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## SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF THE UNEF MANDATE

By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, April 16 (JTA)--The Security Council will meet tomorrow to consider renewing the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) in the Sinai for another three months, it was announced today. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, in his report on UNEF submitted yesterday to the Council, recommended that the UNEF mandate be extended and noted that Egypt has indicated it will not object to the renewal of the mandate for an additional three months.

Waldheim also reported that Israel stated that she favors the renewal of the mandate for a period of no less than six months "on the grounds that UNEF is an integral part of the disengagement agreement of January 18, 1974." The Secretary General himself did not recommend any time period for the mandate's extension, which is due to expire April 24.

In his report, which covered a period from Oct. 13, 1974 to April 12, 1975, Waldheim noted that UNEF's present strength is at 4200 men. Although the UNEF area of operation has remained quiet in the last six months, the report pointed out nonetheless that "the situation in the area as a whole remains fundamentally unstable. Whether it is possible to maintain the present quiet and prevent a new outbreak of hostilities will depend on the prospects of achieving further progress in the search for a just and lasting settlement of the Mideast problem, as called by the Security Council."

## ALLON IN 'OPERATION ISRAEL' TO JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S.

DALLAS, Tex., April 16 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told a standing-room-only audience of more than 325 regional Jewish community leaders at a dinner meeting here last night that "the main purpose of our foreign policy is to achieve a just and durable peace with the Arab countries....If we cannot do this, let us at least avert a war for as long as possible. To do this we have to be strong....and if we cannot avoid or postpone war, let us not be forced to fight on all fronts simultaneously."

Community leaders assembled on short notice from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico to hear Allon, Moshe Rivlin, Director-General of the Jewish Agency, and Frank R. Lautenberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. It was the second leg of a chartered flight "Operation Israel" which began in Miami earlier in the day and included top UJA officials, as well as UJA executive vice-chairman Irving Bernstein.

Rivlin, comparing the dark days of 1948 following Israel's Declaration of Independence with today, Israel's 27th anniversary of statehood, said: "In 1948, Jerusalem was besieged, today we see a reunited Jerusalem....and we had to fight five wars (including the war of attrition) to do it.... We were only 600,000 in 1948, today we are over 3,000,000. I don't know if you can understand the full meaning of gathering in 1,500,000 people from 84 different countries and building one language...when you go today from Kiryat Shemona to

Eilat, you will see what the Jewish people have done in 27 years."

Lautenberg said that, in speaking to Golda Meir a few days ago, she told him that in the face of crisis, "the only asset we have is the spirit of our people." The UJA general chairman added that "once apprised, the American Jewish community will react. Now is that time...we are faced with danger and mounting apprehension."

Following the formal meeting, Allon met with campaign chairmen of the more than 25 communities represented. Mrs. Sylvia Hassenfeld, national UJA Women's Division chairman, and Mrs. Bernard Schaefer of Dallas, former Women's Division chairman, met with women's leadership to discuss ways of implementing UJA's goal of \$100 million in cash by the end of May. Young leaders met separately to discuss each city's current problems and ways to inspire and initiate new responses to meet the ever growing needs of Jews in distress. Close to midnight, "Operation Israel" headed for Los Angeles, third city in its mission.

## American Jewish Leadership Praised

Earlier in the day, Allon met with more than 200 Jewish leaders from southeast Jewish communities in Miami at the opening meeting of "Operation Israel." Allon told the Jewish leaders that "on behalf of the people of Israel, I would like to thank American Jewish leadership for responding so quickly to the major goals of the UJA campaign by accelerating your efforts for human needs in Israel." He called the UJA "an organization which embraces the entire American Jewish community --it represents the will and determination of a united people."

Declaring that the people of Israel "have no greater ally than the Jewish people itself," Allon said: "What we are asking is that you help us to help ourselves and I am sure that by helping us, you are helping yourselves also. We must devote our ingathering to build a society that will benefit the entire world."

