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Administration's 1969 Military Aid Program Excludes Sales Of Phantoms To Israel

WASHINGTON, June 27 (JTA)--The Administration has secretly disclosed to the House Foreign Affairs Committee that a program has been drafted for military assistance to a number of Arab states in fiscal 1969 but the sale of Phantom jet fighter-bombers to Israel is not included.

This was learned today following a closed meeting of the Committee with a representative of the Defense Department, Assistant Secretary Paul C. Warnke. Rep. William Broomfield, Michigan Republican, a Committee member who visited Israel after the Six-Day War, charged that the Administration is "dragging its feet" on the Phantom transaction.

Rep. Broomfield urged that before more U.S. arms are provided to Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Iran, action should be taken to correct the present imbalance in air power, dangerous to Israel, and brought about by the massive Soviet resupply of weapons to radical Arab states.

The Michigan Congressman challenged the Defense Department official to explain why six months have elapsed since President Johnson and Prime Minister Levi Eshkol met at the LBJ ranch with no indication of concern here about Israel's urgent need for the Phantom jets. Mr. Warnke said the decision had to be made on a level higher than the Defense Department, suggesting that it rested entirely with Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Warnke sought to some extent to minimize Israel's need for the Phantoms, it was learned. Rep. Broomfield questioned the wisdom of programing more modern arms for Jordan at a time when Jordanians were firing across the cease-fire line into Israel.

After the meeting adjourned, Mr. Broomfield announced that he would introduce a new resolution in the House calling on the Administration to take prompt action on the Israeli application for Phantoms. He said "The Russians have sent over 300 ultra-modern jet fighters and bombers to Egypt in the last 12 months, but the Administration has not responded to Israel's urgent appeal for the Phantoms. These planes should be sold immediately and not held back until October or November, as has been speculated. Even if the transaction were announced by the White House on Nov. 1, it would still take until 1970 before the planes could be manufactured and delivered. Further delay would indicate a lack of true concern for the fate of Israel and the national security interests of the United States."

'Le Monde' Article Sees Little Chance Of End To French Embargo

PARIS, June 27 (JTA)--An authority on French foreign affairs said here today that there was little likelihood of a change in President de Gaulle's policy toward Israel in the near future. Andre Fontaine, writing in the newspaper *Le Monde*, said that nobody expects de Gaulle to lift the embargo on the 50 Mirage V supersonic jets purchased by Israel even though French finances could benefit from it. The jets were paid for in full by Israel last April but are being held in storage pending an end to the embargo. Mr. Fontaine said that Iraq, which disappointed France over oil rights, may not order the Mirage jets which de Gaulle had agreed to sell them during Iraqi President Aref's visit to Paris last spring.

(Jordan is building new air bases in "rear desert areas" to accommodate an estimated 32 American Starfighter military jets promised to Amman as well as Hawker Hunter British planes, according to "military sources," the Christian Science Monitor reported today. Middle East reporter John K. Cooley quoted King Hussein as saying that "though we are trying our utmost to build...a form of defense capability in the air to protect the cities and our positions, it will be some time before this is possible." Mr. Cooley asserted that Israeli planes "fly almost daily reconnaissance flights over East Jordan.")

Eshkol, Dayan Warn That Israel Must Be Prepared For Another War With Arabs

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan warned today that Israel must prepare itself for the possibility of another war with the Arabs. Gen. Dayan told the Israel Labor Party central committee that "we have to buy weapons, we have to make our own weapons, we have to make our Army stronger, we have to prepare airfields -- and this will take much money." He added that "we have time, territory and the power of rule. We know the area -- it is defined -- but we do not know how much time. He emphasized that Israel could not "escape from preparing for a renewal of war against us."

Mr. Eshkol said that "Israel's prime desire remains peace but the key is with Egypt, which prevents peace with Jordan." He warned that Israel would resist all pressures until a peace treaty with the Arabs was signed. He declared that the United States had shown friendship and understanding for Israel, despite differences of opinion over such matters as the status of Jerusalem. The Premier added that it should be clear to all that Israel would not relinquish its rule over unified Jerusalem but, he continued, there was the possibility that the "legitimate interests" of the world's religions with respect to their Holy Places could be safeguarded by an Israeli agreement with their institutions.

