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## U.S. Announces Decision to Send Arms to Jordan; Fighter Planes Not Excluded

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (JTA)--The State Department officially announced today that the United States Government has decided to resume arms shipments to Jordan interrupted last June by the outbreak of the Six-Day War. The Department spokesman, Robert McCloskey, said that some of the weapons to be supplied Jordan were ordered before the June war and others could be entirely new items. He did not rule out jet aircraft when asked about the categories of arms to be furnished. Jordan had 36 of the F-104 Starfighter jets on order before the June outbreak.

Mr. McCloskey said that the decision announced today was taken because it was deemed "essential to the stability of the area." He said for the record that the announcement meant that the United States was resuming arms supply to Jordan "as we have done in the case of other Near Eastern countries." He cited the lifting of the arms embargo last Oct. 24 to permit arms shipments to Israel, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Libya and Tunisia.

He stressed that the United States Government continued to believe in the need for restraint in all arms shipments to the area and pointed out that the arms for Jordan were "essential to the stability of the area."

### Decision Disregarded Present Difficulties on Jordan-Israel Cease-Fire Lines

Official sources said that the new arms deal with Jordan was made without regard to the present cease-fire line shootings because it was deemed vital for the United States to retain influence in Amman and prevent a Jordanian-Russian arms transaction.

Mr. McCloskey said the State Department had no information on whether there had been any change in the level of Soviet arms supplies to the Arabs. He had no comment on whether the arms for Jordan were calculated to balance American shipments to Israel or Russian supplies to the radical Arab states. No progress has been made in achieving the big power limitation of the arms flow desired by President Johnson, it was noted.

The spokesman declined to specify the types of arms to be supplied Jordan, asserting that the details were now being negotiated with the Jordanian Government. In response to a question about arms for Israel, he cited the communique issued after the Johnson-Eshkol meeting in Texas as the last development on that question.

The American decision, it was learned, followed an "SOS" from King Hussein. The King reportedly emphasized that he needed a dramatic gesture by Washington to quiet growing dissent among Jordanian Army officers — especially on the eve of the visit to America of Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan.

Jordanian officers had complained that Jordan was the only nation not resupplied following the June war and it was also the Arab state with the "hottest" cease-fire line. Extreme pressures were said to have been exerted on Hussein to obtain arms from the United States or to accept Soviet offers. The State Department concluded that American influence in Amman would be retained through new U.S. arms shipments. This decision was described by official sources as the "lesser of two evils."

## Knesset Backs Dayan Warning To Jordan To Halt Violations Or Face Consequences

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14 (JTA)--A blunt warning by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan that Jordan desist from its violations of the cease-fire agreement all along the demarcation line with Israel or face "calamitous consequences" was incorporated into a resolution adopted by the Knesset (Parliament) today following a report by Gen. Dayan on the security situation. The resolution, approved by a vote of 65 to 4, was in effect an endorsement of the Government's policy as enunciated by the Minister of Defense.

Debate on Gen. Dayan's report was low-keyed, as was Dayan's presentation itself. But Knesset members were obviously in a grim mood over the growing incursions by Jordanian-based saboteurs and terrorists into Israel and Israel-held territory. The feeling among many members was that Jordan must be warned in no uncertain terms that it was courting disaster if it persists on its present course. One veteran MK, David Hacohen, noted that Jordan's Yarmuk Dam is located just across the Israeli border and warned that its destruction by artillery could wreak havoc with the Jordanian economy.

Gen. Dayan began his report last night and continued this morning. He disclosed today that 18 Israelis have been killed and 68 wounded in clashes or acts of sabotage along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line since last June's cease-fire agreement went into effect. Three of the Israeli fatalities and six of the wounded were civilians. The Jordanians, on their part, suffered more than 200 killed and more than 700 wounded, he said. Gen. Dayan reported further that since the cease-fire last June, the Jordanians initiated artillery fire across the demarcation line 41 times. There had been 13 cases of sabotage, 12 mining incidents and 24 attempts at sabotage that were foiled.

He warned Jordan that Israel would brook no interference by Amman in the internal matters of the West Bank. In that connection, he noted that the Jordanians have prevented former West Bankers from returning to their homes under both the refugee scheme and the family reunion plan. Family reunions were halted when the Jordanians opened fire on Israeli soldiers and International Red Cross representatives at the Allenby Bridge earlier this month. Their failure to guarantee the safety of IRC personnel has led to the complete suspension of the plan, Gen. Dayan said and Jordan has refused an Israeli offer to resume it without the IRC presence.

