

# JTA daily news bulletin

Published by Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc. 660 First Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016

Contents copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement.

Vol. XXXV - Fifty-First Year

Thursday, August 29, 1968

No. 167

## Dayan Cites Suez Incident, Warns Egypt It Will Not Tolerate Cease-Fire Violations

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan was reported today to have warned Egypt that Israel would not tolerate violations of the cease-fire along the Suez-Sinai demarcation line. The warning, which Gen. Dayan is reported to have asked Lt. Gen. Odd Bull of the United Nations observers corps to convey to Egyptian authorities in Cairo, referred to yesterday's raid across the Suez Canal by Egyptian commandos who killed two Israeli soldiers and apparently kidnapped a third after ambushing their jeep.

Israeli military authorities today reconstructed the incident in which they estimated that 30 Egyptian raiders took part, since 30 trenches found by Israeli forces on the east bank of the Suez Canal where the raiders were believed to have landed in one or more boats. They said that when the party landed it split, one section remaining to guard the landing craft and the other to lay mines on a road that runs parallel to the canal, near Lake Timsah. The Israeli jeep hit two of the mines and was fired upon from ambush. The dead soldiers were identified today as Zeev Salt, 19, of Tel Aviv, and Yoseef Ouri, 21, of Kfar Warburg. The missing soldier, believed to have been dragged off by the Egyptians, was identified yesterday as Yaacob Roynah, of Kibbutz Eliaon.

Gen. Dayan summoned Gen. Bull to his office yesterday to express the extremely grave view that Israel takes of the incident, the first terrorist raid across the 103-mile-long Suez Canal to cause casualties. The canal constitutes the cease-fire line on which Israeli forces halted their advance when Egypt accepted a cease-fire during the June, 1967 Six-Day War. The canal is too deep to be forded and must be crossed by boat.

Jordanian forces attacked an Israeli border police armored car early today touching off a 20-minute exchange of fire with Israeli units in the Beisan Valley area, a military spokesman reported. No casualties were reported on the Israeli side. The initial attack, which broke a 24-hour lull in exchanges of fire, occurred between Neveh Urr and Geshur, settlements that came under heavy Jordanian artillery and mortar attacks last weekend. Jerusalem police today released 16 Arab suspects who were detained for questioning on Aug. 18 in connection with the series of grenade explosions in downtown Jerusalem which injured 10 persons. Police said that interrogation established that the suspects had no connection with the explosions.

## Israel Tells UN Council It Views Killings, Kidnapping With 'Utmost Gravity'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 28 (JTA)--Israel today informed the Security Council that it regards the killing of two Israeli soldiers and apparent kidnapping of a third by Egyptian commandos as a situation of "utmost gravity." In a letter to this month's Security Council president, Joao Augusto de Araujo Castro of Brazil, Israel termed the Egyptian action Tuesday a planned military attack that was a violation of the Israel-Egypt cease-fire. Israel asked that the letter be circulated as a Council document. Earlier, a spokesman for Secretary-General U Thant said Mr. Thant regards the incident as "serious." Mr. Thant, the spokesman said, had received a preliminary report on the incident from Lt. Gen. Bull.

## Eban Denies Arab Allegations That Assault Planned On Jordan Terrorist Bases

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban reportedly told United Nations peace envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring today that reports mushrooming in Arab capitals that Israel was about to launch a major military assault against Jordan were "malicious fabrications." Press and radio reports from Cairo, Baghdad, Amman and other Arab capitals claimed that Israel planned to take advantage of the Big Power preoccupation with the Czech crisis to launch an all-out attack aimed at destroying, once and for all, the Arab terrorist bases in Jordan and probably occupy the East Bank of the Jordan River. Baghdad radio hinted that Israeli forces planned an attack on Egypt in retaliation for yesterday's commando raid into Sinai. Mr. Eban is reported to have told Dr. Jarring that he did not know why the Arabs were sounding alarms. He said that while Dr. Jarring was not concerned with incidents and rumors, his mission nonetheless could be influenced by the atmosphere in the area; this was being heated up by the Arabs and decreases Dr. Jarring's chances of success. Mr. Eban was reported to have said. The UN envoy returned to his headquarters at Nicosia, Cyprus today. He was scheduled to visit Cairo and Amman before the end of the week.

## Unveils \$10 Million Security Fence Providing Protection From Marauders

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--A \$10 million security fence constructed along the tense northern section of Israel's border with Jordan was unveiled for newsmen who were told yesterday of the heavy financial burdens Israeli taxpayers must bear to protect life and property against Arab marauders. The reporters were conducted on a tour of the northern region by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of Keren Hayesod, the fund-raising arm of the World Zionist Organization.

