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Calls on the Soviet to Help Bring Peace in Mideast

TEL AVIV, June 6 (Reuters) —Israel has appealed again to the Soviet Union to join in an effort to bring peace to the Middle East.

The new appeal was made yesterday in a message from Premier Levi Eshkol to Premier Aleksei N. Kosygin. A similar appeal was made Saturday.

The message, delivered early yesterday to the Soviet ambassador in Tel Aviv, said:

"I turn to you urgently to bring to your attention the grave developments of today [Monday]. Since the early hours of the morning, fighting has broken out between Egyptian armored and air forces which moved against Israel and Israel forces which went into action to contain them."

Tells of 'Mortal Struggle'

The message also said:

"Surrounded by enemy armies on all sides, we are now engaged in a mortal struggle to defend our existence and forestall Egypt's avowed intention to repeat against the Jewish people in Israel the inhuman crimes committed by Hitler."

Mr. Eshkol asked the Soviet Premier to understand the "gravity of the situation created by Egypt's warfare against Israel's existence."

He said: "We appeal to you in this hour crucial for peace in the Middle East and the entire world to join in an effort to secure peace based on the independence and territorial integrity of all nations."

The Israeli Premier referred to what he called "provocative troop concentrations" by the Egyptians in Sinai, which, he said, totaled five infantry and two armored divisions.

Says Egypt Massed Tanks

He said Egypt had massed more than 900 tanks against Israel's southern frontier and continued: "The massing of 400 tanks opposite Elath [is] an attempt to sunder the Southern Negev from Israel."

He also complained of Egypt's declared blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba and of Cairo's "insolent defiance of the international community."

"We cannot but be confident that the Soviet Union's role in history will be vindicated once more by an attitude of comprehension and brotherhood towards the Jewish people in its hour of trial," he said.

Premier Eshkol cited announcements by President Nasser on May 26 and on Sunday, which, he said, contained declarations of "a total war against Israel" and a basic aim of annihilating Israel.

The message went on: "The acts of sabotage and terrorism from Syria and Gaza, this morning's engagement and the bombardment of the Israeli villages of Kissoufim, Nahal-oz and Ein Hashlosha in Israeli territory — all of this amounts to an extraordinary catalogue of aggression that must be abhorred and condemned by world opinion in all peace-loving countries."

"This is a ruthless design to destroy the state of Israel, which embodies the memories, sacrifices and hopes of an ancient people which in this generation lost six million of its people, brutally murdered in a tragedy without parallel in history," Mr. Eshkol concluded.

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