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New Cease-Fire Agreement Silences Guns in Bitter Canal Zone Battle

JERUSALEM, July 16. (JTA) -- The Suez Canal zone was reported to be quiet today with no incidents reported since midnight (6 PM NYDT) when a cease-fire arranged by Lt. Gen. Odd Bull brought to a halt the worst outbreak of fighting since a cease-fire agreement ended the June fighting between Israelis and Egyptians.

United Nations observers reached the southern canal zone, locale of yesterday's heavy fighting and were deployed today. Israeli sources, however, were skeptical of their effectiveness since, they said, the Egyptians were hindering establishment of communications between the observers on the east and west banks of the canal. The Egyptians were also said to be making difficulties over acceptance of the canal line as the cease-fire line putting the Israelis right on the bank of the canal.

From the east bank of the canal today, it was possible to see the additional troops and the tanks the Egyptians were moving up to the line. The greatest concentration was near Ismailia. Egyptian troops could also be seen busy repairing and strengthening the defensive positions which had been smashed in Saturday's barrages.

Gen. Moshe Dayan, the Minister of Defense, gave a detailed report today to the Israel Cabinet on the weekend flareup of fighting in the Suez Canal area and on the presence of Soviet warships in Egyptian ports.

The presence of the Soviet men-of-war in Port Said, at the northern end of the canal, according to one view put forward at the meeting, was the reason why the Egyptian attacks had shifted from the north end in the vicinity of Ras-el-Eish to the southern end of the waterway. It was suggested that hostilities almost under their bows would have been a source of embarrassment to the Soviet warships.

It was believed here that the instructions given to the Soviet fleet commanders did not include direct intervention in any Egyptian-Israeli fighting.

The presence of the Soviet warships, however, continued to represent an important factor in the situation. While an immediate effect of their presence could be to give the Egyptians the assurance that the Soviet Union was firmly behind them, and thus to encourage them to prolong hostilities, there was concern that the stay of the Red Fleet vessels in Egyptian ports could be the first step towards establishment of permanent Soviet military bases in the Mediterranean.

Six Egyptian Planes Shot Down in Day of Fighting

Israeli sources said that five MIG jet fighters and one Sukhoi-7 fighter-bomber were shot down in air battles over the southern end of the canal yesterday. They also estimated that the Egyptians suffered 80 killed and scores wounded, most of them crews of the guns on the west bank of the canal which Israeli planes bombed and strafed to silence.

Israel admitted the loss of one plane and Ambassador Gideon Rafael told Secretary-General U Thant at the United Nations that seven Israeli soldiers had been killed in yesterday's fighting, 22 wounded and two were missing. Mr. Rafael suggested to the Secretary-General that Gen. Bull, then in Cairo, be the medium for establishing a new cease-fire. Mr. Rafael noted in a letter to the president of the Security Council that Israel favored the "immediate, complete and mutual cessation of all firing in this sector."

One reason advanced for the intensity of yesterday's fighting and for its shift from the north end of the canal to the lower extremity was the fact that Israel vessels, plying out of Port Tewfik, have been sailing on the Suez Canal and the Israeli flag was flying over waters the Egyptians had denied to Israel since 1948. For both Israel and Egypt, the presence of the blue-white flag on the Suez Canal was more than a matter of prestige.

The Egyptian action Saturday began about 7 AM at the southern tip of the Suez Canal with machine-gun fire and later artillery shelling in the Port Tewfik area. Israel replied with gunfire and then sent planes into action to silence the Egyptian guns. A half hour later, the Egyptians opened fire from positions in the northern area near Kabrit and the Firdan bridge, using artillery and tank guns. One Israeli plane was damaged and the pilot parachuted. He was brought back to base.

A few minutes later, four MIG jets and two Israeli Mirage jets tangled in a clash in which the first of the day's MIG jets went down. Two hours later, two flights of four MIGs attacked Israeli forces north and south of Tewfik and, at the same time, another air clash took place in the Ismailia area, when the other two MIGs were downed.

The calm that followed lasted about three hours. The Egyptians then attacked near the Firdan bridge and Port Tewfik with machineguns and anti-tank guns, the Israelis returning the fire.

The shelling in the Ibrahim-Tewfik area was so intense, Israeli officials said, that Israeli units could not evacuate some 30 casualties. After Israeli planes silenced the Egyptian guns in the area, the Israeli wounded and dead were brought back to base. Defense Minister Dayan said the fighting on the canal Saturday reached such a peak that it was "practically equivalent to war."

Jordanians Accused of Three Violations of Cease-Fire in Day

For the first time since the cease-fire took effect, trouble was reported from the Jordanians. An Israeli spokesman said that Jordanian forces opened fire three times, twice before noon, Saturday, and again in the afternoon, north of the Damiya bridge across the Jordan River. Most of the shooting was with rifles and machineguns, but the Jordanians also fired some anti-tank shells. Israeli officials, who said there have been no casualties, did not indicate whether the fire had been returned.

Plan Two Parleys in Israel to Mobilize Jewish Resources for Israel

JERUSALEM, July 16. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told the Israel Cabinet today that plans were well advanced for two major meetings in Israel next year to mobilize world Jewry and to enlist capital for the strengthening and development of Israel.

Mr. Eshkol said preparatory meetings will be held here next month for a large-scale conference of potential investors and industrialists which will be convened here next April.

In September, he said, 200 Jewish leaders are to meet in Jerusalem to prepare for a 1968 conference of representatives of Jewish organizations throughout the world to be attended by more than 1,000. The meetings will bring together leaders of all the organizations represented in the World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) which had its annual meeting here last week, the organizations composing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the American Jewish Committee and others. Mr. Eshkol received a COJO delegation this weekend to discuss plans for the meeting.

Israel Answers Charges Troops Looted UNEF Stores in Gaza Strip

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has taken exception to a report by Secretary-General U Thant this weekend accusing Israeli forces of "looting and removal of property" from the United Nations Emergency Force headquarters in Gaza and storage depots at Camp Rafah in the Gaza Strip.

A reply to Mr. Thant's charges were delivered this weekend and was to be made public here tomorrow. The charges were contained in the Secretary-General's final report to the General Assembly on the UNEF which had held positions on the Egyptian frontier from 1957 until Egypt demanded its removal on May 27, a step which triggered the six-day Arab-Israeli war.

Mr. Thant's report conceded that some looting had been done by the local population but he argued that after the occupation of Gaza, Israel was responsible for the protection of United Nations property. Despite complaints to the Israeli U.N. mission and assurances by the local commander that steps would be taken to end the looting, Mr. Thant asserted that "even more property had been removed since the initial appeal."

He charged that, at the Gaza headquarters, most of the furniture, typewriters, fans and other property had been removed and that all U.N. vehicles in running condition were driven off by Israeli soldiers and were seen in use in the Gaza area.

"In fact," Mr. Thant declared, "UNEF representatives actually witnessed the removal of these items but were unable to secure any effective action by the responsible Israeli authorities to prevent it."

The report charged that all items in Camp Rafah that could be moved were missing and that some food and medical supplies that had been intended for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency had also been stolen. The Secretary-General said that he had asked his representatives to compile detailed records of the damage done and property stolen so that a claim for compensation can be filed.

One-Fourth of Israel's War Dead Were Officers, Brig. Herzog Reveals

LONDON, July 16. (JTA) -- Brig. Chaim Herzog, first military governor of the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan, declared here this weekend that 23 percent of the Israelis killed in action in the June war had been officers. Speaking at a meeting sponsored by the Anglo-Jewish Association, Brig. Herzog cited the figure to support his statement that one of the principal reasons for Israel's overwhelming victory was the quality of the leadership of its armed forces.

Rusk Says U.S. Will Continue to Supply Arms to Some Arab States

WASHINGTON, July 16. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel said yesterday he had no comment on the issue of possible United States supply of military equipment to Israel. He said his weekend meeting here with Secretary of State Dean Rusk was a periodic and normal exchange of views and involved a "general discussion chiefly on the political aspects of the situation on how to get peace."

Following the meeting at the State Department, Mr. Eban, accompanied by Ambassador Avraham Harman, had a further meeting with Assistant Secretary of State Lucius Battle and other officials.

Mr. Rusk had appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Friday in a session which dealt largely with Middle East developments. He defended the American policy of providing arms to some of the Arab states and predicted that it would be continued. Members of the committee, disturbed because American weapons had been used against Israel rather than against Communist or pro-Communist elements, asked Mr. Rusk if he believed arms sales to the Arabs had turned out to be "wise policy." The Secretary snapped: "Yes, I do." He said the Administration wanted to avoid a "polarization" in the Middle East in which all Arab arms would be Russian and all Israeli arms would be American.

Mr. Rusk predicted that the policy of providing arms to the Arabs would be continued. He held that a reason that American munitions supply to the Arabs should not be halted was that it helped prevent cohesion of the Arab states. He said the Arab states were not in complete accord on policies toward Israel and the rest of the world.

United States to Press for Full Damages in U.S.S. Liberty Case

Members of the Committee said Mr. Rusk had promised Committee Chairman J.W. Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, that a bill for full damages and compensation for all deaths and injuries arising from the Israeli attack in June on the U.S.S. Liberty will be submitted to Israel.

Sen. Fulbright told Mr. Rusk when he appeared before the Committee that many members of Congress remained "extremely upset" over the Liberty affair. He asked the Secretary to explain the Administration's attitude. Mr. Rusk said all inquiries into the Liberty attack indicated the incident was "in no way justified" and added that "I do not believe we have had adequate justification from Israel."

Mr. Rusk promised to submit to the Senate body the report of a U.S. Naval court of inquiry and all information obtained from the Israeli Government. The Liberty was attacked while operating off the battle zone in a clandestine manner as an intelligence ship, according to authoritative sources. Israel has maintained that the ship was mistaken for an Egyptian vessel and the attack halted the moment that appropriate identification was made.

Assembly Adopts Watered-Down Resolution on Status of Jerusalem

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 16. (JTA) -- The special emergency session of the General Assembly adopted a watered-down Pakistan resolution this weekend repeating its request in a previous resolution of July 4, calling on Israel to "desist forthwith" from any action altering the status of Jerusalem. The resolution, which was cosponsored by Afghanistan, Mali, Guinea, Iran, Somalia and Turkey, was adopted by 99 votes to 0 with 18 abstentions. The United States was among the countries abstaining. Israel did not participate in the vote.

After noting "with the deepest regret and concern" Israel's non-compliance with the earlier similar resolution, the latest action again told Israel to "rescind all measures already taken and to desist forthwith from taking any action which would alter the status of Jerusalem."

A clause in the latest resolution requesting the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the measure was weaker than the earlier resolution in that it failed to specify a time limit for the report.

The original draft of the resolution included a clause requesting the Security Council to ensure implementation of the resolution by Israel. As phrased, the clause could have been interpreted as a request to the Council to impose sanctions. After consultations, Pakistan modified this clause a few hours before the voting and then, at the last moment, to ensure passage of a resolution without delay, deleted it entirely.

The Pakistani-Arab haste in pressing the resolution to a vote on Friday -- the voting had been scheduled for next Tuesday -- was reportedly dictated by fear that an interim announcement of an understanding between Israel and the Vatican on the future administration of the holy places would have, in the eyes of most delegations, made such a resolution unnecessary.

Explaining Israel's non-participation in the vote, Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban said that the resolution ignored the "affirmative aspect" of Israel's unifying measures in Jerusalem, was inaccurate about the factual situation there and had juridical weakness.

Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, in explaining the U.S. abstention on the vote, said that a durable peace in the Middle East would not be achieved by resolutions dealing with only one aspect of the problem. He stressed, however, that the United States did not "recognize or accept" the measures taken by Israel and regarded them as "interim and provisional."

Czechoslovakia Backs Soviet in New Move to Make Israel Pay Damages

GENEVA, July 16, (JTA) -- Czechoslovakia announced yesterday that it would support the Soviet move in the United Nations Economic and Social Council, now in session here, to pin responsibility on Israel "for the economic damage caused to Arab and other peace-loving states by its aggression against the United Arab Republic, Syria and Jordan."

The Soviet Union is seeking to have this question put on the Council's agenda. Hans Busnlak, the Czechoslovak representative, told the plenary session yesterday that his delegation supported the Soviet Union's proposal and would vote to have it added to the Council agenda.

Previously the Soviet Union was unsuccessful in the Security Council and in the General Assembly in putting through a resolution requiring Israel to pay damages to the Arab states.

Dutch Govt. Seeks Punishment of Wartime Nazi Judges, Prosecutors

AMSTERDAM, July 16, (JTA) -- The Dutch Government's Institute for War Documentation, in cooperation with the West German war crimes investigation center at Ludwigsburg, has completed a supplementary list of 348 German judges and prosecutors who served in Nazi-occupied Holland in World War II and passed sentences of death on Dutch nationals.

This list was transmitted to the West German Government. Dutch officials pointed out today they do not know whether the wanted men are alive or not and expect the West German authorities to track them down.

Previously, the Dutch Government submitted a list of 310 Nazi wartime officials wanted in Holland for war crimes. Officials who served at the notorious Westerbork concentration camp were not included in either list. War crimes committed at that camp are the subject of a special judicial inquiry currently proceeding in West Germany.

128 Youngsters Off for Six Months Voluntary Service in Israel

NEW YORK, July 16, (JTA) -- A party of 66 men and 62 women left New York for Israel tonight as the first contingent in the new Volunteers for Israel program of the American Zionist Youth Foundation. They will spend six months in Israel rebuilding damaged kibbutzim and helping establish new settlements. They have volunteered to do any kind of labor.

While each volunteer has paid \$535 for his transportation and room and board in Israel, he will receive allowances for pocket money in Israel. On arrival, the volunteers will be given an orientation program that includes courses in Hebrew, lectures on Jewish history, Israeli culture and politics and the economic, political and social problems of the state.

Fifteen leaders of the National Council of Jewish Women left today for Israel to examine ways in which Council's experience in education and social service can be used to help Israel cope with problems arising from the war. Mrs. Leonard H. Weiner, national president, led the group, which was invited by the Israeli Government.

Thirty-two university faculty members and Christian clergymen left for Israel on the sixth annual study tour sponsored by the Inter-University Committee on Israel of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation.

Police Told Not to Arrest Orthodox Jews Having Shops Open Sundays

NEW YORK, July 16, (JTA) -- Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary has ordered New York City policemen not to issue summonses to Orthodox Jews who keep their family businesses open on Sunday. Although the New York Fair Sabbath Law allows such businesses to remain open on Sunday if another day of the week is observed as the Sabbath, a spokesman for the Police Commissioner conceded that "perhaps some of the men in the field did not understand what the law was about."

Mr. Leary acted after a meeting with representatives of the Commission on Law and Public Affairs, a recently organized group of lawyers representing Orthodox Jewish organizations, who complained that there was still widespread harassment by the police of Jewish merchants on the lower East Side of Manhattan and the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn.

Dr. Marvin Schick, the head of the Commission, who teaches constitutional law at Hunter College, noted that "despite the fact that the Fair Sabbath Law has been in existence for five years, not a week has gone by without dozens and dozens of Jewish merchants being hit by summonses."

Five Canadian Jews Receive New Government Honors

TORONTO, July 16, (JTA) -- Five Canadian Jews, one of them Lawrence Freiman, of Ottawa, former president of the Canadian Zionist Organization, were on the list of 90 outstanding Canadians to receive the newly-created Government awards of Companion of the Order of Canada and the Medal of Service. The others were H. Carl Goldenberg, Q.C., of Montreal; theatrical director John Hirsch; Mme. Pauline Donalda, opera singer; and Maureen Forrester, contralto, a convert to Judaism.