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Hawk Missiles Do Not Provide Needed Deterrent Force, Israelis Declare

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--A Foreign Ministry spokesman said here tonight that the supply of an additional quantity of Hawk anti-aircraft missiles by the United States had "no bearing" on the main problems of Israel's deterrent and defensive power. The spokesman said that the central problem facing Israel is the growing gap, since the June, 1967 Six-Day War, in the number and quality of supersonic planes possessed and being acquired by Egypt and Syria and the number and quality of such planes existing in Israel. He added that it would be wrong to see in the Hawk missiles, the supply of which had been agreed upon for some time, any connection with Israel's central problem. Nevertheless, he said, the arrangement to supply Israel with the Hawks on credit was received with satisfaction.

These remarks were the first official comment by Israel on the sale of the American surface-to-air missiles which was announced in Washington Saturday. But Israelis seemed divided on how to regard that announcement. Some saw it as an oblique warning to the Arabs and Soviet Russia that the U.S. intends to bolster Israel's defenses in face of the massive re-arming of her Arab foes. Others, however, took the view that the missile sale was a sop to Israelis and to public opinion at home while the Administration continued to delay action on Israel's request for 50 F-4 supersonic Phantom jets, America's most advanced military plane.

The dim view was reportedly shared in Israeli defense circles where the U.S. was charged with "avoiding the real issue." According to one informant, "the Hawks are a good anti-aircraft defense, but the Phantoms are what Israel really needs." That view seemed to be implied by this evening's Foreign Ministry statement.

U.S. Says No Change In Status Of Israeli Bid For Purchase Of Phantom Aircraft

WASHINGTON, July 8 (JTA)--Official United States Government sources said today that the decision to sell Israel additional Hawk anti-aircraft missiles indicated no change in the status of Israel's application to purchase 50 F-4 Phantom jet fighter-bombers. The Israeli request made officially by Prime Minister Eshkol last January, "remains under active study," one official said. The comment on the Hawk sale, which the Pentagon announced on Saturday, came as speculation emerged in Congressional and other quarters that the Administration considered the Hawks a substitute for the supersonic Phantoms. A State Department source said today that the Hawk sale was justifiable because it involved "purely defensive arms" while a Phantom transaction would be "controversial in that this is an attack aircraft that has an aggressive potential."

Representative William Broomfield, Rep. of Michigan, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, declared today that Congress must continue to press for action on Israel's request for the supersonic Phantoms. He said that the additional Hawk missiles which will be sold to Israel would "do nothing to enhance Israel's strike capacity, the key to her ability to deter aggression." Advocates of the long-pending Phantom application "must not be confused into a misguided conclusion that Israel's defense requirements have been met," he said.

Rep. Broomfield, pointed out that "Arab airfields are jammed with the latest Soviet jet fighters and bombers" but "not a single supersonic jet lost by Israel in the Six-Day War or subsequently has been replaced." He warned that continued failure to act on Israel's application for the Phantoms "encourages the Russians to continue their Middle East build-up and contributes to Arab intransigence."

Eban Discounts 'Peace Offensive,' Sees No Change In Egyptian Intransigence

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban today rejected notions of a "peace offensive" by Egypt, an alleged development that made headlines around the world during the past few days. Mr. Eban, in a report to the Cabinet on the current international political situation, said all available evidence indicated that Egypt's stand was as intransigent as ever.

(In Moscow, Communist Party boss Leonid Brezhnev linked Israeli "aggression" in the Middle East with American "aggression" in Vietnam and West German "revanchism" and told graduates of Soviet military academies that "all this demands that we retain vigilance and raise in every way the combat readiness of our troops." He urged "peaceful settlement of ripe international problems" such as the Arab-Israeli dispute.)

(In Rome, Italy's new Premier, Senator Giovanni Leone, outlining his program in a speech to the Italian Parliament, said Italy would continue to support the United Nations Nov. 22, 1967 resolution on the Middle East. Premier Leone declared the Arab countries and Israel had a duty to achieve peace. He said this would be possible when Egypt curtailed its "extermination" propaganda and when Israel faced with "realism and justice" the problem of her relations with the Arab governments. He added that the Middle East problem was of concern to Italy because of the tension it created in the Mediterranean area.)

