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## **ISRAELI JETS ATTACK TERRORIST BASES IN LEBANON**

TEL AVIV, June 18 (JTA)—Israel Air Force jets attacked terrorist concentrations in south-eastern Lebanon for 30 minutes this afternoon and returned safely to their bases, a military spokesman announced. The attack was not in response to any new terrorist activity emanating from Lebanon but apparently was in line with Israeli policy since the Maalot massacre, to strike at terrorist strongholds wherever possible, sources here said.

(Israel charged at the United Nations several days ago that two terrorist incursions this month—including the June 15 murder of three women at Kibbutz Shamir—confirmed a statement by Lebanese officials June 11 that "relations between the Lebanese authorities and the Palestinian terror organizations were at a peak of mutual understanding." The charge was contained in a letter from Ambassador Jacob Doron, Acting Permanent Representative of Israel, to this month's President of the Security Council. Doron said Israel was again calling the Council's attention to "the fact that Lebanon continues to serve as a base for murder and sabotage activities against Israel and permits the continued existence of an independent regime, as it were, of the murder organizations which act with complete freedom in and from Lebanon.")

## **ISRAELI TROOPS PULL OUT OF SYRIAN ENCLAVE, END SECOND PHASE OF DISENGAGEMENT**

TEL AVIV, June 18 (JTA)—Israel forces completed the second phase of disengagement with Syria today when they withdrew from the central and largest portion of Syrian territory captured during the Yom Kippur War. With all military equipment removed from the area, the last Israeli troops paraded with drum and bugle corps past a reviewing post on a hilltop near Tel Shams where their commanding officer, Gen. Raphael Eitan, took their salute. Gen. Eitan said that the enemy officers and soldiers who fought in this region now know full well the ability of the Israeli army and that in itself may become a major deterrent to a new war.

## **RABIN GOV'T. FACES FIRST CONFIDENCE VOTE IN KNESSET TODAY Issue Is Nuclear Reactor To Egypt**

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)—Premier Yitzhak Rabin's new government will face its first vote of confidence in the Knesset tomorrow on the issue of President Nixon's pledge of nuclear material and know-how to Egypt. No-confidence motions have already been filed by Likud and the National Religious Party which contend that the government is playing down the danger of the promised atomic reactor to Cairo. "This has brought considerable damage to Israel and damaged the prospects for a political and public drive to ban nuclear assistance to the enemies of Israel," the opposition motion said.

Rabin said last night that he has appointed two experts to evaluate whether the reactor Egypt receives from the U.S. could be used for military purposes. He said he would wait until he gets their opinions before commenting further on the

subject. He did not identify the experts. Rabin, however, invited leaders of the Likud, NRP and Aguda bloc to separate meetings with him this afternoon to explain the government's position on the matter. His announcement that he was seeking expert opinion contrasted sharply with earlier assurances by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Information Minister Aharon Yariv that the American promise of nuclear know-how to Egypt for peaceful purposes did not constitute a threat to Israel.

## **Risks On Road To Peace**

Evaluating President Nixon's 25-hour visit to Israel, Rabin said at a press conference last night that its significance was two-fold: Nixon was the first American President to visit Israel; and Nixon chose to hold his talks with Israeli leaders in Jerusalem, Israel's capital, despite Arab challenges to Israel's sovereignty in the city.

Asked to comment on the "painful decisions" Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said Israel would have to make, Rabin conceded that "there is a risk in approaching peace, not a small risk, but if we don't approach peace there is a danger of resumption of war." The Premier added, "We must exhaust all roads to peace, so that if we do find ourselves in war again we know at least that we had tried all avenues for peace. It is essential for the Israeli fighter to know that we go to war because we have no choice," he said. Rabin stressed that Israel was always ready for acceptable compromise on territorial questions, although it would never return to the June 4, 1967 boundaries.

Referring to the new relations between the U.S. and the Arab countries, Rabin said he was aware of the fact that Israel was used to a degree of exclusiveness in its relations with the U.S. and to some extent it was only natural to feel concern with the loss of that exclusiveness. However, the Premier said, "We live in a changing world and there is no way to ignore the change. Therefore we should learn to make the best out of the change." This, Rabin said, should be done by using the American-Arab rapprochement to initiate political steps which will lead to an agreed peace. Rabin described friendship with the U.S. as one of the most important assets of Israel. He listed five areas in which Israel is dependent on the U.S.: military assistance; economic assistance; deterrence against Soviet military intervention; international political assistance; and American role in making the State of Israel the home for every Jew in the world, and aiding all Jews who need that aid.

