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## Israeli Soldier Killed By El Fatah; Five Egyptian Infiltrators Killed In Sinai

TEL AVIV, June 18 (JTA)--An Israeli soldier was killed last night in a shooting fray with a gang of El Fatah saboteurs that was intercepted by an Israeli patrol in the Golan Heights near the village of Kispin, a military spokesman announced today. Another Israeli soldier was injured slightly earlier when a halftrack he was riding in struck a mine in the southern section of the Golan Heights near the Jordanian border.

Israeli forces today wiped out a five-man Egyptian patrol that crossed the Suez Canal and infiltrated the Sinai Desert. The infiltration was the first of its kind since last June's Six-Day War. The action took place northwest of Romani in an area where three Israelis were killed recently by Arab mines. The incident was reported by Israel to United Nations cease-fire observers in the canal zone, the spokesman said.

The encounter with the El Fatah band was one of several clashes along the Jordanian border last night that included extended artillery, mortar and small arms duels. The saboteurs escaped but left behind two mines and a Russian-made assault rifle. Three other attempts at sabotage, in Jerusalem, Nablus and near the upper Galilee settlement of Kfar Yuval, were foiled when the explosives were discovered and dismantled.

A military spokesman reported that an intensive artillery duel took place between Jordanian and Israeli units north of the Damiya Bridge last night. The Jordanians opened fire first with small arms and later brought mortars into action, he said. Israelis returned the fire and silenced the Jordanian guns with direct hits after an exchange that lasted an hour and a half. No casualties were reported. Shortly before midnight a bazooka shell was fired at the water pumping station at Kibbutz Hamadieyh in the Beisan Valley but there was no damage or casualties.

A South African volunteer, Ivor Shor, was the hero of Kfar Yuval in upper Galilee today. He discovered six bazooka shells with a timing device aimed at the settlement. Security forces were called in and dismantled the explosive device. A home-made incendiary bomb was discovered by a gardener near the military governor's house in Nablus last night and was dismantled by border police. The bomb was believed to have been planted by local high school pupils who have participated in anti-Israel activities recently. The students are known to have been organized into an underground group by older students at the local teachers' seminary. Police sappers in Jerusalem dismantled two "button" mines which were found by a schoolboy near a local elementary school. The devices, which were made in China, according to authorities, resemble ordinary buttons but can cause serious injury if stepped on or picked up. Large quantities of "button" mines were found by Israeli forces when they captured Syrian positions on the Golan Heights last June.

(It was reported in London that newspapers in Cairo and Beirut continued to warn of an alleged Israeli military build-up in preparation for a new assault on Jordan with the objective of seizing the East Bank. Cairo's semi-official daily, Al Gumhuriya claimed that Israel was now in possession of American supersonic Phantom jet fighters. An Amman dispatch to the paper said that Jordanian radar had detected the Phantoms in action.)

## See Image And Structure Of WZO Altered, Movement Away From Role Of Parties

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--The 27th World Zionist Congress has greatly altered the structure and image of the World Zionist Organization, which is moving away from the party principle toward a non-political alignment of groups and individuals whose primary aims are to foster immigration and support Israel. That assessment was made to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today by Moshe Rivlin, director-general of the Jewish Agency.

Highlights of the resolutions to be adopted by the Congress' plenum, were the decision to admit non-political organizations and individuals into the WZO, reduction in the number of Jewish Agency departments and executive members, the acceptance of unaffiliated aliyah (immigration) movements abroad, and representation granted to organized Jewish students. Another major accomplishment of the Congress, according to Mr. Rivlin, was the consolidation of the so-called Jerusalem Program. That program, adopted at the 1951 Congress, the first to be held after Israel achieved independence, stated the Zionist movement's aims in very broad terms. They were the unification of the Jewish people, support of Israel and the "ingathering of the exiles." The 27th Congress reduced the program to two basic goals: concentration of the Jewish nation in its historic homeland, meaning aliyah, and the establishment of Israel as the center of world Jewry, Mr. Rivlin said.

The accent was definitely on youth at the 27th Congress. The youngsters, particularly those affiliated with world-wide Jewish student organizations, made their presence felt by demonstrations and by vigorous lobbying for changes, often to the annoyance of many oldtimers. As a result of their campaigning, 15 Zionist youth organizations were voted representation on the Zionist Actions Committee, governing body of the WZO between Congresses, and four seats were granted to the World Union of Jewish Students. The latter had demanded more, but they were told they could gain additional representatives on the Actions Committee by joining the national Zionist federations in their respective countries. Two representatives of independent aliyah movements were also voted seats on the Actions Committee.

The Congress adopted resolutions yesterday asking every Jewish family in the diaspora to send at least one of its children to settle in Israel and to purchase at least one dollar's worth of Israel-made goods per week, per head.

