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## Israeli, Egyptian Jets In Encounter Over Suez; Fire Exchanged With Jordanians

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23 (JTA)--An aerial encounter between Israeli and Egyptian jets over the Suez Canal and new Jordanian attacks along the cease-fire line in which an Israeli border policeman was wounded were reported here today. An Army communique said that two Egyptian MIGs violating Israel-held air space were chased off by Israeli jets in the area of Ismailiya, the Sinai town located at the mid-point of the Suez Canal. The communique did not specify whether an air battle had taken place but said that all of the Israeli planes had returned safely to their bases. Earlier, Israel denied a Cairo report that two Israeli planes had been shot down and a third hit in a jet dogfight over the Suez Canal today.

The latest Jordanian attack occurred this evening near Maoz Chaim in the Beisan Valley. The Israeli patrol returned the fire in an exchange that lasted 10 minutes. A half hour exchange developed earlier in the day south of the Allenby Bridge, a military spokesman said. Last night and this morning Israeli units exchanged fire with forces on the Jordanian side of the river. Artillery and mortars were brought into action on both sides as well as machineguns and bazookas. No casualties were reported. The main targets of Jordanian gunners were Israeli positions and patrols in the Beisan and northern Jordan valleys. Mortar shells burst near the settlements of Hamadiya, Tirat Zvi and Kfar Ruppin and blasted river crossing points at Umm Tutz and Umm Sidra. A two hour artillery duel took place last night near the Allenby Bridge, chief thoroughfare for traffic between Jordan and the West Bank. During the night saboteurs damaged an unused railway line near Kalkilya. Police are investigating. An eyewitness to the clash at the bridge remarked on the incongruity of the situation. During the day the span resembles any heavily trafficked international crossing with a steady stream of private cars, trucks and buses and customs officials doing their normal routine duties. But at sundown the movement of vehicles ceases and the bridge and its environs becomes a battlefield lit up by shell bursts and tracer bullets.

## Curfews Imposed On West Bank Towns Following Violent Anti-Israel Demonstrations

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Curfews were imposed on the twin towns of Ramallah and El Byrah today in the wake of stormy anti-Israel demonstrations by Arab high school students who, Israeli authorities believe, were incited by their teachers. Demonstrations were also staged in other West Bank towns, Nablus and Jenin where Labor Minister Joseph Almogi was forced to cancel ceremonies opening the first of six labor exchanges on the West Bank.

In Ramallah and El Byrah, the demonstrations reached a point where riot police had to intervene to disperse the students, mostly girls, with water hoses. The girls hurled stones and empty bottles at police vehicles and shouted "Nasser, Nasser" and "we are all Fedayeen (commandos)." Some of them denounced King Hussein of Jordan and screamed "traitor" at local Arab leaders who tried to calm them. Police called in the fire brigade which sprayed the demonstrators with water containing an unwashable red dye. Its purpose, authorities explained, was to identify adults participating in the disturbances and to alert parents that their daughters were involved in activities of which many parents disapprove.

According to military government sources, the demonstrations were started by the girls. Authorities believe that they are influenced by women teachers who belong to Arab nationalist women's organizations and include anti-Israel propaganda in their lessons.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent Amos Ben-Vered reported that Ramallah and El Byrah looked like "ghost towns" when he visited them this afternoon with the permission of the military governor. "A youngster of 16 was the only local inhabitant visible on the streets after the curfew went into effect. He was clutching his books and walking in the middle of the road. He said the boys' school in Ramallah had not been striking and that the military government had given permission to students with books to remain in school and go home after classes," Mr. Ben-Vered reported. "Further questioning of the boy indicated that the lesson he learned today was about Jews holding Yom Kippur prayers in the Ibrahim Mosque which stands over the Patriarchs' Tomb in Hebron and the blowing up of houses there that belonged to terrorists."

## Wiggins Optimistic About Progress Of Jarring Mission, Cites Exchanges

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 23 (JTA)--Using a phrase expressed here several weeks ago by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, the United States Ambassador to the UN said today the Middle East peace-making efforts of Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring have achieved "precious momentum."

In an optimistic mood, J.R. Wiggins told the press that Dr. Jarring, the UN's special Middle East peace envoy, was discouraged when the current General Assembly session opened, but added, "I think he has achieved enough progress now to give all of us some hope. He has certainly succeeded in obtaining exchanges (of statements) from the principals involved. This in itself is an augury of progress, entitling one to hope for greater future progress." Asked whether a successful conclusion of the mission would be reached within a matter of weeks or months, Mr. Wiggins replied, "The immediate problem is

to keep the parties in communication with Dr. Jarring. The object here is not mere cessation of hostilities but the laying of a foundation for a lasting peace." He said that no other issue on the Assembly agenda had occupied as much of his time and that of his colleagues as the Middle East settlement had.

He told reporters, in his first press conference since succeeding George Ball as Washington's representative, that the current State Department talks with Israel for the sale of F-4 Phantom supersonic fighter-bombers had no bearing on the Jarring mission.

In a related development, informed sources said today that, contrary to earlier reports, the Egyptian Government has not demanded that Israel apologize for her "aggression" in 1967.

