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Israel-Jordan Cease-Fire Line Quiet After Hussein Anti-Terrorist Pledge

TEL AVIV, Feb. 18 (JTA)--Calm prevailed all along the Israeli-Jordanian demarcation line today after Israeli agreement to Jordanian King Hussein's request for a cease-fire Thursday night and his subsequent pledge to halt all terrorist incursions into Israel from Jordanian territory. Israelis, their optimism tempered by caution, looked forward to continued quiet after the heaviest fighting since the June Six-Day war.

Israel's Cabinet met for its regular meeting today in Jerusalem for a session, which lasted into the night, to hear reports from Defense Minister Moshe Dayan on the savage 12-hour artillery and tank duels last Thursday, in which Israel used jet planes to knock out Jordanian artillery positions. The Defense Minister also presented an evaluation of the fighting. Foreign Minister Abba Eban reported to the Cabinet on the warnings that preceded the clash and the world's reaction to it. The Cabinet also was scheduled to act on Gen. Dayan's decision to postpone indefinitely a scheduled visit to the United States until the security situation was cleared up.

King Hussein followed his appeal for a cease-fire with an address Friday over the Amman Radio. He promised to halt terrorist raids into Israel and Israeli-held territory, the principal cause of the Thursday clash, and to punish intruders who ignored his orders. "As of today, I shall not allow anyone to supply the enemy with pretexts and justifications for aggression," the King told his people. He was strongly backed by Jordanian Prime Minister Bahjat Alatahuni, who declared in a speech yesterday that the Jordanian Army would end all cooperation with terrorist gangs.

Jordan Also Issues Warning to Syria on Terrorist Transit

Jordan also reportedly warned Syria, which provides training bases for the El Fatah terrorists, not to send through Jordanian territory guerrillas bound for Israel. That warning was issued by the Jordanian Interior Minister, Hassan al-Kayed, in an address at the Jordanian town of Irbid during a visit to towns hit in the Thursday fighting. The Jordanian Minister did not mention Syria by name, according to reports here, but his allusion was clear. According to Amman Radio, he said that the Jordanian Government "will not permit Jordan to be used as a passage for the implementation of designs by those who, like us, have borders" with Israel "but who do not have enough courage to bear the responsibility of the consequences of their action."

The cease-fire was arranged through the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv since there are no United Nations observers on the Jordan River demarcation line. Contact with Jordan apparently was established through a neutral third country, reportedly with U.S. State Department approval. Israel agreed only after Jordan undertook to observe a total cessation of shooting all along the demarcation line, authoritative military sources here reported.

Israel's heavy counter-fire Thursday followed pointed warnings from Jerusalem to Jordan to desist from its support of terrorist raids. It was reported here today that warnings were passed on to Jordan not only through Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the UN cease-fire observers, but also through a direct emissary of Premier Levi Eshkol. The emissary was reported to be a former Jordanian Cabinet member named Mussa Nasser. However, the former Cabinet Minister declined to comment when he was asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency about his reported role.

Israel Keeps United Nations Informed on Developments

Israel also kept the United Nations informed, on an almost hour-by-hour basis, of Jordanian attacks and its responses. On Thursday alone, Israel sent three notes in succession to the president of the Security Council, one note advising that "it became necessary in self-defense to employ aircraft" against Jordanian artillery.

Political observers here speculated today on whether Hussein was strong enough internally to hold the terrorists in check. They noted that official Egyptian policy since the June war has been to abjure terrorist activities but Syria nevertheless has been training and supporting terrorists in Jordanian territory. Syria appeared unlikely to accept any suppression of guerrilla activities by Hussein.

Prior to the cease-fire, Hussein was sent personal assurances by Presidents Nasser of Egypt and Aref of Iraq of "full military support." Iraqi units in Jordan were reported to have been moved up to the cease-fire line. Offers were sent to Jordan of fighters and bombers from Egypt and Syria. Jordan has had no operational air force since the June war.

Israel acted today to restore normal conditions on the border. The Government said it wanted to resume the family re-union program for Arabs which was halted last month when Jordanian troops fired on Israeli soldiers at the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan River and wounded two representatives of the International Red Cross, which had supervised the crossover of the Arabs. Israel notified Jordan

that, starting tomorrow, it was willing to accept relatives of West Bank residents from Jordan whose questionnaires had been approved, without the presence of the Red Cross, which has refused to continue to oversee the crossovers without guarantees of safety from Jordan.

In the Beisan Valley, the main target of Jordanian guns and of terrorist raids, Israeli settlers returned to normal routines. Damages had to be repaired and terrorist mines found and destroyed. Two "old mines" were found today near Ashdod Yaacov and dismantled. On the other side, peasants were seen returning to abandoned fields but many villagers have not returned to their homes. Many Arab buildings are a mass of debris and no attempts have yet been made to clear the wreckage. Jordanian gun positions hit by Israeli fire have not been re-manned.

Israel's Military Intelligence Chief to Substitute for Dayan on U.S. Tour

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18 (JTA)--Gen Yariv Aharon, Chief of Intelligence of Israel's armed forces, will visit the United States shortly to appear at various meetings on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond drive, it was announced here today. Gen. Aharon will appear in place of Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel's Minister of Defense, who cancelled his American speaking tour Thursday because of the battles along the Israel-Jordanian demarcation line.

Gen. Dayan had been scheduled to meet with high United States officials and to appear on several nationwide television programs. Since his visit was cancelled, American TV networks have flooded his office here with requests for interviews in Israel.

Nasser Says Egypt Wants 'Peaceful Solution,' Egyptian Units Placed on Alert

LONDON, Feb. 18 (JTA)--President Nasser told journalists in Cairo over the weekend that Egypt wanted a peaceful solution of the "Palestine problem" and that Egypt was acting at the United Nations "so that the world will understand that we are a people who do not say no to everything."

The Times Beirut correspondent reported meanwhile that Egyptian defense forces were placed on a state of alert Thursday because of alleged Israel troop movements on the Suez Canal east bank and purported warnings on the Jerusalem radio that reprisals were planned against Egypt for guerrilla activities in Israel. Egyptian authorities tried to keep the alert secret, the correspondent reported but roads leading from Cairo to the canal zone, normally open for essential civilian traffic, were closed.

N.Y. Times, Washington Post, More Congressmen Assail Jordan Arms Supply

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (JTA)--Two of America's most influential newspapers, the New York Times and the Washington Post, have strongly denounced the Administration's decision to supply Jordan with arms, particularly the F-104 supersonic Starfighter jets, which were promised King Hussein last week. The newspapers reflected a rising chorus of protest in both Houses of Congress against renewed arms shipments to Jordan.

The Times, in an editorial today, declared that by shipping arms to Jordan, the United States would "join the Russians and the French in cynical subversion" of the peace-seeking mission of United Nations envoy, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, to which the United States has pledged support. The Post, in an editorial published Friday, warned that the United States would be "increasing tension and accelerating the arms race between the Arabs and Israel" by sending weapons to King Hussein.

Senator Daniel Brewster, Maryland Democrat, a member of the Armed Services Committee, demanded in a Senate speech Friday that the United States rescind its decision to ship arms to Jordan and, instead, take action on Israel's request to buy supersonic Phantom jet fighters. Rep. Frank Horton, New York Rep., sounded the same note in a letter to Secretary of State Dean Rusk pointing out that the Administration had failed to meet developing Israeli military requirements.

Rep. Joseph Y. Resnick, New York Dem., urged the Administration to reconsider the matter. In letters to the Secretaries of State and Defense, Rep. Resnick said "that if the Administration insisted on sending weapons to Jordan, we should at least use this as leverage to insist on peace and stability in terms of a peace treaty between Jordan and Israel."

The Times termed the Administration's decision to send arms to Jordan because otherwise the Soviets would send them, "a poor excuse for an untimely action that could help topple the already tottering effort to achieve peace in the Middle East."

The Post declared that "the stated reason for resuming arms shipments to Jordan -- that otherwise Moscow would gain the upper hand -- is a bad reason which does not justify the decision. The American interest in Jordan is not that the United States have more influence than the Soviet Union but that Jordan pursue regional peace. There is no evidence that the purchase of American rather than Soviet arms would make Jordan a responsible -- or more responsible -- state. And there is the evidence of the June war to indicate contrarily that suppliers cannot control the use to which the recipients put their arms."

Israel Detects Radioactive Fallout from China's December Atomic Test

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18 (JTA)--Radioactive fallout from Communist China's December 24 atomic blast has been detected in Israel's atmosphere, the Israel Atomic Energy Commission reported today. The commission, calling the detection a matter of scientific interest, said it was not a cause for alarm.

Janner Charges New Evidence of 'Nazi-Like' Treatment of Egyptian Jews

LONDON, Feb. 18 (JTA)--Sir Barnett Janner, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told a meeting of the Board here today that he had confirmation that "Nazi-like methods" were being used against Egyptian Jews imprisoned since last June's war and against their families and other Jews remaining in Egypt. Sir Barnett said it was "shocking" that such harsh treatment was accorded Egyptian Jews, many of whose families have lived in that country for generations. But it is not surprising, he added, in view of the evidence that Nazi war criminals resident in Egypt have "played a significant role in Egyptian propaganda."

Sir Barnett also reported in detail on his exchange of letters with Prime Minister Harold Wilson prior to, and on the latter's return from, his visit to Moscow last month. The letters contained expressions of concern by British Jewry over the plight of Soviet Jews and the Prime Minister's report of his conversations with Soviet Premier Kosygin on that subject. The letters were made public by Mr. Wilson on Feb. 3.

Sir Barnett said it was felt that publication of the correspondence at this stage would not only demonstrate the sympathetic action taken by the British Prime Minister on behalf of Soviet Jewry in the midst of many international pre-occupations but would encourage similar actions by the heads of other states.

Sir Barnett noted that when it was announced that the Prime Minister would visit Moscow on Jan. 22, a letter was addressed to him by the Board of Deputies expressing the hope that he might find an opportunity to use his good offices to alleviate the situation of Soviet Jewry. Mr. Wilson indicated in his letter to Sir Barnett on his return from Moscow that he had brought up with Mr. Kosygin the questions of the emigration of Russian Jews in order to effect family reunions, the provision of kosher meats, matzohs and printing facilities for Jewish books and reports of discrimination against Soviet Jews in areas other than the provision of facilities for religious observances. The Prime Minister said that his representations on emigration drew a negative response from the Soviet leader. He added, that, as before, the reunion of families in individual cases was taken up in Moscow and that he had "arranged that this matter would continue to be dealt with through normal diplomatic channels, i.e., through our Ambassador discussing each individual case with the Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs."

The Prime Minister also reported, in his letter of Feb. 3, that Premier Kosygin assured him that the Soviet position on Jews remained unchanged, specifically that they treated Jews as they treated all Soviet citizens. In response to charges of anti-Jewish discrimination, the Russian leader cited the names of Jews holding high positions in the Soviet Union, Mr. Wilson reported.

Exemption From U.S. Travel Restrictions Urged for Tourists to Israel

JERUSALEM, Feb. 18 (JTA)--Proposed restrictions by the United States on travel abroad to stem the outflow of dollars was challenged here today by Israel's Minister of Tourism who argued that tourists coming to Israel should be exempted because their trips were in essence, religious pilgrimages. Moshe Kol, addressing the world conference of Jewish journalists here, said that the exemption should apply to Christian as well as Jewish visitors to Israel. He said he hoped the American authorities would not place restrictions on people traveling for religious purposes.

The 75 Jewish newsmen from 13 countries heard appeals for increased aliyah (immigration) from Labor Minister Yigal Alon, Leon Dulczin, of the Jewish Agency's immigration department and Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Agency. They were addressed last night by Israel's Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Chaim Bar Lev, who said that despite the heavy influx of Russian arms to the Arab countries, Israel still enjoys military superiority and has a much shorter frontier to defend.

On the question of increased immigration, the stress was put on the need for settlers from Western countries. The speakers said that at least one person from every Jewish family should settle here in order to insure Israel's security and to preserve Jewish continuity elsewhere. They proposed aliyah in stages, beginning with a short visit, then a year's stay in the country and finally permanent settlement.

Aryeh Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, told the journalists that the World Zionist Organization may propose that the mobilization of world Jewish opinion be included in its tasks. He said the Zionist organization had proved it was able to rouse public opinion for Israel with the help of Zionist youth and other bodies.

He also accused the Israel press of exaggerating the negative aspect of Jewish life outside of Israel. On the other hand, he asserted, the Jewish press in other countries does not present the "true dynamics" of social trends in Israel which might pave the way to the brains and hearts of Jewish youth. He said the second task of the Jewish press was to permeate its content with demonstrations of Israel's need for aliyah, a question of life or death for Israel. He said that without such immigration, relations between Israel and other Jewries might be poisoned for a generation.

Indian Government Rejects Any Cooperation With Israel, Parliament Told

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18 (JTA)--The Government of India has rejected any cultural and technical cooperation agreements with Israel because India "has no diplomatic relations" with Israel, the Indian Minister of State for External Affairs said today in Parliament. He added that such agreements could not be divorced from diplomatic relations with a country. The Israeli delegation at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, now taking place here, has sought to induce Indian officials to consider such cooperation with Israel, apart from political differences.

President Urged to Declare National Emergency To Deal With Urban Crisis

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (JTA)--President Johnson was asked today by the American Jewish Congress to declare a "national domestic emergency" to deal with the Nation's urban crisis. Presidential action was urged in the face of what was termed "ominous evidence that racial tension, crime and violence will continue until proper housing, schools, training and jobs are available to all."

The American Jewish Congress also hailed the appointment of John W. Gardner, retiring Secretary of Health Education and Welfare as head of the Urban Coalition and pledged its "full support" of efforts by the Urban Coalition "to help fight poverty and urban decay through the private sector and voluntary agencies." The actions came at a meeting of the organization's national governing council, its top policy-making body, in Stephen Wise Congress House.

The group heard Arthur D. Morse, author of "While Six Million Died" criticize U.S. failure to ratify the United Nations convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide. The treaty has been bottled up in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee since President Truman urged its ratification in 1950.

Rabbi Arthur D. Hertzberg, of Englewood, N.J. told the afternoon session that Jewish philanthropy and the fight against anti-Semitism no longer served as a valid basis for Jewish group identity. He urged the Jewish agencies to launch programs "consciously and clearly calculated to increase Jewish knowledge and commitment."

Paintings By Jewish Artists Slain in Holocaust to be Shown in New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (JTA)--The American-Israeli Cultural Foundation said today that an exhibition of 38 paintings by Jewish artists murdered in the Nazi holocaust will be held at its Gallery of Israeli Art here from Feb. 27 to March 14.

The paintings were made available by Joseph S. Gruss, who has collected them for the past 20 years, who said that in revisiting Paris immediately after World War II, he learned of the death of many Jewish friends who had been artists and who had lived in Paris after migrating there from Jewish centers throughout Europe. He then conceived the idea of keeping their memories alive by finding and exhibiting their paintings. The exhibit will include a letter on the tragedy of the Jewish artists, written in Yiddish by Marc Chagall, with an English translation.

After the exhibit, the collection will be shown at the Helena Rubinstein Pavilion of the Tel Aviv Museum in April and then will be moved to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, where a special pavilion for the murdered artists is being built with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Gruss. Part of the Gruss collection will be housed permanently in the pavilion.

Computer Applied for First Time to Jewish Religious Law Needs

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (JTA)--The Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists reported today the first appearance in book form on the applications of computer technology to measurement of time elements required for Jewish Religious Law observance. The book, "Jewish Chronometry," was written by Dr. Leo Levi, president of the association and assistant professor of physics at City College of New York. Chronometry refers to scientific methods of reckoning and measuring time in relation to dawn and dusk, noon and midnight and related major time shifts.

Dr. Levi made extensive use of a computer in preparing tables which include a system for converting between civil and Jewish dates, a permanent Gregorian calendar, latitudes and adjustment-to-standard time constants, and related aids to calendar calculation.

Bishop Sheen Pulpit Guest at New York Synagogue Sabbath Services

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (JTA)--The Mount Nebo Synagogue here conferred a brotherhood award on Fulton J. Sheen, Bishop of Rochester, at its regular Friday Sabbath service. The ceremony marked the first time in the New York Archdiocese that a Catholic prelate has addressed worshippers from a Jewish pulpit on the Hebrew Sabbath.

The award, an illuminated parchment scroll with doves of peace in 14th century character lettering, opened with an inscription from Psalm 133: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Bishop Sheen accepted the award from Dr. Edward Jacobs, president of the Metropolitan Conference of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, and hailed recent advances in ecumenicity within Christianity. He emphasized a growing rapprochement between Jews and Christians. Rabbi Philip Hiat, spiritual leader of the congregation, stressed that "with all our so-called differences, there is a host of aims and goals toward which both faiths can work together in perfect harmony."

Dr. Isaac Rivkind, Jewish Theological Seminary Librarian, Dies at 73

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (JTA)--Dr. Isaac Rivkind, a Hebrew scholar and writer, died here yesterday, following a short illness, at the age of 73. For the past 36 years, Dr. Rivkind had been head librarian of the Hebrew-Yiddish division of the Jewish Theological Seminary Library.

Born in Poland, he studied at the Universities of Volozhin and Ponoviescz and served as a member of the Provisional Jewish National Council in Poland. He also was treasurer of the Hebrew P.E.N. Club of New York and chairman of the League for Religious Labor in Palestine.