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ISRAEL CABINET IS GRATIFIED WITH REPORTS ON BATTLE WITH SYRIA

JERUSALEM, April 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today heard reports on Friday's sudden land-and-air battle with Syria during which Israeli flyers shot down six Syrian Soviet-made MIG-21 jet fighters while army units destroyed Syrian gun posts firing artillery from remote positions against Israelis working in tractors in the demilitarized zone on the border.

Not a single Israeli plane was lost in the battle, but two Israelis were wounded by ground fire -- one of them fatally -- and damages to Israeli border settlements were estimated at millions of pounds. The Cabinet, after hearing today the reports on the battle, voted congratulations to the Israeli border settlers, the air force and the soldiers for their "disciplined and courageous behavior in the face of deadly attacks by Syria."

The reports were given at the Cabinet meeting by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Premier issued the following statement on behalf of the Government:

"It was Israel's right and duty to protect her legitimate rights against the recurring attempts by Syria to move the border and violate Israel's sovereignty. During the period of the talks in the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, which had been summoned in extraordinary session by United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, and discontinued by Syria, incursions into our territory became more numerous. Simultaneously, Syria started firing at farmers' settlements to hamper work in areas where our rights of cultivation have not been disputed.

"This probably was intended to bear out the statements by Syrian propagandists who had said that the 'popular war' against Israel must start by firing at the Jewish tractors.

"One can be proud of Israel's soldiers. But we would forego demonstrations of this superiority. The Syrian rulers should understand that their mistake regarding Israel's patience is most dangerous to themselves, and they had better desist from trying it to the point where Israel has to act in self defense."

Syria Withdraws Complaint Filed Against Israel With U.N.

Meanwhile, Syria announced today it had withdrawn a complaint it had filed with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission following Friday's fighting on Israel's border. Syria's complaint to the ISMAC had been filed Friday night, protesting against Israel's planes flying allegedly "over Damascus." No reason was given by Damascus for the withdrawal of the complaint to the United Nations.

Pointing to Syria's decision to withdraw its complaint today was an address made to a mass rally at Damascus Friday night by Dr. Nurieddin Al-Atassi, president of Syria. He declared that his Government would file no further complaints against Israel with the United Nations Security Council. He told the rally, which had been summoned to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Baath (Socialist-militarist) Party that, instead of resorting to the Security Council, "we are determined to retaliate to aggression by destroying bases and sources for this aggression." The crowd howled approval, interrupting the President frequently with shouts of "we want revenge" and "we want blood."

On its side, Israel appeared today to be planning no further diplomatic actions, beyond the complaint filed Friday night with the Security Council. (In that complaint, at the United Nations, Israel's permanent representative, Ambassador Michael S. Comay, informed the Council of Friday's stiff altercation which, he stated, resulted from "continued acts of aggression and provocation by Syrian armed forces." The letter called only for circulation of its contents to all 15 members of the Council, but did not request a Council meeting.)

Both Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, chief of staff of Israel's defense forces, explained in separate press conferences here exactly what had happened Friday. Mr. Eshkol pointed out that Syria has used the hiatus in the extraordinary session of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, which has been in suspension since February 2,

"to try to put into doubt Israel's sovereignty over its territory" in the demilitarized zones on the frontiers of the two countries.

Mr. Eshkol called on Syria to "honor Israel's borders and territory, and discontinue infiltration and sabotage activities." He suggested that both Israel and Syria cultivate their sides of their borders "in peace, even before a peace treaty is achieved." At the same time, he congratulated Israel's air force fliers and soldiers for their "gallant stand and efficient following of instructions to the letter." Gen. Rabin warned the Syrians that Israel's armed forces have the strength to deal with the Syrians "in any form Israel finds fitting."

President Johnson Watching Israel-Syrian Developments

WASHINGTON, April 9. (JTA) -- President Johnson was reported here today as watching closely the Israel-Syrian developments following Friday's clash which, according to information received here, lasted for more than seven hours. White House press spokesman George E. Christian said: "The President is always concerned over these confrontations. We always watch developments such as this as closely as we can."

State Department sources said they expected the United States to urge a meeting of the United Nations Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, and to ask both sides to cooperate with the peace-keeping organization.

ISRAEL'S DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER LEAVES FOR TALKS IN WASHINGTON

JERUSALEM, April 9. (JTA) -- Deputy Defense Minister Zvi Dinstein left today for the United States, where he will discuss American supplies to Israel with Washington authorities. His visit to Washington is expected to be brief.

ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER LEAVES FOR RUMANIA FOR ECONOMIC TALKS

JERUSALEM, April 9. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir left for Bucharest this morning at the head of an Israeli delegation which will discuss with highest Rumanian authorities the final phase of an economic pact between the two governments. The pact was reached here tentatively two weeks ago when a delegation from Rumania visited Israel.