Mr. Eban based his negative assessment on three recent developments which appear to have been overshadowed by the "peace offensive" reports in the press. One, he said, was Egyptian President Nasser's bellicose speeches in Moscow where he was feted by Kremlin leaders. Mr. Nasser used aggressive phrases, Mr. Eban asserted, and declared that "every inch of Arab soil must be liberated." Another development, which he said was largely overlooked by the world press, was the joint statement issued by Mr.

Nasser and the president of the Southern Yemen Republic on July 2, which described the "liquidation of the consequences" of the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli war as only a first phase, after which would come the "liberation of Palestine," Mr. Eban said. Finally, there was the official denial in Cairo yesterday of a remark attributed to the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Riad, that Egypt recognized the "reality" of Israel's existence. The latter remark, reportedly made by Mr. Riad at a press conference in Copenhagen, was originally reported by only one of the journalists present, the Reuters correspondent. The reporter has since backed down, saying he was "not sure," that Mr. Riad had actually made the statement.

Mr. Eban said that in view of these factors, it is obvious that Egypt does not, at the present time, want to bring its 20-year-old dispute with Israel to an end. Israel, he said, will make these points clear before international bodies and in world capitals. Israel will also reiterate its readiness to meet with Egyptian representatives in order to try to change their negative policies, the Foreign Minister said. Mr. Eban reported further that Israel continues its willingness to cooperate with the United Nations peace envoy, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, in his efforts to bring permanent peace to the Middle East.

Round Of Meetings On Mideast Marks Shift Of Diplomatic Activity To London

LONDON, July 8 (JTA)--London today became the focus of diplomatic activity surrounding the Middle Eastern dispute as some of the principals involved arrived here for various talks. Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the special United Nations envoy for the Middle East, came here this morning to continue his round of discussions which are aimed toward a Middle East settlement. Dr. Jarring was scheduled to meet with British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart tomorrow evening. Another arrival today was Ambassador Gideon Rafael, director-general of the Israel Foreign Ministry. Mr. Rafael who is officially on an inspection tour of Israeli embassies in European capitals, will meet with Dr. Jarring tomorrow morning. Their meeting was reported to have been arranged between Dr. Jarring and Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban in The Hague two weeks ago. Jordan's Foreign Minister Abdul Moneim Rifai who arrived here over the weekend is scheduled to meet Foreign Secretary Stewart later this week. He saw Dr. Jarring today.

(In Cairo, an Egyptian spokesman charged today that Israel was talking peace to mask "aggressive intentions." The accusation was leveled by Hassan el-Zayyat, the official Government spokesman, in response to Israel Foreign Minister Eban's assertion that there was "no real change" in Egyptian policy toward Israel.

According to reports reaching here from Cairo, Mr. el-Zayyat told newsmen that Israel and its allies "do not want peace but want to force the Arab people to surrender." It was Mr. el-Zayyat who announced over the weekend that Egypt would not object to the restoration of a United Nations peace-keeping force in the Sinai Peninsula if that were necessary to oversee an Israeli withdrawal. Egypt's ouster of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) from its territory in May, 1967, many believe, precipitated the Six-Day War. Mr. el-Zayyat also dismissed the reported remarks of Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad in Copenhagen last week that Egypt accepts the "reality" of Israel's existence.

Israeli Soldier Killed By Egyptian Fire In Port Tewfik Canal Area

TEL AVIV, July 8 (JTA)--An Israeli soldier was killed by sniper fire today from the Egyptian side of the Suez Canal near Port Tewfik.

Later in the day, fierce artillery action broke out when Egyptians started shelling Israeli positions in the Port Tewfik area. United Nations observers proposed a cease-fire after about an hour, and the Israelis stopped firing. However, when the Egyptians continued the shelling the Israelis resumed their return fire.