Rabin said he was convinced the U.S. would support Israel strongly in both the military and economic spheres. He said his confidence had been strengthened by his talks with Nixon, although he declined to say that long-term military or economic assistance programs had in fact been approved during the visit. Israeli officials had told newsmen before the visit that they hoped the President would give his final approval to such deals that would extend till the end of the decade. The joint statement issued yesterday spoke of need for further negotiations on both issues.

## **CONGRESS WON'T OPPOSE REACTOR FOR EGYPT By Joseph Polakoff**

WASHINGTON, June 18 (JTA)—Congressional skepticism continued over President Nixon's plans

to provide atomic power producing capability to Egypt despite the announcement by Nixon and Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem yesterday of a similar U.S.-Israeli nuclear agreement. It appeared, however, that Congress will approve the agreements or at least not oppose them, its misgivings notwithstanding.

Supporters of Israel such as Charles Percy (D.Ill.) and George S. McGovern (D.S.D.), who expressed opposition to the Egyptian agreement last week reiterated their opposition after the Jerusalem announcement. Senate Finance Committee chairman Russell Long (D.La.) said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" that "at the moment I would have to be opposed" to the Egyptian agreement but said he might change his mind once he received more details. Other Congressmen also appeared to be waiting for additional details from the Administration. Rep. Melvin Price (D. Ill.), chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, indicated that hearings on the agreement would not start before Sept.

Meanwhile, a committee source stressed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel is far ahead of Egypt in nuclear potential and already has the apparatus that approached capability to produce a nuclear weapon. The source said that Egypt now has a Soviet reactor of about two megawatts, that is "too small to do anything of significance." Nixon has agreed to provide Egypt with a 600-megawatt reactor. Israel, the source said, has two research reactors. One is an American reactor that cannot make plutonium and uses highly enriched uranium, according to the source. "The other is one the Israelis made themselves," the source said. "It uses natural uranium and heavy water and is a good producer of plutonium that can be used to make an atomic bomb."

(Rabbi Sol Roth, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, said today, "Our government's decision to supply Egypt with atomic power fills us with deep distress and dismay." He said that though the purpose is peaceful and safeguards are intended, "When atomic technology and material are introduced into an explosive military situation, when they are given to a people that continues to threaten war against Israel if its demands are not met, what appears to be an economic step with peaceful motivations takes on extremely military overtones.")

#### LATE NEWS BULLETIN

**JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)**--Former Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir was elected tonight as the new chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, succeeding the late Louis Pincus. Sapir, the only candidate, won the dual post by a substantial majority of 140 votes at the Jewish Agency General Assembly.

#### NIXON, RABINOWITZ DISCUSSED ECONOMIC AID

**TEL AVIV, June 18 (JTA)**--President Nixon and Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz discussed U.S. economic aid, grants, food surplus and assistance to Israel toward absorbing Soviet Jewish emigres before Nixon left Israel yesterday, it was disclosed here. Rabinowitz said after the meeting that Nixon had displayed a thorough knowledge of Israel's economic problems that was most helpful in their talks.

According to reliable sources, Israel has requested \$6 billion in long-term economic aid from the U.S., mainly in the form of grants. It also wants assurances of aid for a period of at least four years instead of the yearly appropriations

which is the current practice. The talks with Nixon centered around military aid. Israel is said to be seeking \$5.2 billion over the next four years that would include the remainder of the \$2.2 billion appropriated by Congress this year. Nixon has already approved \$1 billion of the latter sum as a grant but Israelis hope he will provide an additional \$500 million in grant form. Israel received \$50 million in food surplus from the U.S. last year but wants it doubled in each of the next four years to cover the increased price of food. Israel is also seeking at least \$50 million annually over the next four years to aid immigrants.

#### ISRAELI COPS KEPT UNFRIENDLIES AWAY FROM NIXON

**JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)**--Israeli police suppressed anti-Nixon and anti-Soviet demonstrations during President Nixon's 25-hour visit that ended yesterday. Groups that wanted to say anything but "Welcome Nixon" were kept out of sight of the President's motorcade to Jerusalem and for the most part far away from the King David Hotel where the Nixon party stayed. Two American demonstrators caught with "Impeach Nixon" signs as the White House press bus approached the hotel Sunday were hustled off by plain clothes police and detained for 24 hours. They have been charged with disorderly conduct.

