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## Israeli Forces Destroy Arab Air Might, Rout Their Armies, Liberate Old City, Gaza Strip, Dominate Sinai Peninsula

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- Israel's armed forces began today the consolidation of their initial victories against Egypt and Jordan as armored spearheads pushed across the Sinai Peninsula on a 30-mile front some 90 miles from the Suez Canal in the second day of the third Arab-Israeli war.

The Israel Air Force, having established virtually absolute air domination by crippling the air forces of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Iraq, was diverted into ground support operations. In less than two days of brilliant action, Israel had given Egyptian President Nasser's field forces, as well as his air force, a severe beating and left Jordan's crack Arab Legion almost impotent as a fighting force.

The Israeli Defense Command announced this evening that Israeli armor fighting in the Sinai Peninsula had destroyed 200 Egyptian tanks. Israeli losses were not mentioned.

Before Israel infantry and armor was able to take Jordan-held old Jerusalem, Jordanian shelling hit and damaged such famous sites in the new city as Israel's Museum, Hebrew University buildings, Shaarei Zedek Hospital and schools.

Reports began to come in of casualties. More than 500 persons were reported injured in Israel's capital, mostly persons who ignored sirens and stayed out on the streets. A number of persons were injured in Natanya and one person was reported killed when Iraqi bombers attacked the coastal city.

### Old City of Jerusalem Is Liberated

Jerusalem, a city torn in two for 19 years was about to be reunited, Israeli forces surrounded the Jordan-held Old City of Jerusalem today and reportedly occupied most of the area. The Old City, the second capital of Jordan, is the site of some of the holiest places in the Jewish and Christian religions. Jordanian denial of the right of access for Jews to such holy places as the Wailing Wall has been a bone of contention ever since Israel was established.

In less than 24 hours, Israel destroyed Nasser's potential to carry out his proclaimed threat to uproot and eradicate the state of Israel, captured strategic positions dominating the entire Sinai Peninsula and held its forces poised to cut off the Suez Canal and recapture the strongpoint at Sharm-el-Sheikh dominating the Strait of Tiran and controlling Israel's gateway to the East.

Israel's control of Khan Yunis, El Arish and Deir El Balah effectively severed Egypt's access to the Sinai Peninsula and ended any threat of Egyptian land invasion of Israel territory. Israeli forces took the city of Gaza and possession of the entire Gaza Strip, long pointed like a dagger at Tel Aviv.

### Major Victories Won On Jordan Front

The Israelis announced two important land victories on the Jordanian front, Israeli forces captured Latrun, midway between Ramle and Jerusalem -- a key communications center and a threat to the Jerusalem-Lydda route, and seized the Arab stronghold of Jenin, northernmost point of the "Bloody Triangle." Capture of Jenin bars Jordanian forces from a land attack on the Haifa coastal area. One of the bitterest battles of the 1948 War of Liberation was fought for control of Latrun which was still in Arab hands when a cease-fire ended hostilities.

Ramat Hakovesh settlement, near Kfar Saba on the Jordanian border, came under heavy shelling this afternoon from Jordanian artillery. Ramat Hakovesh is one of the largest collective settlements in the area and has a long record of attacks by Arabs on its members and on the village itself since 1956. No casualties were reported.

General Mordehai Hod, air force commander, announced shortly after midnight that the Israel Air Force had destroyed 374 enemy planes and that 34 had probably been destroyed. This is

considered to be about one-fourth of the total air force power the Arabs mustered at the beginning of hostilities.

Gen. Hod reported that Egypt had lost 286 planes, 20 of them in combat. Among the planes destroyed on the ground, he said, were 30 TU-16 heavy bombers and 12 Sochoy fighter-bombers which Egypt had only recently received from the Soviet Union.

He said that Syria had lost 52 planes, including two Ilyushin bombers, and Jordan had lost 20 British-built Hunters and seven transport planes and helicopters. Gen. Hod revealed that the Israeli air forces had carried their strike into Iraq and had attacked the Iraq base at Kiraki, near the Jordanian border, destroying nine planes there.