General Dayan reiterated that technically and economically, the Arab states had regained the level of strength they had before the Six-Day War. He declared that the Arabs had acquired ground-to-ground missiles with a range of nearly 40 miles. Asserting the Arabs were not yet ready for war despite their rearmament, Gen. Dayan warned that, in the Arab world, political and military motives can get mixed up. Pressed by "explosive forces," the Arab rulers may again "jump into ventures for which they

are not prepared," he said, adding that Israel cannot discount this danger. He reported also that since the end of the Six-Day War, 184 Israelis had been killed and 617 wounded, including the crew of the Eilat, a destroyer sunk by the Egyptians using a Soviet-made missile last summer. He said most of the Israeli casualties had occurred on a 20-mile stretch between Lake Tiberias and Tirat Avi in the Jordan Valley. He added that settlements in that area should be given maximum help. Israel's main task for the present, he stated, must be to vanquish the EI Fatah terrorists and to continue cooperation with the Arab population of the occupied areas.

Eban Confers With Jarring, Reiterates Israel's Position On Middle East Peace

THE HAGUE, June 27 (JTA)--Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban conferred with United Nations special envoy to the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, here yesterday at Dr. Jarring's request. The UN envoy, vacationing in Sweden, flew in from Stockholm for the meeting. Mr. Eban is here attending a conference of Israeli ambassadors to European capitals. An Israel Embassy source said today that the conversations consisted of a review of the Middle Eastern situation since the last Eban-Jarring meeting May 12. He said no new proposals were conveyed to Mr. Eban. Dr. Jarring is using his vacation to renew contacts with Middle Eastern governments on high levels. He was visited in Stockholm a week ago by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad.

According to the Embassy spokesman, Mr. Eban repeated Israel's readiness to cooperate with Dr. Jarring to promote peace. Mr. Eban again stated Israel's view on the need for a formal and definite peace agreement with its Arab neighbors within secure and mutually recognized boundaries, an end to all forms of belligerence and explicit, unequivocal acknowledgement of the sovereignty, independence and integrity of all states. Mr. Eban also reiterated his Government's willingness to meet, under Dr. Jarring's chairmanship, with Egypt and Jordan to formulate and sign agreements on all matters involved in the concluding of a permanent peace, the spokesman said. Mr. Eban asked Dr. Jarring to convey to the Arab governments Israel's continuing readiness to hold such meetings with each Arab state at an early date.

Cairo Reportedly Sticks By Hard Line Adopted At Khartoum Parley

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Diplomatic sources here said today that information received on the Eban-Jarring meeting indicated that Egyptian intransigence on moves toward peace was as great as ever and that Dr. Jarring had made no progress. The sources said Egyptian diplomats had not abandoned the position of no negotiations, no recognition and no peace with Israel adopted at the Khartoum Arab summit meeting last summer. Despite a softer line of talk, the sources said, Egypt continues to insist that any settlement must exclude recognition and a formal peace treaty and that they are unwilling to negotiate with Israel.

Cairo's interpretation of the Nov. 22, 1967 Security Council resolution which authorized Dr. Jarring's mission, the sources said, was that the phrase concerning the goal of a "just and durable peace" does not necessarily mean a peace treaty but simply a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute by "peace means" which would not include explicit recognition of Israel by Egypt and would be achieved through intermediaries.

The United States has informed Israel that there was no truth in British press reports that Washington had agreed to a "timetable" for implementation of the Nov. 22 resolution. Informed sources said the matter had been checked with the U.S. after the British press reported that British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart had sought to persuade Secretary of State Dean Rusk to accept that approach as one way to end the impasse in Dr. Jarring's diplomatic efforts. The sources said Israel previously had received reliable information from Britain that the British Government remained committed to its original view that all provisions of the resolution had equal value and that any Arab-Israeli agreement would be a package transaction.

