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Report Algeria Has Ignored Thant's Efforts To Secure Release Of Jet, Crew, Passengers

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 29 (JTA)--The Algerian Government has ignored efforts by United Nations Secretary General U Thant to secure the release of the Israeli airliner held by Algeria since its hijacking a week ago and of the 12 Israeli citizens -- seven crew members and five passengers -- still held captive, it was learned today.

Mr. Thant has received no word from the Algerian Government about its intentions with regard to the El Al Boeing 707 airliner and the Israeli prisoners, and he received no elucidation today in a meeting with the Algerian Ambassador, Tewfik Bouattoura, about what his Government's intentions were.

(Mr. Thant was reported to have cabled President Houari Boumediene last week urgently asking for the release of the airliner and prisoners. According to information received in Washington, the Algerian Cabinet, after protracted argument, was now prepared to release the prisoners but could not agree on the timing of the action. Col. Boumediene was described as wanting to hold the plane as booty and the passengers and crew as hostages on the grounds that Algeria is technically at war with Israel. Foreign Minister Abdel Haziz Bouteflika was said to be arguing for prompt release of plane and prisoners to allay international criticism of Algeria. He said Algeria was in no way involved with the hijacking of the plane.

(In London, a spokesman for the International Airline Pilots Association said that its two-man delegation in Algiers was to see members of the Government today on the release of the plane and the 12 Israeli prisoners but had not been given the interview requested with President Boumediene. The delegation, composed of Capt. O.L.A. Forsberg and Capt. J.J. O'Grady, notified association headquarters that it intended to return to London on Wednesday.

(In Brussels, it was reported that pilots and engineers of Sabena, the Belgian airline, might be flown to Algiers to take the Israeli Boeing 707 back to Rome.)

Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel had a long meeting today with Mr. Thant to discuss the situation. He conferred earlier with Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations special envoy in the Middle East. Dr. Jarring's report on his peace-making efforts, the first to be made public since he undertook his mission last December, will be released tomorrow.

Following his conference with the Secretary-General, Mr. Tekoah said that "time was running out" on the situation and that the Israel Government was considering various "contingent steps" to secure the release of the plane and the Israeli nationals. He said, in response to questions, that a request for an urgent meeting of the Security Council was one of the possibilities.

Ambassador Tekoah bluntly informed the Secretary-General that time was not working to ease the tension created by the plane seizure but was in fact, aggravating the situation. He said that Israel considered the plane's seizure "a violation of international morality" and as an act "that must be considered by all international agencies and governments as outrageous and revolting and as a grave menace to the family of nations."

The envoy said he had informed Mr. Thant of the protests by numerous international organizations and governments and their requests to Algeria to release the hijacked plane and the captive Israelis. He pointed out that Algeria was a member of the International Civil Aviation Organization, a UN agency, which had urged release of the plane. He said Mr. Thant was "fully aware" of the situation and of the various efforts being made to resolve it. He said the Secretary-General was doing all he could to secure the release of the plane and the Israelis.

Ambassador Tekoah said he had informed Mr. Thant that in six instances between 1954 and 1960 Israel had released Arab civilian and military planes which had landed on Israeli territory and had released Arab civil and military personnel who had been passengers on these planes and on Indian and Greek airliners, which had landed in Israel.

Sees Israel At Advantage In Possible Retaliation For Hijacking

BOSTON, July 29 (JTA)--The Christian Science Monitor said today that if Israel decided to take reprisals against the Arabs for the hijacking of the El Al airliner last week, she would be "at a decided advantage." The paper pointed out that "there are far more Arab airlines and they are far more vulnerable than Israel's El Al with its total of 14 planes (of which only seven are the firm's own property; the others are chartered)."

"Jewish agents," according to the Monitor, "could pose easily as members of any of the nationalities that frequent Arab air lanes, and with the efficiency of Israel's secret services, legendary since the kidnapping of Adolf Eichmann, havoc could be wrought on the air traffic of at least half a dozen countries."

Labor Party Adopts Education Reform Bill Realigning Primary, Secondary Schools

JERUSALEM, July 29 (JTA)--The Israel Labor Party tonight overwhelmingly adopted the new education reform bill, despite the fears of the National Religious Party that the measure would be harmful to religious education in the country, and over threats of the primary-school teachers that they would strike.

The new measure will realign primary and secondary schools along the American and British lines, setting up a six-year primary school system followed by three years of junior high school and three years of senior high school.

