpret U.S. signaling to one or another of the Middle-East parties in the course of continuing diplomatic dialogue, an American source here said. Rush's meeting with Eban this morning was reportedly confined to means to stabilize the current cease-fire and are also believed to have discussed the details of procedure at the Geneva conference.

#### ISRAELI PROFS PESSIMISTIC THAT GENEVA TALKS WILL ACHIEVE PERMANENT PEACE

By Yitzhak Rabi, JTA UN Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Three Israeli academicians agreed today that the Middle East peace conference scheduled to open in Geneva Dec. 18 will not achieve its goal of a permanent peace settlement in the Middle East because it is totally unrealistic "to expect the Arabs to accept Israel," they said. That opinion was expressed by Amnon Rubenstein, Dean of the law faculty at Tel Aviv University; Shlomo Avineri, chairman of the political science department at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; and David Weiss, professor of immunology at the Hebrew University. They spoke and replied to questions at a press briefing at the Israeli Consulate here.

They maintained that the most that could be achieved at the Geneva conference is a disengagement of the armies in the area. But Weiss observed that despite the hatred that now prevails, peace in the Middle East is possible, as history has shown in other cases, notably between the U.S. and Japan after World War II. Rubenstein contended that the Soviet Union aims at the ultimate destruction of Israel. Observing that it is unprecedented in history for a superpower to threaten a small nation with destruction, he warned that if Russia carried out its threats "we will witness the fall of Jordan, Iran and Turkey." Therefore, Americans must regard support for Israel as a vital American interest.

Prof. Avineri, who is a visiting professor at Cornell University, opined that what the USSR wants in the Middle East is "controlled tension" from which they have profited enormously. He said that while U.S.-Soviet detente as a whole has to be viewed constructively, detente enabled the Russians to get American computers and those computers may help the Russians build better SAM-6 missiles. Referring to the situation inside Israel the three said that they believe that the Labor Party will be weakened after the election but said that it is not likely that Menachem Beigin, the Likud leader, will be Israel's next Premier. Regarding the question of the Palestinians, Avineri and Rubenstein said this was Jordan's problem, not Israel's, to solve. "If the salvation of the Palestinians is the destruction of Israel we, of course, don't go along with it," Rubenstein said.

#### KISSINGER'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP SET -- By Joseph Polakoff, JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (JTA)--The State Department, demonstrating confidence that the Arab-Israeli peace conference will open Dec. 18 in Geneva despite indications to the contrary in some Arab capitals including Cairo, today formally announced Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's schedule of visits to six Middle Eastern countries in the five days before the parley opens. Kissinger, who will be in Brussels Dec. 10 and 11 for talks with NATO foreign ministers and in London on the following day, is to visit Egypt Dec. 13-14, Saudi Arabia Dec. 14-15, Syria and Jordan Dec. 15-16, Lebanon Dec. 16 and Israel Dec. 16-17. The purpose of Kissinger's Mideast visit, his second in less than six weeks, is to bring his "ideas" and the views of other parties in the Middle East to the attention of the national leaders he will meet, a high American official said. He vigorously denied that Kissinger will take "a package deal" to the Middle East since, he emphasized, the U.S. has no plan for a settlement. Kissinger's visit to Damascus is considered of major significance since only last month it refused to allow him or Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco to visit the Syrian capital. U.S. officials reported that they expect that the Egyptian-Israeli talks at Kilometer 101 will resume towards the end of this week.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Four Israeli soldiers were wounded today in a series of shooting incidents on the Syrian front. A fifth soldier was wounded by an Egyptian sniper near Ismailia on the Suez Canal front this morning. Terrorists operating from Lebanese territory fired Katyusha rockets last night at three Israeli settlements in Upper Galilee. No casualties were reported. The Katyusha rocket attacks during the night hit Maayan Baruch, Dan and Dafneh. Children at the settlements spent the night in bomb shelters. Israeli artillery opened fire on the terrorist positions.

## 20,000 PAY TRIBUTE TO DAVID BEN GURION AT MADISON-SQUARE GARDEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA)--More than 20,000 persons paid a memorial tribute last night to David Ben Gurion, founder and first Prime Minister of Israel, at a "Tribute to Israel's Maccabees of 1973," at Madison Square Garden, under the sponsorship of State of Israel Bonds. The capacity audience of a cross-section of the Jewish community of New York heard Ira Guilden, chairman of the board of the Israel Bond Organization, hail Ben Gurion as, "the greatest Maccabee of modern times, the leader who personified the courage and dedication of Judah Maccabee." Guilden recalled that "Twenty-two years ago in Madison Square Garden, David Ben Gurion, the father of Israel's independence and the first Prime Minister of Israel in 2000 years, launched the Israel Bond drive."

