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Egyptian Bomber is Shot Down Over Kantara in New Egyptian Foray

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- Israeli officials reported that one Egyptian Soviet-made Sokhoy-7 jet bomber was shot down today and another driven off by Israeli anti-aircraft gunners near Kantara in occupied Sinai Peninsula territory. Last week, an Egyptian Soviet-made MIG was shot down in a similar engagement.

The incident took place when the two jet bombers came in low over Israeli positions and were engaged by the anti-aircraft units. The pilot of the downed jet bomber was seen to bail out.

Israel Agrees to Accept U.N. Observers on Suez Canal Cease-Fire Line

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Government officially announced today that it had agreed to the posting of United Nations observers along the cease-fire line at the Suez Canal. The Israeli agreement specified that the observers must be posted on both sides of the cease-fire line on the basis of strict reciprocity.

Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, Secretary-General U Thant's personal representative in the area, will fly to Cairo in the next few days to work out arrangements with the Egyptians for the posting of observers on their lines. He will then work out arrangements with the Israelis. Both countries have the right to determine from which countries they will accept observers.

(Ambassador Gideon Rafael at the United Nations notified the Secretary-General this morning of the Israeli acceptance. An Israeli mission spokesman said the Israeli action reflected his country's desire to see the cease-fire effective. It was understood in U.N. circles that Egypt does not want to admit Canadian nationals as observers.

(A U.N. spokesman said the observers will not set up a buffer zone. They will, he said, have observation posts and will have freedom of movement.)

The Israeli decision had been delayed pending receipt in Jerusalem of the exact text of the Security Council's decision. What Israel sought to avoid at all costs was any situation which would perpetuate the 1949 agreements which Israel insists the Arab attack last month rendered void.

Israel has agreed to permit Gen. Bull to use Government House, former headquarters of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, as headquarters for the cease-fire observation team. The building and the 150 dunams (37.5 acres) on which it stands have been declared the property of the State of Israel.

Israel Tells U.N. It Expects World to Welcome Reunited Jerusalem

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Government told the United Nations today it was confident that "world opinion will welcome the new prospect" of a Jerusalem thriving "in unity, peace and spiritual elevation," and gave no indication that it intended to comply with a General Assembly demand that it rescind its legislation which made the formerly Jordan-held Old City part of the municipality of Jerusalem.

The Israeli reply to the letter addressed to Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban last week by Secretary-General U Thant "as a matter of urgency" was delivered to the Secretary-General by Ambassador Gideon Rafael yesterday and was made public today. Mr. Thant made no comment on the reply nor did he give any evaluation of it. A U.N. spokesman said that that would be the function of the General Assembly. The emergency session of the Assembly will resume tomorrow after a week's recess. Mr. Eban will head the Israeli delegation at the meeting.

Mr. Eban reported that the changes in the life of Jerusalem resulting from the Israeli Government's measures could be summarized in the following:

"Where there was hostile separation, there is now harmonious civic union. Where there was a constant threat of violence, there is now peace. Where there was once an assertion of exclusive and unilateral control over the holy places, exercised in sacrilegious discrimination, there is now a will-

ingness to work out arrangements with the world's religious bodies -- Christian, Moslem and Jewish -- which will ensure the universal religious character of the holy places."

No Freedom of Access to Holy Places Under Jordan Rule

Mr. Eban reviewed the status of Jerusalem for the past 19 years when it was governed "by a regime which refused to give due acknowledgement to universal religious concern. The city was divided by military demarcation lines. Houses of worship were destroyed and desecrated in acts of vandalism. Instead of peace and security, there was hostility and frequent bloodshed. The principle of freedom of access to the holy places of all the three monotheistic religions was violated with regard to Jews, but not to them alone."

Referring to the Pakistan resolution, Mr. Eban said "the term 'annexation' used by supporters of the resolution is out of place. The measures adopted relate to the integration of Jerusalem in the administrative and municipal spheres and furnish a legal basis for the protection of the holy places in Jerusalem."

Mr. Eban then outlined the Israeli laws and regulations for the protection of the holy places and "the new mingling of Arabs and Jews in free and constant association." He described the measures taken by the Jerusalem municipality to improve conditions in the Old City.

As to the holy places, Mr. Eban said that Israel does not doubt her own will and capacity "to secure the respect of universal spiritual interests. It has forthwith ensured that the holy places of Judaism, Christianity and Islam be administered under the responsibility of the religions which hold them sacred."

He said the Israel Government was currently engaged in "a constructive and detailed dialogue with representatives of universal religious interests" to assure "the universal character of the holy places."

Eshkol and Papal Envoy Discuss Proposals for Jerusalem Holy Places

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol received the Vatican envoy, Msgr. Angelo Felici today for discussion of the various proposals regarding the holy places in Jerusalem. Following the meeting, a communique described the talks as marked with "great understanding." Last night Msgr. Felici met with Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban.

It is understood that Israel's contacts with the Vatican will continue, probably in Rome after Ambassador Ehud Avriel's return. Ambassador Avriel met with Pope Paul VI last week and it is expected that another meeting will take place soon.