The measure was carried by a vote of 69 to three with 18 abstentions, including the Religious Party members. Agudath Israel supported the measure. The Religious Party opposed the measure because of doubts about the success of the reform and fears of its effect on the Government-supported religious school system.

The measure had been bitterly opposed by the primary school teachers who conducted a one-day protest strike recently against Government plans to proceed with the reform. The teachers assert that in a country like Israel where a basic problem is integration and, where the primary schools are one of the most effective methods of integration, reduction in the number of years in primary school would reduce the schools' value as a force for integration.

The teachers' claims were disputed by Minister of Education Zalman Aranne who argued that a special parliamentary committee that had studied the situation had come to a contrary conclusion. The committee, he said, had agreed that the planned reforms would not only speed integration but would make it possible for immigrants from under-developed countries (North Africa) to continue with their studies beyond the primary grades. The minister appealed to the teachers to open a new chapter of cooperation with the Ministry and to abandon the threat of "non-cooperation" when the reforms are introduced.

In adopting the reforms, the Knesset rejected a number of minority compromise proposals including one made by the teachers' organization that the system be introduced on an experimental basis in one locality alone and then be expanded if it proved satisfactory. He promised that the teachers would be consulted on every aspect as the reforms were put into effect.

Jordan Refuses Gaza Residents Entry Permits, Says Israel Plans Deportations

JERUSALEM, July 29 (JTA)--Jordan has refused entry permits to a large number of Gaza Strip residents seeking to cross the Allenby Bridge on the West Bank in recent days. According to reports reaching here from Amman, the Jordanian capital, Jordan started a propaganda campaign last week claiming that Israel's Gaza Strip military governor intends to deport 50,000 Palestinian refugees in the Jabalia refugee camp to Jordan within two weeks.

Some Gaza residents denied entry permits said that Jordan is afraid Gaza will become a permanent part of Israel and that refugees entering Jordan will remain there, thus adding to its already high refugee population.

(Israel's mission to the UN last week replied to charges there by Jordan and the Sudan that 50,000 Arabs would be expelled by saying that the allegations were unfounded. "No pressure whatever is being exercised on the residents of the camp to leave. They are free to remain where they are and where they had been forced to remain during the 19 years of Egyptian occupation," Israel said.)

Arab Marauders Killed In Encounter With Israelis Near Kibbutz Maoz Chaim

TEL AVIV, July 29 (JTA)--Two Arab marauders were killed Sunday night in an encounter with an Israeli patrol near Kibbutz Maoz Chaim in the Beisan Valley, it was reported here today. There were no Israeli casualties. Soon after the Israeli patrol fired on the saboteurs, the Jordanians on the east side of the river opened heavy fire for about an hour to cover the saboteurs' retreat. The saboteurs were equipped with Russian rifles and anti-vehicle mines. Israeli authorities believed they were sent to plant mines on roads and tracks in the valley.

Jordanian soldiers opened fire on Israeli positions in the Beisan Valley east of the Jordan River and around the Allenby Bridge today, sources here reported. There were no Israeli casualties.

Israel Envoy To Bonn Finds West German Attitude Toward Israel Warmer

TEL AVIV, July 29 (JTA)--There has been a definite change for the better in the West German attitude towards Israel in the past year, Asher Ben-Nathan, the Israeli envoy to Bonn told the press here today.

According to Mr. Nathan, three years ago the average West German was of the opinion "we paid enough" (reparations) and did not want to know any more about Israel. Today, largely due to the Six-Day War, which raised the problem of Israel's survival, there is a feeling of respect toward Israel, he said. Ambassador Ben-Nathan said that the German press is now favorable to Israel, as shown by their recent denunciation of the German steel firms of Thyssen and Mannesman who had shown signs of yielding to the Arab boycott.

On his departure from Israel today after two and a half years as the first West German Ambassador here, Rolf Pauls, thanked the people of Israel for helping him in his work which "understandably was very difficult." He expressed his hopes for "increased understanding and economic ties" between Israel and West Germany.

UJA Young Leaders Will Convey 'Urgency' Of Continuing 'Emergency Fund-Raising Levels'

TEL AVIV, July 29 (JTA)--The 90 young men and women comprising the United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership mission, who have spent 19 days in Israel, "fully understand the importance of the partnership between the people of Israel and the American Jewish community," James Nobil of Akron said at the closing meeting of the group here. The leaders will now convey to their respective communities the "urgency of continuing emergency fund-raising levels to help ease the burden of the Israeli Jews in supporting the programs of the Jewish Agency in education, health, social welfare, housing and absorption," he said.

