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Israeli Jets Knock Out Jordanian Artillery; Settlements Reported Extensively Damaged

TEL AVIV, June 4 (JTA)--Units of Israel's Air Force went into action today to knock out Jordanian long-range artillery that was indiscriminately shelling Israeli settlements in the Jordan and Beisan Valleys. The barrage, the most ferocious in months, caused the deaths of three Israeli civilians, one of them a woman, and injuries to six other civilians and a border policeman. Extensive damage was reported in at least five settlements that came under Jordanian shell fire. Ripening wheat fields and harvested crops, representing a full year's work, were reported burning or destroyed by fires set by the shells.

A military spokesman said the Air Force was called to action when Israeli return fire fell short of the Jordanian guns that were dug in around the town of Irbid, about 18 miles east of the Israeli border. The planes pinpointed targets for Israeli artillery and attacked targets that were beyond the range of the Israeli guns. The planes were unopposed by Jordanian aircraft and all returned safely to their bases, a military spokesman reported. The fighting was reported to have ended at 6:15 p.m. local time.

(Jordan complained to the United States Embassy in Amman and in the United Nations today that Israel had used ground-to-ground rockets to "blow up" the city of Irbid. The Jordanians claimed that 30 persons were killed and 60 injured, most of them civilians. The Jordanian complaint to the UN was contained in a letter from Ambassador Muhammed H. El-Farra to Arthur J. Goldberg, this month's president of the Security Council.)

(Israel's UN Ambassador, Yosef Tekoah, filed a counter complaint with Goldberg. He said that Jordanian attacks on Israeli villages this afternoon resulted in at least three deaths and five persons injured. He listed the settlements attacked as Neveh Ur, Gesher, Yardena, Bet Yosef and Ashdot Yaacov. Mr. Tekoah said the Israel Air Force was called "to take action in self-defense to silence the sources of fire." He stated also that "during recent days Jordanian attacks across the River Jordan against Israeli villages have become more frequent and intensive. They have been accompanied by a concerted campaign of warlike threats and incitement to violence emanating from Amman. Today's act of aggression as well as those which preceded it, and the campaign of threats and incitement, constitute grave violations by Jordan of the cease-fire. The Jordanian Government is duty bound to put an immediate end to such breaches of the cease-fire and to observe it scrupulously." Neither Tekoah nor Mr. El-Farra requested a meeting of the Security Council. Both asked that their letters be circulated as Security Council documents.)

Battle Escalated From Series Of Shellings Beginning At Midnight

Today's battle escalated from a series of shellings started by the Jordanians around midnight last night and resumed by them between 11 a.m. and noon today. The initial target was a field near the Beisan Valley settlement of Neveh Ur where farmers were at work. When Israeli units returned the fire, the Jordanians resorted to a familiar tactic of shifting to other targets. Kfar Ruppim, Maoz Chaim and Hamadiyah each came under intense shelling. As the barrage increased in intensity during the afternoon, Israeli forces brought up additional artillery, tanks and mortars which duelled with Jordanian units across the river. The Jordanians then resorted to their long-range artillery. Unofficial sources here described them as "long Toms," British-made cannons. Other sources identified the guns as being of U.S. manufacture and of a type used in Vietnam.

Israeli sources did not confirm the Jordanian charge that ground-to-ground rockets were used against Irbid, a city of 100,000. But Israeli jets, helicopters, tanks, artillery and mortars were in action. It was reported that some 25,000 Iraqi troops are stationed east of Irbid.

(The Jordanian Government claimed today that four Israeli jets were shot down, four Israeli tanks destroyed and three artillery positions blasted. They said the Allenby Bridge, over the Jordan, was blown up and claimed to have inflicted "heavy casualties" on Israeli forces.)

High-ranking Israeli officers attributed the latest military clash with Jordan to tensions building up in the Arab countries as the first anniversary of the Six-Day War approached. They also cited rumors circulating in the Arab press that Israel was planning a massive assault on Jordan on the anniversary to wipe out the Iraqi battalions stationed there.

Military spokesmen said today's action extended along a front of about 18 miles, from Hamadiyah to Ashdot Yaacov and Afikim. They said a small exchange of fire also took place near Al Hamma where Jordanians used tank-fire to attack Israeli positions on the Golan Heights

Most Of Promised U.S. Weapons, Munitions Now In Jordan; Congressman Urges Halt In Shipping

WASHINGTON, June 4 (JTA)--State Department sources said today that most of the arms and munitions which the United States agreed last March to provide to Jordan had already been delivered. Officials insisted that the Israel Government had made no protest against the shipments and had been informed in advance. They said shipments to Jordan were continuing. The equipment delivered to Jordan included artillery and ammunition and there was speculation here today that some of the long-range guns pounding Israeli settlements in the Jordan Valley and some of the shells dropping on them were of American origin.