Allon Offers Bill On Work Permits, Would Protect Israelis If Labor Market Swamped

JERUSALEM, June 27 (JTA)--Labor Minister Yigal Allon yesterday presented the Cabinet with a draft bill that would require non-residents of Israel to obtain work permits before seeking employment. Mr. Allon said that the proposed legislation was intended to prevent the Israeli labor market from being swamped by workers from the West Bank and other occupied areas who are willing to accept lower wages and might undermine conditions of work and pay in Israel.

But the law would also apply to foreign nationals in the country who have not registered as temporary or permanent residents. Mr. Allon said that special dispensations may be given by the Minister of Labor under the bill for certain types of jobs or enterprises.

Mr. Allon will shortly leave the Labor Ministry to become deputy prime minister in charge of the new Absorption Ministry. He is expected to be succeeded by Yosef Almogi. It was also reliably reported that Aryeh Eliav will be appointed deputy minister of absorption.

A total of only 300 Israeli civil servants are employed on the occupied West Bank to care for a population exceeding 700,000, according to the committee coordinating economic policy for the occupied territories. The aim, committee sources said, was to leave local administration in Arab hands as far as possible. The committee reported that unemployed residents of the Hebron area will be engaged to water Jewish National Fund forests in the Adulam zone south of Jerusalem. There is slight unemployment in the Hebron area but it is matched by a shortage of Israeli labor, the committee said.

Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan said in the Knesset (Parliament) yesterday that Israelis who want to spend more than 48 hours in any of the occupied territories must obtain approval at the national Government level even though the granting of permits is formally vested with the military governments. Gen. Dayan said this rule applied because visits to the occupied areas constitute "a political act."

Polish Embassy in London Seeks To Discredit Anti-Semitism Charges

LONDON, June 27 (JTA)--The Polish Embassy here launched a major propaganda offensive today intended to discredit charges of anti-Semitism levelled against the Warsaw regime as a result of the ongoing purge of Jews from Government and Communist Party positions and from jobs in the country's communications media and cultural institutions. The Embassy brought over two prominent Polish journalists, Jerzy Lobman, editor-in-chief of the monthly magazine Polish Review, and Marek Arczynski, editor-in-chief of the weekly, Swiatowid. Mr. Arczynski was once honored by the Israeli Government for aiding Jews during World War II.

At a press conference attended by representatives of major Western newspapers and wire services today, the Polish emissaries made the rescue of Jews by the Polish underground during the war the main point of their defense of the present Polish regime against charges of anti-Semitism. Mr. Arczynski produced documents to support his claim that many Polish underground fighters lost their lives in attempts to aid Jews. Mr. Lobman insisted that "press accusations of anti-Semitism in Poland were absolutely unfounded" and originated with the Zionist movement.

When newsmen pointed out that what happened in World War II was irrelevant to what is going on in Poland now — the large scale dismissals of Jews and restrictive measures against Jewish citizens — Mr. Lobman claimed that the dismissals were no more than "a change of cadres." "If Mr. Smith or Mr. Brown are dismissed, no one reacts, but if Jews are dismissed, then an outcry is raised," he said. Mr. Lobman said that an official with pro-Zionist tendencies could not be allowed to remain in his post because Polish Government policy was "pro-Arab and against aggression." He implied that dismissed Jews might have been replaced by other Jews but were not because the small Polish Jewish community was unable to replace the unusually large percentage of Jews in high positions since World War II. Mr. Lobman and Mr. Arczynski denounced charges of Polish collaboration with the Nazis against the Jews and maintained that there was a difference between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

Israel Rejects Syrian UN Charges Of 'Colonizing' Golan Heights

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 27 (JTA)--Israel rejected today Syrian charges that it was "colonizing" the occupied Golan Heights without regard for "international norms of conduct." Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, Syria's permanent representative to the United Nations, declared in a letter to Secretary-General U Thant that the "colonization" referred to in the Syrian complaint was a legitimate defense move "undertaken with the assistance of the Nahal units of the Israel Defense Force to ensure the maintenance of the cease-fire and to protect Israel from the danger of Syrian attacks." Nahal is a para-military organization whose members establish security settlements in Israel's border regions.

