

# Israelis Want a Joint Hijacking Stand

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JERUSALEM, Sept. 8—Premier Golda Meir met with key ministers today to align Israeli policy on the hijackings Sunday with that of Britain, Switzerland, West Germany and the United States, the other States concerned.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban told newsmen afterward that Israel insisted that the passengers held hostage be released together, not divided by nationality in return for individual amnesties by governments holding Arab prisoners.

He refused to say whether Israel would be willing to release any Arab captives held. Other officials said a decision had not yet been made.

In the Foreign and Defense Ministries, senior officials, looking beyond the immediate situation, sought to mobilize the world outcry against the extremist Palestinians — which even included criticism of the hijackings in the Egyptian press — to revive the stalled peace-making efforts.

## Evolving Israeli Ideas

Their evolving ideas would include a new cease-fire agreement, with a military pullback by both Israel and the United Arab Republic in the hope of averting renewed warfare along the Suez Canal.

The Israeli Government remains formally committed to the formula, initiated by the United States, of simultaneous truce and peace talks. Privately, officials conceded that even before the hijackings the chances for a meaningful resumption of

negotiations through the United Nations were slim.

"It was not Israel that froze these talks," Mr. Eban said today, "but Egypt, with its violations of the cease-fire agreement."

Officially, the policy remains that Israel will resume participation in the diplomatic effort only after the Egyptians have withdrawn missile batteries the Israelis say they have moved toward the cease-fire line since the standstill accord went into effect on Aug. 7.

Because the officials here seem to have lost faith in the power of the United States Administration to back up its guarantees of the standstill, they are working out an initiative of their own, designed for Mrs. Meir to take to her talks with President Nixon about 10 days hence.

## Dayan Gave a Hint

To the annoyance of diplomatic officials, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan hinted at the incipient strategy in a radio interview Saturday. Faced with the Egyptian missile build-up, Mr. Dayan said, "There are now only two possibilities — to return the missiles to their previous locations or else to start discussing everything all over again, as if the previous agreement no longer exists."

Israeli sources reported that an idea to be put forward for such a strengthened agreement

would be a full-fledged demilitarization of — not just a standstill on — both sides of the canal to a depth about 19 miles, to be policed by light patrols on both sides.

Such an accord would require the Egyptians to disarm missile sites and the Israelis to pull back front-line troops. According to proponents, demilitarization would be a more meaningful test of sincerity on both sides.

The hijackings by Palestinian irregulars could give impetus to such an effort, it is believed here, to the degree that they have convinced the Egyptian Government of the precariousness of the situation.