Congressman says Jordan Has 'Forfeited Rights' in Jerusalem

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- Rep. Leonard Farbstein, N.Y. Dem., a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, told the House of Representatives today that by its desecration of Jewish holy places in the Old City of Jerusalem, "Jordan has forfeited its rights in Jerusalem forever more."

He said Jordan had forfeited any claim to act as custodian of the holy places and he said the United States must not countenance a return to the situation that existed prior to June 5.

State Dept. Voices 'Increasing Concern' Over Arms Shipments to Mideast

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey said today that "we have noted with increasing concern reports of continuing shipments of aircraft and other arms from the Soviet Union to the U.A.R. and other countries of the Near East." He said these shipments were "significant" and at a level that indicated Moscow is "trying to replace the equipment lost."

The Department spokesman said that "it seems clear to us that the great powers should be working for a limitation of arms in the Near East and not a resumption of the old race." He recalled President Johnson's statement of June 19 that the recent Middle East conflict was "a demonstration of the danger of the arms race in this area."

In separate statements today, three members of the Senate who have just returned from Israel, urged that the United States supply Israel with the arms and equipment necessary to offset the Soviet supplies to Egypt and Syria.

Sen. Daniel B. Brewster, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said today that "there can be no doubt that the Arabs were the aggressors who began the war" and that the United States should supply arms to Israel to balance the renewed flow of Russian weapons to the Arab states. The Maryland Democrat vigorously opposed all military and economic aid for the Arabs. He said it was "incredible" that America should support any nation with hostile intentions towards Israel.

Sen. Vance Hartke, Indiana Democrat, said that "there is not any question but that we are going to provide arms to Israel." He said Israel was ready to talk peace but that the Arabs were not and he said he would press the State Department for an American initiative to bring the Arabs to a peace conference.

Another Indiana Democrat, Sen. Birch Bayh, expressed hope the United States would implement its agreement to sell jet planes to Israel and to take other necessary steps.

Cabinet Makes Eshkol, Eban Sole Spokesmen on Foreign Affairs

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- The Israeli Cabinet had acted today to replace the multiplicity of voices that have announced Israel policies and to redefine the authority of its spokesmen.

Following last night's Cabinet meeting, it was announced that in future only Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban were authorized to make official foreign policy statements. Gen. Moshe Dayan, the Minister of Defense, whose frequent statements to the press on his foreign policy views have, on occasion, embarrassed the Government, was authorized to speak on defense matters.

An interview with Gen. Dayan in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung was one of a number reportedly mentioned in the Cabinet. Gen. Dayan has denied the newspaper version of the interview in which he purportedly asserted that Israel would be compelled to fight Soviet forces if they intervened in the Middle East and attacked Israel.

Gaza to be Open to Israeli Tourists; Bank Leumi Opens Branch There

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- The Gaza Strip will be fully open to visits by Israelis beginning next Sunday, it was announced here today. While no permits will be needed, each Israeli visitor will be required to carry his identity card.

Meanwhile, Bank Leumi L'Israel became the first Israeli bank to open a branch in Gaza. The branch will carry out only limited functions. While it will accept Israeli currency, it will disperse only Egyptian pounds.

Arkia, Israel's domestic airline, expanded its services today to include connections between all major airports in Israel and Kalandia Airport near the Old City of Jerusalem as well as flights over Sinai and Sharm el Sheikh.

Lapidot Oil Company to Operate Captured Sinai Oil Wells

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- The Lapidot Oil Company of Israel has undertaken to operate the Sinai oilfields seized by Israeli forces in last month's war and located mainly along the shore of the Red Sea and in some offshore areas. While some of the pumping installations were damaged during the fighting, most of the equipment is intact.

The output of the Sinai oilfields is rated at 4,700,000 tons annually, considerably more than the 3,500,000 ton annual consumption rate of Israel. Young scientists at the Hebrew University have been asked to register for summer work prospecting for oil in the Sinai fields.

Government and Jewish Agency to Make Joint Plea for Immigration

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency met today to discuss plans for large-scale immigration from the Western countries and a program for speedy absorption of the new settlers in the life of the country.

A decision was reached to make a joint Government-Jewish Agency appeal to Jewish communities throughout the world to increase immigration into Israel and to strengthen their relationships with the Jewish State.

Following the meeting, a denial was issued of prevalent reports that the Government would assume responsibility for immigration and would set up an immigration cabinet post.

U.S. Industrialists Support Johnson Proposals for Mideast Settlement

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- The heads of more than 20 of the largest corporations in the country have telegraphed President Johnson expressing their support of his program for settlement of the current Middle East crisis. They urged that Israel should not be called upon to withdraw from its present positions until there is an overall settlement based on the President's five principles.

These principles, proposed to the United Nations General Assembly last month by Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, call for recognition of the right of national life in the Middle East; justice for all refugees; innocent passage through international waterways; limits on the Mideast arms race; and political independence for all.

