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## ISRAELI JETS INTENSIFY ATTACKS ON TERRORIST BASES IN LEBANON Communique Identifies Targets

TEL AVIV, June 20 (JTA)—Israel intensified its air attacks on terrorist strongholds in southern and western Lebanon today and identified in detail the targets hit to refute Lebanese claims that the air raids were intended to terrorize civilians. The Israeli jets struck this morning for the third consecutive day and returned safely to their bases. SAM-7 ground-to-air missile fire was encountered over some of the targets, a military communique said.

A communique issued at noon today said Israeli jets attacked terrorist bases in southern Lebanon for 20 minutes, beginning at 10:30 a.m. local time. A later communique reported a 75-minute strike at terrorist bases and installations in western Lebanon. The targets included terrorist training camps, bunkers, garages and command posts, according to the communique.

Lebanon has claimed heavy civilian casualties and property damage from the Israeli air raids. Israeli sources noted that the terrorists deliberately locate their bases in refugee camps or near villages as a shelter from air attacks. Today's communique stressed that all targets hit were clearly identified and that every possible precaution was taken to avoid damage to civilian property.

According to the communique, the targets of today's air strikes included: El Burj-el-Shimali, a command post of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command near Tyre on the Lebanese coast. The PFLP-GC, headed by Ahmed Jibril, is the terrorist organization responsible for the April 11 Kiryat Shmona massacre; Ein el Hilva, near Sidon, a command post of the Popular Liberation Army; an El Fatah garage and an encampment of the "Armed Struggle" organization, a group that infiltrates terrorists into Israel; also, Ras el Din, near Rashdiyeh in the Tyre area, a tent encampment of an El Fatah operational unit; and at Rashdiyeh, a camp of the Popular Liberation Army and three terrorist bunkers north of the town.

## U.S. DENIES NIXON GAVE ISRAEL 'GREEN LIGHT' FOR RAIDS ON LEBANON State Dept., White House 'Deplore' New Mideast Violence

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 20 (JTA)—Press reports here from Lebanon that Israel has been intensifying its attacks on Palestinian terrorists because President Nixon gave the Israelis a "green light" were angrily denounced by the State Department today. The question was raised by a newsman following Israeli raids on terrorist camps in southern Lebanon. The State Department, however, deplored the continuing violence in the Middle East in the wake of the Israeli raids.

Department spokesman Robert Anderson declared that "the United States has not given a green light to anybody. As you well know the Secretary's (Kissinger's) six-month effort and the President's trip show they are bending every effort to bring about a negotiated peace in the

Middle East." Anderson added the American aim is to encourage the moderates in the area as indicated by the disengagement accords by Egypt and Syria with Israel.

Commenting directly on the raids, Anderson said, "We deplore very strongly the continuing action and reaction of cycles of violence across the Lebanese border." When a reporter suggested that Israel is seeking to stir up trouble and undo the work of President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, Anderson retorted: "I have absolutely no comment on that speculation."

Asked to comment on the Israeli raids, White House spokesman Gerald Warren today referred newsmen to a statement by the State Department yesterday which said "Violence seeds the climate of hatred which works against the climate of any peace settlement." The Department had also deplored "the great loss of innocent lives." Warren added today that "we deplore the continuing cycle of violence" and the loss of "innocent lives."

## U.S. RUSHING CONTRACTS WITH EGYPT FOR NUCLEAR REACTOR TO BEAT JUNE 30 FISCAL DEADLINE

Egyptian Scientists Arrive Today

WASHINGTON, June 20 (JTA)—A four-member Egyptian scientific group led by the head of the Egyptian Atomic Energy Commission will arrive in Washington tomorrow to negotiate a contract with the United States for the acquisition of nuclear fuel, the State Department announced today. Department spokesman Robert Anderson said the contracts should be signed by June 30 "because of the long lead time to supply this fuel."

He noted that June 30 is the end of the current fiscal year and that the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission regulations will create a delay of a year if it is signed after that date. Asked whether Israel will be able to obtain a similar contract by the end of this month, Anderson said the Israeli government has already been shown a draft contract. "We presume an Israeli team will be coming soon since they will have the same deadline," Anderson said. No date for the Israeli arrival has been scheduled.

