

**FIRM LINE AGAINST TERRORISTS**

# Ben Gurion Addresses Press Correspondents Three Central Problems

(From Ted R. Lurie, Jerusalem Correspondent of the "Zionist Record.")

JERUSALEM, Monday.—On his arrival at Lydda Mr. Ben Gurion told the press:

"The session of the General Zionist Council was perhaps the most important Zionist meeting since 1939. On three central problems of the present hour, namely, security, terror and the UNO Commission's recommendations, a clear and firm line was adopted which now consolidates the vast and overwhelming majority of the Zionist Organisation. A stormy debate at the outset of the session, in which the coalition parties participated, ended with joint conclusions which were accepted also by the important parties outside the coalition. These conclusions were based not on a vague compromise but on a clear and consistent policy.

### Security

"Arrangements were made for augmenting the Yishuv's security. A firm line was established against the terror organisations and their destructive activities. All Zionist parties but one approved the resolution previously adopted by the executive, including the resolutions of the Yishuv's elected assembly in May of this year on resistance by force to any attempt by the terrorists to impose their will on the Yishuv as a whole and as individuals, the frus-

tration of terrorist acts, the isolation of the terror gangs and the cutting off of their sources of support in both Palestine and the Diaspora."

### Enlightenment

"To these resolutions the Actions Committee added more: first, the duty of conducting a broad enlightenment campaign on the harmfulness of the terror acts and the very existence of the terror organisations; second, the significant provision that support for the dissident organisations or their deeds represents a breach of Zionist discipline with all the inherent consequences.

"The second part of the session was devoted to elucidating the UNO Commission's report and the determination of the Agency's attitude. The resolutions which speak for themselves, were adopted with a clear majority of three-fourths. The Zionist movement will strive without vacillation and to the best of its ability towards the speedy establishment of a Jewish state. The majority report of the Commission, despite all serious shortcomings, held out hope in this direction, though we should not ignore the obstacles and difficulties still standing in the way. World factors which will decide in the General Assembly at UNO and after are not under our control, but to the extent that a clear, consistent attitude on the part of the Zionist movement may assist in achieving positive decisions, the Actions Committee accomplished as much as possible.

"The Zionist movement emerged from this session more united than it has been for a long time, and still greater unity will be required in the great and grave test we shall have to face in the days to come," concluded Mr. Ben Gurion.

## YOMTOV PEACE DISTURBED

JERUSALEM, Tuesday.—Jerusalem's Rosh Hashona peace was disturbed to-day by army and police armoured cars roaring and backfiring through the quiet streets and Bren-carriers clattering up and down. The nerve-racking thunder of Bren-carriers on the paved streets in the quiet residential quarter has to be heard to be believed.

It would be too much to call this deliberate provocation, but it would be no overstatement to call it callous disregard for the civilian population while it was celebrating one of its most solemn days.

This disturbance followed two siren alarms on Monday night, which have so far not been explained. The second alarm followed a heavy explosion, which was heard in most parts of the city—the police say there were eight explosions reported, but I believe that the other seven were backfiring police cars. Nevertheless, not even the first explosion could be explained by the police, who searched last night and continued their investigations to-day without finding anything.

Some of the correspondents called the explosions "nuisance bangs", while others suspect they may have been due to Arab activity.

## "LIFE OF MAGEN DAVID ADOM"

The Town Halls at both Springs and Benoni, on September 4 and 11 respectively, were filled to capacity by members of East Rand Jewry, who came to see the concert "Life of Magen David Adom."

The four artists who collaborated in the making of this concert were Percy Baneshik, who dramatised the script, Dave Goldblatt, the Johannesburg theatrical producer, Mr. J. Idelson, the South African composer, and Mr. R. Shapshak, artist and sculptor.

The first part of the programme, which constituted orchestral music presented under the baton of Mr. J. Idelson and songs by Jayne Susman, was enthusiastically received, as was also Cantor Mandel, who appeared in Springs, but was unable to appear in Benoni, owing to indisposition. Other highlights of the evening were Mr. Simon Poliva and Bennie Stein. The Speech Choir was headed by Bat-Ami Katz.

The Council of Magen David Adom wishes to thank all the artists who participated in the concert, and particular thanks is conveyed to the combined East Rand Union of Jewish Women for arranging these concerts.

The concert, "Life of Magen David Adom," is being repeated for West Rand Jewry at Krugersdorp on October 8.



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