In mourning Ben Gurion's passing, Guilden said, "We also give thanks for his life and his leadership as the architect of the Jewish State and the founder of Israel Bonds and for his daring and his vision which changed the course of Jewish history." The "El Mole Rachamim," the chant for the dead, was chanted by Cantor David Kusevitsky. Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, and Michael Arnon, its president and chief executive officer, represented Israel Bonds at Ben Gurion's funeral yesterday in Israel. Mayor-elect Abraham D. Beame and Jacob Barmore, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Israel's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, also eulogized Israel's first Prime Minister.

Beame, noting that the Arabs "invaded Israel with more tanks than the Nazis used against the Soviet Union in 1941," emphasized that "Now the Arabs are using what they call 'the oil weapon' and have cut down oil shipments to many industrialized nations of the world. What the world must understand is that this action is a threat not to Israel alone but to world freedom. It is the world that must deal with this embargo for its own sake, not alone for the sake of Israel." Admission to the tribute was based on the purchase of a minimum of \$250 in State of Israel Bonds. The event was a highlight of the present emergency campaign to raise \$150 million through Israel Bonds in Greater New York as part of a nationwide program to provide the full amount of Israel's \$642 million Development Budget for the expansion of Israel's economy.

Earlier in the day some 200 members of the Israel Consulate and Israel missions in New York gathered at the Consulate to pay tribute to Ben Gurion. Ambassador David Rivlin, Consul General, said at the memorial service that the death of Ben Gurion "created a void in the Jewish world and in Israel's national life." He stated that Ben Gurion's death is felt more keenly in view of the current unfolding events in the Middle East. Ambassador Jacob Doron said that Ben Gurion's greatness was recognized by all, Jews and non-Jews alike. "From David to David there was none like David," he said. Among those present at the memorial service were the former Prime Minister's grandchildren, Galia Ben Gurion and Yariv Ben Eliezer. A condolence book is open in the Consulate until Thursday for those who want to sign their names.

Meanwhile, more messages continued to be issued today by Jewish leaders and political figures. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger sent a message to Israeli Premier Golda Meir stating, "In sadness, I convey the deepest sympathy of America. David Ben Gurion carried the hopes of his people into the hearts of ours. We shall not forget him." Herman L. Weisman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said that the former Prime Minister's "courage to live by his convictions will remain an inspiration for Jews of the world in the coming generations to maintain the security and viability of the State of Israel." William M. Landau, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, stated that Ben Gurion's death is "a loss not only to Israel but to the Jewish people throughout the world. A man of creative and decisive approaches to the 2000-year-old dream of the Jewish people to once again achieve their homeland in Zion, David Ben Gurion tenaciously clung to, fought and accomplished this mission and transformed the dream into a vital and viable reality. His steadfastness and courage to dare is an inspiration to all."

Philip G. Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, stated that "Israel and world Jewry are orphaned by the loss of a great leader and man of vision who helped a dream come true--the dream of the birth and triumphant survival of a Jewish homeland." Givens added that the CJF, the Israel Embassy and Israel Consulates throughout Canada will hold community memorial services this week. Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, said Ben Gurion "will live forever in Jewish history as the architect of the State of Israel. Prophet and patriot, historian and hero, he took the eternal dream of the Jewish people--the return to Zion--and devoted to it all the strength, energy and determination with which he was blessed."

## BEN GURION LEAVES HOUSE AND LIBRARY TO THE NATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--David Ben Gurion left his home in Tel Aviv and the extensive library in it to the nation of Israel under the terms of his will filed in the Jerusalem District Court by Yaacov Shimson Shapiro, the former Justice Minister to whom Ben Gurion assigned the task in 1969. He left his home and library at Sde Boker to the Midrasha College which he established there. Similarly, he bequeathed his living rights at the kibbutz to the Midrasha. His writings and papers will be published and edited by a special association which, the will stipulates, must be set up within one year. Any profits realized on these works is to be turned over to the "Paula Ben Gurion Foundation" which supports schools and other educational institutions. Shapiro told newsmen that he had specifically asked Ben Gurion last year whether he was giving him this responsibility as Minister of Justice or in his private capacity--and Ben Gurion replied that it was the latter.

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JOHANNESBURG (JTA)--In these grim days, when Israel was being squeezed as never before, the one ally on whom she could unfailingly rely was diaspora Jewry. David Mann, chairman of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies, told a Board meeting here in reporting that South African Jewry was exerting itself to the utmost to give Israel all the help and support it could. In addition to the unstinting aid and commitment by the Jewish community there, was also understanding and sympathy in the general community, Mann said. Church leaders and persons prominent in academic and industrial circles protested the Arab treatment of Israeli POWs and urged the Red Cross to intervene.