Anderson pointed out that the fuel contracts are contingent on bilateral agreements with stringent safeguards on cooperation for peaceful uses of nuclear energy. He added that until that bilateral agreement is concluded and submitted to Congress neither fuel nor reactors can be exported to Egypt. State Department sources pointed out that nuclear agreements with Egypt, Israel and other countries do not require the approval of Congress or even the Joint Congressional Committee for Atomic Energy. The agreement can go forward, they explained, if the committee does not dissent from them. However, Congress can, by resolution, bring about consideration of the agreement. (By Joseph Polakoff.)

## SEN. BYRD QUESTIONS WISDOM OF NUCLEAR REACTOR TO EGYPT AFTER WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING

WASHINGTON, June 20 (JTA)—Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D.W.Va.), said today he doubted the wisdom of giving nuclear reactors to other countries such as Egypt when the United States itself has not been

able to develop them very well for peaceful use. He made his comments after Congressional leaders emerged from a two-hour meeting at the White House in which they were briefed on President Nixon's Middle East trip by the President and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Sen. William Proxmire (D,Wis.), meanwhile introduced legislation that would prohibit the U.S. government from shipping atomic power plants and nuclear fuel to Egypt and Israel without prior approval of both the Senate and House. "Some extraordinary questions have not been answered," Proxmire said after introducing his measure today. A similar move by Rep. Mario Biaggi (D,NY) was defeated by voice vote in the House yesterday.

"I wonder why we give reactors for peaceful uses when we ourselves haven't been too successful with all our advance technology," said Byrd, the Assistant Senate Majority Leader. "Thus far we have not done very well to develop nuclear power where it is needed. I wonder how those countries, certainly less advanced, can hope to develop energy." President Nixon and Kissinger have stressed the nuclear reactors and technology being offered Egypt and Israel are only for the purpose of energy to increase economic development, Byrd noted. But he said he had reservations about the safeguards that would prevent the reactors from being used for military purposes although he was now a "little more confident" after the White House meeting. He said "some basic justification" was given that providing Egypt increased energy would move it toward peaceful relations with Israel.

#### Nixon Sees 'Profound Change' In Mideast

On his return to the White House yesterday from his Middle East trip Nixon declared that a "profound, and I believe, lasting change has taken place" providing hope for peace where there was none and friendship for the United States "where there was hostility." Speaking in front of the South Portico of the White House, Nixon also asserted that "while we did have the opportunity to meet new friends in Egypt and in Syria, we were able to reassure our old friends in Israel and in Saudi Arabia and in Jordan."

Nixon said the tremendous reception for him in the Middle East capitals he visited was not a personal triumph but a demonstration that millions of people in that part of the world who have known nothing but "poverty and war for the last 30 years, desperately want peace and they want progress." The President pledged that the United States will "play the crucial role in continuing the progress toward peace" but warned that it will be a long road since "waging peace is more difficult than waging war." (By Joseph Polakoff.)

#### REACTOR TO EGYPT-ENDANGERS PEACE, PEACE RESEARCHER WARNS

COPENHAGEN, June 20 (JTA)--President Nixon's agreement to provide Egypt with American nuclear technology was described as "a danger to peace in the future" today by Frank Barnaby, chairman of the Swedish Institute for Peace Research (SIPRI). Addressing a press conference in Stockholm, Barnaby noted that according to information compiled by SIPRI in its new Year Book, the Middle East is now the world's largest arms depot. He said that 86 percent of Soviet arms production and 68 percent of American arms production was earmarked for that region.

#### SHARON SAYS PREVENTIVE WAR NECESSARY IF EGYPT DEVELOPS ATOMIC WEAPONS

TEL AVIV, June 20 (JTA)--A Yom Kippur War

hero said last night that Israel would have to launch war against Egypt if that country began to develop nuclear weapons. Gen. (Ret.) Ariel Sharon, whose division in Sinai smashed through Egyptian lines to establish an Israeli bridgehead on the west bank of the Suez Canal last Oct., told the graduating class at the Haifa Technion that Israel would have no choice but to wage preventive war if Egypt, within a few years, is on the verge of producing atomic weapons. This would not be necessary had the Americans not agreed to provide Egypt with a nuclear reactor, said Sharon, a Likud MK.

He said that to the best of his knowledge, no other nation had offered Egypt a nuclear reactor. He conceded that in the long run it was not possible to keep Egypt from acquiring nuclear know-how, but any delay would be to the benefit of Israel.