### Israeli Losses Were Light

In all of Monday's farflung aerial activities, Gen. Hod said, Israel lost only 19 planes -- four French-built Ouragans, four Mysteres, four Super-Mysteres, one Vautour and four Fouga-Magisters. Eight Israeli pilots were known to have been killed. Of the 11 missing, nine were believed to be in enemy hands.

In aerial mop-up operations, the Israel Air Force reported that another 14 warplanes of Egypt and Syria were shot down today. They included four Sochoy fighter-bombers, one of the newest Soviet types supplied only recently to Egypt. Israeli planes shot down another two Soviet-made MIG-21 jets in the Sinai fighting. An Iraqi bomber was downed by anti-aircraft fire near Afulleh. It was believed to have been one of the planes which took part in the bombing of Natanya.

Initially the Syrian attack on Israel when fighting broke out early Monday morning was by air. After Syrian planes suffered severe losses, the Syrians tried an armored infantry attack twice against Tel Dan, source of the Dan River. Israeli armor repulsed both attacks and also smashed a Syrian attack on Shear Yashuv. The Syrians then went back to shelling border settlements, inflicting damages and casualties. Army units silenced the Syrian shelling.

Gen. Itzhak Rabin, chief of staff of the Israel defense forces, reported on a broadcast this morning that Israel had taken large numbers of prisoners on the southern (Egyptian) front and had captured a considerable amount of arms and equipment, including tanks and artillery. He said the enemy had suffered heavy casualties. He termed Israeli losses comparatively light.

### 'Devastating Blow' Assured Israel Air Supremacy

Israel struck its hardest blow in the air, Gen. Rabin said. He termed the air smash a "devastating blow" which had assured Israel of air supremacy.

Israeli forces smashed into Abu Ageila, a key junction in eastern Sinai from which roads lead to all parts of the Sinai Peninsula, and seized the strongpoint this afternoon. This was the third time Israeli forces had seized Abu Ageila, the first two occasions being in the Independence War in 1948 and the Sinai campaign in 1956. Control of Abu Ageila opened the way for sweeping advances west and south. Israeli spearheads also seized a number of towns near El Arish, which they captured late yesterday to consolidate their hold on the vital northern Sinai city.

Observers piecing together the developments of the first 24 hours of the war stressed Israel's strategic gains. Nasser's power to attack was destroyed as was probably his ability to hold the Suez Canal and the Strait of Tiran. The Arab fist clutched around the Israeli throat at the Jerusalem corridor had been wrenched loose and the threat to communications between Jerusalem and the rest of Israel removed. Arab Legion machine-gunners were driven from the vantage points on the Old City wall from which they had threatened large areas of the New City of Jerusalem.

These gains, it was noted, were achieved with relatively minor losses and without the heavy cost to the civilian population which had been feared because of the proximity of Arab forces to Jewish population centers.

### **Security Council Struggles for Agreement on Resolution**

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 6. (JTA) -- Members of the United Nations Security Council struggled unsuccessfully throughout another day today seeking agreement on an acceptable resolution to deal with the Arab-Israeli hostilities.

The striking Israeli successes, entailing the destruction of Arab military power in less than 36 hours and the placement of Israeli forces in strategic positions dominating the Sinai Peninsula and poised to seize control of Sharm-el-Sheikh overlooking the Strait of Tiran and threatening the Suez Canal, had reversed the power picture.

One effect of the Israeli showing on the battlefields was to compel the Soviet Union to abandon its aloof attitude and participate in talks leading to a mutually acceptable solution. The Soviet position today was that Israel should withdraw its forces beyond its own frontiers. There were

reports that the Soviet envoy, Dr. Nikolai T. Fedorenko, had been closeted for a large part of the day with Arthur Goldberg, the American representative, seeking an area of agreement.

