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## Two Israeli Soldiers Wounded in Flareup on West Bank

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Two Israeli soldiers were injured this morning as a result of Jordanian attacks first with small arms fire and later with mortars. The attacks emanated from the eastern bank of the Jordan River near the Damiyah bridge.

Meanwhile it was learned that in yesterday's exchange of gunfire across the Suez Canal in the Tewfiq area, Israeli forces scored direct hits on Egyptian positions and artillery batteries. The damage was visible from the Israel-occupied side of the canal. It was established that an Israeli tank had scored a direct hit on an Egyptian torpedo boat in the canal, causing it to sink.

(The United Nations made public a cabled report from Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, the Secretary-General's personal representative on observance of the Arab-Israeli cease-fire, placing blame for the start of yesterday's clash in the Port Tewfiq area on the Egyptian forces.)

## Big Powers Seeking Agreement on Middle East Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Spokesmen for the American, British and Soviet delegations declined today to comment on widely-circulated reports that they were meeting here in behind-the-scenes efforts to secure big power agreement on a resolution for an Arab-Israeli settlement in the Middle East.

A final meeting of the fifth emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly is to be held before the opening of the annual session of the Assembly on Sept. 19 and it is expected that strong efforts will then be made to produce an agreed resolution.

The tri-power talks were said to be based on the American-Soviet agreement reached between Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Ambassador Arthur Goldberg at the conclusion of the last emergency meeting of the Assembly -- an agreement that the Arab states summarily rejected.

(As Foreign Minister Gromyko of the Soviet Union and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad opened talks today, Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party, advised militant Arabs that a new war with Israel was not "the only way out" of their troubles.)

The Syrian Government, in a letter today to Secretary-General U Thant, accused Israel of blocking the return of Syrian refugees to their homes in territory now occupied by Israel. The Syrians asserted that Israel had rejected efforts by the International Red Cross to secure the return home of "these innocent civilians expelled by force by the Israeli invaders." The letter said the Syrian refugees numbered 110,000 and denounced Israeli attempts "to exploit their sufferings."

## Carmel Tells Achdut Israel Must Hold West Bank, Gaza, Sharm-el-Sheikh

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Minister of Transport Moshe Carmel told the executive of the Achdut Avodah Party today that while Israel must not waver in its determination to achieve peace, it must nevertheless prepare for continuation of the state of war and a resumption of hostilities in the future. The former brigadier general spoke at the opening session of the party's policy-makers who will formulate its stand on the security situation and on merger with the Mapai Party of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and with the dissident Israel Workers Party headed by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan.

Mr. Carmel stressed his belief that Israel must have borders that will ensure its peace, security and development. He said the Israel border should be the Jordan River with military positions at strategic points and security settlements along the banks; there should be Israeli military positions in the Syrian heights which dominate Israel's northernmost settlements; the Gaza Strip should be incorporated into Israel; the Sinai Peninsula should be cleared of enemy arms and emplacements, and the sea and airways, opened through the capture of Sharm-el-Sheikh, must never again be closed.

Both Mr. Carmel and Minister of Labor Yigal Allon, who spoke in Jerusalem tonight, advocated an immediate start by Israel on a model project for settlement of the Arab refugee problem without awaiting a peace settlement.

Both said establishment of two or three villages for Arab refugees of the 1948 War of Liberation could set an example for broader schemes. Both agreed that the refugee problem as a whole, however, could only be settled with the full cooperation of the Arab states and with international economic aid.

Gen. Dayan also discussed the security issue tonight in a speech to the executive of his Rafi Party. He warned that Israel had to stand firm against any pressures -- economic or otherwise -- and must not retreat. He said that Israel must continue to have a military hold on the west bank although there could be an agreement giving Jordan special status there. He said, however, that since King Hussein was unwilling to negotiate with Israel, Israel would have to continue to govern the area whether or not the population liked it.

### **Arrest Two Arabs Seeking to Block Opening of Old City Schools**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Israeli police today arrested Husni Ashab, the former Jordanian Inspector of Education for the Jerusalem area, and his deputy, Achmed Abdul Latif, charging them with trying to prevent the opening of East Jerusalem schools and urging non-cooperation with Israeli authorities. However, Israel occupation officials indicated there would be no effort to compel the opening of west bank schools which had failed to do so on Friday, the first day of the new semester. The matter, they said, was entirely up to the residents of the west bank.

The schools which opened on schedule, located mostly in the southern part of the west bank, reported greatly increased attendance over the last school year. Arab teachers throughout the northern part of the west bank, however, refused to resume their classroom duties because of a "crisis of conscience." A spokesman for the teachers reportedly told Brig. Uzi Narkiss, the west bank military governor, that they objected to Israel's occupation of the area and the use of Israeli-censored textbooks (Israel has ordered replacement of anti-Israel material in the Arab classrooms.)

Failure of most northern area schools to open was attributed by an Israeli spokesman to the fact that a large number of refugees from the area had not returned from the east bank, where they had fled during the Six-Day War.

The public schools in East Jerusalem, which are scheduled to open on September 15, are governed by Israeli law which requires that all children of the elementary level must attend school. This does not apply to other areas of the west bank.

Israeli authorities expressed the belief that the teachers' boycott may ease within the next few days, and that most of the closed Arab schools will resume classes.

### **May Reopen Gaza Port to Speed Exports, Cut Cost of Refugee Supplies**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Reopening of the port of Gaza mainly to enable the export of citrus fruit grown in the Gaza Strip is being considered by Israeli authorities, it was reported today. The proposed move would reduce transit expenses for supplies for Arab refugees cared for by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. The supplies are now shipped by way of Ashdod, entailing many extra miles of transportation costs.

Israeli health authorities have launched an anti-polio campaign among the inhabitants of the Strip following the discovery of a number of polio cases among children in the area. The health drive was taken as a precautionary measure in view of the fact that Gaza Strip residents are now free to travel across Israel to the west bank.

### **Israel to Offer Tax, Housing, Tuition Concessions to New Immigrants**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- New immigrants to Israel would enjoy tax reductions, moderate-priced housing accommodations, and free high school and college tuition under the terms of a bill to be submitted to the Israel Parliament when it convenes on October 13.

The concessions are part of a plan to encourage 20,000 immigrants to settle in Israel, chiefly from the more affluent countries. Avraham Cygel, head of the Jewish Agency's Department of Immigration and Absorption, said today that details of the plan were worked out at the top level by a joint committee of the Government and the Jewish Agency, and were generally approved by the immigration authorities.

The concessions in the new measure include an income tax exemption for married couples with two children of 1,500 Israeli pounds (\$500) per month for the first year. In the second year, two-thirds of this sum would be tax free and in the third year, there would be an exemption of one-third.

Further concessions would apply to property taxes and land registration fees, while taxes on cars would be the same as in the country from which the newcomers emigrated. Houses would be provided on a rental basis, with the option of purchase after three years' occupancy. It was estimated that 33,000 three-room apartments would be offered for rentals of 150 Israeli pounds (\$50) per month.

## Israel to Give U.N. Proposals for Handling 1948 War Arab Refugee Problem

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban told a press conference here tonight that Israel's ideas and proposals for an interim solution of the problem of the Arab refugees from the 1948 war will be disclosed to the United Nations General Assembly when the refugee question is discussed.

These proposals, he said, would concern the refugees now in territories held by Israel. A general solution of the refugee problem, he said, would be possible only on a regional basis, with the cooperation of the Arab states.

The regular session of the General Assembly is scheduled to open Sept. 19.

Mr. Eban asserted that the position taken by the Arab leaders at their Khartoum conference, which he summarized as no recognition of Israel, no negotiations and no peace, emphasized Israel's need and right to maintain her present positions. He said Israel's evacuation in 1957 of the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula had been a "tragic error" and he affirmed that Israel would not repeat this mistake by returning territories to states that continued to assert their belligerency and intention to destroy her.

In a reference to the Suez Canal situation, Mr. Eban said that, for the present, there was an agreement of mutuality between Egypt and Israel on its use as part of the cease-fire agreement. If Egypt should remove the physical obstacles she placed in the canal and allowed international shipping to resume, he said, this principle would have to be maintained.

Mr. Eban did not clarify this statement but his aides later said that he meant that if Egypt did not permit Israeli ships to use the canal, Israel would not permit Egyptian ships to pass through.

## Czechoslovakia Cancels Plans to Mark 1000th Anniversary of Czech Jewry

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A spokesman for Cedok, the official Czechoslovakian travel agency, said in Prague today that Czechoslovakia had cancelled plans to promote Jewish tourism in 1968 in connection with a celebration of the 1000th anniversary of the Czech Jewish community.

The Cedok spokesman said that "the situation between Israel and Czechoslovakia" arising from the Arab-Israeli war and severance by Prague of diplomatic relations with Israel caused the cancellation of the Jewish anniversary festival.

Cedok had prior to June 5, when the war erupted, envisaged the anniversary as an opportunity to attract large numbers of Jewish tourists of American and other Western nationalities.

## State Dept. Says It Is Pressing Czechs for Full Report on Jordan Death

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- In identical letters to two members of Congress, the State Department made excuses today for the failure of the Czechoslovakian authorities to delay the initial autopsy on Charles H. Jordan, executive vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee, who met his death in Prague last month under mysterious circumstances. The delay had been asked to permit the presence of a Swiss pathologist.

Assistant Secretary of State William B. Macomber, Jr., told Reps. Broomfield of Michigan and Taft of Ohio that "the late permission to attend the autopsy could have been the result of difficulties in coordination between the various ministries involved because these offices are closed on Sunday. Routinely, doctors at this institute (Institute of Forensic Medicine) begin autopsies at 7:00 A.M."

The official added that "nevertheless, the Department and the American Embassy in Prague are pressing the Czechoslovak Government for a complete investigation and full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance and death of Mr. Jordan. We are giving this case the greatest attention and are carefully examining its every aspect. However, we believe that we must await the Czechoslovak official report of the investigation and the separate reports of the Czechoslovak pathologists and of the Swiss pathologists before drawing any firm conclusions and determining what further action may be appropriate."

Mr. Macomber said that Secretary of State Dean Rusk had asked to be informed of all developments in the case and had "followed the case closely from the outset and will continue to do so."

## West Germany to Compensate Salonika Jews for Property Losses

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The West German Government has agreed to pay five million marks (\$1,250,000) in compensation to Greek Jews in Salonika for material losses suffered during the Nazi occupation. Joseph Lovinger, newly-elected president of the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece, revealed today. Salonika Jews today number only a few hundred as compared to 80,000 before World War II and the Nazi occupation. In all, there are 6,000 Jews in Greece, half of whom reside in Athens.

### 'New Politics' Convention Modifies Its Indictment of Israel

CHICAGO, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Negro militants who dominated the National Convention on New Politics, which closed here today, insisted on retention of a resolution condemning Israel for the Six-Day War in June but agreed to modification of the language.

The resolution was jammed through the convention over the objections of white liberals who had sought to avoid placing all blame for the war on Israel. The Black Caucus, however, refused to drop the anti-Israel resolution it had put through the convention last Friday, which reflected the Black Power position on Israel. It agreed, however, to change the wording so that the condemnation applied to "the Israeli Government" as the "aggressor" instead of terming the hostilities an "imperialist Zionist war."

Some of the white liberals here said the change was significant because it indicated that Negro militants were not opposed to a measure of compromise in their opposition to Israel and Zionism.

### Anti-Israel Propaganda Distributed at MIT Arab Student Convention

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Israel was accused of murder, segregation, land-stealing and militarism in literature distributed at the 16th annual conference of the Arab Students Association held here at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The four-day gathering of Arab students from American universities was attended by some 300 delegates. The anti-Israel propaganda emanated from a New York organization, "Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism," ("FAIR").

The propaganda in the form of a small hate-sheet, also boasted that the Students Non-Violent Coordinating Committee had announced "support for justice for the Arab peoples," and added that "as usual, Jewish politicians slander 'Snick' for its forthright stand for equal human rights."

The conference received a message from the Israeli Students Organization of the United States and Canada calling upon the Arab students to work for "constructive proposals for the mutual betterment of all people in our region," a proposal the delegates apparently ignored.

### Grants to Parochial Schools From State Lottery Termed Illegal

CONCORD, N.H., Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress joined the National Council of Churches and the American Civil Liberties Union today in a memorandum to the New Hampshire Supreme Court criticizing a recently-enacted State law that would give to parochial schools part of the revenue raised by the New Hampshire sweepstakes.

The memorandum called the measure, which went into effect in July, "unprecedented" and "plainly unconstitutional." It was submitted in response to an invitation of the State Supreme Court. The memorandum stated that the law was the first measure ever enacted in the United States which authorized the direct transfer of public funds to the general treasury of parochial schools. The memorandum called the law a "novel and unprecedented departure" from the principle of church-state separation that "goes far beyond any form of aid to religious institutions that has received judicial approval."

### IEF Comprehensive High Schools Are Functioning in Israel

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Four new comprehensive high schools began operations in Israel last Friday, joining three others opened last year as well as a number previously established. Charles J. Bensley, president of the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal, reported here today.

Mr. Bensley's statement was in clarification of cabled reports published here that the opening of comprehensive high schools in Israel had been deferred for a year. This report, he said, had apparently been based on a decision of the Ministry of Education and Culture to postpone until 1968 the transfer of seventh grade students into the newly opened IEF comprehensive high schools in Migdal Ha-Emek and Or Yehuda. The basic programs in those schools and all other such facilities in Israel offering a full complement of vocational and academic studies in the ninth through twelfth grades, remain fully functional.

The comprehensive school pattern, Mr. Bensley declared, is a keystone of Israel's educational future, and at least a dozen additional IEF comprehensive high schools are currently under construction or in planning.

### Belgian Neo-Nazi Group Is Publishing 'Protocols of Zion'

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The so-called "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," one of the most vicious anti-Jewish libels of the past century, is being published again, in serial form, the World Jewish Congress said today.

Its Institute of Jewish Affairs said a neo-Nazi organization in Belgium was publishing the libels in its monthly organ.