Two Israeli soldiers were injured Sunday when their command car hit a mine in northern Sinai while travelling on an unpaved track. A series of incidents took place along the Jordan River during the weekend without any Israeli casualties despite a fierce exchange of small arms and machinegun fire. Jordanian positions opened fire several times on Israeli forces.

See Jordanian Pressure Forcing Shift In El Fatah Terror Tactics

TEL AVIV, July 8 (JTA)--El Fatah activities have shifted in recent days from populated areas to deserted regions, indicating that Jordanian authorities have managed to exercise some degree of control over the guerrilla bands, it was reported here today. Apparently the shift was necessitated by the refusal of Jordanian farmers to work their fields in the Jordan Valley facing Israel's heavily settled Beisan region. El Fatah incursions into the Beisan Valley brought often devastating Israeli return fire usually directed against villages which the terrorists took over as bases.

Villagers who fled their homes are now seen from the Israeli side to be returning to their houses and fields. El Fatah activities are now concentrated in the Umm Tutz region and the southern Golan Heights where there are no settlements on either the Israeli or Jordanian sides of the demarcation line.

A young El Fatah member who received a six-year prison sentence today for membership in the guerrilla organization told a military court in Nablus that Palestinian Arabs who volunteer are under constant surveillance by El Fatah leaders as being spies for Israel. Jamal Abul said that El Fatah prisons in Damascus are filled to capacity with young Palestinians who wanted to join but were arrested as "security risks."

Knesset Rejects Private Member's Bill Calling For Establishment Of Upper House

JERUSALEM, July 8 (JTA)--The Knesset rejected a private member's bill to establish an upper house in the Israeli Parliament. The bill had been introduced by Uri Avneri, an independent member, who said the purpose was to advance senior members of the Knesset to an upper house to enable the influx of "fresh blood" into the existing house.

Goldmann Says Solutions To Major Jewish Problems Hinge On Big Powers' Efforts

GENEVA, July 8 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann said here today that solutions to the principal problems facing the Jewish people now and for some time to come will depend in large measure on the actions and attitudes of the Big Powers, particularly Soviet Russia. Dr. Goldmann, who is president of the World Jewish Congress, spoke at a meeting of the WJCongress' Governing Council which opened here today and will continue through July 11. The opening session was also addressed by Dr. Joachim Prinz, of Newark, N.J., chairman of the Council, who welcomed the delegates from all over the world. Among them were Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania and Dr. Max Nussbaum, chairman of the WJCongress' American section.

Dr. Goldmann listed the chief problems facing Jewry as the security of Israel, the relationship between Israel and Jews abroad, the return to the Jewish fold of the Jews of Soviet Russia, and the recruitment of the younger generation of Jews to Jewish life.

Concerning Israel, the world Jewish leader said that security could be achieved "if a genuinely binding agreement with the Arabs to end belligerency could be coupled with a guarantee of stability in the Middle East by the Great Powers." He said he never considered the latter condition impossible. Under such conditions, he said, "great progress could be made toward the solution of the central problem on which Israel's future depends — namely the peaceful coexistence of Israel with its Arab neighbors." Dr. Goldmann believed that "this will depend to a large extent on the policy of Israel which has to be both firm and flexible and must concentrate its efforts on major problems instead of matters of procedure." Otherwise, Dr. Goldmann warned, "if the present state of affairs continues, there is a serious danger of a new conflict in the Middle East in which, I am afraid, the Great Powers and certainly the Soviet Union would be involved even if not directly."

Dr. Goldmann said that the solution of the problem of Soviet Jewry was linked to a solution of the Arab-Israel problem and the end of the Soviet Union's hostile attitude toward Israel.

Melbourne May Guard Synagogues, Hit By Wave Of Vandalism Twice Within Week

MELBOURNE, Australia, July 8 (JTA)--A spokesman for the Victoria Jewish Board of Deputies warned here today that the Jewish community may be forced to mount guards at its synagogues because of a wave of vandalism. The Carlton Hebrew Congregation here was broken into twice within a week. The latest act of vandalism caused an estimated \$3,000 in damages. It occurred when the congregation had just finished cleaning up after an earlier break-in.

