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Soviet Admiral Says His Ships Are Ready to Aid Egypt Against Aggressors

WASHINGTON, July 10. (JTA) -- Admiral Igor Molotov, Commander of the Soviet Naval Flotilla that has arrived in Port Said and Alexandria, served notice today that his ships were "fully prepared to cooperate with the United Arab Republic armed forces in repelling any aggression."

This was the first known statement by a responsible Soviet authority threatening military measures in the current crisis.

Authorities said the Soviet naval units at Alexandria and Port Said comprised the biggest force of Communist power ever to visit Egypt. The Russian units include two missile cruisers, other warships, and at least two submarines. The Soviet admiral said his vessels were shadowed by the U.S. Sixth Fleet and were observing the movements of the Americans.

The Soviet presence in Port Said, only a few miles from where Israeli planes bombed hostile Egyptian artillery on Saturday was seen here as a Soviet show of solidarity with Egypt.

Naval sources said a Soviet missile cruiser and another cruiser of conventional design were docked at Port Said which is on the northern end of the Suez Canal. Admiral Molotov said the visit was being made at the invitation of the Egyptian Government.

The Soviet display of naval strength coincided with the opening in Cairo of an Arab summit conference on Israel. King Hussein of Jordan has arrived for the talks and the Presidents of Syria and Iraq are expected shortly. President Nasser went into discussions today with King Hussein and President Boumedienne of Algeria.

U Thant to Report Today on Changes in Status of Jerusalem

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 10. (JTA) -- Secretary-General U Thant is scheduled to report tomorrow to the United Nations General Assembly on the measures which Israel has taken to comply with the General Assembly resolution requiring it to rescind all measures already taken and to desist from taking any action which would alter the status of the city of Jerusalem."

The Assembly will reconvene its emergency session on Wednesday and Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel who termed the reunification of Jerusalem "irrevocable and beyond the legal competence of the General Assembly," is expected to return to New York in time to participate in its deliberations.

A new attempt to produce a resolution that could command a two-thirds majority of the Assembly and bridge the wide gap between the Soviet non-aligned position of withdrawal of Israel forces before consideration of other Arab-Israel issues and the Latin American stand coupling withdrawal with termination of the belligerency status was under way today. The Spanish delegation took the initiative in this attempt but was reported meeting with little success. In view of the continuing Middle East crisis, Mr. Thant has canceled plans to attend meetings in Geneva next week.

Egypt Accepts, Israel Delays on Deployment of U.N. Observers

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 10. (JTA) -- Egypt informed Secretary-General U Thant today that it agreed with the proposal to send U.N. observers to the Suez Canal area and would accept them on Egyptian soil.

The Israeli Cabinet, after two sessions devoted to the question had not, by tonight, reached a decision. Israel, however, was expected to give a qualified assent within the next 24 hours. Meanwhile, in expectation of Israel's agreement, United Nations staff men began to make arrangements to recruit an observer team and the necessary support in manpower and equipment and Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, at his Government House headquarters in Jerusalem, was reported to be detailing his requirements to mount an effective supervision of the canal zone.

The Security Council's approval last night of the Secretary-General's proposals to send U.N. observers to the canal zone confronted Israel with a vexing dilemma. On the one hand, following its experience with the United Nations Emergency Force -- the umbrella that was pulled down as soon as

it began to rain -- Israel has become more skeptical about the reliance to be placed on U.N. peace-keeping units.

Ambassador Gideon Rafael indicated the type of observer teams Israel would like to see along the canal when he proposed to the Council last night that local Israeli and Egyptian commanders "meet and agree on appropriate arrangements to prevent breaches of the cease-fire." He pointed out that such arrangements were in effect for civil affairs such as water-supply, transfer of the wounded and prisoners-of-war.