#### PERES HOPES U.S. WILL NOT VIE WITH RUSSIANS TO SELL ARABS ARMS

JERUSALEM, June 20 (JTA)--Israel will make every effort to convince the United States not to try to compete with the Soviet Union in selling arms to the Arab states, Defense Minister Shimon Peres declared today. Addressing the Jewish Agency's General Assembly, Peres said Israel's two major problems were military readiness and preparing the country for positive negotiations with the Arab states.

However, former Premier Golda Meir told the Assembly last night that immigrants were more important to Israel's viability and security than arms or economic progress. "Millions of Jews" are needed, she declared, saying Israel cannot remain small. Peres agreed that increased aliyah and improving the quality of life in Israel will help the Jewish State meet the threat posed by the Arabs. He said the Arab states will be tested by their actions not their words. He said the Suez Canal would be a test case, noting that "twice in the past did we try to go through the canal. Now we are waiting for the third time."

Mrs. Meir told the Assembly that Israel did not expect Arab leaders to love Jews or to love Israel but to start loving their own people. She said Arab leaders should concern themselves with the advancement of their people, the education of their children and the health and prosperity of their towns and villages.

#### NORWAY TAKES MEASURES AGAINST POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACKS

OSLO, June 20 (JTA)--Security measures were tightened at Norwegian airports and borders today following reports of a possible Palestinian attack. Norwegian authorities reportedly received the warnings from reliable West German and Iraqi sources. It is believed that a commando group of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command has managed to enter into Norway.

The Israeli Embassy and a prison, possible terrorist targets, have been provided with special armed police protection for nearly a week now. Two Israeli secret service agents charged with complicity in the murder of a Moroccan last year are currently serving out their sentences in the prison.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin will attend a meeting of Socialist Party leaders in London June 29-30, it was announced Thursday. He is expected to brief his Socialist colleagues on Israel's disengagement agreements with Syria and Egypt and President Nixon's visit, sources here said.

# KISSINGER BLAMED 'BUREAUCRATIC MISTAKE' FOR FAILURE TO INFORM ISRAEL OF U.S. NUCLEAR TALKS WITH EGYPT

Israeli Intelligence Also Faulted

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, June 20 (JTA)—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger told Israeli leaders this week that he had been under the (mistaken) impression that Israel was aware of the U.S.-Egyptian negotiations for Egypt's purchase of a nuclear reactor, negotiations which had been proceeding since the spring, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from highly placed sources here today. Kissinger said he had assumed his top assistant, Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco, or Sisco's deputy, Roy Atherton, had mentioned it in diplomatic conversations with Israeli envoys in Washington.

The U.S.-Egyptian negotiations were held quite openly by an Egyptian delegation in Washington in April and senior officials believe that Israeli intelligence was at fault in not having learned of them. This is especially so since stories about the impending U.S.-Egypt nuclear accord appeared in two Cairo newspapers in April. Kissinger, who sought during the Nixon visit here to allay Israel's fears of the deal and placate its anger at not having been informed, told Foreign Minister Yigal Allon that a "bureaucratic mistake" had led to the U.S. failure to inform Israel last week of the impending inclusion of the nuclear deal in the Nixon-Sadat joint communique.

Apparently, there had been no intention originally of mentioning the deal in the communique. But Nixon, who sought to lend his Mideast visit as much substance as possible in the face of criticism at home that it was unnecessary, decided to include it, the JTA learned. Kissinger thereupon cabled Sisco at home to inform "concerned parties," assuming he would inform the Israel Embassy among these. But by administrative oversight only Congressional and Administration "concerned parties" were informed, and the news of the agreement took Israel by surprise.

## Peres, Allon Going To Washington Next Month

As to Israel's fears and doubts, the Secretary stressed in private as in public at his news conference here that effective controls would apply to the supply of uranium to Egypt. To justify the deal he told Israeli leaders that Germany, Britain, France and Canada--as well as Russia--had been waiting in line for the chance to sell Egypt a reactor. In effect, he said, reactors could be bought from any of these countries on the open market, with far fewer control strings attached.

The sources revealed that Defense Minister Shimon Peres would leave for the U.S. early next month, to be followed by a military mission to negotiate the details of long-term arms supplies. Allon will probably meet with Kissinger in Washington at the end of July and Premier Yitzhak Rabin is expected to visit Washington next fall, according to the sources.