Today's letter from Mr. Tekoah was a supplement to a letter he sent the Secretary-General on April 24 in reply to the Syrian charges originally made on April 19 by Ambassador George J. Tomeh, the permanent representative of Syria. Mr. Tomeh reiterated his charges last week and claimed that they were proved by the brevity of Ambassador Tekoah's April 24 reply. In today's letter, Mr. Tekoah noted that even among the Arab states at war with Israel, "Syria has distinguished itself by the ferocity and viciousness of its belligerency." He recalled that "in the years preceding the June, 1967 hostilities, Syria had subjected Israeli villages to frequent bombardment from artillery positions in the Golan Heights (and)... pursued a relentless campaign of armed incursions and raids against Israel." He also cited numerous threats by Syrian leaders to annihilate Israel and slaughter its population. Mr. Tekoah said further that Syrian allegations of Israeli maltreatment of the civilian population in the occupied area "are a thinly veiled attempt to cover up for Syria's refusal to allow an investigation by the United Nations of the tragic plight of Syria's Jewish community subjected since June, 1967 to ever growing oppression." Mr. Tekoah requested that his letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

Crewmen Strike On Israeli Freighter Called Off In Bremerhaven

BREMERHAVEN, June 27 (JTA)--A brief strike of crewmen aboard the Israeli freighter Avocadocore ended here today following the intervention of three Israeli officials. Nine crewmen who were the strike leaders left the ship and agreed to return to Israel "voluntarily." German longshoremen began unloading a cargo of Central American bananas as soon as the strike ended. The Avocadocore is expected to be ready to sail Saturday.

The strike, which apparently stemmed from an inter-union dispute, pushed the Avocadocore into world headlines. The ship's master reported a "rebellion" at sea to the Israeli Embassy in London last Thursday and dropped anchor off Dover which was not a scheduled port of call. The vessel arrived in Bremerhaven Tuesday but the crew prevented discharge of cargo. They relented, however, after meeting with Meir Ayalon, the Israeli Consul General in Bonn, Nimrod Eshel, of the Israeli Ministry of Transport, and Avraham Ariel, of Maritime Fruit Carriers Ltd., of Haifa, owners of the Avocadocore. The ship's master indicated that he thought the incident was blown up out of proportion by the press. He said that while the strike was illegal because the ship was in foreign waters, it did not constitute a mutiny. He denied sensational reports in the British press that crew members had attacked British police with knives when the Avocadocore was in Dover.

Argentine Jewish Leaders Protest To Interior Minister On Desecrations

BUENOS AIRES, June 27 (JTA)--A delegation of the DAIA, the Argentine Jewish central representative agency, met today with Interior Minister Guillermo Borda and presented complaints about anti-Jewish smearings in the Jewish cemetery and other offenses against Jews.

Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, DAIA president, declined to comment on the talks. He said that it had been agreed that Interior Undersecretary Enrique Pearson, who attended the meeting, would report to the press on the content of the talks.

Fifth Reform Rabbi Joins Urban Affairs Programs; All Will Spend 10 Weeks In Slums

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--Arrangements have been completed for a fifth Reform student rabbi to live and work in the slum of a major city this summer in the second year of the Rabbinic Internship in Urban Affairs program, Rabbi Balfour Brickner reported today. The project, first under Jewish religious sponsorship, is a program of the Commission on Interfaith Activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Jewish Chautauqua Society, the institutions of Reform Judaism. Rabbi Brickner is Commission director.

The five student rabbis and the cities in whose ghettos they will live and work for 10 weeks, starting July 1, are: Bruce Cohen of Buffalo, in Newark; Roger Klein of Cleveland, in St. Louis; Roger Alper of Baltimore in Washington, D.C.; Stanley Gerstein of Los Angeles, in Chicago; and Lawrence Lauer of Cleveland, in Milwaukee. All five are students at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Internships are sponsored locally by local Jewish community relations agencies or other groups. In Chicago, the internships are being sponsored by the UAHC Mitzvah Corps. The St. Louis Federation of Reform Congregations is sponsor in that city.

