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## EVEN ARABS NON COMMITTAL ON IRAQ AS WHOLE WORLD REACTS

### ISRAELIS PROTEST MURDERS IN IRAQ

#### NO REPRISALS

JERUSALEM (WSN) -- Israeli officials indicated no reprisal raid was planned against Iraq for its public, circus-like hanging of 14 persons, including nine Jews, as Israeli spies. Instead, officials are conferring with other governments and international organizations on ways to help Iraqi Jewish community which Jerusalem believes is seriously threatened.

Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said the charges against the executed men and another group of as many as 65 defendants reportedly already being tried "were entirely baseless." In an emotional appeal in the Knesset (Parliament) which reflected the shock and anger of Jews throughout the world, Mr. Eshkol called on the international community to "rescue the remnants of the Jewish communities in the Arab countries."

Noting that Iraqi leaders told representatives from other governments and international groups they were considering clemency appeals "while the murderous death sentences had already been passed," Mr. Eshkol said the only crime of nine of the hanged men "was their



THE RESIDENTS OF SHEHUNAT HATIKVAH, A SUBURB OF TEL-AVIV, POPULATED MAINLY BY JEWS OF SYRIAN, IRAQI, MOROCAN AND ALGERIAN EXTRACTION, COME OUT IN FULL FORCE - ABOUT 2000-3000 OF THEM, IN DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE HANGINGS IN IRAQ. (ISRAEL SUN PHOTO)

Jewishness."

He said the similarity between the Iraqi regime and Nazi Germany "is manifest to one and all," and pleaded "if there is a conscience in this world, let its voice be heard -- now."

Other Israeli leaders said they believed the hangings were "only the beginning." Warnings from other Governments against reprisal raids were considered irrelevant because, officials noted, the idea "is to save lives, not to further endanger them." It was pointed out that there are 2,500 to 3,000 Jews in Iraq, many of them in prison, and "the Iraqis consider them as hostages."

The view in Jerusalem and in Western capitals is that the spy trials are being used by a shaky and divided Iraqi regime to eliminate political enemies and bolster government leaders by implicating Israelis in internal plots. In addition to "Zionist agents," a number of former Iraqi officials have been accused of being traitors and the United States Central Intelligence Agency has also been implicated.

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#### ORTHODOX IN

TEL AVIV (WSN) -- The Israel Labor Party headed by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, which now holds an absolute majority in the Knesset (Parliament) following completion of its alignment

with the left-wing labor party, Mapam, plans to continue to cooperate with the Orthodox religious bloc. A total break with the religious parties, which has held the balance of power in previous governments, would result in political strife.

JERUSALEM (WSN) -- World reaction to the Iraqi Government's hanging of 14 men, including nine Jews, as spies after a secret trial has resulted in a major setback for Arab diplomatic efforts in the Middle East crisis.

The mounting anger and indignation over the execution has been heightened by the Baghdad announcement that another group of men reported to total as many as 60 with at least one dozen Jews among them would be tried on charges of espionage.

Arab leaders realize the setback their cause has suffered and no statements of support for the public hangings have been issued by any Arab nation. The Iraqi Government has bitterly denounced the fact that "brother Arabs" have not supported its action against "enemies of the Arab people."

(A day of mourning for the executed Jews was marked by Jews in Israel, the United States and many western nations. Demonstrators in protest against the Baghdad Government continued. A Jewish businessman planted two Israeli flags on top

of the Iraqi Embassy in London while a group of Jewish youths handcuffed themselves to the Iraqi United Nations Mission in New York.

Public statements protesting the hangings were issued by such pro-Arab sources as the French.

In Paris, the executions intensified opposition to President Charles de Gaulle's pro-Arab anti-Israel policies. Prominent Gaullist leaders have begun to openly express opposition to the embargo of arms to Israel and the French Government has started to downplay plans to sell military items to Iraq and other Arab states.)

(Western newsmen reported from Iraq that the executions were carried out mainly for political reasons. It tested -- and cowed -- any mass opposition to the Government and is believed to have helped pave the way for the trial of prominent Iraqis who had been leaders of previous regimes. The present Government's strength lies in its military support and the hangings indicated the extent to which it will go in striking at any opposition.

### VEGAS WASN'T ONLY "SUNNY SPOT" HIT BY STORMS RECENTLY



SNOW, HAIL, THUNDERSTORMS, HAILSTORMS, SANDSTORMS, ICY COLD AND PERPETUAL DOWNPOURS HAVE BEEN THE FATE OF "SUNNY" ISRAEL DURING

THE PAST FEW WEEKS. KING DAVID'S TOWER IN THE BACKGROUND. (ISRAEL SUN PHOTO)

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Friday, February 7, 1969

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