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ELABORATE SECURITY MEASURES INTRODUCED TO PROTECT BORDER TOWNS FROM TERRORIST OUTRAGES

TEL AVIV, April 16 (JTA)--Elaborate security measures have been introduced in the past few days to protect settlements and townships near the northern borders--and particularly their schools--from possible new terrorist outrages. The measures are in reaction to the Kiryat Shemona massacre and further threats from terrorist leader Ahmed Jabril's organization, Popular Front-General Command, that it planned new suicide assaults on Israeli civilian centers.

In Kiryat Shemona, in the coastal town of Nahariya and other population centers within reach of the Lebanese border, police and army units are on 24-hour patrol duty and armed guards are stationed at schools and kindergartens during the school day. School buildings are inspected by police each morning before the pupils are admitted to their classrooms. In Kiryat Shemona, security forces are building new roads to afford military units greater mobility in dealing with terrorist assaults. Army engineers are throwing up barbed wire security fences around the town perimeter.

Celebrations Cancelled Or Toned Down

Meanwhile, aid and succor continued to pour into Kiryat Shemona from all parts of the country. Most of the aid is aimed at improving the township's economy and social facilities. Histadrut will construct a new Hapoel sports stadium there and the Histadrut sick fund will build a new clinic with bomb shelters enabling it to function under shelling. The Jewish Agency will construct three kindergartens and two day nurseries.

Many municipalities have decided to send funds earmarked for Independence Day celebrations to Kiryat Shemona and the festivities have been cancelled or toned down because of the situation. Dimona, in the Negev, and Hatzor, a neighbor of Kiryat Shemona, have already donated their Yom Atzmaut funds to Kiryat Shemona. Hatzor cancelled its celebration in mourning for the Kiryat Shemona victims. Private firms have also contributed money to help rehabilitate the grief-stricken town.

Preparations were underway in Kiryat Shemona for a mass memorial service on the seventh day anniversary of the massacre. President Ephraim Katzir will attend.

SYRIA WANTS SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL ON THE GOLAN REGION AS PART OF DISENGAGEMENT PLAN

JERUSALEM, April 16 (JTA)--The Syrian proposals for disengagement with Israel aim at introducing Soviet military personnel into the Golan region. It was learned from reliable sources here today. The sources, privy to the Syrian plan now under study by the care-taker government, said the Syrians oppose Israel's idea of a buffer zone occupied by the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF)--similar to the one on the Egyptian front. They want instead an unoccupied buffer zone patrolled by UNTSO, the UN Truce Supervisory Organization, which, unlike UNEF, includes Soviet officers.

The Syrians insist that both sides open their

lines and positions to inspection by UNTSO personnel, the sources reported. Israel, which is satisfied with the effectiveness of the 7000-man UNEF force on the Suez front, envisions a UNEF force of several hundred to 1000 in the much narrower Golan sector. In any event, Israel is unalterably opposed to any form of Soviet access to its lines or positions.

The sources said the two sides were also "very far apart" on the depth of the proposed Israeli pull-back and on the question of limited forces zones where both sides would reduce their military strength.

Tough, Prolonged Negotiations Anticipated

The latest Syrian proposals, presented to U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in Washington over the weekend and conveyed to the government by Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, were described as different, but not significantly so, from the earlier Syrian ideas. The sources said Israel was not surprised by them and anticipated tough and prolonged negotiations. Nevertheless, Israel does not regard the situation as hopeless and takes the view that Kissinger's forthcoming visit to the region is worthwhile and by no means doomed to failure.

A difficult factor is mounting Soviet pressure on Kissinger for a Soviet role in the Middle East diplomacy. The Geneva conference will have to be resumed in some form sooner or later, it is felt here. For the present, it has been agreed that U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker will meet with his Russian counterpart in Geneva. But Moscow apparently wants more. If Israeli-Syrian disengagement talks make progress, it is believed that joint military working groups will be set up by the two sides--along the Israeli-Egyptian pattern--which would meet in Geneva to continue the bargaining.

1 ISRAELI SOLDIER KILLED, 2 WOUNDED IN FIGHTING ON MT. HERMON

TEL AVIV, April 16 (JTA)--Israeli and Syrian forces continued a bitter exchange of artillery and tank fire for the 36th day along a 40-mile front today after a night of heavy shelling by the Syrians which killed one Israeli soldier and wounded two others on the peak of Mt. Hermon. The dead soldier was identified as Sgt. Avraham Feldman, 23, of Kibbutz Shamir.