Earlier in the day, it was assumed that a resolution would express the Council's grave concern over the outbreak of hostilities, would call on all parties for an immediate cease-fire, and would have the Secretary-General hold himself in readiness for implementation of the Council decisions.

Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban arrived from Israel today to participate in the Security Council meetings. He was to meet briefly with the President of the Council tonight just before the Council was scheduled to meet.

### **Diplomatic Relations Severed Between United States, Egypt**

WASHINGTON, June 6. (JTA) -- The State Department announced today that the United States had severed diplomatic relations with Egypt as a "reciprocal" action following notice that President Nasser had withdrawn recognition of the United States. Syria and Algeria also announced they had broken off relations with the United States.

The diplomatic developments followed a series of wild charges by Egypt that American and British planes had assisted the Israeli Air Force in battles yesterday and had provided an air screen over Israel. Both Washington and London indignantly denied the charge and said Nasser had put it out as a cover-up for the humiliating Arab rout.

American policy on the Middle East came in for increasing criticism in Congress today as members of both parties called for American aid and support to Israel. Israel's outstanding victories changed the nature of the criticisms from the question of American guarantees of Israel's territorial integrity to the question of protecting Israel's gains.

Sen. Hugh Scott, Pa. Rep., keynoted this approach when he told the Senate today that "I hope the United States, in its protestations of being a neutral, will not be a party to negotiating away any of those rights that the Israelis may establish through their own military efforts."

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, N.Y. Rep., said that a United Nations cease-fire resolution must require not only that the Strait of Tiran but also the Suez Canal be open to Israeli shipping. A U.N. resolution, he said, must involve more than an armistice but should involve "a permanent peace in the Middle East."

Rep. Emanuel Celler, N.Y. Dem., who is dean of the House, said that while Western nations shirked responsibility for dealing with Egypt, "Israel fights alone and fights valiantly." He said that to ask Israel to surrender any of the territory she had fought for would be "grotesque."

### **Russians Tell Israel Halt Fighting, Evacuate Captured Areas**

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- Soviet Ambassador Dimitri Chuvakhin delivered a note to the Israel Foreign Ministry last night calling on Israel to halt fighting and to evacuate the territories it had occupied.

(Reports received in Washington disclosed that while the Soviets were reporting the war to the Russian people entirely by the Arab version, the Soviets were not informing their people about the Egyptian charge that United States and Britain had provided air cover for the victorious Israeli troops.)

Earlier, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol had sent an additional message to Premier Kosygin of the Soviet Union asking the Soviet to participate in a four power effort to secure peace in the Middle East. Mr. Eshkol cited Egyptian President Nasser's repeated threats to destroy Israel and said this was a "ruthless design" to annihilate a nation "which embodies the memories and sacrifices and hopes of an ancient people which in this generation lost 6,000,000 of its people brutally murdered in a tragedy without parallel in history."

Mr. Eshkol's letter stressed that "we claim nothing except a peaceful life in our territory and the exercise of our international rights." Surrounded by enemies on all sides, Israel "is now engaged in a mortal struggle to defend its existence and to forestall Egypt's avowed intention to repeat against the Jewish people in Israel the inhuman crime committed by Hitler," the Premier said. He added that Israel was confident that the Soviet Union would be "vindicated once more by an attitude of comprehension and brotherhood toward the Jewish people in its hour of trial."

### **Eshkol Tells de Gaulle Israel Wants Peace with Arab Neighbors**

PARIS, June 6. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol has sent a special message to President Charles de Gaulle affirming Israel's constant readiness to sit down with its Arab neighbors to discuss issues between them such as the question of the Palestine refugees and freedom of transit in the Gulf of Akaba. The Israeli leader stressed in his letter, delivered to Gen. de Gaulle last night by Ambassador Walter Eytan, Israel's intense desire to establish peaceful relations with the Arab countries but only on condition that Israel's territorial integrity and its international rights, such as transit of the waterways, are assured.