Lautenberg told the Jewish leaders that "at this hour in Jewish history it has become imperative that I call you together from throughout Florida and the Southeast to enlist your support for the launching of a total mobilization for the human needs of the people of Israel...amidst signs of danger, uncertainty and mounting apprehension."

He noted that "if our communities are to sense the new emergency, leadership has responsibility to convey the intensity of the crisis." He added that the American Jewish community would respond again, "if called upon and now is that time." L. Jules Arkin, 1975 campaign chairman in Miami, presented a \$1 million check to the UJA, an amount above and separate from the current campaign goals of the Jewish communities.

## BIBLE QUIZ, CONCERTS, FESTIVITIES MARK 27TH ANNIVERSARY IN ISRAEL

By David Landau and Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, April 16 (JTA)--Israeli youths captured the top prizes in Israel's annual International Bible Quiz held here today, a traditional event of the Independence Day celebrations. In another event, pianist Arthur Rubinstein delighted a standing-room-only audience at the Jerusalem Theater with a performance of Beethoven's Em-

perato Concerto, accompanied by the Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra. Afterwards, the orchestra performed Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. The concert, a benefit arranged by Mayor Teddy Kollek for young music students in Jerusalem, was broadcast live on television and radio.

Both events stressed the cultural and educational themes of this year's Independence Day festivities, a sharp departure from the heavy emphasis on military pageantry in past years. Apart from the formal receptions honoring Israel's 27th birthday, most of the celebrations in the capital were impromptu affairs.

Young and old gathered in the streets and parks of the city singing and dancing before bonfires. Performing troupes, hired by the municipality, provided free entertainment for crowds in the central square. Independence Day parties were held in many private homes.

### Israeli Youngsters Take Top Prizes

This year's Bible Quiz drew 24 contestants from 14 countries. But they were outclassed by the Israeli youngsters. Ephraim Korngut, a 16-year-old student at the Bnei Akiva High School in Jerusalem, won first place. The runner-up was Yaacov Hildesheim, who lives near Haifa. Shmuel Toledano, an Israeli, tied for third place with Heidi Veltzer, of South Africa. Shoshana Bookler, of Argentina, came out fifth. All five youngsters won IL 1000 scholarships provided by the government and the Jewish Agency and books of Bible commentaries.

The quiz, televised and broadcast by the Armed Forces Radio, was conducted by Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Deputy Chief Army Chaplain Rabbi Gad Navon who served as quizmasters. The top prizes and 19 consolation prizes were presented by Education Minister Aharon Yadin. This year, none of the American contestants--six boys and girls--made it to the final round. Although most of the contestants spoke Hebrew, some questions had to be translated into English, Persian and Swedish.

Seats to the Rubinstein concert sold for IL 75-100. The theater steps and wings were crowded with people who paid IL 30 to stand or sit on the floor. Rubinstein and Alexander Schneider, conductor of the Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, performed free. All profits, estimated at IL 80,000, go to a fund to provide free musical events for young music students in Jerusalem.

### Soldiers Receive Plaques

This morning, President Ephraim Katzir, presented plaques to 110 outstanding soldiers in ceremonies at the Presidential residence. Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur read out the citations as each soldier--men and women--stepped forward to receive their awards while their proud parents beamed.

At noon, Mayor and Mrs. Kollek welcomed guests to the Mayor's traditional reception at The Citadel, near David's Tower. Soft drinks flowed as the Jerusalem Youth Orchestra played marches, waltzes and Israeli tunes. Some 6000 people attended the reception, including Israeli officials, Arab notables, South American ambassadors, and French, Italian and Spanish consuls. The consuls refused to enter inside the Old City because they consider that to be part of the occupied territory, and instead shook hands with Kollek on a platform outside the walls which is considered no-man's land.

In another traditional Independence Day event, the entire Cabinet visited Katzir's home to pay

respects to the Chief of State. Premier Yitzhak Rabin noted in his brief remarks that the past year has been marked by a great strengthening of Israel's army in manpower and in foreign and locally made weapons. Katzir said he was convinced that the nation would accept any burden that was required of it to bring peace closer and ensure the strengthening of the State.