One of them, Victor Schonfeld, of Mamaroneck, New York, complained, "I thought Israel was a democracy." Another group managed to station itself along the Nixon route with signs reading, "Israel is not the 51st State."

A group of 15 Russian immigrants who wanted to call the President's attention to the plight of Soviet Jews were kept away from any location where Nixon might have seen their posters reading, "Detente With Russia, But Not at the Expense of Our Brothers"; "Silent Diplomacy Won't Work With the KGB"; and "Sen. Jackson is Right." The group demonstrated quietly at press headquarters in a Jerusalem hotel until they were removed by police.

#### SYDNEY M. HARRIS NEW PRESIDENT OF CJC

**TORONTO, June 18 (JTA)**--The Canadian Jewish Congress' 17th Plenary Assembly ended three days of intensive meetings today with the election of Sydney M. Harris of Toronto as national president and a series of resolutions which widened the program for Jewish education and activities in outlying communities. The election of national officers also reflected a general consensus of hundreds of delegates from coast to coast, to intensify the public relations programs on behalf of Israel, and to broaden the base of this "parliament" of Canadian Jewry to wider grass roots, and "people" participation, both as leaders and beneficiaries.

Others named to the national officer's slate include Sol Kanev of Winnipeg, immediate past president, chairman of the board of governors; Judge Harold Lande of Montreal, honorary vice-president; Prof. Perry Meyer of Montreal, chairman of the executive committee; Dr. Leon Kronitz of Montreal, immediate past chairman of the executive committee; Isadore Wolfe, Oscar Antel, David Satok and Murray B. Spiegel, vice-presidents respectively representing the Pacific, Western, Central and Eastern regions; Nachum Wilchesky of Montreal, treasurer; and Sidney Midanik, secretary.

Harris, in his first official remarks as president, said it was his determination to make "this democratic organization, more democratic than ever" in spirit as well as fact.

## JEWRY'S RESPONSE TO ISRAEL'S NEEDS LAUDED AT JEWISH AGENCY ASSEMBLY

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--The phenomenal response of world Jewry to the needs of Israel since the Yom Kippur War was stressed here yesterday by the heads of the two organizations responsible for raising funds in the diaspora. Speaking at the opening session of the Jewish Agency's General Assembly, Paul Zuckerman, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, declared that the Oct. war has shown that there is no limit to the potential of raising money when Jews are in need.

Zuckerman noted that while in 1967 the UJA raised \$304 million in the United States, this year's campaign will raise some \$675 million of which \$450 million has already been received in cash. Ezra Z. Shapiro, chairman of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, said more than 500,000 people in 69 countries throughout the world contributed to Israel during and since the Yom Kippur War. He said this accounted for almost every Jewish family in those countries. The half million contributors, Shapiro said, exceeded the record set after the Six-Day War. He said that in many communities thousands of unsolicited voluntary contributions came from non-Jews, particularly in The Netherlands and Switzerland.

Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, told the Assembly that the two central tasks before it were immigration and absorption of newcomers and the improvement of the quality of life in Israel. Dulzin said that during the next 25 years Israel's population should grow to seven or eight million Jews, "a goal that is practical, a goal that can be achieved if we do what has to be done." He said this requires continuing the fight for the emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union. "The Jews who have come out are only a trickle compared to the numbers that will come to Israel if we continue that struggle," he said.

There are more than 135,000 Jews who are now waiting for exit visas in the USSR, Dulzin said, while the rest are watching the outcome of their struggle. He said 90,000 Soviet Jews came to Israel in a period of three years and Israel could receive the same number and more every year. He urged President Nixon, when he goes to Moscow June 27, to use his full powers and influence to assure that every Jew who wants to leave the Soviet Union, will be free to do so.

Many more Jews would immigrate to Israel from the West if the conditions of absorption were improved, Dulzin declared. He said the opportunities for jobs and housing must be improved and at the same time Western Jews must be told they are needed in Israel. "Aliya is as important to Jewish life in the free world as it is in Israel," he said.