## CHIEF RABBI GOREN SEEKS MEETING WITH NIXON ON ISRAEL'S SPIRITUAL ROLE

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 20 (JTA)--Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Israel, said today that he hoped to meet with President Nixon before or immediately after his summit conference in Moscow. He said he wanted to explain to the President, who has just returned from a visit to four Arab countries and Israel, the spiritual role of Israel among the nations and the religious and spiritual mission of Israel. According to Rabbi

Goren, who is visiting the U.S. on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization, the idea for a meeting with Nixon came from American Jewish sources.

Chief Rabbi Goren told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview at his Waldorf-Astoria Hotel suite that he expected the Law of Return to be amended so that only halachic conversions would be recognized in Israel. He said that when that happened, the way would be open for the National Religious Party to join the Labor-led coalition government of Premier Yitzhak Rabin "and this will unify the people of Israel once again."

Rabbi Goren was adamant against accepting conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis. He said the Reform movement in the U.S. was making a "grave mistake" by demanding that Israel recognize non-halachic conversions and claimed that they thus "demonstrated their alienation from the Law of Moses." He said he would not seek meetings with Reform and Conservative rabbis in the U.S. "I will not initiate it, but I will accept such requests on their part," Rabbi Goren told the JTA.

Asked about his long standing public feud with Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Rabbi Goren said "The controversial point between us is the fact that he wants to have a veto right on all decisions taken by the Council of the Chief Rabbinate. I never had a fight with him."

Rabbi Goren was enthusiastic about the reception he has received in the U.S. Earlier today he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Yeshiva University. Next week he will attend a rabbinical conference in Miami.

## NAZI VICTIMS DEMAND ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC CANCEL WAGNER CONCERT

TEL AVIV, June 20 (JTA)--A confrontation developed today between the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra and former Nazi concentration camp inmates and partisan fighters over a Wagner concert the orchestra is scheduled to perform at the Mann Auditorium here next Wednesday. The works of Richard Wagner have not been performed in this country since the infamous Crystal Night in 1938 marked the beginning of all-out Nazi persecution of Jews. The works of Richard Strauss have also been dropped from concerts in Israel because of public protests.

Elchanan Bergman, a spokesman for the Philharmonic, said today that the orchestra was determined to give its Wagner concert. He said the orchestra had written Education Minister Aharon Yadin for an opinion but had gotten no reply. He noted that the Kol Israel (State radio) orchestra performed Wagner, Strauss and other German composers and there was no reason why the Philharmonic could not do the same. He pointed out that the ban on Wagner had been self-imposed by the orchestra members and that now, what with normal relations established with West Germany, there was no reason why the orchestra could not reverse its own ban.

But Pessah Burstein, chairman of the World Federation of Nazi Fighters and Concentration Camp Inmates wrote to the Philharmonic that "we have been shocked to learn of your decision to devote a whole program to the Wagner works, a decision that hurts a large part of the population, the remnants of the holocaust." Burstein has also written Yadin urging him to intervene to cancel the performance. The Wagner concert is to be conducted by Zubin Mehta, the Philharmonic's musical advisor. \* \* \*

NEW YORK (JTA)--Nearly 1000 delegates from throughout the U.S. will attend the 77th National Convention of the Zionist Organization of America June 27-30 at the New York Hilton Hotel.

# AJ CONGRESS SAYS NATL. GEOGRAPHIC ARTICLE DISTORTED SITUATION OF SYRIAN JEWS

WASHINGTON, June 20 (JTA)—The American Jewish Congress picketed the offices of the National Geographic Magazine today because of its alleged "whitewash" of Syria's treatment of its Jewish citizens and its editor's refusal to correct what the AJ Congress considers "shocking distortions" in an April, 1974 article on Damascus by Robert Azzi.

Phil Baum, associate executive director of the AJ Congress said the article had "left the clear impression that Jews in Syria were treated decently and that the Syrian government maintains a tolerant and even benign attitude toward them." He said that because the Azzi article could be used to "undermine" world-wide efforts to call attention to the "desperate condition" of Syrian Jews, he had met earlier this month with National Geographic editor Gilbert Grosvenor Jr. and other top staff of the magazine which claims a world-wide circulation of more than nine million.

"We did not ask the editors to publish our own views as to the plight of Syrian Jews. We asked only that the National Geographic print...the same admission of the inadequacy of the Azzi article that its staff had repeatedly acknowledged in letters to those readers who troubled to complain," Baum said. "This request was refused," he added. He cited as "misleading" passages in the Azzi article that referred to the Islamic tradition of tolerance and noted that "Even as Syria launched its attack on Israeli troops, Sephardic Jews of Damascus observed Yom Kippur unmolested"; and another passage in which Azzi wrote that "the city of Damascus still tolerantly embraces a significant number of Jews."