The Syrians kept up a heavy artillery barrage through the night in efforts to dislodge Israeli infantry entrenched near the top of the strategic 9200 foot mountain. Israeli forces established a stronghold in a cave captured from the Syrians in a fierce infantry clash Sunday. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan was visiting the Israeli soldiers last night when a Syrian shell burst about 150 yards from the mouth of the cave.

This morning, Syrian gunners continued to shell Mt. Hermon and also directed fire at Israeli positions in the Yom Kippur War enclave and the Golan Heights. Israeli forces returned the fire. No Israeli casualties were reported in this morning's exchange.

(A report from Beirut today said Lebanese Premier Takeddin al-Solh has ordered an investigation into why the Lebanese army failed to intercept Israeli commandos who raided six villages in southern Lebanon last Friday and took 10 prisoners.)

POLICE DISPERSE JEWS OUTSIDE MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE DURING PASSOVER

LONDON, April 16 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that Passover was celebrated in many parts of the USSR. In Moscow the synagogue was crowded for the services. After the service on the first night of Passover, the militia moved into Archipova Street, where the Moscow synagogue is located, and dispersed groups of young Jews. Among the homes where the seder was celebrated were those of Prof. Alexander Lerner, Leonid Koshevoy, and Leonid Bielopolsky. A number of Soviet Jews sent Passover messages to Israel. One of the messages was signed by 213 people. Nine Jews in Kiev sent a message to the Jewish community in Birmingham, with whom they were in contact over the years.

Two Novosibirsk Jewish Activists Arrested

Jewish sources also reported that two Novosibirsk Jewish activists, Yuri and Anna Berkovski, were arrested in their hometown on April 12. No reason was given for their arrest, and their whereabouts remain unknown. Berkovski and his wife applied for exit visas to go to Israel two years ago.

He was a naval officer and retired 10 years ago. After retirement, he taught at an institute of radio technology. Anna Berkovski was a school teacher. Both of them lost their jobs two years ago as a result of their applications for exit visas. Their small daughter, who is five, was handed over to her grandmother after the arrest of her parents. The arrest of these two innocent people has caused deep resentment among Soviet Jews.

ARGENTINE ZIONIST, JEWISH LEADERS CRITICAL OF JEWISH AGENCY, WZO By Asher Mibashan

BUENOS AIRES, April 16 (JTA)--The World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem have become targets of sharp criticism from local Zionist and Jewish leaders here who say their methods are obsolete, their approach too partisan and their propaganda ineffective against the anti-Zionist offensives from both left and right, a highly authoritative Zionist source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent this week. Hoped for changes failed to materialize after the latest Zionist Actions Committee sessions in Jerusalem with the result that Latin American Zionist federations are drifting into lethargy and disappointment, the source said.

The source said bluntly that proclaiming "Aliya Month" here in May is not likely to produce a single immigrant. "Speeches don't move those who have not already decided on aliya and the others just don't go to listen to speeches," the source said.

One of the most serious complaints is the lack of communication between the Zionist Executive in Jerusalem and the territorial federations on one hand and between the different parties comprising the Zionist federations in each country on the other, the source said. Jerusalem still dispatches "shlichim" (emissaries) who duplicate each other and fail to coordinate with the World Jewish Congress or even with Israeli authorities in Latin America on information and youth activities, he said.

The Zionist Movement has shown only inertia and incapacity to act against the propaganda offensive from left and right that distorts the image of Zionism and of Israel, the source told

the JTA. He said it was absurd to believe that "Aliya Month" will bring new immigrants or attract youth who are either indifferent or are enrolled in movements that are crudely anti-Israel.

Finally, he said, pioneerism and aliya are not stimulated through mass meetings, visits by important Israelis or publicity expenditures. "Zionist ideology cannot be sold over the counter" but is a function of the educational process, for the faults of which "we are all to blame," the source said. He said education must have priority before aliya and asked, "If people go to Israel on a non-catastrophe, voluntary and even romantic basis, can the Israeli authorities receive them without shaking their faith and avoid their frustration and return?"

THOUSANDS OF ISRAELI ACADEMICIANS, PROFESSIONALS RESIDING IN THE U.S. APPLYING TO RETURN TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 16 (JTA)--More than a thousand Israeli academicians who study and work in the U.S. have applied in the past few months to the Israeli Government Bureau for Professionals to facilitate their return to work in Israel. This was announced today by the Consul General in N.Y., David Rivlin, and by the director of the Bureau for Israeli Professionals in the U.S., Eli Paz.

