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### SYRIA CONCENTRATES TROOPS ON ISRAEL BORDER; SITUATION TENSE

JERUSALEM, July 17. (JTA) -- Syrian troop concentrations were seen by Israeli units building up all during last night along the border as the situation remained tense today following the Israeli air strikes last Thursday in reprisal for Syrian sabotage acts on Israeli territory.

Truckloads of Syrian soldiers were spotted pulling up close to the Israeli frontier and taking up positions opposite the Israeli settlements of Almazor and Tel Katzir. Intense air activity was also observed over Syrian air space during the night when two Syrian jets flew close to the Israeli border for several minutes.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin, meanwhile, presented to the Cabinet today the latest reports on the Syrian border situation. Foreign Minister Abba Eban reviewed the international aspects of the situation. While last Friday Israel immediately accepted a plea by Gen. Odd Bull, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, for a cease fire along the border, Damascus has not yet responded to the plea.

Observers here noted today that Israel's other neighboring Arab states confined themselves to expressing solidarity with the Syrian government but failed to take any effective action such as declaring a state of emergency or reinforcing their border positions with Israel. This seemed to indicate, the observers pointed out, that the neighboring Arab states realize that the Israeli action last Thursday was only a one-time reprisal measure against the El Fatah terrorists and was not a major operation.

In a radio interview broadcast yesterday by Kol Israel, the Israel radio network, Mr. Eban expressed the hope that the major powers would use their influence with the Damascus government to ease the tension on the border and ensure peace. He also voiced the hope that the "state of equilibrium" achieved in the clashes along the border would now be followed by "an equilibrium of peace."

The Foreign Minister said that he was convinced that Israel's reaction to Syrian sabotage efforts against Israel had not weakened the effect of Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba's renewed peace plea, which, Mr. Eban said, he hoped would eventually be taken up by other Arab states.

Gen. Rabin said the clash Thursday was the first time that French-made Mirage-3 jets had shot down Soviet-made MIG-21 jets. He said the clash lasted two minutes and was fought at low level by four Israeli jets. He said the shot-down Syrian jet was hit by cannon fire from an Israeli plane. He ridiculed the Syrian report that two Israeli planes were shot down during the fight, emphasizing that all four jets returned to their bases in Israel.

The Damascus Radio monitored here yesterday lodged most of the blame for the Israeli air strike on "American imperialism" and called upon all other Arab states to break their diplomatic ties with Washington.

### U.S. DEPLORES ISRAEL BOMBING AND SYRIAN INFILTRATION INTO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 17. (JTA) -- The United States Government deprecates Israel's bombing of Syrian territory but it also deprecates the infiltration of Syrians into Israel, State Department officials declared yesterday. They emphasized that the United States traditionally deprecates all border incidents and had drawn the attention of all parties concerned to the dangers such action entail.

A State Department spokesman was asked by newspapermen whether the United States was considering the suspension of arms sales to Israel because of Israel's retaliatory action last week over the Syrian border. His answer was that the United States is not considering such a move at present.

### Israel Informs U.N. Security Council on Reprisal Raid

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. July 17. (JTA) -- Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's delegate at the United Nations, informed the Security Council this weekend that the Israeli air attack on Syrian positions last Thursday was a "strictly limited action" meant as reprisal for the "continual Syrian violence against Israel's population and territory."

HOUSE ADOPTS AMENDMENT CONTAINING RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. AID TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, July 17. (JTA) -- An amendment to the Foreign Aid Bill which aims to make certain that any assistance given by the United States to Egypt will not be used, directly or indirectly, by the Egyptian Government for aggressive actions, was unanimously adopted by the House of Representatives. The amendment, proposed jointly by Congressman Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, and Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, reads:

"No assistance shall be furnished under this act to the United Arab Republic unless the President finds and reports within 30 days to the Foreign Relations Committee and the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the Speaker of the House that such assistance is essential to the national interest of the United States and that such assistance will neither directly nor indirectly assist aggressive actions by the United Arab Republic."

In a statement following the vote, Rep. Halpern said the adoption of the amendment "is the strongest rebuff to the United Arab Republic ever made by the House." He added that "with the adoption of this amendment, we serve notice on both Nasser and the State Department that we no longer tolerate flagrant misuse of our funds, nor do we plan to underwrite aggression in the Middle East."

ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETS ON PALESTINE REFUGEE PROPERTY RIGHTS

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- A decision to form a new committee of property experts drawn from all Arab countries to work out official Arab estimates on the value of Arab refugee property in Israel and to deal with the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine which handles this issue, was adopted yesterday at a meeting of the Arab League Council in Cairo, it was reported here today from the Egyptian capital. The Council urged the Arab states to adopt a unified stand on the property question.

At the meeting, which was devoted primarily to the question of Arab refugees' property rights in Israel, the Council attacked the report of an American expert of the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine assessing the value of the property. No figures from the report have been disclosed. But the Arabs, it was reported, regard the property estimates of the American expert as too low.

HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; DISCUSSES VARIOUS ISSUES

TEL AVIV, July 17. (JTA) -- The United Nations presence in the Middle East is believed to have been the main subject of talks between Israeli officials and Joseph Sisco, United States Undersecretary of State for International Affairs, who arrived in Israel yesterday for a brief visit. He conferred with Foreign Minister Abba Eban and met also with Foreign Ministry and United States Embassy officials at a joint meeting in Jerusalem.

The exchanges were believed to have centered on the UN peace-keeping role in the area, the UN Emergency Force, and the Arab refugees. These are topics likely to come up at the next UN General Assembly in September. The State Department official's visit coincided with the clash with Syria, making the Syrian incursions and the Israeli reprisal air raid unscheduled points in his discussions. He also called on Gen. Odd Bull, UN Truce Supervision Organization Chief of Staff.

DAYAN MEETS IN WASHINGTON WITH LEADING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, July 17. (JTA) -- General Moshe Dayan, former Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces who is now a member of Israel's Parliament from the Rafi group led by former Premier David Ben-Gurion, discussed here yesterday, the Viet Nam situation with top officials of the Pentagon and the State Department. He also met with Walter Rostow, special aide to President Johnson. Gen. Dayan is collecting material on the Viet Nam war for a series of articles which he intends to write after his return from Viet Nam to Israel.

Early this week, Gen. Dayan will meet with General Maxwell Taylor, special adviser to the President former head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and U.S. Ambassador to Saigon. Mr. Dayan will also meet William Bundy, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs and Raymond Fare, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia and Near East Affairs and his deputy Rodger Davies.

PROF. KATCZALSKI NAMED CHIEF SCIENTIST OF ISRAEL'S DEFENSE SYSTEM

JERUSALEM, July 17. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today appointed Professor Ephraim Katchalski, of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, as Chief Scientist of Israel's defense establishment. Dr. Katchalski's function in the newly created post will be to see to it that scientific research does not lag behind in the military field.

THREE AMERICAN REFORM RABBIS SPEAK AT MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- Three American Reform rabbis, who along with 19 other members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, are visiting the Soviet Union and other East European countries to acquire up-to-date information on the status of Jewish communities in those countries, addressed the Central Synagogue in Moscow during Sabbath services yesterday.

The three were Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, president of the CCAR and head of the delegation; Rabbi George B. Lieberman of the Central Synagogue in Rockville Center, N. Y., who spoke in Russian; and Dr. Eugene Mihaly of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. Last summer, a group of American Orthodox rabbis, members of the Rabbinical Council of America, also spoke from the pulpit of the Moscow synagogue.

In his address yesterday, Rabbi Lieberman recalled that many of the Jews in the United States traced their ancestry to Russia. "We, therefore, are united by spiritual history," he said. Rabbi Weinstein described the active life of Jews in the United States, both religious and secular and the role of the young people in the synagogue. Earlier in the services, the congregation was visibly impressed when David Lieberman, the 13-year-old son of Rabbi Lieberman, recited the blessings on being called to the reading of the Torah.

Responding to the addresses by the American rabbis, Moscow Chief Rabbi Yehudah Leib Levin said: "We Jews pray for peace and when you go back to America, use your influence to insure that peace will come. Do what you can to end the war in Viet Nam, because once the destructive forces are given sway, they gain strength and it is difficult to stop them."

The American rabbis, who arrived in Moscow after a three-day visit to Poland, will travel to Vilna, Leningrad and Kiev before leaving July 27 for Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

TWO NAZI OFFICERS SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR KILLING JEWS

BONN, July 17. (JTA) -- Two former Nazi officers were sentenced to life imprisonment and five other former SS functionaries to lesser prison terms by a court in Stuttgart for their roles in the slaughter of Polish Jews during the Hitler era.

Receiving life sentences were Hermann Muller, a 57-year-old former SS major and Paul Rable, 60, a former captain. Muller was found guilty of eight cases of direct murder and complicity in murder 11 more times. Rable was found guilty of eight crimes of murder involving the death of 17 Jews. Muller, a businessman before his arrest, was accused by the prosecution of having sent thousands of Jews to their death in gas chambers.

Three other of the defendants were acquitted, one because the court found he had abetted the murder on orders and the others for lack of evidence. The 10 defendants had been accused of murdering at least 30,000 Jews in Tarnopol in 1941-43. The trial lasted nine months and 128 witnesses, many from Eastern Europe, were heard.

The prosecution had asked life imprisonment for two other defendants, both former SS sergeants, Walter Lambor, 60, and Willi Herrmann, 56. Both were given 10 year sentences. Herrmann for complicity in the murder of 2,770 persons. Others sentenced to prison terms were Gunter Winkler, 49, for 5 years; Thomas Hasenberg, 57, for three and a half years and Paul Muller, 54, for two and a half years.