The future composition of the Zionist Executive and the General Council was the subject of feverish bargaining this afternoon as the Congress moved into its final hours. The behind-the-scenes haggling was complicated by the Congress' decision to reduce the number of Agency departments and consequently the number of executives. There was also the fact that many Zionist parties are mirror images of Israeli political parties and deals made here will have ramifications outside of the Zionist movement.

#### Next President Will Be Named By Actions Committee

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--The next president of the World Zionist Organization will be elected by the General Council or Actions Committee, the governing body of the movement between congresses, the standing committee of the 27th World Zionist Congress decided today. The decision came on a 16-to-three vote with six abstentions. The Labor Party and the two general Zionist factions — World Confederation of General Zionists and World Union of General Zionists — voted for the proposal. Mapam, the left-wing labor party, abstained and the right-wing Herut cast a negative vote.

To implement today's decision, the Jewish Agency Executive and the presidium of the actions committee will elect a joint committee to prepare the election which is expected to take place early next year. Meanwhile, an amendment to the WZO constitution is being prepared which will authorize the actions committee to elect the WZO president. As the constitution now stands, only the Congress can elect the president.

#### Greater Israel Movement Criticizes Allon Plan For Partitioning West Bank

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA)--A plan by Israel's Minister of Labor Yigal Allon that would create an Arab enclave in part of the West Bank territory and a front line of Israeli security settlements along the bank of the Jordan River was criticized today by spokesmen for the so-called Greater Israel Movement. Adherents of the movement have demanded that Israel retain permanently all Arab territory occupied in last June's Six-Day War. Today they demanded that the Government begin to plant settlements all along the Jordan Valley and denounced any plan that would cede Israel-held territory to the Arabs. They argued that such a plan would forestall peace and bring a new war with the Arabs nearer. A delegation representing the group met with Gen. Allon today.

(New York Times correspondent Terence Smith said in a dispatch from Jerusalem today that the Allon plan has won the support of both Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan who had once favored a different scheme for partitioning the West Bank. This had been reported previously by JTA. "From the Israeli point of view, the plan's main attraction is that it would provide for the security of the state without upsetting the demographic balance of the country," Mr. Smith wrote. Under the plan, Israel would retain the strip of flatland along the West Bank of the Jordan River where a string of para-military settlements would be established. The estimated Arab population of the strip is only 14,000, some 8,000 of whom live in the town of Jericho, five miles from the river bank. The heavily populated Arab centers of the West Bank such as Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah and Hebron would be part of an Arab enclave that would be autonomous or joined with Jordan by a corridor passing through the Israeli security belt. The Arabs would be granted an outlet at an Israeli Mediterranean port and would have free access to the Holy Places in Jerusalem. Jordan would enjoy the same rights once it signed a peace treaty with Israel. But, Mr. Smith reported, "despite the agreement on the plan, the Labor Party ministers are not expected to move for its formal promulgation by the Government for two reasons: because of negotiations before talks begin and because they have no desire at the moment to split the so-called National Unity Government. The Government coalition still includes the former opposition factions that were brought into the Cabinet on the eve of the war and an official acceptance of the Allon proposal as a basis of negotiation would force some of their ministers to resign," Mr. Smith wrote.)

Three Arab judges have reversed a ruling by one of their colleagues in Hebron which barred Israeli lawyers from appearing on behalf of clients in West Bank courts. The three judges, comprising the West Bank court of appeal in Ramallah, ruled Monday rejecting the Hebron magistrate's argument that the six Arab lawyers on the West Bank who have not joined in the general strike of lawyers were sufficient to handle the case load.

In a related development, Jordanian authorities in Amman have cut off stipends to civil servants on the West Bank who up to now have been drawing double salaries — one from Jordan to maintain the facade of Hashemite sovereignty in the occupied area and one from Israel for work performed. Some 5,000 civil servants involved were "dismissed" by Jordan. All former Jordanian civil servants on the West Bank, numbering about 12,000, have reportedly been ordered by Amman to stop working for Israelis. The order is said to affect teachers, doctors and nurses paid by both Israel and Jordan. King Hussein has issued a royal decree forbidding any form of Arab cooperation with Israeli authorities.

#### Construction Will Begin Next Week On Eilat-to-Ashkelon Pipeline For Oil

TEL AVIV, June 18 (JTA)--Work will begin next week on a \$32,287,000 pipeline that will carry oil from Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba to Ashkelon on Israel's Mediterranean coast, south of Tel Aviv, it was announced here today. The 42-inch pipeline will be over 200 miles long. By conveying Middle East oil unloaded from tankers at Eilat, it will bypass the Suez Canal and avoid the long voyage around Africa.