## American Jewry Intensifies Aid Measures for Israel

NEW YORK, June 6, (JTA) -- The Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which represents 221 Jewish community organizations, called on its members today to give "unprecedented, extraordinary support to the Israel Emergency Fund of the United Jewish Appeal." A resolution by the board urged its member agencies and all other Jewish organizations to postpone other fund-raising efforts where feasible.

Federations and welfare funds throughout the country were urged by the board to "mount a massive collection effort to turn all past and current commitments to the UJA into cash." The board resolution and appeal followed four days of meetings in New York attended by more than 400 presidents and executives of community organizations affiliated with CJFWF. In each city responsibility for raising the funds for the Israel Emergency Fund is being carried by the local federation or welfare fund.

Nahum Shamir, Economic Minister of Israel in this country, announced here that Prime Minister Eshkol had asked Israeli social and educational institutions to urge their American supporters to stop special fund-raising efforts "to give complete and unlimited support to the Israel Emergency Fund." Beyond maximum gifts to the fund, he said, Israel asked its friends to invest in Israel Bonds.

### B'nai B'rith Opens Emergency Campaign for Israel

B'nai B'rith initiated today an emergency campaign with an appeal to its 2,100 local units for "an outpouring of funds to meet the crisis" that confronts Israel. First response to the appeal, made by president William A. Wexler, came from B'nai B'rith district 22. It pledged \$500,000 to the Israel Emergency Fund to be given from the reserve funds of the lodges and a curtailment of other activities by their men's and women's units.

The National Jewish Welfare Board called on its more than 400 affiliated Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHA's to give their "full and unstinted support" personally "and through all the means" at their disposal to the Israel Emergency Fund. Lou's Stern, president, and Sanford Solender, executive vice-president, advised centers and their leadership that the Israel Emergency Fund "is the principal means available at this time to be of direct help to our fellow Jews in Israel. Only our dollars can fill the economic gap created by the war emergency."

The American Labor Zionist movement, the Israel Histadrut Campaign, and the Labor Council of the United Jewish Appeal formed a special division, the Histadrut-Labor Zionist Division, of the Israel Emergency Fund. National and local committees of the Farband Labor Zionist Order, Labor Zionist Organization of America and Pioneer Women, together with organizations affiliated with the Israel Histadrut Campaign, have been formed for this special effort which is in addition to efforts to obtain maximum contributions for the Israel Histadrut Campaign. Fund-raising among unions will be conducted as a separate drive for the Histadrut Trade Union Emergency Fund.

### Outpouring of Funds In Chicago, Detroit

In Chicago, one thousand men and women, attending a special conference of the campaign cabinet of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Chicago at the Standard Club last night, pledged a total of \$2,500,000 to the Israel Emergency Fund. The unprecedented response at the emotion-packed conference followed speeches by Gen. Chaim Laskov, former chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces; Rabbi Ralph Simon, chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal, and David Silbert, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation.

In Detroit, a total of \$1,250,000 in Israel bonds was sold following an emergency pro-Israel rally. The figure was expected to reach \$2,000,000 by next Monday evening when a dinner will be held in honor of Philip Slomovitz, editor of the Detroit Jewish News, who just returned from a visit to Israel. The Israel Emergency Fund of the Detroit Allied Jewish Campaign also raised \$800,000 to date in emergency funds with that total expected to double by next weekend.

### Danish Public Rallies in Support of Israel

COPENHAGEN, June 6, (JTA) -- The Danes swung into action today with rallies demanding aid to Israel, a fund-raising campaign headed by former Premier Vigo Kampman and denunciations of Egypt and the Soviet Union.

The fund campaign was reported to have collected a substantial sum but exact figures were not given. Leaders of all political parties addressed the rallies. A Social Democratic meeting heard a charge placing responsibility for the new Middle East war on Egypt and a demand that Russia stop sending arms to the Arab states.

Paul Moller, leader of the opposition, told a rally that there was no doubt as to where responsibility for the war should be placed. He called on the Danish Government to help Israel economically and in all other possible ways.