They added that the number of applications from the Israeli academicians and professionals who wish to return to Israel has been growing in recent months and that many of the applicants stress their desire to work in Israel, particularly at the present time. The Bureau for Israeli Professionals is dealing now with 2000 additional prospective Israeli professionals in the U.S. for whom suitable work may be found in Israel.

Among the applicants there are many who have resided in the U.S. for the last 10 years and have been well established. Rivlin added that the number of the Israeli academicians applying for jobs in Israel has doubled in comparison with the number of applicants prior to the Yom Kippur War. Some of the applicants have requested specifically that their return to Israel be expedited promptly in spite of all previous plans or commitments.

EYTAN REPLACES GUR ON NORTHERN FRONT

TEL AVIV, April 16 (JTA)--Gen. Raphael Eytan, a 45-year-old paratroop commander, assumed command of Israel's northern front yesterday, replacing Gen. Mordechai Gur whose appointment as Chief of Staff became effective at midnight Sunday night. Eytan was born in Tel Adashim, a Hashomer Hatzair settlement in the Jezreel Valley. His military career closely paralleled that of Gur. He joined Palmach at the age of 17, participated in Israel's war for independence, volunteered for the army's first paratroop unit and fought at the Mitla Pass in the 1956 Sinai campaign.

Eytan commanded a paratroop brigade that pierced Egyptian lines and reached the Suez Canal in the 1967 Six-Day War. He was severely wounded in that campaign but recovered and has since held senior command posts. During the Yom Kippur War he commanded a division that helped contain the Syrian attack on the Golan Heights and drove Syrian forces back to the outskirts of Damascus.

U.S. UNEASY ABOUT SOVIET REARMING SYRIA WITH MIGs FOR USE AGAINST ISRAEL, FAHMY'S THREAT AT UN

WASHINGTON, April 16 (JTA)--The State Department said today that it had "no information" on reports that the Soviet government has decided to deliver the latest Russian MIG fighter aircraft

to Syria for use against Israel in the current hostilities on the Golan Heights. The Department also would not comment on Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy's threats against Israel in the UN Security Council last night over operations on the Syrian and Lebanese borders.

But Department sources indicated uneasiness over these developments. One source described them to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as "Arab provocation" and observed that Syria is seeking to obtain every advantage it can get prior to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's visits to Damascus and Jerusalem at the end of this month.

The ominous portent of a new Soviet military build-up of Syria was contained today in a report by the Beirut newspaper Al-Anwar. The paper said Syria will receive the most modern fighter aircraft and "Scud" ground-to-ground missiles from the Soviet Union under a new arms deal signed by Syrian President Hafez Assad in Moscow.

According to Al-Anwar, which quoted diplomatic sources, Syria has already received the highly sophisticated MIG-23 fighter aircraft and is to get the even more advanced MIG-25. In addition, the Soviet Union agreed to train Syrian Air Force pilots in the USSR to fly the MIG-25s, the first time the Russians have agreed to train the pilots of any but Warsaw Pact countries.

Syrian-Soviet Statement Causes Concern

Of equal concern was a report from Moscow tonight that Syria and the Soviet Union, reaffirming the importance of "consolidating Syria's defensive power," have stated that any agreement on disengagement with Israel should be an inseparable part of an overall Middle East settlement. That position was contained in a joint statement released in Moscow and Damascus as Assad flew home after a five-day visit to the Soviet capital. The statement also stressed Syria's "firm and legitimate right to use all effective means to liberate its occupied territory."

Kissinger's departure date for the Middle East to attempt to arrange disengagement of Syrian and Israeli forces is now believed to be either April 28 or 29 rather than April 25 or 26. The possibility that Moscow would be included in his latest travels abroad was heavily discounted.

USSR DEMANDS SECURITY COUNCIL TAKE 'EFFECTIVE MEASURES' AGAINST ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, April 16 (JTA)--The Soviet Union unleashed a vitriolic attack against Israel today as the Security Council began its second day of debate on Lebanon's complaint against Israel's action last Friday. Yakov Malik, the Soviet Ambassador, denounced the "routine act of aggression against peace-loving Lebanon" and called on the Council not only to condemn but also to take "effective measures" against Israel. He also called on the United States to back off in its support of Israel.