## BRITISH GOV'T. DENIES AMBASSADOR COVERS UP FOR SYRIAN TREATMENT OF JEWS

LONDON, June 20 (JTA)—The government has denied allegations that the British Ambassador in Damascus was "covering up for the Syrian murderers." The denial was contained in a letter from the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, David Ennals, to John Gorst, one of a number of MPs who have expressed indignation over the British envoy's attitude toward the plight of Syrian Jews.

The matter was raised recently when Ennals wrote, in response to inquiries by MP Peter Thomas, that "Our Ambassador in Damascus has said that while regrettably and understandably Syrian Jews in Damascus are confined to the city and kept under close surveillance, he has found no evidence to suggest that they are being otherwise ill treated." Gorst, in a Parliamentary question, demanded to know why Her Majesty's Ambassador was "covering up for the Syrian murderers." Ennals replied that the Ambassador's reports "are based on the best information available to him at the time." He added that "while we regret that it should be necessary for the Jewish community to be kept under surveillance and have their freedom of movement restricted, this is a reflection of the fact that Syria and Israel are in a state of war and Israeli armies are close to Damascus."

## PEARL CHALLENGES NEW PAROCHIAL LAW

NEW YORK, June 20 (JTA)—The Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL) filed suit in federal court here today challenging the constitutionality of a new \$8.2

million state law providing reimbursement to non-public schools for the cost of record-keeping services mandated by the state. The suit asks for a three-judge federal court to declare the law violative of the First Amendment and to enjoin State Comptroller Arthur Levitt and State Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist from making payments to parochial schools under the statute.

The action was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York by Leo Pfeffer, counsel for PEARL, a coalition of 36 civic, religious, education, labor and community organizations in New York State. In April 1972, in the same court, a three-judge federal panel struck down the 1970 New York Mandated Services Act, which provided \$28 million in public funds for reimbursement to parochial schools for record-keeping services. That ruling was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in a series of parochial decisions in June 1973. At the same time, the high court struck down a 1972 New York statute providing funds for building maintenance and repair reimbursement to religious schools and tuition grants and tax credits to parochial school parents. All had been challenged by PEARL, which earlier had also brought a successful federal suit against a 1971 New York law providing for the payment of salaries of parochial school teachers of secular subjects.

## SOVIET EMBASSY ACCEPTS PETITION FOR SILVA ZALMANSON

MEXICO CITY, June 20 (JTA)—The Soviet Embassy here, for the first time, has accepted a petition on behalf of a Jewish prisoner in the USSR. The petition, asking freedom for Silva Zalmanson, who is serving a ten-year sentence, was brought to the Embassy yesterday on the fourth anniversary of the first Leningrad hijack trial by a delegation of Jewish women. It was accepted in a friendly atmosphere, according to Sergio Nudelstejer, secretary general of the Central Jewish Committee and the Committee for Soviet Jews.

Nudelstejer said the petition had been prepared by the Conference of Latin American Women for Soviet Jews held in San Jose, Costa Rica in which Mrs. Karen Figueres, wife of former President Jose Figueres participated.

## SOVIETS STEP UP HARASSMENT OF ACTIVISTS AS NIXON VISIT NEARS

NEW YORK, June 20 (JTA)—The Soviet Union is continuing to arrest and harass Jewish activists on the eve of President Nixon's visit to Moscow, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry asserted today. The Conference reported that Alexander Lunts, Boris Tsitlionok, Mikhail Goldblat were all arrested in Moscow yesterday with Goldblat receiving a 15-day detention sentence. Lunts was released later.

The whereabouts of Yuli Kosharovsky, another Moscow activist is unknown, according to the Conference. The Conference reported that militia came to the home of Vladimir Slepak but he refused to open his door. In other developments, a group of activists who staged a demonstration in Red Square were picked up by the militia. In Kishinev last Saturday 25 Jews staging a vigil were detained and later released. In Kiev, Vladimir Kislyuk, a night watchman at a marina was beaten up at work. The Conference also reported that Anna and Yuri Berkovsky will go on trial in Novosibirsk June 25 on charges of possession of weapons and currency speculation. But Anatoly Novikov and Ida Nashpits, mother of Mark Nashpits have been granted exit visas according to the Conference.