## UN Secretary-General Expects Jarring Report On Middle East Before End Of July

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 18 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary-General U Thant said today that he expected a report by special Middle East peace envoy, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, on his mission before the end of July. Mr. Thant, addressing a luncheon of the United Nations Correspondents Association, said that he would transmit Dr. Jarring's report to the Security Council, which authorized the Jarring mission in its resolution on the Middle East last Nov. 22.

Mr. Thant said that he had been "in constant touch" with Dr. Jarring since the latter came to New York from his Cyprus headquarters to continue his peace mission here. But, he added, he did not know "about the progress or lack of it" on the question of Middle East peace. He said it would be up to the Security Council to decide whether it wanted to meet on the report.

Mr. Thant said that the Swedish Government had extended Dr. Jarring's leave until the end of August as the Secretary-General's special ambassador. His first six months' leave from the Swedish diplomatic corps ended in May.

Mr. Thant declined to comment directly on the issue of direct talks between Israel and her belligerent Arab neighbors. Mr. Jarring, he said, "is trying his best to achieve success" in light of the terms of the Nov. 22 resolution.

On the question of a new special representative to look into humanitarian problems -- including refugees -- in the Middle East, Mr. Thant said that he had been in constant touch with the interested countries and that he hoped to submit a report on the issue to the Security Council within the next few days.

## United Hias, Jewish Migration Agency, Appears On Jordan Government Boycott List

LONDON, June 18 (JTA)--The Jordanian Government has blacklisted United Hias Service, the American Jewish migration agency, which it described as a company conducting trade with Israel in violation of the Arab boycott. United Hias was one of 50 outfits placed on a new blacklist yesterday. Most of the companies named by the Jordanians are real-estate holding or development companies in many parts of the United States which are not engaged in commerce and have no trade relations with Israel or any other country. There was no explanation about where the Jordanians found the names of these concerns.

The Jordanians also blacklisted the French aeronautics firm of Marcel Dassault, builders of the French Mirage fighter-bombers, despite the fact that Dassault has just received a substantial order for its aircraft from Iraq. The Mirage IV fighter-bombers are the backbone of the Israeli Air Force.

The Studebaker Corporation was removed from the Jordanian blacklist, Amman said, because it had ceased doing business with Israel. Studebaker Lark passenger cars had been assembled in Israel for a number of years after Studebaker went out of the automotive industry, but the model was dropped by the Israelis some years back.

## West Germany Asks Israel Foreign Office For Approval Of New Ambassador

BONN, June 18 (JTA)--The West German foreign office has asked the Israeli Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem for approval of 55-year-old Karl Hermann Knoke as the Federal Republic's new Ambassador to Israel, it was learned here today. Mr. Knoke, presently the West German Ambassador to the Netherlands, served as a Wehrmacht officer in World War II but was never a member of the Nazi Party. His wife is the Countess Dohne who was a member of the anti-Hitler resistance movement in Germany. He is to succeed Dr. Rolf Pauls, the first West German envoy to Israel.

## NPD Chairman Von Thadden Predicts 40,000 Members By July, 50,000 By Next Year

BONN, June 18 (JTA)--Adolf von Thadden, chairman of the right-wing National Democratic Party, predicted at a press conference today that his party's membership would exceed 40,000 by July of this year and would grow to 50,000 next year. Government sources have estimated the NPD membership now at about 28,000. The party, which many Germans describe as neo-Nazi, has achieved substantial electoral successes in various provincial elections. It now holds seats in seven of West Germany's 11 states and expects to win seats in the Bundestag (lower house) in next year's national elections.

## Rabbi, Banker and Israel Ambassador Receive Honors From Mexicans

MEXICO CITY, June 18 (JTA)--Mexican honors were conferred on three Jews -- a local rabbi, a banker and an outgoing Ambassador of Israel. The Mexican Government bestowed its highest decoration, the "Aguila Azteca" (Aztec Eagle), on Elias Sourasky in recognition of his contribution to Mexican schools and scientific institutions. Mr. Sourasky is a banker, a Zionist and a leader of the Jewish community here.

Ambassador Shimshon Arad, of Israel, who will leave his post shortly, was admitted to membership in the Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional (Mexican Academy of International Law). The Academy also awarded its "Order of Mexico for Right and Peace" to Dr. Abraham M. Hersberg, rabbi of Congregation Beit Itzhak here. Rabbi Hersberg, who served pulpits in Montreal and Chicago before coming to Mexico, was presented with the award by the Mexican Ambassador to the United Nations, Zorriila Flores, and Dr. Manuel Cervantes, secretary of the Academy.

## Paris Magistrates Court Opens Inquiry Into Jewish-Moslem Riots In Belleville

PARIS, June 18 (JTA)--The magistrates court opened an inquiry today into the riots between Jews and Moslems in the Belleville quarter of Paris two weeks ago. Twelve persons were injured and 39 shops belonging to Jews and Arabs were wrecked in the disturbances. The district is now calm.