The executive vice president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, S.D. Einfeld, has been elected world vice president of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies, it was reported today from Sydney. Mr. Einfeld, a member of the Legislative Assembly, is the first Australian to be elected to an official position on the Council.

Expect 800 North African Jewish Refugees To Leave France For Settlement In Israel

PARIS, July 8 (JTA)--Some 800 North African Jews who took refuge in France, may soon emigrate to Israel for resettlement, it was learned here. Their move will follow preparatory work and study here by a six-man delegation from Israel assigned to the task by the Israeli authorities and the Union of North African Jews. The delegation met here and in other French cities with leaders of the North Africa communities and discussed the needs of the prospective settlers and their prospects in Israel. A delegation member said today that the results of the mission had exceeded expectations.

Officials Hail Contributions Of British Jews To Development Of Their Country

LONDON, July 8 (JTA)--British Home Secretary James Callaghan speaking at a Guildhall dinner marking the silver jubilee of the Leo Baeck Lodge of B'nai B'rith hailed the Jewish community of Britain for its contributions to the vigor and strength of the country. Mr. Callaghan declared that British Jews have brought a "productive approach" to the nation's commerce and industry and contributed substantially to the advancement of the arts.

"You are a gifted people," he said, adding, "If you were not I don't know how long you could have survived." Quinton Hogg, Shadow Cabinet Home Secretary, said that most Jews had come to Britain persecuted and ignorant of the language and have built themselves into a solidly responsible and respected body of British citizenry.

Histadrut Plans To Transfer Its European Office From London To Belgium

BRUSSELS, July 8 (JTA)--Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, will transfer its European office from London to Brussels soon. The organization's current European representative, Eli Marx, is concluding his four-year tour and will be succeeded by Hana Lehmann.

In Tel Aviv, Israel Stolarsky, associate director of the National Committee for Labor-Israel in the United States, speaking at a symposium on the Histadrut yesterday, said American Jewish and non-Jewish circles want Histadrut to increase its activities in the U.S.

Mr. Stolarsky said American trade unions are increasingly adopting Histadrut activities in various fields such as housing and adult education. Joshua Levi, Histadrut treasurer, reported that 100 Histadrut campaign leaders would visit Israel soon to see Histadrut and Israeli institutions.

American Industrialist Contributes Funds Toward Synagogue In The Netherlands

AMSTERSAM, July 8 (JTA)--American Jewish industrialist Joseph Foster, owner of the Foster Grant Chemical Works in Breda, The Netherlands, has contributed 75,000 Dutch guilders (about \$25,000) to the small Jewish congregation in Breda toward construction of a new synagogue. Christian groups have already collected 10,000 guilders (about \$3,000) for this purpose.

American Council For Judaism Receives Letter Of Gratitude From Rabbi Levin

NEW YORK, July 8 (JTA)--The American Council for Judaism, the anti-Zionist organization which had originally invited Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow and Cantor David Stiskin of Leningrad to the United States and sponsored the initial part of their visit, has made public a letter from Rabbi Levin expressing his "sincere thanks" for "making it possible for me to have a wonderful dialogue with the large Jewish community of America."

Rabbi Levin wrote that for himself and for Cantor Stiskin, it was "an inspiring and stimulating experience" and expressed the hope that "Almighty God make it possible to visit you a second time and have the opportunity again to embrace American Jews." Rabbi Levin wrote further that he would report to his congregants what he had seen of American Jewish life. "I assure you, my dear and generous hosts that my report will bring forth what is uppermost in my heart: the hope that the spiritual bond which unites our two communities will grow stronger, that the future will usher in an era of peace, honor and friendship for our two great peoples and countries."

Rechavam Amir Will Succeed Michael Arnon As Consul General In New York

NEW YORK, July 8 (JTA)--Rechavam Amir, director of the department for education and culture in the diaspora of the Jewish Agency, has been appointed Israeli Consul General in New York to succeed Michael Arnon. Mr. Arnon in August will become secretary of the Cabinet and Government spokesman. No successor has been named for Mr. Amir.