The Jordan Valley settlements have been a prime target for Jordanian artillery and mortar attacks and almost half of the defense budget for the region is spent on underground shelters, trenches,

and improved communications, Dr. Goldstein said. In addition, reinforced concrete roofs are being built over some 200 children's rooms and dining halls in the settlements as added protection against mortar shells. The settlers themselves bear the cost of furnishing and equipping the shelters to make them liveable for long hours on end. Dr. Goldstein said that the tremendous cost of defense borne entirely by the Israel Government makes it imperative for world Jewry to assist the maintenance of social welfare, education and immigrant absorption services in Israel. For that reason, he said, the United Jewish Appeal is extending its special emergency fund campaign for another year.

### Cairo News Media Say 'Zionist' Machinations Provoked Invasion Of Czechoslovakia

LONDON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--News media in Cairo have taken a cue from Polish and East German commentators and are blaming alleged "Zionist" machinations in Czechoslovakia for the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion and occupation of that country, according to reports reaching here. A Cairo radio broadcast said that "had it not been for the dangerous and destructive role played in recent months by counter-revolutionaries led by world Zionism, matters would not have developed to such a serious point." The broadcast singled out Czech deputy premier Cestmir Cisar, who is of Jewish origin, as a "leader of the fanatical Zionists."

The Daily Telegraph said in a dispatch from Beirut today that Arab reaction to the invasion of Czechoslovakia has been strongly conditioned by the Arabs' sense of obligation to Russia for supporting them against Israel. Nevertheless, "the Russian image so assiduously cultivated as part of Moscow's diplomatic offensive in the region has suffered great damage," the newspaper reported. It noted that the only governments that have directly defended Moscow's actions are the pro-Russian regimes in Iraq, Syria, Algeria and Southern Yemen.

The Financial Times, however, reported today that the strongest backing for Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia had come from Egypt. In justifying Russia's action, the Cairo news media have leaped on the anti-Semitic bandwagon which was mobilized in reaction to liberalization in Poland and which, British Jews fear, may soon be used in Czechoslovakia too," the paper reported.

### Democrats Told There Is No Disagreement On Platform Plank On Middle East

CHICAGO, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Sen. Philip Hart, of Michigan, told the Democratic national convention today during debate on the party's platform that there was no disagreement on the Middle East plank. The plank called for provision of "the most advanced types of combat aircraft...(to Israel) as long as Israel is threatened by hostile and well-armed neighbors." Sen. Hart stressed that "the Middle East remains a powder keg" and that the Democratic Party would do everything in its power to preserve peace in that area.

Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin attended the convention today as an honored guest. The convention band played an arrangement of "Havah Nagela," the Israeli song, apparently in honor of Gen. Rabin. This week Gen. Rabin will leave for Venezuela where he will visit that country's Jewish community.

### Ogden Reid Promises He Will Seek Phantom Jets For Israel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Congressman Ogden Reid, a New York Republican who once served as United States Ambassador to Israel, pledged here today that he would do everything possible to see that Israel gets the F-4 Phantom supersonic jet fighters she has requested from the U.S. to maintain her defensive strength against the rearmend Arab states. Rep. Reid added "I have good reason to believe that Israel will get the Phantoms."

He delivered his remarks at Lydda Airport where he and his family left today after a visit to Israel that included tours of all of the Israel-occupied Arab territories. During his stay the Congressman met with Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon, Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan, former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem. He said that America is interested in maintaining a balance of armed strength in the Middle East and is aware that weapons are being shipped into the area.

### Israelis Reaffirm Planned 'Humanitarian Gesture' When Plane, Israelis Freed

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Authoritative sources here confirmed today that Israel has promised to make a "humanitarian gesture" when the hijacked El Al airliner and its 12 Israeli passengers and crewmen, held in Algeria since July 23, are returned safely to Israel. Reports of such a "gesture," generally believed to mean the release of certain Arab prisoners held in Israel, have been circulating here for several weeks. In the past they have been denied in official quarters.

The matter of the hijacked plane was mentioned by Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, Israel's chief representative to the United Nations, when he arrived at Lydda Airport today for two weeks of consultations in connection with the forthcoming fall session of the General Assembly. Mr. Tekoah expressed appreciation for the efforts of UN Secretary-General U Thant to secure the release of the plane from Algeria. He said that in New York he had talked to Mr. Thant's special envoy to Algeria, undersecretary-general Jose Rolz-Bennett, of Guatemala, but gave no details of the conversation.