### WASHINGTON, EUROPE MARK ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, April 16 (JTA)--The ambassadors of at least 40 countries and other public figures attended a reception at the Israeli Embassy here today marking the 27th anniversary of Israel's independence. Similar receptions were held today at the Israeli Embassies in Paris, London and The Hague. Among the ambassadors who greeted Ambassador and Mrs. Simcha Dinitz in Washington were the envoys of Rumania, the only Communist bloc country that maintains diplomatic ties with Israel, and Ireland. Israel and the Irish Republic only recently established formal diplomatic relations.

President Ford was represented at the Embassy reception by L. William Seidman, his Assistant for Economic Affairs. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Joseph J. Sisco headed a contingent from the State Department. AFL-CIO president George Meany was among the guests, as was former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban who will address students at Georgetown University tonight and will speak before the National Press Club tomorrow.

In Paris, Ambassador Asher Ben Natan opened the Embassy's doors to the entire Israeli colony in the French capital. A Paris synagogue was the scene of the first reading of the special Independence Day prayer composed by Israel's two Chief Rabbis. Groups of Jewish high school students presented roses to passers-by in the Place de la Republique. The students were members of the Voltaire High School's Zionist committee.

### Jews, Non-Jews Mingle At Celebrations

Hundreds of guests attended an informal reception at the Israeli Embassy in London today where they were greeted by Ambassador and Mrs. Gideon Rafael. The Embassy became a meeting place for Israelis living in London and members of the Anglo-Jewish community. There were also many non-Jewish well-wishers. Later in the day, Ambassador and Mrs. Rafael flew to Dublin to hold an Independence Day reception for Irish leaders. Rafael serves the dual role of Ambassador to both Britain and Ireland.

A diplomatic reception at the Israeli Embassy in The Hague was attended by about 350 persons who were addressed by Ambassador Hanan Bar. The guests included Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep, Defense Minister Hendrik Vredeling and several deputy ministers along with the chairmen of Holland's major political parties. The Dutch branch of the World Zionist Organization held an Independence Day celebration at an Amsterdam theater last night. All 650 seats were sold out in advance.

### RIVLIN: NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY NOR DESPAIR IN PRESENT MIDEAST SITUATION

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, April 16 (JTA)--The oneness of the Jewish people was stressed last night as some 3000 persons participated in the American Zionist Federation's celebration of the 27th anniversary of Israel's independence. The audience, made up of people of all ages, expressed through their applause support for Israel and her position in the

present Middle East situation.

David Rivlin, Israel's Consul General in New York, stressed while there was no room for "complacency" in the current situation there was also "no room for despair and low morale." He said the State of Israel is the best guarantee of the survival of the entire Jewish people. Rivlin and other speakers noted that the celebration of Israel's independence is tempered with sorrow over the 10,000 Israelis who lost their lives defending Israel since 1948. "We are a generation steeped with suffering and tears and blood," Rivlin said.

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and a former AZF president, led the audience in a Yizkor prayer for Israel's war dead. He noted that "Our collective memory is one of the sources of our strength." Mrs. Bernice Salpeter, an AZF vice-president and chairman of the anniversary celebration, also noted that "We Jews have been seasoned by the centuries; yet in adversity we have found strength."

Rabbi Miller also stressed that only in a strong Israel can there be peace in the Middle East and said that the Ford Administration must take this "assessment" into account in its present "reassessment" of American Middle East policy.

#### Rabin Sends Message

Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin sent a filmed message to the gathering noting that "your assembly is in itself a celebration of our Jewish unity." Rabin said that "to be a Jew means to want peace, to work endlessly to achieve peace and to take risks, if necessary, to advance its coming. For these past 27 years this has been the aspiration and objective of Israel."