Rep. William S. Broomfield, Michigan Republican, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, urged the Administration today to halt immediately shipment of artillery and munitions to Jordan. The Congressman said there was evidence of "irresponsible" use of American arms by Jordan. He said shipments should be suspended "while the matter is placed under thorough review." He said the U.S. should not "permit a situation in which American ammunition kills and maims Israeli farmers and villagers."

(President Johnson, in Glassboro, N.J., deplored the renewed fighting in the Middle East and called for a peaceful settlement of Arab-Israel differences "which the nations of the region themselves should reach.")

State Department experts who closely followed developments today along the Jordan-Israel cease-fire line reported that the action appeared to be a "limited retaliation" along the lines of the Israeli reprisal raid last March. It was expected that the State Department would urge both Israel and Jordan to exercise restraint.

Shortly before news was received here of the new outbreaks, Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, who has just returned from a two-week visit in Israel, conferred with high State Department officials. He was understood to have reviewed the general situation with special reference to the problem of Jordan. He met with Under-Secretary of State Eugene Rostow, Assistant Secretary Lucius D. Battle and Assistant Secretary Joseph Sisco.

(The official Soviet Government newspaper, Izvestia, warned Israel today that "the situation in the Arab East is no longer what it was a year ago." The paper reprinted reports from Al Ahram, the Cairo daily, alleging that Israel had massed 30,000 troops along the west bank of the Jordan River with supporting tanks and artillery and was preparing a new "large-scale provocation against Jordan.")

Arab students were assembling here today for a one-day sit-in and hunger strike tomorrow at the Arab embassies in Washington. The demonstration, set for the first anniversary of the Six-Day War, was organized by the Arab student organization. The demonstrators were to demand immediate withdrawal of all Israelis from "Arab territory." A student leader said the purpose of the strike was to press for a more militant policy by the Arab governments.

(West Bank Arab leaders were reported today to be still divided over whether to call a general strike for tomorrow. Clandestine leaflets urging a strike appeared yesterday in West Bank towns.)

Horowitz Warns Of Two-Year Wage Freeze As Hedge Against Inflation From Defense Spending

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--The governor of the Bank of Israel warned here yesterday that Israelis will have to accept a freeze on wages for at least the next two years in order to protect the national economy from inflation stemming primarily from increased security needs. David Horowitz, who heads the bank that is Israel's counterpart of the United States Federal Reserve Bank, said he prefers a wage freeze to increased taxes. He said the country's productivity is rising at a "respectable pace" but that it is not sufficient to cover the defense costs that are Israel's major economic commitment. Mr. Horowitz is the third high Israel official to warn in recent days that the country faces a period of belt-tightening. Similar statements were made last week by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and only yesterday by Minister of Information Israel Gallie.

Mr. Horowitz had praise for the way the Government handled fiscal difficulties of 1967. He said that as a result of sound financial decisions, the economy enjoyed comparative stability through the end of last year. Since then, however, currency and other mediums of payment in circulation have risen and the economy has continued to expand despite deflationary measures. He said a wage freeze would slow down this trend.

Israel May Draft Doctors To Serve In Outlying Areas, Health Minister Says

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--Minister of Health Israel Barzilai notified the Knesset (Parliament) last night that the Government will have to draft doctors to serve in the border areas unless the medical profession institutes a voluntary program to end the severe shortage of doctors in the outlying regions. Mr. Barzilai, who reported to the Knesset on his Ministry's activities, said that the country in general is in need of more doctors. According to population growth forecasts, 200 more doctors will be required each year and these are not available in Israel. Israeli hospitals are short 97 doctors, and 102 vacancies have to be filled in clinics, Mr. Barzilai said.

Mayor Kollek Installs 39 Arab Mukhtar To Maintain Contact In East Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem has taken over the old Arab mukhtar (headman) system to provide a channel of communication between the Municipal Council and Jerusalem authorities with the mass of Arab residents in East Jerusalem. Mayor Kollek acted after the refusal of the former members of the Municipal Council in the once Jordan-held area to join the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

The 39 mukhtars or neighborhood headmen formerly held the same positions under the Jordanian regime and provided the contact between the municipality and the population on day-to-day matters such as sewage, water and sanitation. Thirty-six of the 39 appointees attended ceremonies at the City Council chamber to receive their official letters of appointment.

