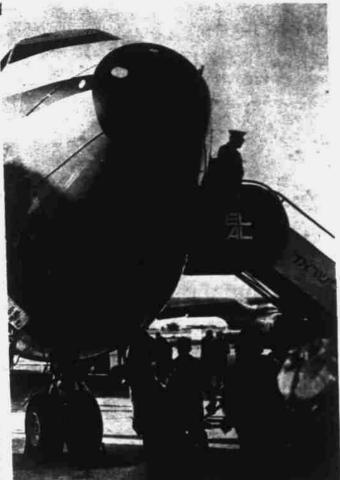
Moshe Dayan defined the commando raid as a "new deminsion" of the nation's reprisal policy which is designed to convince teh Arab states that the guerrilla warfare against Israel is not worthwhile in the long run. Previous retaliatory attacks on such economic targets as Egyptian oil refineries and key Jordanian higheays and bridges were part of the same policy.

The growing nagging question in Israel is whether that policy is working. While military leaders stated that Arab saboteur activities had not increased in 1968 and were being held in check, Israelis noted that the Lebanese frontier which had been relatively quiet, was now becoming a battle area and that casualities and property destruction was continuing unabated.

Israelis feared that the mounting tension may come to a head fairly quickly. It was pointed out that the Arab guerrilla organizations were making the same kind of heady, euphoristic victory dtatements that other leaders made before June, 1967. There is evident concern that the desire for revenge on the part of military leaders plus what is viewed here are the self-delusions of the terrorists could lead to an all-out war.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, defending the Beirut action, said Irsael was obli. gated to defend herself against all aggression, wherever it is planned and no



EL AL PLANE BACK IN ISRAEL WITH BULLET HOLES RECEIVED IN ATHENS BY EL FATAH MURDERERS (ISRAEL SUN PHOTO).

matter where it is carried out. "On no account can we accept the notion that war may be waged against us without reprisak as long as those who waged it call them selves, guerrillas, not a government," Mr. Eshkol said. Foreign Minister Abba Eban noted that Arab leaders, including Prime Minister Abdulla Yafi of :ebanon,

had repeatedly experience their whole - hearted agreement with the aims and methods of the saboteurs. He said the terrorists who struck in Athens belonged to head-quartered in Lebanon and the Lebanese Government could not be absolved of responsibility for their actions.

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## JEWISH LEADERS PROTEST TO RUSK

WASHINGTON Jewish leaders met for an hour and a half with Secretary of State Dean Rusk to protest Washington's support of the United Nations' erican lewish Committee condemnation of Israel with- regrets the nature of our out also criticizing Arab Terrorist attacks.

of Jewish organizations. The delegation was headed by Rabbi Herschel Schachter, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of major American Jewish Organizations.

Earlier, Jewish leaders had strongly criticized Pope Paul VI and other worldleaders for condemning israel while ignoring Arabterrorist activities.

pressed his sympathy to Le- to oppose violations of the banese President Charles Helou over the Beirut airport attack, later modified his position in a New Year's Dya address in the Vatican in which he condemned the "recent violent episodes of guerrilla warfare terrorism and reprisal" and called on all men to resolve conflicts without restoring to "murderous brute force,"

One churchman did support Israel. Mgr. John M. Oesterricher of the Secret-

## AJC REJECTS U.S. STATEMENT

NEW YORK -- The Amgovernment's statement by . R. Wiggins chief U.S. The meeting was held at delegate to the United Nathe request of the leaders mons, made in the Security Council on Sunday December/29.

> No violence in the Middle East should be condoned, However it is a simple fact that whenever Israel has brought a complaint about a cease-fire violation to the Security Council it has been unable to obtain relief because of the repeated vetoes of the Soviet Union.

An even-handed policy by The Pope, who had ex- the United States would be cease fire from an source. It would be unfair for our government to arree to a condemnation by the Security Council of the recent Israeli action without any reference to the act of December 26 which involved not only destruction of Israeli property but the loss of life.

> Pelations of the National Council of Bishops reportedly called the Israeli

rcher who is a convert from Indaism, contrasted Israel's action to the Arab attack at Athens as thirteen airplanes against one miman life."

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The basic position of most lewish organizations was evidenced by the statement issued by the Synagogue Council of America which represents the three major branches of Americal Sudaismi

The council said 'we new sent vers deeply the application of a double standard on the Muddle East, The UNIS condemnation of Israel would have come "with considerably more grace if world leaders had expressed comparable abborrence of violence perpetrated against Israel, It also "publicly and directly challenged' Fope Paul for the first time or any matter "afefeting downst, interests" by noting his message of sympathy to Letanon i might bay- art set more appropriately two cas earlier" at the time of the Attents arport attack,

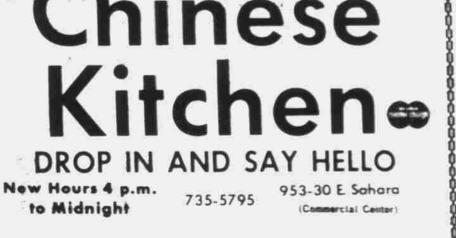
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