Israel's UN envoy also told newsmen that the lesson of the invasion of Czechoslovakia is that small countries, like Czechoslovakia and Israel, must not rely on promises and "paper guarantees." The only means Israel has to protect itself is its own strength, Mr. Tekoah said. According to an unconfirmed report from London, Italian pilots have gone to Algeria to fly the El Al jet out.

### Thant's Emissary Returns From Algeria Mission, But UN Silent

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 28 (JTA)--The emissary sent by Mr. Thant to Algeria last week, possibly to seek the release of the hijacked airliner and Israelis, has returned here. But Mr. Thant had no comment on the mission Wednesday.

The emissary, Mr. Rolz-Bennett, returned yesterday, a UN spokesman revealed. He had gone to Algeria with a written communication for President Houari Boumedienne. The UN declined to say whether he had returned with a Boumedienne message for Mr. Thant. Meanwhile, the Algerian Ambassador to the UN, Tewfik Bouattoura, conferred today with Mr. Thant at the Secretary-General's request. It was assumed that the two dealt with the issue of the Boeing 707, hijacked by Arab terrorists on a Rome to Tel Aviv flight.

### **Open Asbestos Structures Serving Students On Mount Scopus Campus Of Hebrew U.**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Eleven asbestos structures that will serve as a temporary hostel for students at the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University were officially opened by university president Avraham Harman. The buildings will accommodate 84 students but will be restricted to Israelis because conditions are considered to be too rough for students from abroad. Overseas students will be accommodated in a second group of asbestos structures which is expected to be completed in October. The hostels contain a bathroom with hot water for every three rooms and a kitchen with gas cooker and refrigerator. There is no central heating. Transportation between Mt. Scopus and Jerusalem is still irregular.

### **Government Will Audit Books In Occupied Territories, Seen As Normalization Step**

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The State Controller's office will audit the books of all municipalities and civilian enterprises in the occupied Arab territories, it was announced today. The move was described as one toward the normalization of civilian life in the occupied areas. The controller's office, as a matter of routine, regularly examines the municipalities and enterprises in Israel in which Government money is invested.

### **Mrs. Kaminska, In Vienna, Says She Has No Plans To Return To Poland**

VIENNA, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Ida Kaminska, director of what had been the Warsaw Government-sponsored Jewish State Theater of Poland, told newsmen here today that she had no plans to return to Poland but may visit the United States and was definitely going to visit Israel. Mrs. Kaminska arrived here yesterday with her husband, the actor-producer Meir Melman, on what was described as an extended visit.

The actress' departure from Poland followed this week's revival of last spring's officially inspired anti-Jewish campaign in that country -- this time in an effort to justify Poland's participation in the Soviet-sponsored invasion of Czechoslovakia on grounds that "Zionist" plotters had taken over the Czech Communist Party. But she refused to comment on the political situation in her homeland. She told reporters, however, that "there is anti-Semitism everywhere, including Poland; the only place without it is Israel." Asked about the fate of her Yiddish theater, Mrs. Kaminska said she could not forecast its future but had not left it in a very happy state. She said she was given a "very nice" send-off by non-Jewish friends and admirers as well as by Jews and had no difficulty leaving Poland. Mrs. Kaminska would not say where she planned to settle permanently. She has a brother in Israel, Yosef Kaminska, who is first violinist with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, her husband also has a brother in Israel.

### **Lawyers, Including 2 Israelis, Focus On Aerial Piracy And Human Rights Issues**

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The problems arising from the increasing incidence of aerial piracy and the strengthening of the human rights machinery were the major topics of discussion at the 53rd conference of the International Law Association which convened here today. Several hundred delegates are attending, including two from Israel.

The Brazilian delegate, Haroldo Valladao, proposed the establishment of a working group on aerial piracy, the most recent occurrence of which was the hijacking of an Israeli airliner on July 23 by Arab terrorists who forced it to fly to Algiers. The aircraft and its Israeli passengers and crew are still being held there.

Prof. John D. Humphrey, of the Canadian delegation, proposed the designation of a United Nations high commissioner for human rights to strengthen implementation of existing human rights covenants. Dr. Nathan Lerner, of Israel, suggested broadening of Prof. Humphrey's proposition to include not only existing covenants but other documents presently under consideration before UN bodies.

### **Lubavitch Movement Will Send Emissaries To West Berlin, South Africa**

LONDON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The Lubavitch movement, a Hassidic sect, will send emissaries to West Berlin and South Africa to help further Jewish education, it was announced here. Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, who heads the movement, said he has delegated Rabbi Yaakov Gurkov to go to Berlin at the request of Jews in that city to help them organize educational activities. He also announced that American-born Rabbi Shmuel Lew will go to South Africa on a lecture tour. His trip will be the first venture of the Lubavitch movement in South Africa.