United Synagogue Condemns State Lotteries In New York And New Hampshire

NEW YORK, July 8 (JTA)--The United Synagogue of America, the congregational body of Conservative Judaism, has sharply condemned state lotteries. An editorial in the religious body's quarterly, the United Synagogue Review, charged that lotteries such as those in New York and New Hampshire which resort to gambling to help support community institutions and education were "transferring the burden of the cost of government from those who can afford it to those who can afford it least."

The editorial pointed out that since 1957, the United Synagogue has maintained a strict "standard for synagogue practices" which rejects gambling devices for fund raising and that a number of Conservative congregations have been expelled for refusing to eliminate their bingo games. The United Synagogue code calls for fund raising which must have "spirituality in the Jewish tradition," the Review said. It cited the failure of the New York and New Hampshire lotteries to produce revenues remotely close to original estimates as proof that "the grass roots of our states are not quite the suckers that their legislators make them out to be."

JDC Director-General Reports On Jewish Refugee Problems Created By Six-Day War

VIENNA, July 8 (JTA)--The June, 1967 Arab-Israel war created a Jewish refugee crisis that placed new burdens on the rescue, relief and rehabilitation programs carried out by the Joint Distribution Committee and other Jewish agencies, the JDC's director-general Louis D. Horowitz said here today. Mr. Horowitz spoke to 90 members of the 1968 United Jewish Appeal young leadership mission which came here to review the activities of the JDC, ORT and the United Hias Service, all beneficiaries of the UJA.

Mr. Horowitz said that as a direct result of the June war, the 3,000 Jews remaining in Libya fled to Italy and 20,000 Jews left Morocco and Tunisia for France. In addition, he said, severe hardships were imposed on the 8,500 Jews who remain trapped in Egypt, Syria and Iraq, while the Polish Government's suspension of JDC and ORT welfare activities left Poland's 18,000 mostly elderly Jews without needed aid.

Mr. Horowitz said that the Middle East crisis underlined the long term importance of France, Italy and Austria as the principal European countries where Jewish refugees can find haven. "The insecurity that haunts the Jews of North Africa coupled with the unpredictable migration policies of the Eastern European countries means that the JDC and other international Jewish relief agencies continue to work in a climate of crisis," Mr. Horowitz said. He added, however, that "as long as these havens exist, we can be grateful that Jews can get to places where we can reach them and help them on the spot."

Eight Jews, Largest Number Ever, Will Hold Seats In New Canadian Parliament

TORONTO, July 8 (JTA)--Eight Jews will hold seats in the new Canadian Parliament, four of them members of Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's Liberal Party, three representing the New Democratic Party and one Conservative. The latter, Jack Marshall, will be the first Conservative Jewish member of Parliament in Canada since the Confederation. His constituency is Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe in the maritime province of Newfoundland, which has a small Jewish population. The eight will be the largest number of Jews ever to sit in Canada's Parliament. There might have been nine, but redistricting deprived Montreal, which has Canada's largest Jewish population, of the representation of Milton Klein. The former incumbent is now without a constituency.

Winnipeg Jewish Public Library Supports Yiddish Studies At Manitoba University

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, July 8 (JTA)--The Jewish Public Library of Winnipeg is supporting Yiddish studies at the University of Manitoba, it was reported here by Prof. Neal Rose. A stipend provided by the library will cover the cost of any student who wishes to study elementary or intermediate Yiddish. Prof. Rose said, Courses in the language are acceptable for matriculation. At present, several students are completing master's dissertations in areas concerning Yiddish literature and philology, he said.

Sarah Gertrude Millin Dies, One Of South Africa's Leading English Writers

JOHANNESBURG, July 8 (JTA)--Sarah Gertrude Millin, one of South Africa's greatest English writers, died here July 6. She was 80 years old. Widow of the late Judge Philip Millin, she was a staunch spokesman on behalf of Jewry and Israel and was considered a patriot who defended South Africa against calumny. She wrote a six-volume World War II diary in which she devoted much attention to Israel.