## ISRAEL MAY TALK TO PALESTINIANS BUT NEVER TO TERRORISTS, YARIV SAYS

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--Information Minister Aharon Yariv said yesterday that Israel may consider negotiating with the Palestinians if they were not represented by the terrorist organizations. Yariv, speaking in Jerusalem at a briefing on the Nixon visit, reiterated that Israel would not negotiate with the terrorists, but said, "If any other form of representation is in the offing we shall have to look at it; discuss it, and see if it is possible."

The Yariv statement indicated a departure from the line adopted by the old Meir government which ruled out any dialogue with the Palestinians. Political observers in Jerusalem believe this summer will see a new attempt by the government here to

formulate an acceptable policy on the Palestinian issue in preparation for the next round of the Geneva conference. Yariv said Israel was not as optimistic as the U.S. about the Mideast situation, particularly Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's remarks at a press conference about Arab readiness to accept Israel's existence. "I think there are differences in the degree of optimism," said Yariv, "but we agree with the U.S. about the possibilities of progress being difficult and tricky."

## U.S. DENIES REPORT BIG POWERS PLAN CHANGES IN RESOLUTION 242

UNITED NATIONS, June 18 (JTA)--A spokesman for the United States Mission to the United Nations has denied there is any basis to a report from Cairo that the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France had agreed to revise the 1967 Security Council Resolution 242 to facilitate Palestinian participation in the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

The report by the official Egyptian news agency said the four major Security Council powers had agreed to call an emergency session of the Security Council to revise the resolution to eliminate a provision calling for "achieving a just settlement of the refugee problem" and replace it with a clause calling for "a just settlement based on the national rights of the Palestinian people." The mission spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency "there is nothing to the report" and that "we do not know anything" about such a move. He added a denial that there was any United States agreement with Russia, Britain and France to convene the Security Council.

## ISRAEL SEEKING TO CHANGE TOURISM IMAGE, OFFICIAL SAYS

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--Almost as many American Christians visit Israel as Jews, according to the findings of a recent Louis Harris poll disclosed here by Hanoch Givton, director general of Israel's Tourism Ministry. The survey showed that "U.S. visitors to Israel in recent years were approximately 45 percent Christian, 51 percent Jewish and four percent undisclosed," Givton reported. He said they came primarily from the East and Middle West.

Addressing a luncheon sponsored by the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Givton said the poll showed that potential tourists tended to identify Israel "as a rather serious destination, giving us high marks on culture, religion and interesting cities" but "the physical beauty of Israel is generally unknown." He said the image of Israel as a culturally advanced but "recreationally deprived country" had to be changed. The luncheon he addressed was tendered in honor of Amram Zur, the Tourism Ministry's North American representative since 1969, who is returning to Israel. He will be succeeded next month by Israel Zurfiel.

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DALLAS (JTA)--B'nai B'rith District 7 called on the Democratic and Republican Parties of Texas Monday to revise the schedule of their respective conventions, which this year are set by law to begin on Sept. 17, the first day of Rosh Hashanah. A resolution adopted at the District's 99th annual convention here noted that the conflict would disenfranchise observant Jews elected as delegates to the political sessions. The resolution proposed that following a legal opening of their conventions both parties "immediately recess to a day which will not interfere with any delegate's religious beliefs or practices. Estimates by the B'nai B'rith are that more than 200 Texan Jews have been elected delegates.

## CONSERVATIVE RABBI REPUDIATES ORTHODOX RULINGS

ERIE, Pa., June 18 (JTA)--Declaring that the halachic positions of Orthodox rabbis "can no longer be accepted as valid expressions of Jewish living," a Conservative rabbi here has announced he will no longer accept Orthodox conversions or divorces as valid. Rabbi Mordecai Kieffer of Congregation Brith Sholom also announced that Jews bringing him documents attesting Orthodox conversion "will have to undergo immersion in a Mikveh under my supervision."

He also declared, in a statement in his synagogue bulletin, that divorce documents signed by an Orthodox Beth Din (rabbinical court) "will have to be re-written by the Beth Din of the Rabbinical Assembly," the association of Conservative rabbis. He said "these steps are necessary to insure that the halacha has been faithfully followed, an assurance which the Orthodox rabbinate is no longer in a position to provide." He said "I now declare them to be out of bounds."