The treaty is to include not only agreement on Rumanian-Israeli commerce and trade but also for intensive cooperation in other fields, such as scientific and technical exchanges and tourism. Included in the agreement is also provision for each country's construction of factories in the other land. Mr. Sapir is scheduled to affix Israel's signature to the pact at ceremonies in Bucharest.

The Finance Minister's visit to Rumania is the first made by a member of Israel's Cabinet to any country in Eastern Europe for the signing of a bilateral agreement. Rumania will also participate in the 1967 International Agricultural and Food Exhibit which will be held in Tel Aviv in May and June, exhibit officials announced today.

ISRAEL MINISTER REPORTS ON UNEMPLOYMENT; SAYS 36, 048 ARE JOBLESS

LONDON, April 9. (JTA) -- Israel's Labor Minister Yigal Allon, addressing the 66th annual conference of the British Zionist Federation here last night, said that Israel's unemployed, as of last week, totaled 36, 048 persons. The figures, he said, included 3, 800 youths, and represented 3 percent of Israel's labor force.

Mr. Allon derided the "mass of conflicting figures" about Israel's unemployment situation, noting that the percentage of Israel's unemployed as a ratio of the country's total labor force was similar to Britain's. Incidentally, he said, Israel uses Britain's statistical methods for arriving at its unemployment figures. "I am profoundly conscious," he said, "of the suffering caused by unemployment, and I consider it my first duty as Minister of Labor to combat unemployment with all the means at my disposal."

Asked why Israel continued to seek migrants under these circumstances, he said the Israeli problem was not one of over-population but the need to change to more productive forms of work. He predicted a serious shortage of professionals in the 1970's if more migrants did not settle in Israel.

On the subject of Jewish immigration to Israel, Mr. Allon lauded the British Zionist Federation for launching a campaign to increase aliyah, and disagreed with the suggestions by "some people" who hold that Zionism "should gracefully withdraw" now that the State of Israel exists. Such formulation, he said, is "an over-simplification of a complex and delicate problem." It is true, however, he added, that "Zionism without aliyah is meaningless; a Zionist organization cannot be considered Zionist if it does not constantly do all in its power to encourage and promote aliyah."

Zionism, said Mr. Allon, is needed, and the movement should not be liquidated. "As Zionism was needed to secure the State of Israel," he declared, "it is no less needed to fortify and to sustain the State."

C.B.S. FAILS TO GET PERMISSION TO TELEVISION MATZOH BAKING IN MOSCOW

LONDON, April 9. (JTA) -- A Columbia Broadcasting Corporation television team failed to obtain permission from Soviet authorities to photograph the baking of matzoh in Moscow, it was reported here today from the Soviet capital.

The television crew was told by the Soviet officials that while they themselves had no objection, the leaders of the Jewish religious community would be opposed. A second attempt by the CBS crew to get approval also failed.

Observers here expressed the view that the Jews had been given a hint to refuse such permission because the Soviets did not want to appear to be banning normal press coverage of an event totally unconnected with any question of security. It was suggested that conditions for matzoh baking in Moscow are so poor and primitive that the Soviet officials were loath to let them be shown on television in the West.

JEW SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF PANAMA FOR 15-DAY PERIOD

PANAMA, April 9. (JTA) -- Max Delvalle, first vice-president of Panama, was sworn in here yesterday as President of the Republic for a 15-day period. Mr. Delvalle, an industrialist, is a Jew. He is the first Jew ever to be President of Panama and probably the first Jew ever to be chief of state in any American country.

The interim President will serve during the next fortnight while President Marcos A. Robles attends the conference of hemisphere presidents at Punta del Este, Uruguay. The ceremonies for the swearing in of Mr. Delvalle took place here in the Supreme Court. Most of his presidential activities during the next two weeks will be ceremonial.

N.C.J.W. CONVENTION URGES U.S. JEWS TO FIGHT HARDER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

ATLANTA, April 9. (JTA) -- Mrs. Joseph Willen, of New York, national president of the National Council of Jewish Women, warned Jewish parents tonight that, unless they fight harder for civil rights, their children may be lost to Jewish life.

In her keynote address to the opening session of the five-day biennial convention of the women's educational and service organization here, Mrs. Willen told the more than 1,000 NCJW delegates from all over the country that "when we teach our children Jewish ethics and then they see us making it hard for a Negro to move in down the street, they learn not to respect either us or our values."

The Council leader asserted that Jews are not doing enough to help achieve equal opportunity and that, like other Americans, they are "meeting their obligations through token statements, speeches and pointing out that the rabbi stood on a picket line." A message to the convention from President Johnson hailed the NCJW for its work to create "equal opportunity for all."

YIVO OPENS FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE; ROLE OF JUSTICE BRANDEIS DEPICTED

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- The four-day annual conference of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research opened here last night at Hunter College Assembly with a tribute to the late Justice Brandeis on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his death. Dr. Alexander M. Bickel, professor of law and legal history at Yale University, addressed the audience on the role which Justice Brandeis played in American constitutional jurisprudence, and stressed his interest in the economic development of Palestine. More than 1,000 persons attended the opening session.

