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Bull Hits Israel, Egypt for Failing to Use U.N. Cease-Fire Machinery

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, Secretary-General U Thant's personal representative, blamed the continuing flareups along the Suez Canal on the reluctance of both Israelis and Egyptians to make full use of the United Nations cease-fire observation machinery.

Gen. Bull cabled U.N. headquarters today that the repeated incidents along the canal "are very disturbing and arouse anxiety about the effectiveness of the cease-fire in that area." He said he was convinced that "many of these incidents could have been avoided if both parties had been willing to make use of the U.N. cease-fire observation machinery and had complained directly to the U.N. military observers for remedial action, instead of reacting impulsively by immediately shooting in cases of alleged breaches of the cease-fire."

Mr. Thant endorsed Gen. Bull's position and urged both Israel and Egypt "to exercise utmost restraint in the Suez Canal sector and, in particular, to observe strictly the arrangements agreed to by them."

Four Israeli soldiers were killed and 10 wounded in the daylong battle along the Suez Canal yesterday, according to an official report in Tel Aviv today. Ten civilians were killed and one injured. Five of the civilians were killed in the Egyptian shelling of East Kantara and five when Egyptian shells hit an Israeli freight train. Eight of the civilian casualties were Arabs living in the Sinai peninsula.

Eshkol Bids West Bank Residents Help Israel to Eliminate Terrorists

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol declared today during a tour of East Jerusalem that several of the Arab terrorist organizations which have organized sabotage acts in Israel had been broken up and he promised help to all residents of Judea and Samaria in the occupied west bank who were willing to cooperate with Israeli authorities. More than 60 El Fatah terrorists have been captured during the past 24 hours.

Pledging that Israel would guard its peace and security against the marauders, the Premier said he warned the would-be marauders some weeks ago. He added that events of the last few days, when several terrorists were wounded or killed in a major manhunt, should have been taken seriously.

Earlier in the day, Israeli officials reported that most members of an El Fatah group operating in central Israel had been tracked down and arrested and that security forces were now hunting for the remnant of the group believed to be hiding in Tulkarem east of Natanya on the coastal plain. The group was believed to have been responsible for the blasting of a glucose factory in a Hadera and the home of a moshav settler in the area which brought fatal injuries last Monday to his three-year-old son.

The officials indicated that more than 30 of the El Fatah men had been arrested and that large quantities of weapons had been found in the gang's hideout in a hilly area north of Tulkarem.

Second Gang is Captured in Jenin Area

Another group of 30 El Fatah men was caught today in the Jenin area at the northern tip of Samaria in the occupied west bank. They were found in a hideout and in possession of weapons. Some of them admitted taking part in sabotage training courses in Syria after the Six-Day June war.

A group of village elders of Tulkarem met today to express their dissociation from the El Fatah sabotage acts. The elders declared that the El Fatah men were not local inhabitants but infiltrators from outside the area. They urged the Israeli military authorities not to take any punitive action against local Arabs who, they said, had no connection with the sabotage activities.

Army units, border police and helicopter-borne paratroopers took part in the hunt for the El Fatah unit in the Tulkarem area which began after a wave of sabotage incidents highlighted by the blasts at the Hadera area collectives. The actual hunt started when a border police unit combing some dunes areas suddenly came under fire from three or four men who apparently served as lookouts for the terrorists.

One border police sergeant was killed and another wounded in the clash that followed. Several of the terrorists were wounded or killed and a large number seized. In one incident, a Fatah terrorist was arrested after being disarmed in a hand-to-hand struggle with a border policeman.

Syria Must Accept Responsibility for Sabotage, Terror, Israelis Assert

TEL AVIV, Sept. 28, (JTA) -- Israeli military sources said today that Syria could not disclaim responsibility for the El Fatah and Palestine Liberation Front underground activities in Israel and Israeli-held territories. They said that investigation of more than a hundred members of the two organizations recently captured had established the fact that almost all of them had gone through training camps in Syria, had been transported in Syrian Army vehicles, were trained by Syrian instructors and had been equipped with Syrian arms and uniforms.