Dayan Tells Knesset There is No Evidence That Dakar Loss Due To 'Hostile' Action

JERUSALEM, July 29 (JTA)--Israeli Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan reiterated in the Knesset (Parliament) today that there is no evidence to prove that the "Dakar," the Israeli submarine that disappeared with all hands in the Eastern Mediterranean several months ago, was lost due to any "hostile" action from any "hostile" power.

Israel's UN Ambassador Cites Attacks Against Israel In Defending Nahal Outposts

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 29 (JTA)--A sharp recent increase of "armed attacks and incursions from Jordanian territory" as well as the mining of roads and "other acts of sabotage by raiders operating from the east bank of the Jordan" underscore the importance of outposts established by the Nahal Corps of the Israel Defense Forces, Israel's UN envoy Joseph Tekoah said in a letter today to Secretary-General U Thant.

The letter was in reply to one addressed to Mr. Thant by Jordan's Charge D'Affaires, Anton A. Naber, on July 18 to which he attached a map allegedly depicting the locations of "some 35 new Jewish settlements, the majority" (of which) are "paramilitary fortified settlements...to be established" in occupied territories. Mr. Naber alleged that they "constitute the groundwork for a world-wide campaign to recruit more settlers to the occupied territories 'to help populate enlarged Israel' and provide it with a 'security belt.'"

He asserted that "in order to achieve these aims and in order to solve the demographic problem of disparity between the Arab and Jewish populations, the Israeli authorities are subjecting the Arabs on the West Bank of the Jordan and the other occupied territories to continuous harassment, economic strangulation and semi-starvation to compel them to leave their homes and lands."

Mr. Tekoah denied these charges and said that only 14 of the settlements cited in Mr. Naber's letter are in former Jordanian areas now occupied by Israel and some have been in existence for "some time." He noted that the Nahal paramilitary settlements carry on activities "designed to assist in ensuring the security of the area and in maintaining the cease-fire."

Find New Evidence That Polish Regime Extended Anti-Semitic Campaign To Camps

WARSAW, July 29 (JTA)--New evidence was reported here today that the decision of Polish authorities to cancel Government-aided Jewish summer schools this year was part of the official anti-Jewish campaign of the Gomulka regime.

When officials announced termination of the program last spring, they gave budgetary problems as the reason. It has been learned, however, that not only were summer camps for children studying foreign languages not curtailed or eliminated but in fact have been expanded. The Jewish summer schools had provided instruction in Jewish subjects, in addition to the usual summer camp programs.

Santiago Police Looking Into Second Bombing Of Jewish Institution In Week

SANTIAGO de Chile, July 29 (JTA)--Police here are investigating the second bombing in a week of a Jewish institution here. Two "Molotov cocktails" were hurled at the B'nai Israel Synagogue here before dawn yesterday breaking two windows. There were no injuries and property damage was limited. The Instituto Hebreo Dr. Weizmann, a Jewish school, received fire damage and a number of broken windows when a "Molotov cocktail" was hurled at it last Sunday from a speeding car.

15 Prominent Argentine Writers Contribute To Book Dealing With Israel

BUENOS AIRES, July 29 (JTA)--Publication of a book, "Israel Seen Through Argentine Eyes," by 15 prominent Argentine writers, was announced here at a reception at the Presidente Hotel. Capt. Carlos J. Korimblum of the Argentine Navy, president of the Argentine Jewish Institute of Culture and Information, under whose auspices the book was published, presided at the function and spoke on Argentine-Israel relations.

Msgr. Ricardo O'Farrell, dean of the Pontifical Theological faculty, and Ambassador Moshe Alon of Israel also addressed the gathering. Among the guests were Dr. Jorge Mazinghi, Under-Secretary of the Argentine Foreign Ministry. Publication of the collection of papers on Israel was in connection with the recent celebration of the State of Israel's 20th anniversary.

Israel Seeking Doctors Abroad To Fill Vacant Posts In Remote Settlements

TEL AVIV, July 29 (JTA)--Israel is now making special efforts in England, France, and Latin America to recruit some 120 Jewish physicians needed urgently to help staff clinics in remote settlements. According to the reports, the need is greatest in the Upper Galilee and in new immigrant towns in the Negev.

