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Arabs Slay Child of Hitler Terror

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TEL AVIV (Special)—As I write this column, the news broadcasts are presenting extensive reports on today's reprisal raid against Jordan.

It was the first such raid for many months; I doubt whether it will be the last.

I happened to be in Tel Aviv this morning when the news broke, and it was easy enough to gauge the public's attitude toward the reprisal action, for it seemed to be the sole topic of conversation.

Over and over I heard the same statement: "It was about time."

Scarcely a day has gone by during the past few months without an act of Arab terrorism — usually a mining and occasionally an ambush.

The consequences: a few soldiers or civilians hospitalized or buried each week.

These may have been insignificant by Vietnam standards.

But these are consequences which we cannot accept indefinitely, particularly since the terrorists are certain to become bolder if they find they can kill without hindrance.

The incident which finally triggered off the reprisal raid took place the previous day near the Jordanian border.

Three teenage soldiers were killed and another six wounded when their car passed over a newly-laid mine. This was too much for our leaders and certainly too much for our citizens, who were fed up with the endless and useless protests to the United Nations.

They demanded action . . . and got it.

I only wish I were convinced that this raid, or another two raids, or

perhaps another five raids would end the terror.

They may have this effect, if the great powers also exert pressure on the Arab Governments.

But one may doubt the deterrent value of the raids alone since these governments, and particularly the clandestine terrorist groups, are not overly concerned at the possibility of a few of their fellow Arabs being killed.

On this side of the border, in any case, every death is somehow a personal matter.

If you don't know the person who lost his life, then you at least know someone like him.

Every street has its Moshe Klagsbrun, one of the three young soldiers killed in the command car.

Moshe, a quiet, talented technician, was born in a displaced persons camp in Germany in 1947 after his

parents had miraculously escaped the gas chambers. He died a few days after his 19th birthday on a dusty desert road in Israel.

If you have a relative in the forces, and almost everyone has, there have been many particularly anxious hours of late.

As I write, it has been announced that one Israeli soldier was killed and six were wounded in the reprisal raid, but their names have not yet been released.

So Adeerah decided to call up her cousins to find out whether they had heard from their son, who is serving in a unit likely to have been involved in the raid.

They were grateful for the call, but they had no information.

I only hope that in thirteen or fourteen years' time we will not be waiting for news about the whereabouts of our son.

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HALF MILLION SYRIANS DEMAND WAR

JERUSALEM (WNS) Some 500,000 Syrian demonstrators marched through the streets of Damascus demanding immediate war against Israel and the liberation of Palestine from Jewish hands, according to reports reaching here from London.

The demonstration was also said to have carried an anti-American character.

At the same time the Syrian President was reported to have delivered an address in which he said that a final battle with Israel was approaching "without any doubt." He also denounced the United Nations, calling it an "imperialist, Zionist-dominated conspiracy." Should the Americans oppose the Arabs, he warned, "the fish in our seas will be feeding off rotting imperialistic corpses."

Meanwhile it has been reported here that Syrian gunners had opened anti-aircraft fire on Israeli planes well within their territory. The incident was seen here

as an indication of nervousness in Damascus over a possible Israeli air raid by way of answer to the recent spate of terrorist incursions into Israel.

At the same time official sources here were keeping a watchful eye over developments in Cairo, where a

Syrian delegation led by Premier Jusef Zaven was reported to have sought a commitment from Cairo that it would give full military support to Damascus in the event of war with Israel. In addition it has been learned that the negotiators for the two countries had agreed on set-

ting up a joint committee to determine what help Egypt could give to Syria in the event of a clash with Israel.

Meanwhile it was disclosed here by informed sources that the Syrian El Fatah terrorists who have been attacking Israel included elements trained in Algeria.

U.N. Hears Arab Terrorism Mounts

JERUSALEM (WNS) The mounting incidents of Arab terrorism in the face of UN Security Council consideration of Israel's complaint against the most recent eruption of border violence were weighed at a Cabinet meeting where Foreign Minister Abba Eban gave an assessment of the situation.

Mr. Eban told the Cabinet he preferred a strongly-worded UN resolution even at the certain risk of a Soviet veto. Such a resolution, even if nullified by a Soviet veto, would give Israel a stronger moral and political position than a unanimously-backed weakened resolution, the

Foreign Minister noted. At the same time he observed that the Security Council after more than two weeks of debate has been unable to agree even on a moderate resolution, such as introduced by the United States and Britain.

Premier Levi Eshkol, in his report to the Cabinet, stressed that all incidents stemmed from Syria. The immediate subject of discussion at the meeting was the blowing up of an Israeli train between Jerusalem and Tel

Aviv. But even as this incident was under discussion, word reached of another terrorist act, the blowing up of a water pipeline between Arad and Masada. This was the ninth terrorist attack since the current session of the Security Council has been pondering Israel's complaint.

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