The Israelis also charged today that the Syrian Army had established a special headquarters to activate underground activities in the Israeli-occupied territories and in Israel proper and asserted that this HQ had direct communication with the Syrian Chief of Staff. They said Major Sayid Souhil of the Syrian Army directed these headquarters and another Syrian Army officer handled the transport of the saboteurs from Syria to Jordan and from Jordan to the West Bank. Two training camps for saboteurs were located near Damascus at Hammeh and Doumma and a third near the Lebanese frontier at Zabadani, they asserted. Saboteurs operating from this camp enter Israel through Lebanon.

Bomb Scare at Premier Eshkol's Residence Believed to Be a Prank

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28, (JTA) -- Three grenades found yesterday near the home of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, which initially were linked with the current Arab sabotage, were reported today by police to be an obsolete type lacking detonators and incapable of being exploded.

The discovery caused turmoil in the fashionable Rehavia section of Jerusalem, large parts of which were sealed off and searched. Although the hunt for clues continued today, a police spokesman hinted the incident might have been a prank.

United States, Russia Deny Report of Agreement to Limit Arms to Mideast

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 28, (JTA) -- The United States and the Soviet Union both denied categorically today that an understanding or agreement on an arms embargo to the Middle East had been reached here between the U.S. and the Soviet delegations. A report that the Russians and the Americans had discussed here a "tacit curb" on arms for the Middle East appeared in The New York Times today.

A spokesman for the U.S. delegation said that, "the U.S. is interested in arrangements whereby arms shipments to the Middle East be a matter of public record as enunciated by President Johnson last June 20. However, it is quite misleading, and certainly premature, to state that at this time we have an understanding or an agreement with the Soviet Union on registering or curbing arms to the Middle East. This subject was not discussed in talks with Foreign Minister Gromyko and other USSR representatives in New York this week."

According to the report, such discussions have been held between William C. Foster, chief U.S. disarmament negotiator, and the USSR's foreign minister, Andrei A. Gromyko.

(In Washington today, Carl Barch, the State Department spokesman, entered a similar denial about alleged U.S.-USSR talks this week regarding limitation of arms shipment to the Middle East. He specifically denied that either Secretary of State Rusk or Mr. Foster had discussed the subject with Mr. Gromyko. Mr. Barch said also, in answer to inquiry, that he was unable to say why this subject was omitted during the talks in New York this week between representatives of the U.S.A. and the USSR.)

The American spokesman declined to comment on another part of the report which stated that the U.S. had "accepted the idea" that the proposed Middle East arms embargo agreement be postponed until the Arab states had received replacements for the Soviet-supplied arms which Egypt, Jordan and Syria lost during the Six-Day War last June.

The Soviet delegation, denying the report, simply stated that it considered this information "an invention."

Kosygin Says Soviet Stand on Israeli Occupation of Arab Lands is 'Uncompromising'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, (JTA) -- Premier Aleksei Kosygin of the Soviet Union said yesterday in Moscow at a dinner honoring President Ayub Khan of Pakistan that the Russian attitude toward Israeli occupation of Arab territories was "uncompromising."

The Soviet leader equated the U.S. war in Viet Nam with the Israeli-Arab conflict. He said that "if in the Near East, Israel committed aggression against the Arab states and is trying to hold on to occupied territories, these actions of Israel reflect attempts by definite imperialist circles to prevent the peoples of the Arab countries from strengthening their national independence. You know well that the Soviet Union's position in respect to such intrigues by the imperialist circles is uncompromising."

Mr. Kosygin said the "Soviet Union sides with the Arab states and supports their striving to achieve a liquidation of the aftermaths of Israel's aggression. We are convinced that the just cause of the Arab peoples will triumph."

Couve de Murville Says Big Power Agreement Vital to Mideast Solution

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 28, (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Maurice Coudé de Murville of France gave notice to the United Nations General Assembly today that there could be no solution to the Middle East problem without an agreement among the leading powers. He warned Israel against protracted delay in reaching a settlement with the Arab states and challenged the Israeli view that developments would eventually compel the Arab states to come to the negotiating table.

The French diplomat reiterated the stand taken by President de Gaulle ever since the current situation erupted in crisis last May, and added that the United Nations itself must have an important role to play in the situation. The tasks of surveillance, control or liaison, of formulating reasonable suggestions and of persuading both sides, he said, were the U.N. mission under the present circumstances.

M. de Murville said "each of the states involved has the right to live and to see its security guaranteed." Other problems involved, he said, were navigation, the situation of the Palestinian refugees and the "conditions of neighborhood" between the states. He said that no fait accompli with regard to territory or population "should be considered or accepted."

Warns Prolongation of Situation Will Make Final Settlement More Difficult

The immediate question, the French Foreign Minister asserted, was "of knowing whether and to what extent it would be possible to emerge from the immobilism that has marked the situation since the cease-fire, for no one can think of benefitting in the long run from the perpetuation of the status quo." Prolongation of the present conditions, he suggested, would permit upheaval and agitation to breed, "external powers would tend to confront one another with opposed policies and actions" and the Arab world would be delayed "in its efforts to surmount a trauma whose internal and external effects are far from being exhausted."

As for Israel, he argued, "this would mean perpetuating, if not worsening the abuses inherent in conquest, the daily incidents and, consequently, the insecurity that it has known during the 20 years of its existence as a state." It would put off, if not make forever impossible, he said, a settlement under which one day Moslems and Jews could "live at last side by side in a pacified Middle East where they would be reconciled."

"Can we really think," he asked the Israelis, "that, in order to achieve this, today or later, the road to follow could be none other than that of direct negotiations and without intermediaries between the Israel Government on the one hand, and each of the Arab governments concerned on the other?" He advised the Israelis that "equal courage and as much perspicacity or foresightedness are needed to surmount a victory as to surmount a defeat."

Foreign Minister Paul Economou-Gouras of Greece condemned Israeli measures "annexing" Jerusalem, and called for a political solution for the crisis in the Middle East. He supported the plan to appoint a United Nations representative to the Middle East.

Deputy Prime Minister Frank Aiken of Ireland said that it was clearly within the power of the Secretary-General to designate a personal representative to the Middle East and no further authorization was required for this purpose.

The representative of Burundi, an African state, told the Assembly that "Israel should never have been recognized by the United Nations."

Adam Malik, Foreign Minister of Indonesia, told the Assembly that "we remain convinced that the first step and the only path to peace is the withdrawal of Israeli troops to the lines that existed prior to June 5."

Justice Fortas Backs Israel's Refusal to Compromise Its Security

CHICAGO, Sept. 28, (JTA) -- Associate Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas told 2,000 delegates and guests at the Women's American Ort 19th biennial convention here that no government or organization had the right to ask Israel to compromise its integrity. He asserted that no one "has the right to demand or expect that Israel should accept political humiliation or any settlement which invites renewed attacks upon her -- or that Israel should admit, however indirectly, the legitimacy of efforts to destroy her."

The jurist expressed the belief that "within the framework of basic principle and fundamental need and justice, I am sure that all of us similarly hope for a resolution that will bring peace and progress to the people of the Arab nations. They, like the people of Israel, are entitled to no less."

Danish Prime Minister Warns Middle East Solution Will Not Be 'Easy'

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 28, (JTA) -- Prime Minister Jens Otto Krag of Denmark said in an address before the National Press Club yesterday that an Arab-Israeli solution was "not easy" and that he would not be surprised if it took some time. He termed the problem "very, very complicated." He said that "perhaps, it has to be solved by direct negotiations" and "perhaps, it has to be solved by some action of the United Nations."

No Decision Taken on West Bank Settlement, Israel Tells United States

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28, (JTA) -- The Israel Government officially informed the United States today that it had not taken any general decision on establishing settlements in the occupied west bank areas. The statement was made to William Dale, American charge d'affaires, when he called at the Foreign Ministry in accordance with instructions from Washington to obtain a clarification of Israel's position.

The envoy was told that Kfar Etzion, between Hebron and Bethlehem, which Israeli units reoccupied and resettled yesterday, was a stronghold and that the settlers belonged to pioneering youth groups which were part of the Israeli Army.

Israeli newspapers today were jubilant over the resettlement of Etzion, which had been a bloc of four Jewish settlements until they were overrun and destroyed by the Jordanians in the 1948 war. The independent daily, Haaretz, said editorially that "it is our good right to return there." The religious-oriented Hatzofe declared that "it must be clearly explained to all that this is a return of plundered property to its owners."

British Government Voices 'Concern' Over Israeli Resettlement Plans

LONDON, Sept. 28, (JTA) -- The British Government expressed its concern today over reported Israeli action in establishing settlements in formerly Arab occupied areas.

Goronwy O. Robert, newly appointed Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, was understood to have expressed the British position when he received Aharon Remez, the Israeli Ambassador at Whitehall this morning.

Farbstein Says Goldberg's Criticism of Israel Gives Confort to Arabs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, (JTA) -- Rep. Leonard Farbstein, N.Y. Dem., said today that criticism by Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg of Israeli settlement of areas liberated from Arab control was "unwise and unjustified." In a speech on the House floor, the New Yorker, who is a member of the House Foreign Relations Committee, asserted that "all that Ambassador Goldberg does by his recent statements is to comfort the Arabs for not negotiating peace."

Mr. Farbstein said he was "extremely disturbed by the turn that U.S. policy towards Israel has appeared to take in recent days." He strongly deplored the renewal of American financial aid to Jordan.

JNF Reports Civilian Settlement of Former JNF-Nahal Outposts

NEW YORK, Sept. 28, (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund reported today that three border outposts which it had prepared for settlement with the Israeli Army had been turned over to civilian settlers. Herman Weisman, JNF president, said the villages had been set up jointly over the past six years by Nahal, the paramilitary pioneering organization and the JNF, which had reclaimed the land, built access roads and erected buildings.

Mei-Ami, in northern Samaria, which stood off a heavy Arab attack during the June war, has now been taken over by members of the Noar Zioni youth movement. The settlement is named after Miami, Fla. Modiim, formerly Mevo Modiim, in northern Judea, was set up in December 1964. It is now settled by the Orthodox Poalei Agudat Israel. Tsur Nathan, founded last year on the western rim of the Samarian hills, has been occupied by members of the Betar, the Revisionist youth organization, and settlers from abroad who are building a smallholders cooperative village.

Mr. Weisman said three more outposts -- Biranit on the Lebanese border, Maalah Ha-Gilboa in northeastern Samaria, and Hatseva, in the Arava desert valley facing Edom -- will soon become permanent settlements. He said work was being rushed on preparations for three new outposts to be founded within a month.

British Novelist Assigns Royalties to Israeli Army Welfare Fund

LONDON, Sept. 28, (JTA) -- Daphne du Maurier, the popular British novelist, disclosed today that all royalties from the Hebrew-language editions of her books would go to the welfare fund of the Israel Defense forces. Miss du Maurier is the widow of Gen. Sir Robert Browning, creator and commander of the British parachute brigade in World War II.

Rafi Party Executive Terminates Merger Talks with Mapai

TEL AVIV, Sept. 28, (JTA) -- The long-pending formation of a unified labor party, merging Mapai, Achdut Avodah and the Ben-Gurion headed Israel Workers Party (Rafi), apparently collapsed today. The Rafi executive committee, meeting here, adopted a resolution declaring that "under present conditions there is no room for continuation of the merger talks." In another resolution, the Rafi leaders favored continued support of the present National Union Government, calling for continuing Rafi participation in the Government "in view of the grave situation and tasks ahead."

The Rafi decision to end labor unity talks apparently was triggered by a "clarification" issued by Mapai's leadership, stating that, after the proposed merger, the three former separate parties would maintain in the Knesset (Parliament) the same ratio of members they hold now in the house. Currently, the ratio includes 36 members from Mapai, 10 from Rafi and nine from Achdut Avodah. In the opinion of the Rafi leaders, such a formula amounts to perpetuation of the present three-party system "under a different name."

Start Fifth High School in Israel Financed by Rogosin Gift

TEL AVIV, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Ground was broken yesterday at Rosh Haayin near Petach Tikvah for the fifth of nine planned high schools for which Israel Rogosin, the New Jersey industrialist and philanthropist, has contributed \$4 million to the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal.

Some \$2 million of Mr. Rogosin's gift has been used for construction in the four high schools made possible by his gift. The fifth school, designed for Yemenite immigrants, will be religiously-oriented. Education Minister Zalman Aranne and Ministry officials attended the ceremony.

Coca-Cola Plant to Start Operations in Israel Next February

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- A Coca-Cola bottling plant will open February 1 in Israel, despite Arab threats to boycott the parent company, it was announced here by Abraham Feinberg, a major stockholder in the new enterprise. The franchise to operate the plant was given to the Central Bottling Company of Tel Aviv, whose principal stockholders, in addition to Mr. Feinberg, are Carl Navarre, president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Miami, Fla., and the Israel Central Trading and Investment Company of Tel Aviv.

Mr. Feinberg said the new plant would employ initially from 70 to 100 Israelis and eventually "several hundred." He estimated an annual consumption of 200 million bottles of Coca-Cola in Israel -- based on the country's dry climate ("no rainfall nine months of the year"), the low consumption of alcohol by Israelis and the total abstinence from alcohol of Arab citizens.

Jewish Writers Call for Cultural Freedom for Jews in Soviet Union

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- More than 800 Jewish writers and other Jewish cultural leaders adopted a resolution here, calling on the Soviet Union to permit revival of Yiddish culture, demanding that Russian Jewry be allowed to pursue the aims of Judaism, and sharply condemning the USSR's incitements against Israel.

The resolution was adopted at a meeting convened jointly by the World Congress of Jewish Culture, the Yiddish PEN Center and the Yiddish Writers Union of New York. The meeting was held in commemoration of the deaths of Soviet Jewish writers and other intellectuals during the Stalin purges of 15 years ago.

West German Neo-Nazi Party Claims Membership Gains

BONN, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The neo-Nazi National Democratic Party took issue today with a statement by the West German Ministry of the Interior asserting that the rightwing group had suffered a heavy membership loss. A party spokesman said today that its membership had increased from 25,315 last January to 33,086 today.

Urbont Charges Loss of Jewish Orientation in Jewish Community Centers

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The charge that "complacency" has "weakened" the Jewish orientation of Jewish community centers in the United States made by Dr. Carl Urbont, executive director of the 92nd Street YM and YWHA, is the leading article in the 68th annual edition of the American Jewish Year Book published today.

Dr. Urbont wrote that, after the tragedy of the Nazi era, the American Jewish public had "felt a deep sense of responsibility for the perpetuation of Jewish life. In recent years, however, a complacency has weakened the Jewish orientation of the Jewish community centers." He urged the centers to "attack boldly the problem of Jewish group survival in a free society," and declared that "they must decide whether to continue their generalized approach or adopt a more definitive Jewish program."

The current edition of the Year Book is a 603-page compendium of events and trends in Jewish life, including articles on Jewish communal services in the U.S., civil and political issues, and Jewish affairs throughout the world. It was prepared by the American Jewish Committee and published jointly by the Committee and the Jewish Publication Society of America. It is edited by Morris Fine and Milton Himmelfarb, with Martha Jelenko serving as associate editor.

Dr. Urbont's article, based upon a doctoral dissertation, points out that "with more than 700,000 members in approximately 300 centers throughout the country, with an annual budget of \$32.5 million in 1965, the undeniable absence of clear direction of community center purpose in its work is disquieting to many of its leaders."

Dr. Urbont reported he had found in a study that the "overwhelming majority of community center directors who participated in the study felt their chief aim was to provide recreation for the members. There was also emphasis on the need for good intra-group relations among different Jewish groups but, within and outside the center, many Jews today are alienated, lacking Jewish sentiments, knowledge, a sense of tradition or Jewish aspirations."

Among other observations, Dr. Urbont found that the centers do not actively aim "to provide opportunities for in-group marriage," and were actually not succeeding in promoting closer ties with the State of Israel.

Seek Congress Schedule Permitting Jewish Members to Observe Holy Days

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, (JTA) — House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford said today that he had asked the Speaker of the House, John W. McCormack, to arrange a legislative schedule for early October in such manner as to avoid any important business or votes on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. He said Mr. McCormack had agreed to study the congressional calendar with a view to making the necessary arrangements.

Rep. Ford said that "out of respect for Judaism, one of our great religions and a cherished aspect of the American heritage, the Congress should re-arrange its business to assure that all Congressmen of Jewish faith are freed from any need to choose between legislative business or attendance of devotion services with their families."

Negro Newspaper Condemns Black Power Attack on Israel

CHICAGO, Sept. 28, (JTA) — A major Negro newspaper, the Chicago Defender, was on record today in editorial condemnation of the anti-Israel stand taken by the Black Power caucus at the recent National New Politics convention in Chicago. The paper endorsed criticism of the New Politics stand voiced by Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, at the Hadassah convention, asserting she was "absolutely correct."

The paper said that "the policy statement drafted by the black caucus and which was adopted by the National New Politics convention was hasty, inaccurate, improper and unwise. The offensive statement condemned Israel for waging an 'imperialistic war' against the Arabs. There was no place and certainly no historical support for this outrageous resolution. The Defender condemned it as an attempt to follow the Moscow line in the Middle East."

An earlier Defender editorial charged that, "the resolution raises a justifiable suspicion that the convention was bent on supporting the indefensible Arab position in complete disregard of the irrefutable proofs of an organized Egyptian effort to wipe Israel out of existence."

Jewish Community Urged to Muster Resources for Fight Against Slums

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 28, (JTA) — The American Jewish Committee's director of education and urban planning told the Kansas City chapter of the organization at its annual meeting today that they should organize the intellectual, communal and financial resources of the Jewish community to do battle against slums and economic under-development.

The speaker, Irving M. Levine of New York, told the meeting that "while the hour is late, this society still has some options." He urged a chest-type campaign as a visible evidence of concern that "will be the best signal we have so far flashed to depressed ghetto-dwellers that we care and that we're ready to change things."

Quebec Government Honors Melich Ravitch, Yiddish Poet, Writer

MONTREAL, Sept. 28, (JTA) — The Provincial Government of Quebec honored the Yiddish poet, Melich Ravitch, on the occasion of his 70th birthday with a formal dinner in the Quebec Pavilion at Expo '67. Jean Noel Tremblay, Minister of Cultural Affairs, who addressed the dinner, said that the work of Ravitch had enriched Quebec. He promised to facilitate making his poetry and other writing available in the French language.

Hillel Foundation Sets Up Student Service at Georgetown University

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, (JTA) — B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations has established a counselorship to provide religious, cultural and counseling services to the 630 Jewish students at Georgetown University here, a Jesuit-operated school and the sixth Catholic-affiliated university at which Hillel is active. Georgetown is providing administrative and financial support to help maintain the Hillel unit on its campus. Rabbi Samuel Kreft, recently named Hillel director at American University here, will serve as Hillel counselor at Georgetown.

"Israel Day" to be Observed in New York's Central Park Sunday

NEW YORK, Sept. 28, (JTA) — "Israel Day" will be celebrated in Central Park on Sunday, with activities ranging from the sale and consumption of "felafel," the Israel version of the hot dog, to the excavation of an archaeological mound "salted" with pottery fragments as much as 4,000 years old. The program is jointly sponsored by the New York City Parks Department, the Israeli Consulate and the Israel Government Tourist Office.

Jules Cohen, Authority on Intergroup Relations, Dead at 59

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28, (JTA) — Funeral services were held here today for Jules Cohen, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia and a nationally known figure in the field of intergroup relations. He died Monday after a short illness at the age of 59.

A native of this city, Mr. Cohen returned to direct the Council here after having served as a national coordinator for the National Community Relations Advisory Council. A lawyer by profession, he was active in the Conservative movement and in professional social work organizations. His home was in Jenkintown, Pa.