Israel Would Prefer Mixed Israel-Egyptian Observer Teams

In Jerusalem there was talk of mixed Israeli-Egyptian teams of army officers to patrol the sensitive areas. The Israelis take the position that the 1949 armistice agreements are dead and they are concerned that observers to be deployed here should not be within the truce supervision organization framework although they would be under the direction of Lt. Gen. Odd Bull who would be considered the Secretary-General's personal representative.

The Israelis did not overlook the advantages of an observer system at points of contact with the Egyptians. The presence of the observers would be bound to reduce the number of border clashes and terrorist attacks which Egypt seems to desire to show that the present cease-fire line is untenable. The arrival of Red Fleet units at Egyptian ports, including Port Said, less than 20 miles from Israeli outposts, will increase tensions that the presence of international observers would serve to abate.

Finally, the stationing of U.N. observers on the cease-fire lines would be an indirect, international recognition of Israel's presence in the Sinai Peninsula and along the Suez Canal and thus would strengthen Israel's claims that its withdrawal should be only after direct negotiations.

USSR Sought to Limit Secretary-General's Authority

The Security Council's consensus on the dispatch of observers to the canal zone was achieved only after a bitter three-hour wrangle in which the Soviet ambassador, Nikolai T. Fedorenko, fought hard to circumscribe the Secretary-General's authority and to require him to get Council approval of every step. Mr. Fedorenko was particularly adamant in trying to fix the number of observers to be deployed. Since Egypt and Israel had previously agreed to the proposed consensus, it was obvious that Mr. Fedorenko's zeal was not to protect Arab interests but to pursue long-standing Soviet policy to try to limit the Secretary-General's discretionary powers.

In last night's session, Ambassador Rafael took the floor to reply to the vitriolic attack made earlier by Ambassador Fedorenko and to another tirade by the Syrian spokesman, Mr. Fedorenko, Mr. Rafael said quietly, found it difficult to contain "his unmitigated hatred for my country and my people." The Russians ostentatiously left the chamber when Mr. Rafael spoke and did not hear him when he said the Arab people would have to pay for Soviet policy which had not changed from the Ribbentrop-Molotov expansion agreement to the present.

Egypt in No Haste to Secure Return of 5,000 Prisoners from Israel

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA) -- Egypt has indicated no desire to secure the repatriation of the 5,000 Egyptian prisoners of war now in Israeli hands, Gen. Chaim Herzog, the Kol Israel military commentator, reported today. Among the prisoners are four generals.

He said that Nasser did not want the prisoners back because they knew the truth about the Egyptian military debacle which Nasser has attempted to conceal from his people and would spread the information.

Israel to Start Pumping Oil from Captured Sinai Wells

WASHINGTON, July 10. (JTA) -- Italy's state-owned ENI oil group, which is 50 percent owner of the Sinai wells, reported today that Israel will begin pumping oil from the wells "in the next few days." A company spokesman said in Rome ENI was not "collaborating" with the Israelis in the pumping operations, but was not protesting. ENI officials denied that any financial arrangements had been made with Israel.

Some of the storage and loading facilities at the Sinai wells were damaged in the June fighting but have since been repaired. Potential production of the Italian-Egyptian wells is estimated at 4.7 million tons a year.

Harris Poll Shows Strong American Public Support for Israel

WASHINGTON, July 10. (JTA) -- The American public, by three to one, rejects the Soviet-Arab position that Israel first withdraw its troops from all occupied territory before other issues can be settled, the Louis Harris Poll of Public Opinion discloses.

The poll, published today by the Washington Post, also revealed that seven out of ten of those polled believe Jerusalem should become an international city, open to all.

Eighty-eight percent said Israel should be guaranteed the right to send ships through the Gulf of Akaba; 86 percent felt that Israel should also have freedom of passage through the Suez Canal and 82 percent said they thought Israel's existence as a sovereign state should be formally accepted by the Arab nations.