## British Emergency Plea Doubles Normal Year's Collection

LONDON, June 6, (JTA) -- Michael M. Sacher, treasurer of the Joint Palestine Appeal, reported today that the JPA emergency fund for Israel has brought in, in one week, 5,750,000 pounds (\$15,100,000) and was approaching 6,000,000 pounds (\$16,800,000). Britain's Jewish population is 450,000 persons. The best results heretofore in collections for a normal full year has been about 3,000,000 pounds (\$8,400,000).

## Presidents' Conference Urges Johnson to Back Israel

NEW YORK, June 6, (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations called on President Johnson today to provide Israel with "material assistance and political support" to end for all time the Arab threat to destroy Israel. Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the group, said today in outlining the organization's position, that Israel's cause in seeking to end Arab aggression and maintain the freedom of the seas was "identical" with American interests in the Middle East.

He said that American action in the current crisis, "whether in concert with other peace-loving nations or unilaterally," must seek "to halt Arab aggression permanently, to terminate Arab threats against freedom of the seas, to end Arab refusal to live as neighbors with the people of Israel."

The Conference spokesman declared that only when the Arab states accepted the permanent presence of Israel in the Middle East "can a beginning be made to the constructive tasks of justice and harmony among all the peoples of the region."

Dr. Prinz said tens of thousands of Jews from all parts of the country would be in Washington for the two-day national emergency leadership conference sponsored by the presidents' group, opening tomorrow night.

### American Credibility An Issue, Abram Declares

Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, urged the United States to bring about "the conclusion of binding treaties to guarantee permanent peace" in the Middle East where Israel is battling the armies of four Arab countries. Mr. Abram will be one of the principal speakers at the rally in support of Israel Thursday near the White House.

He said in a statement that the stake in the Middle East crisis was not only "the existence of Israel, to which four of our Presidents have pledged our support and our honor," but also "the whole position of the United States in the area and the credibility of its commitment to international peace and security."

Asserting that the war had been brought about by "the provocative and belligerent acts" of Egypt, and that "from Asia to the Western Hemisphere, the eyes of people everywhere are on us," Mr. Abram added that "we urge our Government firmly and publicly to reaffirm its guarantee of the independence of the nations in the Middle East and to make clear to the Arab states and their allies that we are prepared to take concrete action to make that guarantee meaningful."

The Jewish Labor Committee called upon President Johnson to "take steps now to bring a speedy and just end" to the war in the Middle East. The organization said that "the security and territorial integrity of Israel, and free access to the Gulf of Akaba" must be part of any settlement of the war.

Malcolm A. Tarlov, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, called on the U.S. Government to live up to its commitments in the Middle East. These, he said, "are to ensure the territorial integrity of all Middle East borders." He asserted that "the savage attack on Israel by a Communist-backed and supplied regime is reason enough for the United States to actively pursue a fulfillment of these commitments."

## Argentine Government Bans Pro-Israeli Mass Meeting

BUENOS AIRES, June 6, (JTA) -- Buenos Aires police, acting on instructions from the Federal Government prohibited a mass meeting, scheduled for tonight, to demonstrate Argentine Jewry's solidarity with Israel.

An official statement pointed out that "a war has broken out between countries friendly to Argentina and in order to avoid actions which could disturb the diplomatic relations of our country and also cause disturbances here," the Federal police did not authorize the holding of the meeting.

Patricio Pueyrredon, head of the neo-Nazi ultra-nationalist Tacuara youth movement, said he had volunteered at the Egyptian Embassy for service in Egypt.

Many Jews queued up at improvised stations here to donate blood for wounded Israelis. The Catholic Center for Social Studies declared in a statement today its firm support to Israel, "whose millenary culture has been assimilated by Christianity and with whom we feel united by faith in a single God."