Rabbi Kieffer asserted that "we can no longer tolerate divisiveness caused by halachic aberrations" and that "to insure that the halacha is being properly interpreted and used, we must place in ascendant positions the leadership of Finkelstein over Feinstein, Waxman over Unterman, the Rabbi Kieffer over the Gerer Rebbe. The references were to Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, former chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, a leading Orthodox scholar; Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, president of the Rabbinical Assembly and to Rabbi Isar Unterman, former Israeli Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi. A

### Conservatives Barred From Mikvehs

Rabbi Kieffer opened his announcement with a denunciation of efforts of the Orthodox establishment in Israel to make acceptance by the National Religious Party in the government, finally formed without the NRP by Premier Yitzhak Rabin, contingent on a change in Israel's Law of Return barring acceptance as Jews of immigrants converted by non-Orthodox rabbis.

He asserted that "gathering moral strength from the Israeli rabbinate, Orthodox rabbis in this country have taken similar steps--to invalidate the conversions, however halachic, of other rabbis." He charged that in New York, "many Orthodox mikvehs have been closed to Conservative rabbis for use in conversion." He said the halachic process "is not the province of any group" and that "the Orthodox, by their behavior, have shown themselves to be out of touch with the halachic method and to be out of touch with Jews."

### CATHOLICS CAN LEARN FROM JEWS HOW TO DEFEND THEIR INTERESTS, JESUIT PRIEST SAYS

PHILADELPHIA, June 18 (JTA)--American Catholics are "political pygmies," compared to American Jews, in creating public understanding and acceptance of Catholic positions on vital questions affecting their interests, a Jesuit scholar declared in a commencement address to a Catholic high school here.

The result, the Rev. Virgil C. Blum of Milwaukee, told the graduating class of Cardinal Dougherty High School, was that Jews are treated in the mass media "with respect, decency and fairness, while much of it treats Catholics with total disrespect, indecency and unfairness."

Rev. Blum, president of the newly-formed Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, cited a list of media incidents he said defamed, ridiculed or showed "insensitive treatment of

things Christians hold sacred." In contrast, he said, American Jews have organized to defend their interests so well that "it is impossible to imagine the press, radio and television being anti-Semitic, distorting the news about Jews, suppressing and misrepresenting facts about Jewish gatherings and activities."

He commended Jewish leaders, in particular, for knowing that "in American democracy the people are king," and that the "political clout" of the Jewish community, in the legislative, judicial and executive branches, "is directly proportionate to its ability to create public understanding and acceptance of their ideas, values, principles and objectives; to fashion popular attitudes; to create public opinion favorable to their causes."

### Calls PEARL Anti-Catholic

He said American Jews have organized 25 national interest groups, which he said were headed by the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He said the three agencies alone had scores of regional offices and budgets of millions of dollars, while the 49 million American Catholics do not have a single organization with "the sole purpose" of influencing public policy towards their rights as American citizens.

But, he added, the three Jewish agencies were members of an "anti-Catholic group," the National Coalition for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL). Its purpose, he charged, was "to deprive Catholic school children of all federal and state educational benefits." The Jesuit scholar proposed, as a major contribution to the nation's Bicentennial observance, that Catholic lay persons either join or support "Catholic groups modeled on the highly successful Jewish interest groups."

### PHONE CO. DISCONNECTS NAZIS

HARTFORD, June 18 (JTA)--A telephone service for a Bridgeport Nazi group offering recorded anti-Semitic and anti-Black messages was terminated yesterday, according to an announcement by the New England Telephone Co.

The utility previously had taken the position that it could not terminate the service without being ordered to do so by the State Public Utilities Commission, which had received many complaints. The commission said that without prosecution of "an appropriate report" to the telephone company that such use of its service was unlawful, it could not order termination of the service. In response to a complaint by Attorney General Robert Killian, the Police Department of Bridgeport, where the National Socialist White People's Party has its office, informed the utility that the department had determined that the Nazi Party was using the telephone service "in violation of the law" and asked that it be stopped.

### FORMER DEPORTEES SUPPORT NAZI HUNTER

PARIS, June 18 (JTA)--A newly formed "Action Committee for Beate Klarsfeld," led by LICA president Jean Pierre-Bloch, has published an appeal in "Le Monde" in support of the Nazi hunter due to stand trial in West Germany on June 25. Mrs. Klarsfeld faces a possible prison sentence on charges of coercion and the attempted abduction of Kurt Lischka, a former head of the Gestapo in Paris and now living in Cologne.

In conjunction with LICA (International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism), several former deportee associations sponsored the appeal for the woman "who has passionately protested the total impunity granted the worst Nazi criminals."