The rabbinic intern agrees to live in the slum area for the 10-week period, Rabbi Brickner said. He works with Protestant and Catholic urban ministers to study first hand the problems of the urban poor, to provide help in anti-poverty programs, to examine white-Negro tensions, to evaluate the response of public and private agencies to inner city problems, and to study the attitudes of the local Jewish community toward the problems of the urban crisis. He also is expected to make proposals on action programs the Jewish community might undertake for the urban poor. His assignment includes weekly reports, which are sent to the local sponsoring agency, to the Commission and to the college.

Police Seek Persons Who Hurlled Bomb At Synagogue-Study Hall In Chicago Suburbs

SKOKIE, Ill., June 27 (JTA)--Police in the Chicago suburb here were searching yesterday for persons who threw a black powder bomb near a synagogue-study building of the Hebrew Theological College here. The blast shattered six large windows but caused no injuries. Police said the bomb had been made from pipe and apparently was thrown at a window but fell short and exploded about five feet outside the Anna Sarah Katz Synagogue, which also is a study hall, press services reported. The school's administrator, Rabbi Melvin Goodman, was quoted as saying, "I have no idea why anyone would do such a thing. As far as I know, the school has no enemies who would commit such an act."

John Patler, George Lincoln Rockwell Slayer, Appeals Conviction To Virginia Court

WASHINGTON, June 27 (JTA)--The convicted slayer of American Nazi Party leader George Rockwell appealed yesterday to the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals to reverse the verdict. The appellant is John Patler, who was found guilty by an Arlington, Va. circuit court of first degree murder in the shooting death of Rockwell and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Mr. Patler, 30, was a former captain in the American Nazi Party. He is free on a \$40,000 bond. His attorneys allege 29 trial errors and claim that his guilt was not established beyond "reasonable doubt." Rockwell was shot to death by a sniper on a roof of a shopping center near the party's former headquarters in Arlington last summer. Mr. Patler's lawyers say they will take the case to the Supreme Court if necessary.

Lindsay Visits N.Y. UJA Headquarters; Jack Weiler Named 'Israel Education Fellow'

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay visited the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York headquarters today where the Israel Emergency Fund campaign and regular UJA drive were officially extended through the summer months under the chairmanship of Jack D. Weiler and William Rosenwald. Mr. Weiler said that the extension was necessitated by the "unrelenting pressure" on Israelis to "devote their resources to defense and maintaining their economy." He said they were therefore unable to resume the voluntary contributions they had made for years of two-thirds of the welfare and rehabilitation programs for immigrants, a slack which must be taken up by the Israel Emergency Fund of the UJA.

Mr. Weiler received a certificate signed by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol making him a fellow of Israel education in recognition of his participation through UJA's Israel Education Fund in building the Moshe Sharett secondary school for immigrant children in upper Galilee.

Menahem Beigin, Herut Leader, Ends U.S. Tour For Israel Bonds, Returns Home

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--Menahem Beigin, leader of Israel's Herut Party and minister without portfolio in Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's national coalition Government, has returned home after a tour of the United States on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization.

Head Of American Conference On Soviet Jewry Deplores 'Discourtesy' Shown Levin

NEW YORK, June 27 (JTA)--The chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry today termed "regrettable" the "discourtesy" shown to Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin during his Hunter College address last week, when he denied the existence of Soviet anti-Semitism. Rabbi Israel Miller, in a letter to the New York Times, citing a Times editorial deploring the audience's treatment of Rabbi Levin, said, "We recognize that he must make, as the editorial pointed out, 'a ritualistic defense' of the Soviet policy toward the Jews," even as we understand the impatience and anguish manifested by some members of the audience.

"The feelings were exacerbated by the fact that the meeting was held under the auspices of a group whose posture is overwhelmingly rejected by the American Jewish community," Rabbi Miller said, referring to the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism.