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Hundreds of Arab Officers Receiving Military Training in U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 17, (JTA) -- The United States Defense Department admitted today that hundreds of Arab military officers, including some from the states that attacked Israel last month, are still receiving training at bases in the United States.

Army sources disclosed that 47 Israeli soldiers are currently being trained at Fort Bliss, Fort Leavenworth, Lackland Air Base, the Quantico Marine Base and Cecil Field in Florida.

A Defense Department spokesman said that 57 Jordanian Army officers and pilots are still receiving training at more than 15 bases and airfields around the country. The Jordanians are being trained in artillery, armor and the aerial techniques perfected by American flyers in Viet Nam.

Although Syria broke off diplomatic relations with the United States and expelled American diplomats from Damascus, a Syrian officer is still receiving advanced training at Fort Lee, Va., the U.S. Army confirmed today. While Iraq has broken off relations with the United States and participated in the war against Israel, six Iraqi Army officers are still under active training at Fort Sill Artillery Base, Okla., Aberdeen Proving Grounds (ordnance) and Fort Benning (infantry and parachute troop center). Two Iraqis are being trained in aviation tactics at Keesler Field, Miss.

Other Arab trainees here at American expense include 65 from Saudi Arabia, 154 from Morocco, 45 from Libya, 6 from Lebanon, 12 from Sudan and 7 from Tunisia.

The Defense Department said no Arabs had been expelled despite the changes in policy by the governments they represent. It said, however, that requests in future for training of additional officers from nations that had severed relations with this country will not be honored in the foreseeable future.

State Department sources said the training of Arabs should continue on grounds that it would strengthen American influence with the Arabs. Army officials said training was continuing and Arabs were being given access to technical data at the request of the State Department.

The continuation of this training was disclosed last week on the House floor by Rep. Bob Wilson, California Republican, a member of the House Armed Services Committee. He asserted that the practice jeopardized American security since the nations the Arab trainees represented were collaborating with the Communist bloc through the Unified Arab Command. He said technical data was being transmitted by the Arabs to Communist military technicians and thus could jeopardize American forces in Viet Nam.

American Envoy to Israel Returns for Consultations Today

WASHINGTON, July 17, (JTA) -- Walworth Barbour, American Ambassador to Israel, will return to Washington today for consultations with the State Department on American-Israel relations in connection with pending issues, U.S. officials disclosed today. They said that Mr. Barbour will spend a week in Washington in consultations on the Arab refugee problem, the West Bank of the Jordan, the status of Jerusalem, and similar matters.

The State Department was said to desire that these issues be kept fluid and negotiable. A main aim of U.S. diplomacy was said to be the reestablishment of diplomatic relations with the Arab states and an effort to prevent what Secretary of State Dean Rusk has termed a "polarization" in which the Russians gained ground with the Arabs.

General Assembly Sets Thursday Deadline for Middle East Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, July 17, (JTA) -- The fifth emergency meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, convened on a Soviet demand on June 17, gave itself a July 20 deadline today to complete its deliberations on the Middle East crisis.

Abdul Rahman Pazhwak of Afghanistan, the Assembly president, said today that there were prospects, "however slight," of agreement on a draft resolution to deal with the Arab-Israeli situation. So far, the Assembly has not been able to muster a two-thirds majority for any basic resolution to deal with the situation and, in a month of discussion and debate, has produced only two resolutions exploring Israel's absorption of the Old City of Jerusalem and a resolution urging all nations to assist the war victims.

The Soviet delegation, which failed in its attempt to have Israel condemned as an aggressor, ordered to withdraw its forces from occupied territory and required to pay damages to the Arab states, sought today an understanding with the Latin American nations on a new resolution. The Latin American states had taken the position that a U.N. demand for Israeli withdrawal to the pre-June 5th positions must be accompanied by a termination of the state of belligerency.

Observers saw little possibility of agreement on a resolution by Thursday and predicted that the outcome would be that the General Assembly refer the Middle East matter back to the Security Council and authorize the Secretary-General to send a personal representative to the Middle East to act as a mediator. Among those considered most likely for this post were Gunnar Jarring, the Swedish diplomat who has served as mediator on Kashmir, and Endalkachew Makonnen of Ethiopia, this month's president of the Security Council.

Israel to Support Rumanian for General Assembly Presidency

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 17. (JTA) -- Israel will support the candidacy of Corneliu Manescu, Foreign Minister of Rumania, for the presidency of the next regular session of the United Nations General Assembly in September, it was learned today from Israeli delegation sources.

In a note submitted to Israel several months ago, Rumania asked all U.N. members to back its candidate for the Assembly presidency. His election, which is understood to be supported also by the United States, would make him the first Communist President of the Assembly in its 21-year history.

Rumania was the only country in the Communist bloc which did not break diplomatic relations with Israel as a result of the hostilities last month. Prior to that, an economic and trade agreement was signed between Israel and Rumania.

Eight U.N. Observers Take Up Posts on Both Banks of Suez Canal

JERUSALEM, July 17, (JTA) -- The first United Nations observation posts were established this morning on both banks of the Suez Canal. A last-minute hitch in the arrangements was overcome and the posts became operative at 6 A.M. local time (Noon, NYDST).

Eight observers, members of the old United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, were sent in by Lt. Gen. Odd Bull who will be responsible for the cease-fire observation force as the Secretary-General's personal representative. Four are based at Kantara on the eastern (Israeli) side of the canal, and four at Ismailia on the Egyptian side. Gen. Bull has asked for 25 more observers to bring the force up to 33. (At United Nations headquarters in New York a spokesman said "substantial agreement" had been reached in talks with Egypt and Israel on the nationalities of the observers to be selected.)

(The Christian Science Monitor said today that President Nasser of Egypt was reported to have set roughly two months as a period of waiting and preparation during which diplomacy must be tried to obtain Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula. In a dispatch datelined Nicosia, Cyprus, the newspaper said that "independent information coming out of Egypt suggests that President Nasser would prefer not to fight a big battle with Israel again during his term of office as president.")

Apparently unresolved was the question whether the U.N. observers would have a marine arm as well and would patrol the canal itself. Israel has used small boats on the canal in the Port Tewfik area and has warned that if the Egyptians attempt to deny the canal to Israel vessels, Israel will not permit Egyptian craft to sail on the waterway.

The young Israeli naval officer who commanded one of the vessels in the Israeli "fleet" on the canal told correspondents today that the big weekend battle broke out when Egyptian gunners attacked his and other Israeli-flagged boats as they moved along Salt Lake and the Suez Canal. His vessel, he said, was at times not more than 50 yards from the Egyptian positions on the west bank of the canal.

Prisoners' Exchange -- 500 Syrians for One Israeli Pilot and Three Dead Men

TEL AVIV, July 17. (JTA) -- The first Syrian-Israeli prisoner exchange since the end of the June war took place today when Israel handed over 500 Syrian soldiers and one El Fatah guerrilla and received three bodies and one Israeli pilot. The guerrilla had been sentenced to life imprisonment by an Israeli court.

The bodies were handed over in coffins. One was of an Israeli youth who disappeared two years ago while searching for botanical specimens near the Syrian border. The Syrians denied for the entire two years any knowledge of the youth's whereabouts. The other two dead were Israeli Air Force pilots killed by the Syrians.

The three coffins were wrapped in Israeli flags and placed in a car while members of a burial society recited Psalms. The pilot was met by Air Force Commander Mordechai Hod and sent home by helicopter.

Export-Import Bank Loans Were Used to Finance Arab Arms Buildup

WASHINGTON, July 17. (JTA) -- Testimony before the House Banking Committee today disclosed that huge secret loans had been given by the United States Export-Import Bank to finance arms purchases by the Arab states.

Witnesses from the Bank and from the State Department were questioned by the committee in an attempt to elicit the details of the so-called "Country X" loans that helped pay for the Arab military buildup. Witnesses said some funds were also made available to Israel for arms purchases.

The purpose of the bank is the granting of loans to facilitate American exports. Yet the testimony today disclosed that almost 36 percent of about \$1.5 billion loaned since 1963 had gone to help countries buy munitions. The Bank refused to disclose the identities of the Arab beneficiaries publicly for "security reasons" and such loans were designated "Country X" loans.

Expert Says Israel Should Hold Gains Until Peace is Negotiated

MELBOURNE, July 17. (JTA) -- A recognized authority on international law voiced support here today of Israel's determination to remain in occupation of the conquered Arab territory until a peace settlement is negotiated.

Dr. Julius Stone, Challis Professor of International Law at the University of Sydney, told a support-for-Israel gathering here that international law recognized the principle that, where there is no other requirement in a cease-fire, the belligerents stay where they are until a peace settlement is negotiated and belligerents are not required to return any occupied territory until peace is established.

In another reference to the Middle East situation, Prof. Stone said that assurances for free passage through international waterways must be an inseparable part of any peace settlement.

Israel Charges Algerian Troops Took Part in Suez Canal Clashes

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 17. (JTA) -- Israel charged today that Algerian troops joined, along with Egyptian forces, in violations of the cease-fire in the Suez Canal fighting on July 15.

The complaint was made by Ambassador Gideon Rafael, Israel's permanent representative here, in a note to Secretary-General U Thant. The envoy said that "according to press reports, Algerian troops took part, alongside the United Arab Republic forces, in the Suez Canal sector, on July 15, in violations of the cease-fire." The envoy added that the Israel Government "takes an extremely grave view of this situation."

"The participation of Algerian armed forces in the recent outbreak of hostilities shows that the Government of Algeria does not regard itself as bound by the cease-fire resolution and that the Government of the U.A.R. is permitting its territory to be used by Algerian armed forces for the purpose of conducting hostile acts against Israel in violation of the Security Council's cease-fire resolution."

Israel Assures Thant of Cooperation with U.N.R.W.A. on Refugees

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 17. (JTA) -- Israel informed Secretary-General U Thant today that it would cooperate with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in aiding the return of residents to the occupied West Bank area of Jordan as well as in the possibility of the extension of the return date for Arab refugees.

Regarding the return date, Gideon Rafael, the permanent Israeli representative, said in his note to Mr. Thant that "the latest date for the submission of applications to return has been extended to August 10, 1967." He said "every effort will be made to expedite the return of the refugees." In this connection, he informed Mr. Thant that conversations have been proceeding with the representatives of the International Red Cross regarding the assistance which the Red Cross could render.

Harman Lauds Role of Volunteers in Pre-State 'Illegal Immigration'

WASHINGTON, July 17. (JTA) -- Israel has been encouraged by the many volunteers who offered their services in the current crisis but owes an eternal debt to those who served in the "Aliyah Beth" 20 years ago, Israeli Ambassador Avraham Harman told the 20th anniversary reunion today of Americans, Canadians, and Latin Americans who manned the so-called "illegal immigration" ships during the pre-state period.

The reunion was highlighted by the presentation of a plaque by the Aliyah Beth volunteers to the Smithsonian Institution. The plaque will be displayed in a permanent exhibit featuring a model of the S.S. Exodus, formerly the President Warfield. Elihu Bergman, of Seattle, Wash., acted as chairman of the ceremony at the museum.

The Israel Embassy tendered a reception honoring those who gathered here for the reunion, including crewmen of the Exodus and nine other Aliyah Beth ships from America.

Canadian Jewry Nears \$25 Million Goal for Israel Emergency Fund

MONTREAL, July 17. (JTA) -- Canadian Jewry was on the verge of reaching its \$25,000,000 goal for the Israel Emergency Fund today when an additional \$1,500,000 was sent to Israel bringing total contributions past the \$24,500,000 mark.