Iraqi UN Delegate Denies Tekoah's Charges That Jews Suffer 'Nazi-Like Persecution'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 4 (JTA)--Iraq today replied to charges leveled by Israel's United Nations Ambassador Yosef Tekoah yesterday of "Nazi-like persecution" of Jews in that country. Adnan Pachachi, permanent representative of Iraq to the UN, claimed in a letter to Secretary-General U Thant that Mr. Tekoah's charges were "completely false" and without "a shred of evidence to support them." Tekoah, in his letter to Thant, referred specifically to Iraqi laws promulgated last March which forbade the payment of debts due to Jews, prevented Jews from transferring their property and put a ceiling of 100 dinars (\$180) per month on wages a Jew may earn. This sum, Mr. Tekoah said, is approximately the salary paid to a "beginning clerk" and is not sufficient to support a family.

The Iraqi representative asserted in his letter that "Jews in Iraq enjoy complete equality with other citizens." He said the March, 1968 laws were "designed to protect the interests of loyal Jewish citizens of Iraq" and was "directed against the attempts of some of those who have already voluntarily renounced their citizenship to flout and circumvent the laws of the country." Mr. Pachachi said that 100 dinars equals \$280 and is the basic monthly salary of senior Government officials with 20 years of service. He said that 100 dinars in Iraq has many times the purchasing power of its equivalent in dollars.

Israel's Anti-South Africa Stand At UN Troubles That Nation's Jews, Draws Criticism

JOHANNESBURG, June 4 (JTA)--Israel's stand in the United Nations against South African policies is the cause of considerable uneasiness among South African Jews who fear a deterioration in relations between their country and Israel. These fears were increased last week when the South African Foreign Minister, Hilgard Muller, publicly criticized Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Yosef Tekoah.

Mr. Tekoah had declared, in the course of a General Assembly debate on the future status of Southwest Africa, that the Republic of South Africa forfeited its mandate over that territory because it violated the aims of the trust placed in it as the mandatory power. Dr. Muller accused Tekoah of trying to win the favor "of others" by "hostile utterances" on South African affairs, a procedure he said that was not likely to win South African friendship.

South African Jewish leaders also reacted adversely to the Tekoah statement. Maurice Porter, chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, said at its monthly meeting here that South African Jews read Mr. Tekoah's speech "with surprise and regret." He noted that the South African Jewish community was anxious for improved relations between the Republic and Israel and welcomed trends in that direction in recent months. He said he understood the special problems Israel faced in the UN but deplored any statements which might impede the restoration of harmonious relations between the two countries.

Muller's remarks were made in reply to an appeal in Parliament by Etienne Malan for South African diplomatic representation in Israel. Dr. Muller said the matter of such representation was "being considered." He observed that Israel had a legation in South Africa but that for some years it had not appointed a minister and the legation was directed by a charge d'affaires.

Visiting Knesset Members Deplore Israel's Attacks On South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, June 4 (JTA)--Two members of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, who arrived here last week on a goodwill visit, have deplored Israel's attacks on South Africa in the United Nations and said they would form an Israel-South Africa Friendship League to work for a change in Israel's attitude. The MKs are Shmuel Tamir and Eliezer Shostak of the Free Center Party. The Free Center consists of three members who broke away from the rightist Herut Party. They told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that South Africa had shown friendship and given valuable assistance to Israel from the time that Gen. Jan Christian Smuts helped secure the Balfour Declaration. They noted that former Prime Minister Dr. Daniel Malan had been the first foreign Chief of State to visit Israel and that the present Prime Minister, John Vorster, had permitted aid to flow from South Africa to Israel during last June's Six-Day War. But instead of reciprocating such friendship, Israel has attacked South Africa in the UN, they said.

Gasoline Bomb Burns Jew In Paris Clashes With Moslems; District Quiet But Tense

PARIS, June 4 (JTA)--One Jew was badly burned by a gasoline bomb in clashes between Jews and Moslems that broke out in the Belleville quarter of Paris Sunday night and continued yesterday. The district was quiet today but tension persisted. The local rabbi toured the streets with a loud-speaker to urge Jews to return to their homes. Large numbers of Tunisian Jews live in Belleville. A Tunisian envoy in Paris appealed to the Tunisian community to remain calm.

In all, 12 persons, including several Jews, were injured in the fighting. Jewish circles here attributed the clash to the anniversary of the Six-Day War. All French Jewish organizations held special meetings on the situation in anticipation of further rioting.

Karl Schuetz, West Berlin's Lord Mayor, Scheduled To Arrive In Israel On Visit

BONN, June 4 (JTA)--West Berlin's Lord Mayor Karl Schuetz was to arrive in Israel today for a four-day visit. He will be the highest ranking German to visit Israel to date. Schuetz is currently president of the Bundesrat, West Germany's upper house, and ranks second to the President of the Federal Republic.

Council For Judaism Denies U.S., USSR Role In Exchanges With Rabbi Levin

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--The American Council for Judaism, in a statement today designed to dispose of "unfounded and irresponsible rumors" connected with the forthcoming visit of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow at the Council's invitation, said that all communications between the Council and Rabbi Levin, "despite rumors to the contrary, have been private exchanges between Rabbi Levin and us, with no intervention or assistance by the governments of the United States or the Soviet Union."

The Council will hold a public meeting for Rabbi Levin in Town Hall, New York, on June 13, it said, to which "invitations have been sent on a wide basis to many Jewish academicians and religious leaders." It asserted that "except for respecting what we have been led to believe are certain specific predilections of Rabbi Levin, we have deliberately ignored ideological and philosophical differences. Accordingly, we have invited a wide variety of distinguished, religiously-oriented Jews."

The Council said that "out of deference to what we understand to be Rabbi Levin's views, we avoided issuing official invitations to organizations." It asserted that it had advised representatives of organizations that they were "perfectly free" to deal with Rabbi Levin and his colleagues.

Novosti, the Soviet overseas propaganda agency, disclosed last weekend that two members of the four-man Jewish religious mission, which Rabbi Levin was to head, will not be able to make the trip to the United States. Rabbi Levin will be accompanied only by David Stiskin, cantor of the Lenin-grad Synagogue. The Soviet Embassy in Washington said that it had no information about any meetings scheduled for Rabbi Levin other than the one set up by the Council for Judaism. The Embassy will not arrange any functions for the Moscow rabbi.

Harman Announces Hebrew University Building On Mt. Scopus Begins In July

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--Former Ambassador Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, announced tonight that work would begin next month on construction of a complex of dormitories on Mt. Scopus, original site of the university, to house 2,500 students. The former envoy to Washington told the annual dinner of the Society of Founders, honor group of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, that the complex would eventually accommodate 10,000 students. Mr. Harman and Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel Ambassador in Washington, were the principal speakers at the function at which Nathaniel L. Goldstein, president of the American Friends for the past three years, received the S. Y. Agnon Gold Medal.

Rabin, Chief of Staff of the Israeli forces during the Six-Day War, described the Israeli Army as a universal school and a strong positive force in creating homogeneity among the various ethnic strains in Israel.

Mr. Harman noted that the freshmen who will begin their studies at the Hebrew University this fall are for the most part veterans who had served in the Army for three years and were still subject to call-up. They had, he said, "a strong desire to catch up on lost time." Most of these men, he said, had to work to pay their way through college and were affected by the shortage of dormitory space. He stressed the need for friends of the university to assist the dormitory program and to provide scholarship funds to assist needy students.

Samuel Rothberg, chairman of the university's international board of governors, said that the return of the university to Mt. Scopus had an emotional impact on Jews everywhere. He recalled that this year marked the 50th anniversary of the ceremony at which Dr. Chaim Weizmann laid the university's foundation stone. Irving Mitchell Felt presided at the dinner.

Twin Cities Rabbis Call For Inclusion Of Curricula On Jews In Public Education

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 4 (JTA)--Four Minneapolis-Saint Paul rabbis have called upon the Jewish community to approach public school authorities with an appeal to include units and courses on Jewish history and culture in curricular in public schools and at the University of Minnesota. The rabbis pointed out that educators are reorganizing social study programs with a view toward introducing instruction about the Negro, Indian and other minority groups.

The rabbis making the appeal were Kassel Abelson, Arnold Goodman, Moses Sachs and Bernard Raskas. Their petition was addressed to the Minnesota Board of Rabbis, Minneapolis Federation of Jewish Service, Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

"At present the Jew is the invisible man in world and American history," they declared. "The tremendous accomplishments and contributions of our people to modern civilization are ignored or credited to the national culture of the country in which these Jews lived." In appealing for curricula about Jewish contributions to world and American history, the rabbis acknowledged that they recognized the principle of church-state separation and did not want Judaism taught as a religion in public schools.

American Paper Mills Ltd. Reports Net Income Of \$864,631 For Fiscal Year

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--American Paper Mills Ltd., Israel's principal paper manufacturer, reported today net income of \$864,631 for the year ending last March 31, after devaluation of the Israeli pound and the write-off of a special non-recurring charge of \$130,000 due to the Six-Day War. This compared with \$858,140 for the previous year and amounts to thirty-one cents per American Depository Receipt. The receipts, which are traded on the American Stock Exchange, are equal to eight ordinary shares. Sales totalled \$13,867,322 in fiscal 1968 compared with \$13,583,207 the previous year. In Israeli pounds, sales increased by 19 percent and earnings by 17 percent though the dollar results remained the same because of devaluation.