He said that Israel was doing everything possible to maintain normal life in the occupied territories. He noted, for example, that West Bank residents are permitted to visit Arab countries and West Bankers and residents of the Gaza Strip can cross the line for seasonal employment.

#### Cease-Fire Pacts Cover All Areas, Not Just Borders, Israel Tells Arab States

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14 (JTA)--Minister of Defense Moshe Dayan served notice on the states neighboring Israel today that Israel considered the cease-fire agreements valid and binding not only on the cease-fire border lines but for all the territory of each signatory state. He asked Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of the United Nations cease-fire observers staff, to make this position clear to the Arab states and to advise Secretary-General U Thant.

Gen. Dayan's warning was understood to refer primarily to Jordan on whose territory most of the terrorist gangs harrasing Israel are receiving their training. It was meant specifically so far as Egypt and Syria were concerned, to cover the deployment of members of their armed forces in the gangs operating in Israel and Israel-held territories, in the organization of terror and sabotage gangs and in other anti-Israel activities.

#### **One Israeli Soldier, Eight Infiltrators Killed in New Jordan Border Clash**

TEL AVIV, Feb. 14 (JTA)--Eight armed marauders were killed in a sharp clash with an Israeli Army patrol north of the Dead Sea last night. One Israeli soldier was killed and another wounded in the encounter, a military spokesman said today.

He said that the patrol intercepted the Arab raiders as they crossed the Jordan River into Israel at about midnight, local time. Despite heavy covering fire from Jordanian units on the east bank of the river, they were unable to retreat. The eight were slain in a heavy exchange of fire and hand grenades at close quarters. Israeli units did not return the Jordanian fire from the east bank.

#### **Rabin Says Israel Must Remain Ready to Meet Danger of Renewed Arab Warfare**

LONDON, Feb. 14 (JTA)--Maj. Gen. Itzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador-designate to the United States, told a gathering of the Joint Palestine Appeal here last night that Israel must prepare now for the financial and manpower needs three years hence because the danger of renewed warfare with the Arabs still exists. "The money and the people must come to us now, not when the crisis is upon us," he said.

Gen. Rabin, former Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, spoke at a dinner given in his honor by the JPA. He shared the dais with Israel Ambassador Aharon Remez, Hayim Morrison, national chairman of the JPA, and Harold H. Poster who chaired the event. Gen. Rabin is scheduled to leave here Saturday night for his new post in Washington.

He warned that "no one can say with certainty that last June's war was the final one." He said that the "Arabs have not yet convinced themselves entirely that they cannot achieve their aims in another war, although they are much more reluctant to start one than they had been." As for Israel, he said, "our frontiers are infinitely more advantageous than they were."

The possibility of renewed warfare keeps Israel on the alert and is the reason why military service has been extended from two-and-a-half to three years. But it is not only Jews and Arabs who are involved. There is a significant Russian military presence in the area and the evolution of the Israel-Arab dispute to a new armed confrontation depends in large measure on the confrontation between Russia and America," he declared. Gen. Rabin said that if Israel has to fight again she will fight, as before, "alone, except for the aid and comfort of the Jewish people."

#### **Jordan Denies Transit to Israeli Arabs Wishing to Make Pilgrimage to Mecca**

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14 (JTA)--Jordanian authorities are still refusing to permit Israeli Moslems -- who number 200,000 -- to cross their territory to make the holy pilgrimage to Mecca although they have given permission to West Bank Moslems and residents of East Jerusalem to make the journey, it was reported here today. Israeli Moslems have now been banned for 20 years from visiting the holiest shrine of Islam.

#### **Dr. Goldstein Says Israel Will Receive 30,000 Immigrants This Year**

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14 (JTA)--Thirty thousand immigrants are expected by Israel this year, Dr. Israel Goldstein, head of Keren Hayesod, the Israel Foundation Fund, told a United Israel Appeal group from Argentina here today. The group also heard reports by Leon Dulcin, Itzhak Harkavi and Eliahu Dobkin, all of the Jewish Agency.

## Youth Aliyah Curtailed By Lack of Funds, Hadassah Conference Told

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14 (JTA)--The annual mid-winter conference of Hadassah was told here today that Youth Aliyah is sorely in need of funds to meet the needs of orphans and children from deprived homes who wish to come to Israel. Yitzhak Artzi, head of the agency which is maintained jointly by Hadassah and the Jewish Agency, said that Youth Aliyah accepts 2,000 children a year but must reject an additional 3,000 applicants because of lack of funds. He said that priority was given since last June's war to 350 orphans who came to Israel as a result of anti-Semitic demonstrations in their own countries in the aftermath of the war.

Y. Ginat, director general of Youth Aliyah, said that children from the Soviet Union who were permitted to emigrate to Israel before the Six Day War showed few effects of the Communist education they had received, although they had some initial misconceptions about Israel. They expected to find Israel an "imperialist country" but had no idea what that meant, he said. Whatever illusions they might have had about Russia were quickly dispelled by the Soviet's anti-Israel propaganda of last May and June, he said.

Professor Kalman Mann, director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization, described plans for the forthcoming rehabilitation center on Mount Scopus. He said the center, which will have 60 beds, will care for patients who are victims of war, accidents, heart attacks and other diseases.

Paul Shulman of Haifa, an engineer who directed volunteers in the Mount Scopus restoration program after the Six-Day War, described hardships encountered by the workers. He said that 100 volunteers from the United States, Britain and South Africa will resume the restoration work this spring.

Two Henrietta Szold awards, the highest honor bestowed by Hadassah, were presented at the mid-winter conference by Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish agency and a former Hadassah president. They went collectively to the nurses at Hadassah Hospital for their outstanding service to wounded Israeli soldiers during the June war and to the Rothschild family of France which has long been associated with the organization's medical services.

## Israel Rogosin Dedicates Three New Schools in Ashdod

TEL AVIV, Feb. 14 (JTA)--Israel Rogosin, American textile manufacturer, dedicated three new high schools in Ashdod today which he helped build through contributions to the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal. The dedication ceremonies were held on the occasion of Mr. Rogosin's 81st birthday. Mr. Rogosin owns a textile plant in Ashdod, Israel's newest city and seaport. The new schools are the Rogosin High School, the Rogosin Comprehensive High School and the Rogosin Religious High School.

## Transatlantic Cable Disruption Affects JTA Transmissions

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (JTA)--News transmission between the London and New York offices of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency continued under great difficulties today as a result of the failure of two transatlantic cables. JTA communications between the two offices are carried on leased cable circuits.

Alternative transmission using the telecommunications satellites was put into effect Monday but the JTA newscasts were received with a considerable amount of garbling, delaying distribution of news until corrections could be received.

At the same time, seasonal atmospheric conditions affected the JTA radioprinter leased circuits from New York to Tel Aviv, interfering with transmission of news from the United States to Israel.

## Awaiting Proof of Oberammergau Play Corrections, Dr. Prinz Declares

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (JTA)--Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the commission on international affairs of the American Jewish Congress, said today that the Congress was awaiting official confirmation of statements that the Oberammergau Passion Play was being revised to rid it of the "bigotry and virulence that have so long contaminated the Oberammergau festival."

Commenting on the reports from Munich, Rabbi Prinz noted that "the American Jewish Congress called for changes in the Oberammergau Passion Play because an examination of the text showed it to be deliberately designed to incite hatred against the Jewish people. Indeed, Adolf Hitler himself found the play to his liking because of its vicious anti-Semitic tone and content." Dr. Prinz said he was "encouraged" by the report that script changes were being made "in accordance with the new ecumenical spirit of the Catholic Church."

JTA dispatches from Munich Sunday quoted Deputy Mayor Artur Haser as saying that the text was being studied by a priest to determine whether there was anything anti-Semitic in it. An aide to Julius Cardinal Doepfner, Archbishop of Munich, said that the text had been "brought into accord" with the Vatican Council schema on the Jews. The American Jewish Congress had called for a boycott of the Oberammergau festival to be held in 1970.

## Government Officials Attend Opening of Mexican Exhibit of Sephardic Culture

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 14 (JTA)--An exhibition of Sephardic culture and folklore was opened here in the presence of representatives of the Mexican Ministry of Education and delegates from Jewish organizations and institutions. The exhibition, situated in the hall of the Ministry's Pedagogical Museum, was organized by the local Sephardic society, Union Sefaradi.

### Exhibit of Clandestine Paintings Depicts Misery of Terezin Concentration Camp

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (JTA)--The misery of Terezin concentration camp in Czechoslovakia -- Nazi propagandists called it a "Jewish resort" -- has been brought vividly to life here by an exhibition of 95 drawings and paintings executed clandestinely by the inmates between 1941 and 1945. Fifty-one of the works on display at the New School Art Center are by children and 44 are by adult prisoners. The exhibit is on loan from the Jewish State Museum in Prague.

Terezin was set up by the Nazis as a so-called "model camp." In fact it was a way-station to the gas chambers of Auschwitz for 88,000 Jews and a grave for 33,000 more. Of 15,000 Jewish children incarcerated there, only 100 survived.

It was to provide a visual record for the future to give lie to Nazi propaganda, that the camp inmates gave each other art lessons, painted and drew behind closed doors at night. They hid their work in the walls during the day. They faced torture and probable death if they were caught. After the camp was liberated in 1945, the one surviving art teacher gave the drawings to the Jewish State Museum.

The adults' art depicts the grim scenes of arrival at the camp, registration and food lines. Most of the scenes done by the children show youngsters at play, families seated around a Passover table or patients tended by a smiling nurse.

The display was brought to the New School Art Center through the offices of the late Morris Fox, member of the American Jewish Congress Commission on Jewish Affairs, who saw them in Prague.

### Vanderbilt University Panel Finds Judaism Offers Nothing to Students on Campus

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14 (JTA)--A Vanderbilt University student-faculty panel discussing "what Judaism says to our college youth" came to the conclusion that the answer is nothing, according to a report in the student newspaper, the Hustler. The panel was comprised of Rabbi Arthur Hollander, the university's Hillel director; Dr. Stanley Glasser, associate professor at the Vanderbilt medical school, and two senior students, Ros Frank, president of the women's student government association, and Paul Kurtz, the Hustler's sports editor.

Young Mr. Kurtz's outspoken demand that "we want Judaism" not "watered-down Judaism" may have echoed the frustrations of Jewish men and women on campuses all over the country, the Hustler said. Mr. Kurtz contended that "the half-hearted attempts Judaism has made on the campus have made it worse for the cause. It has alienated many (Jewish) students...Jewish students think they are being preached at." Miss Frank said that she has "had many doubts" and complained that "it's very difficult to find somebody who understands you and will listen to you."

Dr. Glasser seemed to agree when he said that "we provide the students with a structure where they can have a prophylactic social life and educational life." Judaism, he said, "is saying nothing specific to students...about ethics in business, intrapersonal relationships or Viet Nam."

Rabbi Hollander remarked that "80 percent of the 5,000 students at Vanderbilt do not see the inside of a church or synagogue from one end of the year to another." However, he expressed hope for the revival of overt Judaism on the Vanderbilt campus. "We of Hillel are beginning to understand that we need a new approach to students," he said.

### Half The Eligible Students at Four Yeshiva High Schools Win Regent Scholarships

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (JTA)--More than half of 370 seniors at the four Yeshiva University High Schools eligible to compete for the New York State Regents College Scholarships have been named as winners or alternates, it was announced today. There were 150 winners -- 108 boys and 42 girls -- and 62 alternates at the four schools.

The State awarded a total of 18,843 scholarships to the 167,000 high school seniors who participated in the competition. Scholarship winners are entitled to an annual award of \$250 to \$1,000, depending upon financial need, for each of four years of study at a Regents-approved college in the State of New York.

### State University of New York Participant in Hebrew University Summer Program

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (JTA)--The State University of New York announced Tuesday that it will conduct a course this summer on "Modern Israel" at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The course was arranged in cooperation with the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency. Included in the \$950 tuition fee are round trip jet air transportation, lodging, meals and tours.

### Washington Diplomatic Corps at Farewell Reception for Ambassador Harman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (JTA)--A farewell reception honoring Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman was attended Tuesday by members of the diplomatic corps and leading personages in the Government and Congress. Mr. Harman paid a final call on Nicholas De B. Katzenbach, Under-Secretary of State, to say goodbye. Official sources said it was likely that the tense situation on the Israel-Jordan cease-fire line was also discussed.