ARGENTINE MINISTER'S TALK WITH LEADER OF TACUARA EVOKES CRITICISM

BUENOS AIRES, July 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of the DAIA, the central representative body for Argentina's 500,000 Jews, said today there was a "dissonance" between the cordial reception given by President Ongania to the DAIA delegation last Wednesday and the reception given earlier by the Interior Minister to a leader of the extremist Tacuara organization.

Dr. Goldenberg made the comment in reply to a question during a brief interview on a television station concerning the visit made by him and other Argentine Jewish leaders to the President, the first with Jewish leaders by the new head of Argentine's military government. Interior Minister Enrique Martinez Paz received Patricio Pueyrredon, the Tacuara general secretary, the same week.

However, Dr. Goldenberg added that "Government policy is only now being established and the Tacuara interview happened one day before the audience with the DAIA." La Nacion, one of the most influential Argentine newspapers, sharply criticized the Government for the Pueyrredon audience.

POSTMASTER GENERAL REJECTS JEWISH PROTEST AGAINST CHRISTMAS STAMP

NEW YORK, July 17. (JTA) -- The Office of the Postmaster General has rejected a protest by the American Jewish Congress against issuance of a 1966 Christmas stamp depicting the "Madonna and Child" by Hans Memling, now hanging in The National Gallery in Washington, it was reported here today.

A spokesman for the Congress, replying to the Post Office, said that the painting was religious in nature and that its reproduction on a postage stamp violated the Constitutional requirement of separation of church and state. A copy of the correspondence was sent by the AJ Congress to the National Council of Churches which is considering whether to support the protest.

The AJ Congress assailed the "Madonna and Child" stamp in a letter by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Cleveland, president of the group, to Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien, stating: "With abiding respect for the sensibilities of our Christian fellow-Americans and for the aesthetic importance of the subject, we must nevertheless urge you not to print this stamp. The celebration of religious holidays, we believe, should be left to the church, the synagogue and the individual conscience. It is not the business of the United States Post Office."

Rabbi Lelyveld said the "stamp matter" was a "classic example" of the way in which violations of the principle of separation of church and state "creep into practice and gain acceptance." He pointed out that from 1789 to 1962, "the Post Office treated all proposals for the issuance of stamps commemorating religious holidays as violating the requirement of religious neutrality imposed by the Constitution."

"In 1965, however," he continued, "the Christmas stamp, apparently already regarded as a tradition, depicted an angel blowing a trumpet--a theme that was clearly religious, though arguably nonsectarian. Now we have the proposal for 1966 that is plainly both religious and sectarian." He added that the fact that the design is a reproduction of a work of art is "irrelevant."

The full text of the Post Office's reply, signed by Ira Kapenstein, special assistant to the Postmaster General emphasized two points: "1. No one is forced to use the Christmas stamp; it is not mandatory in any way. 2. Our 1966 stamp will portray a portion of a work of art and the stamp design will identify at the bottom both the artist, Memling, and the National Gallery of Art.

"Since 1962 special stamps have been provided for the benefit of those who wish to use them on Christmas mailings. Postmasters always have other issues, both regular and commemorative, on hand for patrons who prefer them," the letter from the Postmaster General's office stressed.

U.J.A. YOUNG LEADERSHIP MISSION BRIEFED IN ISRAEL ON IMMIGRANTS

HAIFA, July 17. (JTA) -- "If the American Jewish community is united on anything, it is in the effort to support the immigration and absorption of scores of thousands of Jews who seek to renew their lives in Israel with the aid of the funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal," Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, the organization's executive vice-chairman told the members of the UJA's Young Leadership Mission during their first briefing session here today.

The Young Leadership Mission is the sixth one the UJA has brought to Israel to survey Jewish resettlement and absorption activities at first hand. The present one is composed of 86 men and women in the 25-40 year age group who have demonstrated leadership abilities in local communal Jewish activities, as well as leadership potential in the broader areas of Jewish life here and abroad.

Briefing the UJA Young Leadership Mission on the current problems of Israel, Rabbi Friedman said: "Absorption of newcomers means creation of opportunities for work, education, training of newcomers. Education is the only system of building a nation and creating a people out of disparate elements. A strong defense is the only guarantee of peace in a hostile area. Water is the key to the future. Water and electric power will decide how many millions Israel can absorb." He added that the Young Leadership mission, by inspecting border settlements and development towns, will have a closer first-hand view of the problems of Israel in absorbing immigration than many residents of the country's major cities.

NYLANDER, SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED JEWS FROM NAZIS, DIES IN U.S.

GREENWICH, Conn., July 17. (JTA) -- A retired Swedish diplomat, who was decorated by Belgium and Finland for saving thousands of Jews from the Nazis, died of a stroke in Greenwich hospital here last Friday, at the age of 65. Lennart K. Nylander, who was Swedish Ambassador to Mexico and later Sweden's consul general in New York until 1955, lived in retirement in Greenwich. His efforts for Jews took place during the war when he was a counselor with the Swedish legation in Berlin.