Israel Prepares for Return of Arab Refugees to West Bank Areas

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA) -- Israeli officials began work today on procedures to permit the return of West Bank Arabs under new liberalized regulations approved by the Cabinet. An earlier order permitting their return up to August 10 was liberalized with the announcement that while the August 10 date was the deadline for filing applications, there would be no time limit for the actual return.

The applications will be distributed in Jordan by the International Red Cross. Former West Bank residents who fled to areas other than Jordan may also apply for re-entry to the West Bank but their return will be subject to Israel's regulations for reunification of families. Israel will not admit persons considered to be security risks or criminals likely to disturb the peace. Israeli officials expressed the hope that the return of the Arabs will begin soon after August 10.

(In Geneva, the International Red Cross said today it had named delegations in four Israeli-held Arab areas to aid the Arabs. Israel has given the IRC free access to the areas without special permission. The Red Cross officials have been authorized to collect family messages freely in all areas under Israeli control and to transmit them to Arab countries. They also will undertake individual inquiries and reunification of families.

(Nils-Goran Gussing, newly-appointed United Nations specialist on refugee problems, arrived in Paris today en route to the Middle East as Secretary-General U Thant's personal representative on the welfare of Arab refugees and war prisoners.)

Proof of permanent residence in the West Bank prior to June 6, when Jordan was knocked out of the brief war, will have to be submitted with applications for return. A spokesman said no decision had yet been made regarding West Bank residents who left for the East Bank on business or for similar reasons before the war broke out on June 5 and were stuck there.

Israeli officials have begun selection of the Jordan River points at which the refugees will be permitted to enter West Bank territory and to arrange customs and health controls there and transportation facilities. Work has already begun on repairing the Allenby Bridge which is expected to be a major crossing point.

Jerusalem to Give Hebrew Courses for Old City Arabs

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA) -- Mayor Teddy Kollek announced today that quick-study Hebrew language Ulpianim courses would be started soon for Jerusalem's Arab population. He also announced that an advisory committee for Arab residents of Old Jerusalem would be established soon and coopted to the Jerusalem City Council. He made the announcements after the first City Council meeting to be held since new and old Jerusalem were reunited.

The Chief Rabbinate Council meanwhile appealed to the Jerusalem Municipality, and to the Ministry of Religious Affairs to close the approaches to the Wailing Wall in the Old City to vehicles on Saturday to prevent "mass desecration of the site" on the Sabbath by organized motor tours and other vehicles.

At the same time, the Old City was being prepared for a resumption of tourism, this time under Israeli auspices. Its hotels have been authorized to reopen and have received temporary gradings from the Israeli Tourism Ministry. The famous Rockefeller Museum, which houses some of the world's rarest Holy Land finds, has been opened.

Eshkol Says Israel Needs Immigrants to Populate Territories

JERUSALEM, July 10. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol told a seminar attended by American Conservative rabbis here last night that Israel needed increased immigration from the United States which would make an important contribution to the nation's economic development and security. The event was a joint meeting of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, and the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

Mr. Eshkol emphasized that Israel now controlled vast territories after the victory in the June war while half of its pre-war area was still uninhabited. He said Israel needed new settlers to fill some of this vacuum and that they could come only from lands of affluence. He also said that while territorial expansion was not necessarily vital, Israel would not evacuate occupied Arab areas until a satisfactory peace agreement was achieved.

Government and Jewish Agency officials will meet this week to map out detailed plans for immigration and adequate absorption methods, following agreement between Mr. Eshkol and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization.

The tremendous wave of enthusiasm for Israel which rose with the six-day war in the Jewish communities throughout the world has encouraged leaders here to believe that this is the opportune moment to develop large-scale immigration from the affluent lands of the West.

In some political quarters, the suggestion is again being heard that a special portfolio for the encouragement of immigration and its handling should be set up in the Israel Cabinet.

Educators, Students Leave for Summer Programs in Israel

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- More than 275 educators, college students and teenagers have left for study courses in Israel under auspices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, the National Committee for Labor Israel and the America-Israel Secondary School program.