Republicans Asked To Adopt Platform Calling For Negotiated Middle East Peace

MIAMI BEACH, July 29 (JTA)--The Republican platform committee was asked here Monday to adopt a plank for the Republican Party platform which would "make it clear to all nations that the people of the United States want a negotiated Arab-Israel peace, that we are prepared to take the action necessary to prevent another disastrous war and that we will not falter or waver in these commitments."

The plank was proposed to the committee by Irving J. Kane, co-chairman of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, who told the platform committee that the proposals he was submitting had been endorsed by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and by the American Jewish Committee. He told the platform-makers that "strong platform planks will have an impact on the Arabs and the Russians. They will be listening to what is said at the political conventions."

The proposed plank, which Mr. Kane said was supported by the "overwhelming majority" of the American Jewish community, stressed two issues: promotion of peace through direct Arab-Israel negotiations which could settle all collateral issues, and prevention of another war by providing Israel with supersonic aircraft and other military equipment essential to deter renewed aggression. The proposals made in support of these two objectives, Mr. Kane said, were consistent with the views expressed by the major Presidential candidates and the Republican Congressional leadership.

"All of us would prefer disarmament to an arms race," Mr. Kane declared, but he pointed out that "there can be no disarmament unless there is a peace treaty in the area and unless the Soviet Union is ready to stop using weapons as currency to buy the favor of the Arab states." He warned that "in some respects, the Soviet Union has provided the Arabs with more sophisticated and powerful weapons than in the past." He said that "the Arabs now have a five-to-one preponderance in the category of supersonic planes."

He pointed out that "for almost a year, the Israel Government has appealed to the United States for F-4 Phantom jets. The United States has been hesitant to respond to Israel's appeal, although Israel has no other source of supply." He said that "in view of the overwhelming national consensus on this issue, one finds it difficult to understand the hesitation of the Administration to act on Israel's request."

The spokesman for the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee stressed that "the real hope for disarmament in the Near East lies in convincing the Russians that we will not permit them to win the arms race there." He told the Republican committee that "if we permit Israel to be weakened and to become vulnerable to new attack, other nations in the Near East, Asia and Africa must conclude that when they are subjected to Soviet pressure they cannot count on the United States for the support which is indispensable for their self-defense."

Mr. Kane devoted most of his time before the platform committee to a discussion of the Israel security situation and Israel's defense needs.

He told the committee however that most of the other issues between Arabs and Israelis in the Middle East could be solved within the framework of peace agreements including disarmament, refugee resettlement and freedom of access for all faiths to their shrines in Jerusalem, as well as the basic issues of peace, independence and sovereignty of all states in the area, permanent, secure boundaries and freedom of navigation for all nations through the Suez Canal and the Strait of Tiran.

The American Jewish spokesman also spoke at length to the committee on the status of Jerusalem, pointing out that "for the first time since 1948, the entire city is open to all; all faiths enjoy access and Jews and Moslems are mixing and trading in Jerusalem — a situation which must lead to a better understanding between the two peoples.

"We are confident," he asserted, "that Israel can be trusted to reach agreements with religious leaders to ensure respect for the Holy Places and free access to them." He stressed that "the issue of Jerusalem, as in the case of the Arab refugees, must be viewed within the total perspective of the problems of the Near East and the need for a permanent settlement of all the issues involved."

The platform committee listened to Mr. Kane's testimony without raising questions or commenting on the substance of it.

Asks GOP And Democrats To Avoid Associations With Bias Clubs

NEW YORK, July 29 (JTA)--Two Jewish organizations have urged political leaders to avoid associations during the current political campaign with clubs which discriminate on racial or religious grounds.

The American Jewish Committee asked all figures in public life "to exercise clear-cut moral leadership" by "publicly dissociating themselves" from such clubs. The issues of clubs which ban Negro or Jewish members has been in the news in connection with the current political campaign. Both Richard Nixon and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Republican contenders for their party's nomination, were disclosed to be members of clubs with such records. Gov. Rockefeller resigned from the club in question.

Nathan Perlmutter, AJ Committee associate director, said that the agency did not argue with the right of a private club to engage in such policies, but that it did affirm "the social responsibility of public figures to remove their sanction — implied by their membership — from such clubs."

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith urged the state delegations to the GOP convention and John M. Bailey, Democratic national chairman, to counsel avoidance of discriminatory clubs in the cities in which the respective conventions are taking place — Miami Beach and Chicago.