## ADL Hits Country Clubs For Quitting Tennis League After Negro Woman Joins

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Three Washington area country clubs were sharply criticized for discrimination by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith yesterday. The clubs had dropped out of an inter-club women's tennis league after a Negro woman joined another club in the league.

Taken to task in a statement issued by Jason R. Silverman, director of the ADL's D.C.-Maryland regional office, were the Chevy Chase, Columbia and Washington golf and country clubs. "Social discrimination, the most polite form of... (discrimination), has long been regarded by the ADL as the most insidious and dangerous," Mr. Silverman said. He noted that "a number of well-known public officials belong to the clubs in question" and called on them to "express their repugnance and work for a change in club policies." The three clubs withdrew from the tennis league after Mrs. Carl T. Rowan, wife of a former U.S. Ambassador to Finland and director of the U.S. Information Agency, joined the Indian Spring Club here.

## Young Jews, Negroes In Sharp Exchange During Rights Program

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 28 (JTA)--Sharp, frequently acrimonious exchanges broke out at the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization encampment here between Jewish and Negro teenagers during an overnight human rights program arranged by the BBYO and several Negro civil rights and youth organizations. The occasion was the visit to the encampment of 34 Negro boys and girls representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Black Power Militant Union and the YMCA Association of the Philadelphia-Camden area. According to Jerry Diggs, an official of the Camden, N.J. branch of the NAACP, the confrontation produced "a measure of mutual understanding and at least a few (non-physical) scars."

The problem under discussion was urban violence and the Jewish young people, many of them the sons and daughters of merchants whose businesses had been damaged or destroyed in recent ghetto riots, sharply attacked black "anti-social behavior." The colored youth responded in kind. But a consensus report later drawn up by six white and six Negro participants agreed that the root cause of urban riots was injustice and discrimination practiced against black people by white society as a whole. Urban violence will end when poverty and anti-Negro oppression are ended, the report said. It also suggested that whites who sincerely want to help black people do so anonymously because Negroes are resentful of the "great white father" role assumed by some of their benefactors.

## Carmichael Tells Arab Students Negro Militants 'Will Fight For Egypt'

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Aug. 28 (JTA)--Stokely Carmichael, the Negro militant, told a meeting yesterday of the Organization of Arab Students in the United States and Canada, convened at the University of Michigan, that Israel must be denounced along with the United States and that he and other Negro militants were ready "to take up arms and die if necessary to help the Arabs free Palestine." The onetime leader of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee drew applause for his assertion that "we intend to make it clear we will help the Arabs in any way we can, not only with material but with our lives. There are many of us who are getting prepared and we intend to fight imperialism. We will fight for Egypt."

## JDC Subsidizes 13,000 Summer Campers In Europe, North Africa And Iran

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA)--The Joint Distribution Committee subsidized free summer camps for 13,000 needy Jewish children in seven countries of Europe and North Africa and in Iran, it was reported here today by Louis D. Horwitz, director general of the JDC.

Mr. Horwitz said that in Morocco, over 1,000 children, mostly from the ghettos of Casablanca and Marrakech, spend from two to four weeks in six JDC-supported camps, and a day-camp on the outskirts of Tunis provided summer holidays for 250 children. The JDC leader said he was happy that it was possible this summer to resume the camping programs in Morocco and Tunisia which were interrupted in 1967 because of unsettled conditions that followed the Middle East War.

According to Mr. Horwitz, this year's campers included 37 youngsters from Eastern Europe who were accommodated at a youth camp near Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia. Thirty-one of them were from Czechoslovakia and two from Rumania. He said that the largest number of Jewish summer camps in Europe are in France where collectively they provided summer vacations for nearly 10,000 children and youths.

## Yeshiva Reports Unearthing Of Deuteronomy Commentary Linking Oral Law To Written Texts

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (JTA)--Yeshiva University reported here today that a New York Talmudical scholar has unearthed a hitherto obscure 12th Century commentary on the Book of Deuteronomy, the fifth book of the Bible, which links the oral law tradition to the written texts to demonstrate the unity of ideas and laws expressed in the Bible, Talmud, Midrash and auxiliary sources.

According to the university, Dr. Michael Katz, a professor of Talmud at the affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, discovered the manuscript by Rabbi Meyuchas ben Elijah, a 12th Century scholar, in the Hebrew and Samaritan section of the British Museum in London. Rabbi Meyuchas is believed to have lived in northern Italy or Greece during the latter part of the 12th Century, a period of Byzantine supremacy in Eastern Europe.