As the debate continued today, and in all likelihood will continue tomorrow before a resolution is adopted, the U.S. continued to seek a "balanced" as opposed to a "one-sided resolution" and hinted that it would either veto or abstain from voting on a resolution condemning Israel without at the same time condemning Lebanon. The Arab-Soviet bloc and China continued to press for a harsh condemnation of Israel.

Some analysts noted that the Soviet Union may press for a tough resolution in order to reassure the Arab nations that its quest for detente will not lead it to abandon its Arab clients and in order to "try to outflank China among the Arab and

non-aligned nations. It is believed that the USSR, by pressing for a tough resolution, wants to warn the U.S. that its unilateral moves vis-a-vis Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's "shuttle diplomacy" will not be accepted. The USSR is still miffed at being outmaneuvered in the Egyptian-Israeli disengagement agreement and the current moves by Kissinger to help the Syrians and Israel to disengage.

Meanwhile, the Israeli-Lebanese issue over the massacre of 18 persons in Kiryat Shemona and Israel's subsequent raid into southern Lebanon was overshadowed during yesterday's debate by a new verbal clash between Israel and Egypt.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, addressing the Security Council last night accused Israel of aggression against Lebanon and warned that if Israel wants peace, it must stop forthwith all "irresponsible actions." "Israel, before anyone else, must choose between war and peace," Fahmy declared. But the Egyptian diplomat did not repeat in his formal statement the threat he made to newsmen here earlier in the day that Egypt would "strike" at Israel if it continued retaliatory action against Lebanon and Syria.

Shocked By Egypt's Defense Of Massacre

Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, exercising his right of reply, expressed "shock" that Fahmy had come "all the way from Cairo in order to explain away and to defend those who committed the barbaric massacre at Kiryat Shemona." In his speech to the Security Council, Fahmy said the "sad events" at Kiryat Shemona had to be viewed in the perspective of Israeli "terrorism," "aggression," occupation and the denial of Palestinian rights over a period of 26 years.

Tekoah declared that it was regrettable that the representative of a country with which Israel recently signed the first agreement since the Oct. war should make such a pronouncement. "The Foreign Minister of Egypt found it appropriate to say here that Israel should choose between war and peace," the Israeli envoy declared. "Israel chose peace 26 years ago when it called for peace with its Arab neighbors even while Egypt was leading an invasion of Israel," Tekoah said.

Malik, in his statement this afternoon, stated that the Soviet Union "most categorically oppose(s) international terrorism." Stating that the USSR "proceeds from a position of principle against acts of terrorism and against acts of violence which serve no positive purpose but entail the deaths of innocent people," Malik then proceeded to condemn what he termed Israel's "barbarous and piratical intrusions" against any state "on any pretext whatever."

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The Labor Party Executive and its Knesset faction voted 31-13 Tuesday night to try to form a new government without elections. A committee of five was appointed to prepare a list of candidates for party leadership which will be submitted to the Central Committee Sunday. The Central Committee will select one of them to head the party, replacing Mrs. Golda Meir who resigned the Premiership last week.

But the decision-making forum rejected by a 29-14 vote a proposal by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon to call immediately for new elections. It also turned down, 24-17, a compromise proposed by MK Moshe Carmel to form a new government but allow the Knesset to decide by the end of the year whether to hold new elections. Today's decision is considered fateful to the Labor Party's and the nation's future.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**GENEVA CONFERENCE IS NOT DEAD**

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, April 16 (JTA)--The periodic bouts of Kissingerian virtuoso diplomacy in the Mideast--the next round is scheduled for Damascus and Jerusalem next week--have caused many people to wonder about the fate of the Geneva conference which opened so splendidly in Dec. and has not reconvened since.

Obviously, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger enjoys and prefers his subsequent lone role of peace-maker, shuttling from capital to capital, and inviting Mideastern statesmen to Washington without the Soviet Union being able to scrutinize his every move. For this same reason, Israel (and perhaps Egypt too?) have felt eminently comfortable with the Secretary's efforts.

Even the Russians had not, until Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's Moscow speech last week during the visit of Syrian President Hafez Assad, complained about the American-oriented diplomacy or demanded that the focus of attention shift back to the Palais de Nations in Geneva where the peace talks were held last year. Even now that Brezhnev has openly complained and openly made this demand--Kissinger has pointedly announced that he is coming to the region for a further round, with the Israelis and the Syrians obviously having agreed to this.