The Office of Academic Affairs of the American Friends said 56 American participants, including two nuns, will begin summer studies Wednesday at the Hebrew University.

The last of four groups of 150 American and Canadian college students left for a six-week sojourn in Israel. They will spend 18 days working in three collectives in the Negev, under auspices of the Histadrut Foundation for Educational Travel.

The third of four groups of teenagers, totaling 100 boys and girls, left under auspices of the Histadrut Foundation for Educational Travel to spend the summer at Kfar Hayarok, an agricultural school, and at Kibbutz Geshar Haziv in the Galilee.

Another 21 American teenagers left for a second year of high school study in Israel under auspices of the American-Israel Secondary School program. After an initial period studying Hebrew, they will spend the academic year at the Alonei Yitzhak Secondary School.

Brazilian Institute Completes Seminar on Jewish Community Life

SAO PAULO, July 10. (JTA) -- The first ten lectures in a series of seminars covering the entire range of modern Jewish community life and organization have been completed here under auspices of the Brazilian-Jewish Institute of Culture. Leading Brazilian intellectuals, including Moses Kaufmann, president of the Brazilian Jewish Confederation, served as moderators for the lectures.

The seminars are being sponsored by the regional council of B'nai B'rith and the Israelite Federation of the State of Sao Paulo and aided by the American Jewish Committee Community Service. Prof. Heinrich Rattner, a sociologist, and Dr. Alfred Hirschberg, American Jewish Committee representative, directed the project.

A second 12-lecture cycle sponsored by the B'nai B'rith regional council and the Institute, will begin in October.

President of Uruguay Welcomes New Institute for Human Relations

MONTEVIDEO, July 10. (JTA) -- President Oscar Gestido of Uruguay praised today the goals of the newly-created Jewish Uruguayan Institute for Human Relations and the American Jewish Institute when he received a delegation of the two groups.

The delegation presented President Gestido with a special issue of *Comentario* magazine dedicated to Uruguayan literature. The President emphasized the need in Uruguay of a program for inter-group relations. Vice-President Alberto Pacheco Areco and Minister of Culture Carlos Manini Rios attended a special tribute by more than 100 Uruguayan intellectuals to the periodical.

Argentine Literary Prize is Awarded to Novelist Chaim Grade

BUENOS AIRES, July 10. (JTA) -- The Shmuel Niger Literary Award of the Argentine Culture Congress was presented here to Chaim Grade, the American Yiddish writer, for his book, "The Yeishiva." The book won the \$6,000 Morris Adler award of the American Academy for Jewish Research.

Indian Postage Stamp Honors Prof. Haffkine Who Conquered Plagues

NEW DELHI, July 10. (JTA) -- The Central Indian Postoffice has issued a postage stamp bearing the photograph of Prof. Waldemar Mordecai Haffkine, the famed Jewish scientist and philanthropist whose discoveries included a vaccine against cholera and the bubonic plague.

Prof. Haffkine, a native of Odessa, Russia, joined the staff of the Pasteur Institute in 1889. When a cholera epidemic broke out in India in 1893, he went there at the request of the British Government and his vaccine and methods of inoculation greatly reduced the disease's mortality rate. He returned to India in 1896 to help overcome a bubonic plague epidemic.

Known to the Indians as "the white magician," Prof. Haffkine established the Haffkine Institute in Bombay. He left India in 1915 and became an Orthodox Jew and set up a fund to aid the yeshivas of Eastern Europe. He died in 1930 at the age of 70.

Michael Tress, Leader of Orthodox Jewry, Is Dead

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Michael G. Tress, national president of Agudath Israel of America, who died last night in a New York hospital. He was 56 and had led the national Orthodox movement for two decades.

Orthodox delegations from ten cities attended the funeral services today at the Yeshiva Torah Vodaas, in Brooklyn.