Among those signing the telegram, all of whom are members of the Ad Hoc Committee of American Business and Industry on the Middle East, were: Thomas G. Ayers, president of Commonwealth Edison Co.; Dr. H. Bruce Baldwin, president of Horn and Hardart Baking Co.; Lewis Eilers, president of Eastman Kodak Co.; Paul A. Johnston, president of Glen Alden Corp.; C. Jay Parkinson, president of Anaconda Co.; Peter T. Sinclair, president of Crown Zellerbach Corp.; Walter Wheeler, Jr., chairman of Pitney-Bowes, Inc.; Joseph C. Wilson, chairman of Xerox Corp.

Jews Won't Visit India So Cochin China Jews Cancel Celebration

BOMBAY, July 11. (JTA) -- The tiny community of the Jews in Cochin China in South India announced today that it had abandoned plans for celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Great Synagogue in Kerala which had been scheduled for the winter of 1968.

The decision resulted, it was said, from the reluctance of American and European Jews to come to India in view of the Indian Government's hostile attitude towards Israel. The celebration had been considered the last occasion for a gathering of the Cochin China Jews in Kerala. The community, which still numbered about 2,000 in 1951, has dwindled to less than 300 today.

Russian Jews, Alarmed by Press Attacks, Flock to Cities for Safety

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) -- Inflammatory anti-Jewish propaganda appearing in wide sections of the Soviet press in connection with the Arab-Israel conflict has resulted in intense anti-Jewish feeling and attacks on Jews in many provincial towns.

Information received here from reliable sources indicated that the Jews in the Ukraine, the Georgian Republic, the Caucasus and other areas have been feeling the effects of the bitter press attacks.

In the Georgian Republic, it was reported from Tbilisi, the rabbi of Sochum, an ancient Jewish community, was set upon and killed by a gang as he was returning to his home from the synagogue.

Jews in small towns in the Ukrainian Republic, it was reported, were desperately trying to find housing and jobs in Kiev and other large cities because they felt exposed to danger in the small towns. A similar situation was said to exist in White Russia.

Anti-Jewish Attitude Seen in Gromyko's 'Bazaar' Reference

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) -- Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko was accused today of having displayed an anti-Semitic attitude in a speech he made reporting the United Nations handling of the Middle East crisis.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, according to the report of his speech published in Izvestia, official Soviet organ, said that "Israel would have liked to convert our honorable assembly into a smalltown bazaar." To a Russian audience, in the context of the history of Russian Jewry and in the Russian parlance, this remark would be the equivalent of accusing the Israelis of having tried to make the General Assembly an East Side street market.

Sociologist Says Israeli Crisis Led to New German Attitude on Jews

NEWARK, N.J., July 11. (JTA) -- The older generation in West Germany still considers Jews as a race or religion but the youth think of them and vigorously support them as the people who founded and maintained the State of Israel, a Rutgers University sociologist reported today.

Dr. Werner Cahnman reported this evaluation as the most "striking" finding of a recent tour of West Germany at the invitation of the Government. He spoke to young people, educators and political officials in a half dozen major West German cities and throughout his visit, he said, he saw demonstrations and other signs of support for Israel during the recent Middle East crisis and war.

"The Israeli situation provided a major breakthrough in German-Jewish relations," he said. "It gave German youths an opportunity to express themselves." He added that "this feeling on the part of German youth toward Israel is not an unmixing blessing. There is the danger that the more complex problem of the Jews and Judaism throughout history might be circumvented by the enthusiasm over the much simpler Israeli situation."

He said that while he did not believe that the West German youth of today should be "burdened with guilt" for the Nazi persecution of Jews, he also felt "they cannot escape responsibility for history." He summed up the feeling of the youth with the comment of a young West German to him that "If I belong to the people of Goethe and Schiller, I belong to the people of Hitler."

He said he was planning to set up an organization to bring American Jewish youth to West Germany to engage in "constructive dialogue" with West German young people. He said the idea had the full support of West German authorities.

Advise Synagogues Not to Sell High Holy Day Seats to Non-Members

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11. (JTA) -- The newly-formed Synagogue Council of Greater San Francisco has urged member congregations to refuse seats to non-members for High Holy Day service.

The recommendation was sent to the boards of the 16 Reform, Conservative and Orthodox synagogues in San Francisco, Daly City and Marin County for action. Some of the affiliated congregations already follow this policy. The general procedure among American congregations is to give priority to members and sell any remaining seats to non-members.

The recommendation declared that the perpetuation of Judaism "in no small measure depends upon dedicated Jews who, by annual membership, support their synagogues" and it urged unaffiliated Jews to "rise to their responsibilities" by joining. The resolution added that member congregations should approve a policy that "commencing immediately, High Holy Days seats shall be made available only to dues-paid members of the respective synagogues."

Kennedy Urges Outlawing of Private Arsenals of Extremist Groups

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, N.Y. Dem., urged the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee today to adopt legislation to outlaw private arsenals now in the hands of such extremist underground groups as the Ku Klux Klan, Minutemen, and American Nazi Party. He said that "at a minimum, all weapons in the possession of these organizations or members of these organizations should be registered. Further, all large-caliber heavy weapons should be removed from private hands. Private citizens have no need of anti-tank guns, mortars or machine guns."