Mayor Abraham Beame compared Israel to the United States; both countries took in immigrants who were oppressed in other countries, both believed in democracy, and both were built by their pioneer spirit. But Beame added, "The pioneer blood which brave Israelis shed in the defense of their new-found land must never have been shed in vain, and we must ensure the survival of the Israeli people."

#### 500 Celebrate in San Francisco

The celebration last night was one of a series being held in Jewish communities across the United States. In San Francisco, more than 500 persons took part Saturday evening in an Independence Day celebration at Congregation Ner Tamid honoring the American Veterans of Israel. The event was sponsored by the American Jewish Congress.

Arnold Sternberg, director of the California Office of Housing and Community Development, who fought in Israel's War of Independence, noted that more than 5000 volunteers from the U.S., Canada, England and South Africa went to Israel to help her gain independence. He said hundreds of Americans, who survived battles during World War II, died in defense of the Jewish nation. Their sacrifices "form a bond of solidarity between our two nations," he said.

Sternberg also revealed to the audience that Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. told him shortly after his appointment that the newly-elected Governor had received more than 300 telegrams from Arab organizations in Los Angeles objecting to the naming of "a friend of Israel" to a state government post. Sternberg warned the Jewish community to be vigilant in view of the millions of dollars the Arab countries and their American friends will be spending on pro-Arab, anti-Israel propaganda.

#### MOSES ZVI FRANK AND HIS WIFE, ANNA, STRUCK BY CAR AND KILLED

NEW YORK, April 16 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held tomorrow in Hackensack, N.J. for Moses Zvi Frank, a veteran Zionist writer and publicist and his wife, Anna R. Frank, who were struck by a car and killed in Montreal last Saturday. The Franks, who made their home in Israel since 1970, were in North America to visit their children.

Mr. Frank was born in Russia in 1897 and immigrated to Canada as a young man. He served as principal of a Hebrew high school in Toronto and then began a long career as a writer and editor of Jewish and Zionist publications in Canada and the U.S. which included the Jewish Standard of Toronto, the Jewish Frontier, the National Jewish Post and the American Zionist. For many years Mr. Frank wrote a syndicated column for the American Jewish press under the by-line, M.Z. Frank.

#### KAHANE PERMITTED TO LEAVE JAIL DAILY AND TRAVEL AROUND CITY

NEW YORK, April 16 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, who was sentenced last month to a one-year term in a Federal prison, is reportedly allowed to leave a Manhattan half-way house for federal prisoners and travel around the city for seven hours each day. The half-way house is a Manhattan West Side apartment hotel to which Kahane was sent, pending transfer to a minimum-security federal penitentiary in Allentown, Pa. He was convicted of violating conditions of a 1971 parole and sentenced by Brooklyn Federal Judge Jack Weinstein.

Weinstein granted the order which allows Kahane out of the apartment from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., noon until 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Weinstein said he approved the order because the JDL leader had protested that the federal Bureau of Prisons had refused to provide him with kosher food at the Allentown prison. The judge said he would rule next week on Kahane's motion that all Jewish prisoners be provided with a special diet on request. Weinstein noted that New York City jails provide kosher food.

#### 70 FALASHAS DUE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 16 (JTA)--A group of 70 Falashas are expected to arrive in Israel within the next few weeks and will receive immediate immigrant rights, according to a ruling of the inter-ministerial committee published last Thursday (See Tuesday's Bulletin) The 70 Falashas--all single--will be the first to make aliyah and become citizens of Israel according to the Law of Return.

The Falashas will be flown here in flights paid for by the Jewish Agency which made arrangements that potential immigrants pass a medical check and are confirmed as Falashas in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, though there is no Jewish Agency representative in Ethiopia. The group was organized by Histadrut's "Koor" concern, which will handle the Falashas initially and employ them.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets intercepted an unidentified aircraft over Sinai Wednesday evening. The plane, which turned out to be a Soviet civilian airliner of Aeroflot that apparently penetrated Israeli air space by mistake, was permitted to return to Egypt and landed at Cairo airport. The incident occurred at about 8 p.m. local time.