## Bourguiba Denounces Mob Attacks on Tunisian Jews

LONDON, June 6. (JTA) -- President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia appeared on the radio and television yesterday to issue a stern warning against mob attacks on Tunisian Jews and Jewish property.

The Tunisian president denounced the incidents and gave orders that they must cease, adding that all such demonstrations would be halted "by every means available to the power of the state."

The World Jewish Congress office here sent a cable of appreciation to President Bourguiba for his condemnation of "outrages committed against your Jewish citizens who rely for protection on your sense of justice, as demonstrated by your intention to punish all culprits."

The Tunisian Government formally apologized today to the Jewish community and said that "the hooligans" who sacked the Jewish quarter in Tunis yesterday did not represent the Tunisian people or Government. Special police units were detailed to the section to guard it.

## Neo-Nazis Win Ten Seats in Lower Saxony Legislature

BONN, June 6. (JTA) -- The strife-torn German National Democratic Party, an organization embracing many extremist, neo-Nazi groupings in West Germany, captured seven percent of the vote in balloting for the Lower Saxony State Legislature Sunday and won ten seats in the chamber. The party's strong showing made it the third largest party in Lower Saxony, displacing the Free Democratic Party. The neo-Nazi organization now has representatives in six of the ten state legislatures in West Germany.

## Swiss Aid JDC Feeding Programs in Iran, Tunisia

GENEVA, June 6. (JTA) -- The Swiss Government has given the Joint Distribution Committee 35,000 pounds of powdered milk for use in JDC feeding programs in Iran and Tunisia, Charles H. Jordan, JDC executive vice-chairman said here today.

## Seek U.N. Convention Banning Limitations Statute on War Crimes

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 6. (JTA) -- The Economic and Social Council decided unanimously here today to recommend to the General Assembly adoption of a draft United Nations convention banning statutes of limitations on the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity.

The Council requested that the next session of the Assembly, to be convened in September, adopt the draft at the earliest possible time. The issue of outlawing statutory limitations on the punishment of war crimes and crimes against humanity has been debated here for a number of years and had already been approved by the U.N. Commission on Human Rights which is a subsidiary body of ECOSOC.

## Vandals Smear Swastikas on Mexico City Jewish Homes

MEXICO CITY, June 6. (JTA) -- The outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East has inspired Nazis and their Arab supporters here to renewed activity with swastikas found smeared on a number of Jewish houses in Mexico City. The houses were also plastered with such slogans as "Long Live Nasser."

In other anti-Semitic incidents in recent days, the Agudath Achim Synagogue and the building of the Zionist Youth Organization were both attacked by unknown vandals who broke windows in the buildings.

## Urges Catholic Graduates to Foster Ecumenical Advances

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- The first Jewish speaker at the annual commencement exercises for the only Catholic women's college in Manhattan told the graduates today that it was their duty to continue the ecumenical advances made between Christians and Jews in the past decade.

The appearance of Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, intercultural affairs director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, at the exercises at Marymount Manhattan College was one of a series of events marking expanded Christian-Jewish cooperation.

Iona College, a Catholic institution in New Rochelle, N.Y., announced appointment of the first two Jewish members of its board of lay trustees. They are Nathan Kalikow, a construction executive, and Leon Weiss, an accountant.

Rabbi Theodore Levy of the Temple Society of Concord in Syracuse, N.Y., was named resident lecturer at LeMoyne College. The Very Rev. William L. Reilly, a Jesuit priest who is president of the Catholic college, made the announcement while preaching at the Temple in the first appearance by a priest at a synagogue in Syracuse. Tracey Ferguson, Temple president, is a member of the board of trustees of LeMoyne College. Another Temple leader, Jerome M. Wilson, was named recently to the college board.

A course on rabbinic Judaism and the Talmud will be given for the first time next year at John Carroll University, a Jesuit institution in Cleveland. Rabbi Earl A. Jordan, associate rabbi at Fairmount Temple, will join the university's theology faculty to give the course. The Jewish Chatauqua Society is sponsoring the course.