## Council For Judaism Officials Squire Rabbi Levin, Cantor Stiskin Around New York

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, spiritual leader of Moscow's Choral Synagogue, and Cantor David Stiskin of Leningrad, were squired around New York today by members of the American Council for Judaism, sponsor of their visit to the United States. With the pair were Richard Korn, Council president, and Bill Gottlieb, public relations director. Preparations were made for a public meeting to be held tomorrow at 8:15 p.m. at Hunter College here. A Council spokesman said that after the rabbi speaks he will accept questions from the floor. He will speak in Yiddish and his remarks will be immediately translated into English. Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative), has aided Rabbi Levin as a translator here.

Mr. Korn said that hundreds of Jewish and Christian leaders had accepted their invitations to meet the 74-year-old rabbi and the cantor. The religious delegation arrived last night at Kennedy Airport after landing in Montreal in a Soviet airliner. They received a tumultuous welcome, with many Orthodox representatives present. Rabbi Levin said that during his stay in the United States, which is expected to last two weeks, he would lecture on religious life as well as economic, legal and social questions concerning Soviet Jews. Rabbi Levin described his trip as non-governmental and "for the Jewish community" of Russia.

During the welcoming ceremony, Rabbi Pinchas M. Teitz of Elizabeth, N.J., read a statement in Hebrew which said: "We consider this visit not a private one, but as representing the entire Jewish community of Soviet Russia. We hope that this visit signifies a new era — an era of closer relationship between the world's two largest Jewish communities — the American and the Russian." Asked by a newsman whether his visit was permitted by the Soviet Government as a means of defending its policies toward Jews, Rabbi Levin replied: "The Soviet Government does not need me to defend it; it can defend itself."

Mr. Korn said in a statement that other Jewish organizations are "perfectly free to deal with Rabbi Levin and his colleagues at their own discretion and in terms of their own interests and concerns." He said the Council would only serve as an "advisory and protocol host to the Soviet Jewish delegation." A Council spokesman said that he did not know what plans the delegation had beyond Wednesday, although he understood that Rabbi Bernard Poupko of Pittsburgh had extended an invitation to visit that city.

He said that many invitations had been extended by other rabbis and organizations to the delegation but did not know which, if any, had been accepted.

Rabbi Levin and Cantor Stiskin are staying in the Essex House hotel here. Since they adhere strictly to kashruth, a special set of dishes was purchased for their suite and a "glatt kosher" cook had been hired by the Council to prepare their meals, the Council said. Both Russians will participate in services at the Mount Eden Jewish Center, a synagogue in The Bronx whose spiritual leader is Rabbi David Hollander, this Friday and Saturday. Rabbi Hollander, who accompanied him on the flight from Montreal, said Rabbi Levin expressed pleasure at the prospect of meeting American Jews who have visited him in Moscow. Rabbi Levin also brought a suitcase full of new prayerbooks recently issued by the Soviet Government.

## Leaders From 40 Cities Review Programs Aimed At Combating Urban Crisis

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA)--The active involvement of Jewish federations and other groups in efforts to deal with America's urban crisis was urged at a meeting of 95 Jewish communal leaders from 40 cities after an all-day session on the problem here convened by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Citizen volunteer leaders and professional executives in the communal agencies reviewed programs that are proving most effective in their communities, Louis J. Fox, CJFWF president said.

Mr. Fox described the needed solutions for "massive problems" for "the entire community" and added that "they can be overcome only by all forces in the community joining to take massive action." Stress was placed at the meeting on the need for legislation and particularly for adequate Congressional appropriations to assure jobs for the unemployed, with the required vocational training. Also urged were massive housing programs, particularly for those Americans least able to pay, quality education for slum area children, changes in welfare laws to remove "punitive" measures enacted by the last session of Congress and to replace them with programs to end the situation of the Government itself keeping people in poverty.

The community leaders evaluated a wide range of activities currently under way under Jewish sponsorship. Hundreds of jobs have been provided under auspices of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation. The Jewish Vocational Service in Newark helped establish Project COPE, a Federally financed recruitment and training program for Newark ghetto residents, and the JVS of St. Louis has been conducting similar training and placement for ghetto residents of that city.

The Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation is providing four-year college scholarships for 25 inner-city youth who, because they are not at the top of their high school classes, would fail to qualify for scholarship aid and would be deprived of college education opportunities. Pittsburgh's Jewish Federation has made available a building it renovated to a Negro community corporation for a vocational training school. San Francisco's Mount Zion Hospital is training jobless and under-employed persons as nurses' aides and orderlies and several Jewish hospitals are providing medical services to Negro areas. The American Jewish Congress in New York and other cities is providing, in cooperation with the Urban League, business advice to slum area residents to help them run business enterprises.