Toronto was first among Canadian Jewish communities with \$10,000,000 in contributions. Montreal Jewry was a close second, raising \$9,300,000.

Dance Match \$210,000 Jewish Contribution to Emergency Fund

COPENHAGEN, July 17. (JTA) -- Former Danish Prime Minister Viggo Kampman presented to the Emergency Fund for Israel here a check for 1,500,000 kroner (\$210,000). The check was given to Ambassador Esther Herlitz of Israel at a reception.

Part of the gift will be used to repair damage to Israeli settlements in the June war. The balance will be used to aid Arab refugees in Israeli-held Arab territory. Danish Jews raised a similar amount for the fund.

Parley Seeks Coordinated Moves to Aid Jews in Arab Lands

ROME, July 17. (JTA) -- Coordinated efforts for action to restore the civil and economic rights, relief and emigration of Jews in Arab countries were agreed on at a meeting of the International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services, Murray I. Gurfein of New York, chairman, said today after the meeting.

Mr. Gurfein, former president of United Hias Service, said that the Jews in Arab countries "must not be forgotten in this crisis." It was noted that in some Arab countries, the governments had acted to maintain law and order for Jewish nationals during the hysteria of the June Arab-Israeli war and the impact of the Israeli victory on the populations of the Arab countries but that others had permitted "shameful treatment" of their Jewish nationals.

Mr. Gurfein added that the meeting had decided to intensify the collection of information on conditions of Jews in Middle East countries through the secretariat of the International Council in Geneva. The Council, organized in 1961, is composed of the American Joint Distribution Committee, the Central British Fund, the Jewish Colonization Association, the ORT, the Standing Conference on European Community Services, and Hias.

Canadian Jews Say Austria Aids ex-Nazis While Neglecting Victims

MONTREAL, July 17. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress protested today to the Austrian ambassador to Canada against bills now before the Austrian Parliament to provide pensions and indemnification to former Austrian civil servants who were barred from office after the end of World War II because of suspicion of being involved in Nazi war crimes.

In a letter to Ambassador Franz H. Leitner, the Congress said that "the generosity which is being offered to those so directly involved in the heinous Nazi crimes is in striking contrast to the consistently inadequate consideration of victims of Nazi persecution."

The Jewish organization urged the Austrian Government to consider "general improvement of Austrian compensation laws, recognition of Austrian victims of Nazi persecution as expellees, re-opening of negotiations with the Federal Republic of Germany to establish a hardship fund, which would meet the most urgent needs of the overaged and indigent Austrian victims, and integration of all Austrian victims of Nazi persecution into the federal indemnification legislation."

The complaint also said that the "comparatively small benefits" given Austrian victims of Nazism" by amendment of Austrian welfare law "have been again and again delayed allegedly because of the high cost involved in this program."

The Congress said it was hard to understand that the Austrian officials "should have no inhibitions" about spending substantial sums for those who "do not deserve them" and that the "few instances" of former Austrian civil servants who were disqualified for payments without active association with the Austrian Nazi regime could "certainly be handled on an individual basis without benefitting the entire group of former Nazis."

London Yiddish Paper Appears in New Bi-lingual Format

LONDON, July 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Voice, London fortnightly Yiddish-language newspaper, has become bi-lingual with its current issue and appears in Yiddish and English. The newspaper was founded in 1951. L.A. Lisky, Yiddish poet and writer, is its editor.

A.M. Kaiser, Yiddish Writer, Editor, Dies in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, July 17. (JTA) -- Arnold M. Kaiser, Yiddish writer and journalist and for many years general secretary of the Federation of Jewish Relief Associations in London, died here today. He was 71.

A native of Russia, Kaiser was brought to England as a child and educated there. He served in the Jewish Legion in World War I and was chairman of the Association of Jewish Writers and Journalists in England until he settled in Tel Aviv at the beginning of this year. He was the author of many short stories in Yiddish, some of them dealing with Jewish life in London's East End.