Basis For Resumption Of Geneva Talks

But to infer from all this that Geneva is dead would be quite wrong. It is very much alive--but in a sort of suspended animation for the interim. In fact, the ongoing talks under the Secretary in Washington and in the region have been described by a senior Israeli minister as part of the Geneva conference which, in effect, is not a geographically limited term but rather a framework for negotiation which began at Geneva and will doubtless still return to Geneva.

It is certainly expected in Jerusalem that when and if disengagement with Syria is achieved, the Mideast protagonists and their superpower patrons will return to Geneva to begin talks on the various complex problems of a permanent peace settlement in the Mideast. "Think tanks" of government officials and academic experts are continuing here with their preparations for those talks drafting plans and papers on the whole range of items expected to come up.

To see the current disengagement talks in the perspective of Geneva the following description could be used: the disengagement talks could not have taken place without having been preceded by Geneva, and at the same time, the talks will facilitate the continuation of the Geneva conference. Successful disengagement on both fronts will lead Syria to join with Egypt and Israel at the Palais de Nations to begin talks on overall peace. Conversely, without disengagement in the north, Syria will continue to refuse to attend the Geneva conference (as it boycotted the opening session) and Egypt, too, will be unable to proceed further along the road to negotiations without Syria.

ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE VANDALIZED, DEFILED

HARTFORD, April 16 (JTA)--The Jewish Aid Congregation, a small Orthodox synagogue in Colchester, is functioning normally again after a three-day spree of vandalism and defilement that began on Passover eve and for which two boys, aged 13-14, have since been arrested. The youngsters, whose identities have been withheld, were turned over to their parents' custody by the juven-

ile authorities pending a hearing on charges of first degree criminal mischief and third degree burglary.

Jack Herman, president of the 80-member congregation which has no permanent rabbi, said the "spiritual damage" was greater than the monetary damage which he estimated at \$4000. State Police Commissioner Cleveland B. Fuesenich, declared in a statement to the Connecticut Jewish Ledger that he had been "assured by investigators that there is no anti-Semitism involved and this was strictly an act of destruction by the juveniles involved in a building that was readily available to them."

But the morbid nature of the destruction and defilement, aimed mainly at religious objects and Jewish symbols in the synagogue, appeared to indicate that the acts went beyond mere vandalism. According to the Jewish Ledger's account, the youngsters first broke into the synagogue on Saturday, April 6 when four fire extinguishers were stolen and a fifth used to spray the premises. Plans to replace the broken wooden doors with metal ones were delayed by the holidays.

Pathologic Defilement Described

On the following Monday, toilet paper was found strewn around the premises. On Monday evening, a member of the congregation saw lights on in the synagogue and two youths fled as he approached. Inside he found human excrement and vomit had been placed carefully and systematically on the Bimah including the center of the Torah reading table and on mantles covering the congregation's three Torah scrolls, the Ledger reported.

In addition, yarmulkes and tallitot were stuffed into toilet bowls and strewn on the floors, quantities of matzohs were broken and scattered about the building, toilet paper was wrapped around the wrought iron railings of the Bimah, and the Ark cover and a large Jewish flag were slashed with a razor but an American flag was left untouched. Chairs set up for services and other non-religious objects were not disturbed.

The congregation is housed in a two-story building built in 1960. Most of its members are over 50 years of age. News of the desecration brought an outpouring of sympathy and cash donations from Jews and non-Jews in Colchester and nearby communities; the Ledger reported.

POPE CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES FOR JERUSALEM

ROME, April 16 (JTA)--Pope Paul VI has called for "juridical protection" of holy places in the Middle East and a "statute providing for international guarantees for the Holy City of Jerusalem." The Pope has referred to international guarantees for Jerusalem and holy sites on many previous occasions but has not employed the word "protection" in this respect in the past, observers noted.

(In Tel Aviv, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren received a reply yesterday from Pope Paul to a letter he had written regarding the recent murders of four Jewish women in Syria. The reply, conveyed by the Papal representative, Pio Laggi, said "Pope Paul VI would like to inform the Chief Rabbi that he is doing everything in his power for this humanitarian goal of safeguarding human rights in Syria.")

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NEW YORK, April 16 (JTA)--Galina Panov has told friends she is pregnant and has expressed the hope that Soviet authorities will allow her and her husband, Valery, to leave the Soviet Union for Israel before she gives birth, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported.