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Gaza Tense, But Quiet As Schools Reopen After Several Days of Unrest

TEL AVIV, May 27 (JTA)--Gaza was tense but relatively calm today as schools reopened. An organized street gang believed responsible for the unrest of the past few days engaged in some desultory stoning but was unable to incite youngsters to a repetition of the general disorder that shook the town over the weekend. The gang, known as "Shabab," was dispersed by police. Ten local youngsters were brought to court on charges of inciting to riot, organizing illegal demonstrations and stoning. Military and civilian authorities meanwhile were investigating Sunday's shooting incident on the main Gaza Strip road north of town in which five Arab high school girls were injured, none seriously. The incident occurred when an Israeli civilian driver panicked and shot his revolver into a crowd of several hundred high school girls who had set up a road block and were stoning his stalled vehicle. The driver fired his revolver in a wide circle and aimed at the ground. But five girls were hit in the legs or lower bodies and had to be hospitalized. Several other girls who participated in the stoning were arrested and brought to court today.

The Gaza trouble began last Thursday with a march by Arab women to protest a curfew on the town's eastern suburb and the arrest of a number of residents for questioning in a mining incident that killed one Israeli and injured five. The women dispersed peacefully and the curfew was later lifted. But the tension engendered by the incident sparked a series of demonstrations and stonings, mainly by school-age youngsters. At one point Saturday, two Army haltracks were called in and soldiers fired several volleys into the air before a mob dispersed in front of the military government headquarters. Traffic was disrupted on the main Gaza road by stone barricades erected by youngsters. The barricades were removed by troops, aided in some cases by local residents.

Five Israeli Youngsters Save Their Village From El Fatah Shelling

TEL AVIV, May 27 (JTA)--Five Israeli children aged ten to 12, foiled an El Fatah attempt yesterday to shell the new immigrant township of Beisan, a military spokesman reported here today. The youngsters, who were off on an expedition to find pigeon nests, came upon eight bazooka shells and a self-firing timing mechanism concealed in a wood near the town. They summoned police and Army engineers who dismantled the mechanism only ten minutes before it was set to fire the shells. The youngsters also found El Fatah pamphlets in Arabic and Hebrew nearby. The five were heroes today, having saved their township from damage and possible casualties. Their satisfaction was increased by a premature announcement by El Fatah that they had shelled Beisan and damaged several buildings.

Gun duels and a mining incident in which two Israeli soldiers were slightly injured shattered the calm in the Beisan and Jordan Valley regions last night and this morning. A military spokesman reported that one El Fatah man was wounded and captured in a clash with an Israeli border patrol near Ashdod Yaacov last night. The rest of the gang escaped under heavy covering fire from Jordanian artillery on the east bank of the river. Israeli units returned the fire and no casualties were reported. A cache of El Fatah weapons was found nearby. They included a Kalatchnikoff assault gun, Samovel machineguns and a Karl Gustaff submachine gun, the military spokesman said.

Jordanian guns opened up again this morning in the Geshur region near the confluence of the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers and drew Israeli return fire. Artillery duels erupted sporadically during the night, one exchange lasting for an hour, the military spokesman said. The Israeli soldiers were injured when their command car hit a road mine in the Jordan Valley.

Israel Protests Against Reporting of El Fatah Propaganda Claims By BBC

JERUSALEM, May 27 (JTA)--Israel's Ambassador to Britain, Aharon Remez, has been instructed to lodge a formal protest with the British Broadcasting Corp. over the inclusion of an unsubstantiated El Fatah propaganda claim in its world news broadcasts Sunday, it was learned here today. According to the El Fatah claim, 120 Israeli officers and soldiers were killed or wounded in an attack on an Army camp near Jericho. Israeli military spokesmen dismissed the claim as a typical Arab "pipe dream." But it was featured on 12 BBC newscasts before a denial was broadcast. According to spokesmen here, the BBC correspondent in Israel could have easily verified the nature of the El Fatah claim since the latter gave the exact geographical position of the alleged attack. But the BBC man did not bother to ask the Foreign Ministry and waited ten hours before consulting military authorities about the authenticity of the El Fatah story. As a result, 15 hours elapsed between the first bulletin and the denial.

Javits Hits At West's Apathy In Face of Soviet Challenge in Mediterranean

ROME, May 27 (JTA)--Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York, Rep., warned here that the Middle East is potentially the most explosive tinderbox in the world today and decried the "apathy" within the North Atlantic Alliance that has permitted the Soviet Union to challenge vital Western interests in the Mediterranean. Senator Javits spoke at the Organization for the United Nations. He referred to the growing Soviet naval force in the Mediterranean and to last June's Arab-Israel war which, he said, demonstrated "the Soviet's ability to capitalize even on the defeat of its clients." Senator Javits said that the Russians have re-armed the Arabs with modern, sophisticated weapons and supported Arab intransigence on peace talks even though they know that a renewal of the war in the Middle East could embroil the Soviet Union and the U.S. and "drag the world to the brink of nuclear disaster."

Tekoah Tells Thant Egypt Adheres To Khartoum Policy of No Peace or Talks With Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 27 (JTA)--Egypt is employing verbal subterfuges to make world public opinion believe that it is supporting the Middle East peace mission of Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, but the Cairo Government is in fact still following the policy of rejecting peace with Israel. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel, charged here today. In a letter to Secretary-General U Thant, replying to several letters addressed to the UN chief in the last three weeks by the Egyptian representatives here, Mr. Tekoah stated that "no verbal hoax can conceal the basic fact that the UAR policy remains in word and deed the policy of the Khartoum conference: no peace, no negotiation, no recognition of Israel. It is obvious that as long as the Khartoum decisions continue to express Egypt's attitude, Egypt bars in effect the road to any peaceful agreement."

Mr. Tekoah also informed Mr. Thant that the Egyptian claims to an interest in human rights is contradicted "in the treatment by the UAR Government of minority groups in Egypt, including the persecution to which the Jewish community continues to be subjected."

The Israeli charged that the Egyptian Government's present policies must be viewed as serving only Cairo's "propaganda campaign of misrepresentation which accompanies Egypt's relentless war against Israel." Regarding the situation in the Gaza Strip, now occupied by Israel, Mr. Tekoah charged that Egypt's objectives in the area "envison the continued oppression of the Strip's Arab inhabitants who have been denied all human, political, civil and economic rights by the Egyptians over a period of 19 years that ended only with the outcome of last June's Six-Day War."

Teheran Envoy Warns Arabs Seek Climate To Oust Israel From UN

TEL AVIV, May 27 (JTA)--A member of the Israeli delegation to the International Human Rights Conference, recently held in Teheran, warned here that Israel's enemies -- principally the Arab states and Soviet Russia -- are trying to create a climate that could lead to Israel's expulsion from the United Nations. Judge Zeev Zeltner said that such a campaign was indicated by the behavior of the Soviet and Arab delegates at the UN-sponsored conference that was supposed to discuss ways of improving and broadening human rights all over the world. From the beginning of the conference until its closing session, the Arabs and the Soviets were preoccupied with anti-Israel resolutions, Judge Zeltner said. They succeeded in pushing through a resolution denouncing Israel for the alleged violation of the human rights of Arabs in the occupied territories. The Russians and Arabs kept interrupting Israeli speakers to such an extent that they hardly managed to speak, Judge Zeltner said. Throughout the session they tried to depict Israel as a cruel and ruthless oppressor, he declared.

UN Unit Told Jordan and Syria Economically, Socially Hurt By Post-War Developments

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 27 (JTA)--Jordan and Syria have been affected adversely in the economic and social fields as a result of last June's Six-Day War, the United Nations Economic and Social Council was informed today in a special study on "selected" development problems in various countries in the Middle East. The June war, according to the report, "affected Jordan in particular." While financial assistance to Jordan was voted by the Arab summit conference at Khartoum, Sudan last Sept. 1, only \$21.5 million has thus far been paid by Kuwait, Libya and Saudi Arabia to Jordan out of a total of \$112 million yearly pledged, the report noted.

"Israel's occupation of the West Bank of the Jordan River and of the Gaza Strip," the report stated, "provoked an exodus from these areas to the East Bank, roughly estimated at 289,000 people in the period from June 5 to Dec. 31, 1967. As a result, the population of the East Bank increased roughly by one-fourth, causing a rapid expansion of the demand for food, shelter and basic services, including health and education. The East Bank area finds itself currently with a population of about 1.5 million, nearly half -- 600,000 -- of which consists of refugees and displaced persons with a constant trickle of people across the river to the East. While international assistance has contributed considerably, and continues to contribute, to meeting emergency needs and overcoming the dislocation and disruptions of educational and health service, the construction and insufficiency of housing and sheltering facilities have placed an abnormal strain on the resources which remain available to the country and its Government."

Regarding Syria, the report stated that some 120,000 refugees had moved, as a result of the June hostilities, from the Kuneitra district which was occupied by Israel mainly to Damascus and Deraa. This movement has resulted in aggravating the problems of shelter, food, clothing, medical services and education "all of which call for urgent solution," the report declared.

Jordan Envoy At UN Likens Israel Government To Racist South Africa and Rhodesia

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 27 (JTA)--Jordan compared Israel today to the racist governments of South Africa and Rhodesia, all three of which, according to Jordanian Ambassador Muhammad H. El-Farra, practice "monolithic, exclusive and chauvinistic nationalism." Mr. El-Farra addressed the General Assembly this morning during the body's continuing debate on the situation in Southwest Africa where efforts are being made to free that area from the Republic of South Africa's jurisdiction. According to Mr. El-Farra, "Zionism in Israel" is comparable to apartheid in South Africa and to racism in Southern Rhodesia. All three regimes, he said "use force and coercion to implement their policies and have a common interest. Their practices, policies and destiny go hand in hand." Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, who addressed the Assembly on the same subject last week, had voiced Israel's sympathy for the people of Southwest Africa who are attempting to establish an independent state, to be called Namibia.

In the Economic Committee of the Economic and Social Council today, the Soviet delegate, A.P. Kovalev declared that Israel should be excluded from the list of nations in which field studies are being made on the transfer of technology from advanced to developing nations. The same proposal was made last week by the delegates of Libya and Morocco on the grounds that Israel is not a bonafide developing nation.

Major Jewish French Organizations Will Meet With Youth To Consider Reforms

PARIS, May 27 (JTA)--Major Jewish organizations in France will meet this week with Jewish students and other youths to consider important changes which the protesting youngsters claim must be brought about, sources here reported today. The organizations are the Jewish Consistory, central religious organization in Paris, and the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, French Jewry's central fund-raising body. Both headquarters were occupied by demonstrating Jewish youth last week.

Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan today deplored "all the acts of violence" which have victimized the French people in the past two weeks. He said he is in "partnership with those who are making claims for the remedying of social injustices." Rabbi Kaplan asked the French managerial class to "express their national and human solidarity with the underprivileged social classes."

Kennedy Urges Administration To Take Stronger Position on Behalf of Polish Jewry

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27 (JTA)--The Administration must take a stronger position at once to alleviate the plight of Jews in Communist Poland, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, New York Democrat seeking the Presidential nomination, said here today. Kennedy said he deemed the Administration's response to the Polish Government's anti-Semitism "to be inadequate in view of the worsening dilemma of the Jews in that country."

He referred to the meeting of the Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations last week with State Department officials, indicating that the Government should have taken a public stand against the mounting wave of anti-Semitism in Poland. Kennedy said, "now is the time for action. There are appropriate steps we can take as a Government to dramatize to the authorities in Warsaw that we abhor their increasing application of political anti-Semitism under the guise of anti-Zionism." He stressed that the U.S. "cannot tolerate the revival of anti-Semitism in a land where so many innocent men, women and children were murdered by the Nazis during World War II."

He urged that "the Polish Government honor its statement that Jews would be allowed to leave Poland and immediately issue exit visas to all those who want to go." He advocated "emergency refugee legislation in the Congress in Washington to allow Jews, many of whom are concentration camp survivors, to find refuge in the U.S. He added that "this is more than just an anti-Semitic campaign. It is an attack on freedom itself. Anti-Semitism is being used in an attempt to blame Jews for emerging new demands for liberty that are heard from the Polish people and to confuse the issue."

League Urges Importers To Help Seek Passports For Polish Jews

NEW YORK, May 27 (JTA)--The American League for Russian Jews said today it had called on 18 American importers who handle the bulk of the Polish goods sold in this country to use their good offices with Poland to secure issuance of passports to 2,000 Polish-Jewish families who have qualified for entry into the United States. Morris Brafman, its chairman, said that entry visas for these families were available at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw but would expire unless exercised by June 30. The League's letter to the importers noted that Poland was the only member of the East European bloc to enjoy "most favored nation" trading status here. It said that it had no wish to disturb this relationship but "we do believe that the conferral by this nation of an economic privilege imposes on the recipient certain basic moral obligations, not the least of which is the civilized treatment of its ethnic minorities."

Rapaport Charges Rabbi Levin Visit Allowed Only Under Anti-Zionist Sponsorship

HARTFORD, Conn., May 27 (JTA)--Henry N. Rapaport, president of the United Synagogue of America, charged today that Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, who is to head a Soviet Jewish religious delegation to this country next month, had been allowed to accept an invitation to come here "only when the sponsorship came from anti-Zionist groups in America." Rabbi Levin and the delegation are coming in response to an invitation from the American Council for Judaism, an anti-Zionist organization. He will address a special meeting of the Council on June 13.

Mr. Rapaport told a regional conference of the United Synagogue at Bloomfield that repeated written and personal invitations to Rabbi Levin to attend international Jewish conferences in Europe and America had been turned down allegedly because of Rabbi Levin's ill health. He also commented on the fact that the initial announcement of Rabbi Levin's visit had been made by a Soviet Embassy information officer rather than by direct response from Rabbi Levin.

He charged that "huge quantities" of Torah scrolls, Megilloth, Talmudic volumes and Judaic scholarly works were "rotting and decaying" in various parts of the Soviet Union but, he said, Soviet authorities had not accepted offers by Jewish delegations to raise funds for the restoration work required. Meanwhile, he said, the Soviet Union was permitting "this mass of cultural and religious treasures to disintegrate."

Former German Soldiers Go On Trial For Killing 75-150 Jewish Prisoners

HANNOVER, May 27 (JTA)--Two former German soldiers went on trial here on charges of having deliberately murdered between 75 and 150 Soviet-Jewish prisoners of war in the Russian village of Ababasch during World War II. Twenty-eight witnesses will be called to testify in the trial which is expected to last until the end of June. The defendants are Georg Graber, 76, a schoolmaster who was company commander at the time of the murders and Otto Kempf, 68, who, the prosecution said, gave the order to shoot the Jews.

\$330,000 Residential College For Jewish Students Planned at Australia University

SYDNEY, Australia, May 27 (JTA)--A \$330,000 residential college for Jewish students will be built at the University of New South Wales and is expected to be ready to accept its first students in 1972. The college will be co-educational and is expected to accommodate an initial student body of 80.

American Council For Judaism Charged With Failing To Aid Jews in Communist, Arab Lands

NEW YORK, May 27 (JTA)--The recently resigned executive director of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism charged today that the organization has deliberately refused to concern itself with the plight of Jews in Communist and Arab countries. Dr. Norton Mezvinsky said that the Council's Philanthropic Fund, which distributes over \$100,000 annually, might have been used to help alleviate the plight of Jews in Arab states following the Arab abuse vented against them after the Six-Day War. Such a possibility, he said, existed because of the measure of influence which the American Council has with the Arabs. But the Fund's executives blocked such assistance because it might have had "political overtones," he asserted.

Dr. Mezvinsky, of New York, also told a press conference here that Rabbi Elmer Berger, the American Council's executive vice president, has "freely given speech writing assistance to Arab representatives at the United Nations, notably George Tomeh of Syria." Dr. Mezvinsky said that Rabbi Berger had provided material to Tomeh on the philosophy and workings of Zionism and that the envoy had included the material in a televised speech which he had delivered last June at the UN.

During the press conference, in which he explained why he quit the Council, Dr. Mezvinsky, who joined the organization 14 months ago, said it was "bigoted" against Negroes and that its leadership had "vied with some of the more bigoted circles in this country in its approach to the race problem." He charged that the National Executive Committee had refused to allow any Negro to attend the Council's annual conference, set for late May but now called off. He said that he was then obliged to "disinvite" author Louis Lomax and Dr. James E. Cheek of Shaw University who had already accepted his personal invitation to attend.

Dr. Mezvinsky said that the Council for Judaism claimed to have over 20,000 members, that was the total number of dues-paying members it has had since 1943. As of last year the actual dues-paying membership was 5,000 to 6,000, he declared. He revealed that there were severe internal conflicts within the American Council, with the forces against Rabbi Berger led by two former presidents of the Council.

Dr. Mezvinsky declared that the idea of inviting Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow to the United States was originally conceived by himself and the American Council's public relations director, Bill Gottlieb. The invitation, he said, was extended through official Soviet organs, though Richard Korn, the Council's president, denied such a connection when the Soviet Embassy in Washington announced the visit April 16. Dr. Mezvinsky asserted that Gottfried Neuberger, a Council member and U.S. representative of the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta sect of Jerusalem, sought to displace the Council as visit sponsor by charging in a letter to Rabbi Levin that the Council was comprised of non-Sabbath observing Jews. He said that when Neuberger's effort failed the latter arranged with the Council and the Neturei Karta's American link, known as the "Friends of Jerusalem," to co-sponsor the visit. Dr. Mezvinsky said that the American Council had planned only a single meeting for the delegation, one to be held June 13 at Town Hall here.

Dr. Mezvinsky said that he had originally agreed to accept the executive directorship in the hopes, among others, that the American Council could challenge the "monolithic organizational consensus in American Jewish life" and that an organization offering "alternatives to Zionist nationalism" should exist. He said he had also hoped to broaden the organization's "Jewish perspectives." He resigned after it revealed "itself as even more reactionary, dogmatic and untrue to the essences and purposes of Judaism than those whom it accused of these selfsame failings."

James Farmer Says Negroes Want Jews To Provide Support in Civil Rights Efforts

NEW YORK, May 27 (JTA)--James Farmer, Negro civil rights leader and former head of CORE, said tonight that while the Negro wants to win his own freedom, this "does not mean that we are telling our Jewish friends to stay out of the civil rights movement. It does not mean that we do not want to work with Jews or with white Christians. We want the support of American Jewry as we want the support of the white community. Indeed, we need that support. We could not have achieved what we have without the support of American Jews and other members of the white community."

Mr. Farmer was the principal speaker at the annual conference of the Queens region of Hadasah, American women's Zionist organization, at Rockaway Park, attended by more than 600 delegates. He paid tribute to the role of the Jews in the Negro struggle as far back as the days of the Underground Railway before the Civil War. About three-quarters of the white people engaged in civil rights activities when they were initiated several years ago were Jews, he recalled. Mr. Farmer said the Negro did not regard the Jew as "just another white man." He said that "the Black man looks upon the Jew differently. He looks upon the Jew as a man who should better understand the plight of the Black community because of his own experiences with suffering."

Klutznick Says Jewish Press Great Force For Educating United States Jews

CHICAGO, May 27 (JTA)--Philip M. Klutznick, former international president of B'nai B'rith, told editors and publishers attending the 25th national convention here of the American Jewish Press Association that "the Jewish press is the only hope for reaching and educating vast numbers of American Jews who are today abysmally ignorant about their own community as well as Israel." Mr. Klutznick urged the editors to be more "probing" and to speak out courageously on the problems affecting American Jewry. The Chicago Jewish leader warned that "ignorance of our present-day American Jewish community can destroy it even if we master all of our past history contained in the Bible."

Adolph Rosenberg, editor and publisher of the Southern Israelite of Atlanta, Ga., was re-elected president. James Wisch of the Texas Jewish Post; Jules D. Miller, Philadelphia Jewish Exponent, and Joseph J. Cummons, Los Angeles B'nai B'rith Messenger, were named vice-presidents; Albert W. Blum, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle, secretary; and Milton Firestone, Kansas City Jewish Chronicle, treasurer.