

# Israel Urges Rejections of Hijackers' Demands

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The Israeli Government told its ambassadors in Washington and major European capitals today to urge government firmness against guerrilla demands. Officials deplored the Swiss and West German Governments' reported willingness to free Palestinian prisoners in exchange for the passengers of two hijacked planes.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said all concerned should hold the Government of Jordan responsible for the security and return of the Swissair and Trans World Airlines planes and their passengers, grounded at a remote spot in Jordan.

The spectacular hijackings were a direct outgrowth, Israeli officials argued, of the Greek Government's willingness to free Arab prisoners last month after a Greek Olympic Airlines plane had been hijacked and held as hostage. "Once this sort of blackmail becomes successful," said one official, "there will be no end to it."

In this mood, there was no willingness here to release any guerrilla prisoners held by Israel, as the hijacking organization was reportedly demanding. But diplomats said reports were coming in too fast and were disjointed for anyone to be sure what was being demanded of whom.

So far, Israeli officials refuse to accept any responsibility for the three planes successfully hijacked yesterday—two of which had earlier flown into and left Israel's Lod International Airport. They cited the unsuccessful hijacking attempt yesterday of a jetliner of El Al, Israel's national airline, as proof that air piracy could be prevented if adequate precautions were taken.

Two Israelis, identified here as security guards on board the El Al flight, were reportedly flown back to Lod Airport after brief questioning by Scotland Yard in London.

Arriving shortly after midnight, they were rushed into a

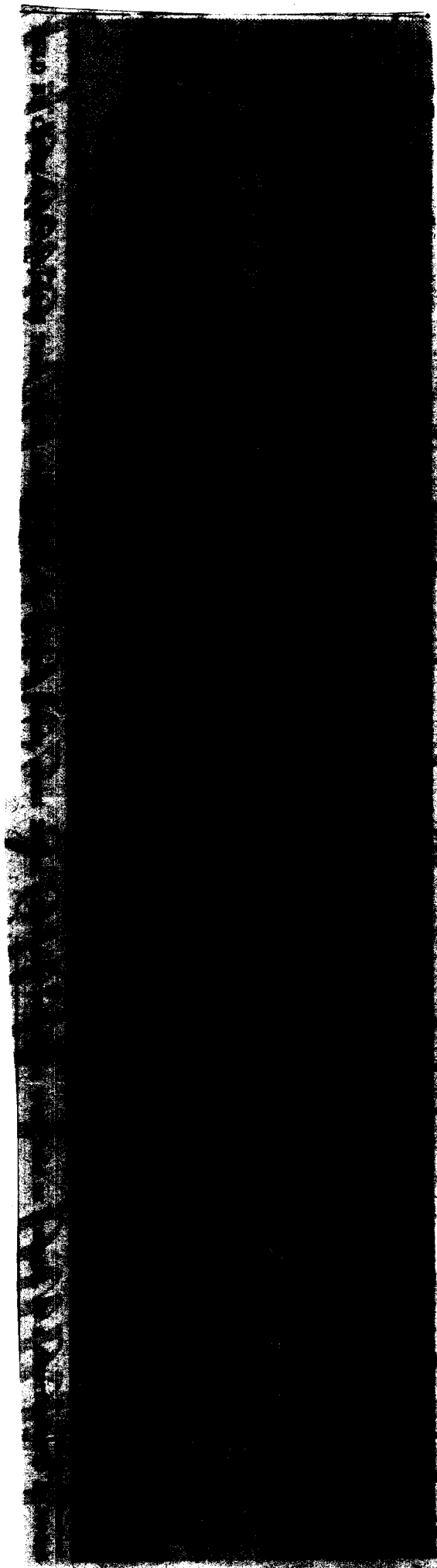
special car at the bottom of the steps of their plane and taken into a private airport room where Israel's Minister of Transport, Shimon Peres, and top officials of El Al were waiting.

Within minutes, according to Israeli sources, they were called to the telephone to speak with Premier Golda Meir in Jerusalem, and with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan.

Israeli officials are tight-lipped about discussing the precautions against hijacking taken on El Al flights. The two security men were reportedly required to sign papers before leaving the waiting room pledging that they would not discuss their experiences.

The pilot, Capt. Uri Bar-Lev, ducked all questions about security matters when he and the crew of the New York-bound plane returned this evening.

"None of the crew carries guns," was all he would say about the reported in-flight battle that took place between Amsterdam and London.





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