The session, which was presided over by Dr. Israel Knox, associate professor of philosophy at New York University, also heard an address by Dr. Khone Shmeruk, professor of Yiddish at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, on "Polish Jewry in the Mirror of Soviet Yiddish Literature." Dr. Shmeruk reviewed the writings of Yiddish authors in the Soviet Union in the postwar era when their works appeared in Russian only.

U.S. JEWISH LEADERS GIVE FAREWELL LUNCHEON TO AMBASSADOR COMAY

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- Ambassador Michael Comay, and his wife, Joan, were given a farewell luncheon by six major Jewish organizations on Friday at the Jewish Agency building here. Ambassador Comay, returning to Israel after seven years as Israel's representative to the United Nations, heard tributes from Max Fisher, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization; Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Israel; Dr. Dewey D. Stone, in behalf of the United Israel Appeal and the Weizmann Institute; and Albert Parker, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

Responding to the tributes, Ambassador Comay thanked the American Jewish community for the support it has given to the cause of Israel, and remarked that "what happens to a Jew anywhere, happens to all Jews everywhere."

JOHNSON URGED TO START DRIVE FOR RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, urged President Johnson last night to launch "a real Presidential drive" to bring about United States ratification of the United Nations pact against genocide.

The Senator spoke at a meeting marking the 125th anniversary of Congregation Rodeph Shalom. He told the meeting that "millions of Americans will feel that an historic achievement has been registered in this convention, based on the grim experience of the colossal holocaust which martyred six million Jews in World War II when it is made part of the world's protection against a similar outbreak in humanity."

He said he was convinced that the Senate would ratify the convention "if the Administration really gets behind it and I urge the President to give the signal." He was critical of the fact that "almost a full score of years since the Genocide Convention was first referred to the Senate, this greatest deliberative body in the world has not only failed to ratify but we have not even had this or any of the other human rights conventions before the full body for action."

The Senator discounted fears that the convention would "give supra-national authority over domestic crimes attributable to race" as "groundless and but an excuse for parochial opposition." He said the United States has entered into conventions with other nations to prevent and punish criminal actions "without endangering our national sovereignty." He said "there is no reason to fear that by ratification of the Genocide Convention we shall be inviting foreign powers to intervene in our own domestic affairs."

B'nai B'rith Women Ask for Early Ratification of Genocide Pact

WASHINGTON, April 9. (JTA) -- The National Board of B'nai B'rith Women adopted a resolution reaffirming the organization's fight for early ratification by the United States of the United Nations genocide pact. This action followed a special meeting of the board at the Senate office building with a number of Senators on the genocide treaty and other questions.

The women were addressed by Senators Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, Robert F. Kennedy, New York Democrat, Claiborne Pell, Rhode Island Democrat, and William Proxmire, Wisconsin Democrat. In an apparent response to criticism by the American Jewish Congress for favoring New York State aid to parochial schools, Sen. Javits told the B'nai B'rith women, "I have never refused to do what I had to do in the Congress because I am a Jew or because an issue before me concerned Jews. I have always stood by my conscience."

During a question period following remarks by Sen. Proxmire, Mrs. Nathan Holstein, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a vice-president of B'nai B'rith Women, asked the senator whether Congress realized how demoralized young people are when they hear that the Senate has failed to act on the genocide treaty for 18 years. Sen. Proxmire, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on human rights, agreed that failure on this issue disillusioned youth. He said it was "a most serious indictment of our Government and of the Senate."

BASSINE CONTRIBUTES \$2,500,000 TC MEDICAL COLLEGE OF YESHIVA U.

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- Charles C. Bassine, president of the board of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, has contributed \$2.5 million to the college for an expanded program of medical education, it was announced here today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the university.

The gift, Dr. Belkin said, will enable the college to erect a 15-story building and to expand its enrollment of medical students by 25 percent. The new structure, he said, will include, in addition to classrooms and seminar facilities, also a series of electronically instrumented laboratories for teaching the biological sciences in a research setting. The building will also provide facilities for an expanded program of community health and a two-story computer center and Institute of Biomathematics.

SAMUEL HOLZMAN DONATES FUNDS FOR CHAIR AT N.Y. COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- Samuel Holzman, a retired Coney Island concessionaire, has donated funds for the establishment at New York University's College of Dentistry the institution's first chair in endodontics, according to an announcement by Dr. Raymond J. Nagle, dean of the college. Endodontics is the newest dental specialty, using techniques that permit dentists to save diseased or broken teeth without resort to extraction. The size of the gift was not announced, but an endowment for a professorship at NYU usually runs up to \$500,000.

According to Dr. Nagle, the contribution is the third large gift given to the college by Mr. Holzman's family. Previously, Mrs. Holzman's mother, the late Mrs. Rose Cohen, endowed a clinical bacteriology laboratory at the college, while the Holzman family endowed an endodontic clinic. Mr. Holzman and his late wife, Hannah, had also established at the college an annual award to the senior dental student attaining the highest average in endodontics.