The demand for an apology in a letter presented to Dr. Jarring by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad, well-informed sources said, does not exist — the word "apologize" did not appear in the document.

Rather, this was a Western interpretation put on a Cairo demand for Israel to withdraw to boundaries that existed before the Six-Day War and before Israeli "aggression." This is regarded by certain diplomatic circles as being worse than a demand for an "apology" in that Israel is being asked to "confess its guilt for a 'crime' it did not commit."

The Riad document was a reply to one presented to Dr. Jarring by Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel.

### 'Daily Express' Reports Moscow May Be Serious In Threats To Open Canal By Force

LONDON, Oct. 23 (JTA)--The Daily Express said today that Moscow "may really mean business" when it says it would try to clear the Suez Canal by force if an agreement to reopen the waterway is not reached soon. According to the newspaper, these threats have been reported by members of Parliament who are in close touch with the British Foreign Office. There are hints that a Soviet dredge will be brought into the Suez Canal whether or not Israel agrees.

The Express report said the MPs believed that Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin has dropped hints of these intentions in Washington and London in the hope that pressure will be put on Israel to agree to the canal being reopened or at least not to open fire if the Russian dredges begin to work. Mr. Kosygin is reportedly anxious to get the canal opened for the benefit of the Soviet Navy and the expansion of Russian influence in the Middle East; because the canal is the shortest route for arms shipments to North Vietnam, and because of the serious effect on the Egyptian economy by its continued shutdown, the Express said.

(Addressing members of a United Jewish Appeal study mission in Israel earlier this week, Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan warned that if the Soviets tried to force open the Suez Canal they would have to take the responsibility of fighting the Israel Army and driving it from the canal's east bank.)

### Poll Shows Dayan Would Beat Eshkol If Elections For Knesset Were Held Now

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23 (JTA)--A poll published here today showed that Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan would beat Prime Minister Levi Eshkol by nearly two to one if elections to the Knesset (Parliament) were held now. According to the findings of the Public Opinion Research Institute, Gen. Dayan would poll 33.4 percent of the vote to just over 17 percent for Mr. Eshkol. Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon would win 15 percent and Foreign Minister Abba Eban 11 percent, the poll found.

It also showed that 33 percent of the voters would cast ballots for the Rafi faction if it broke away from the Labor Party and had Gen. Dayan at the head of its candidates list. Twenty-two percent of regular Labor Party voters said they would have second thoughts if the left-wing Mapam was aligned with the Labor Party. The Labor Party secretariat is scheduled to vote today on whether to approve such an alignment now.

### Largest Secondary School In Israel Dedicated, Named For Denmark

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Jerusalem's largest secondary school, the Denmark High School, was dedicated here yesterday at ceremonies attended by dignitaries of Israel and Denmark and a delegation of American donors representing the United Jewish Appeal's Israel Education Fund which financed the school's construction. The school, located in the Katamon quarter, received its name in tribute to the Danish people who rescued Denmark's Jews from Nazi deportation 25 years ago.

Speaking at the ceremonies were Zalman Aranne, Minister of Education and Culture, and Denmark's Minister of Welfare Mrs. Natalie Lind. Also present was Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency.

### Arabs Invited By Israeli Representative In UN Committee To Vacation In Jewish State

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 23 (JTA)--Israel today invited Arabs from Egypt and other Arab countries to spend their vacation in Israel next summer. The bid was extended by Arye Eilan, Israel's trusteeship committee representative, in replying to attacks voiced against Israel during the past few days by Arabs in the context of discussions on Rhodesia. Calling the committee's attention to news reports that 15,000 Arabs from neighboring states spent summer vacations in Israel this year, Mr. Eilan said: "Perhaps representatives of Egypt and the other Arab states will, like so many of their compatriots, spend their next summer vacation in Israel and come to realize that the Arabs of Egypt and other nations have a long way to go before realizing the freedom enjoyed by Israel's Arabs."

## Jewish Leader Sees Western Nations More Ready To Admit Refugees

LONDON, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Edmund de Rothschild, presiding at a dinner of the Central British Fund for Relief and Rehabilitation here, said that Western countries generally are more inclined now to admit refugees than they were in the past, but the need for assistance to refugees is still great to provide them with the elementary needs. Mr. de Rothschild said that 7,000 out of 15,000 Czechoslovakian Jews were on the move as a result of the Soviet occupation of that country and that in Poland old people had to "pick up their roots and leave." He also spoke of the plight of Jews in the Arab countries.

He said that there were still 1,000 Jews in Egyptian prisons and that Jews in Libya, Syria and Iraq are suffering inhuman treatment. Lebanon is the only exception in this regard among the Arab states, he said. He noted that the Central British Fund, along with other Jewish organizations such as the Joint Distribution Committee, carry out the major rescue operations for refugees.

(Samuel L. Haber, Joint Distribution Committee executive vice-chairman, told a United Jewish Appeal study mission in Israel that 40,000 to 50,000 Jews have fled from Moslem and Eastern European nations since the Six-Day War.)

## Novosti Recounts Reunion Of Jewish Survivors Of 1943 Sobibor Death Camp Revolt

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (JTA)--The Soviet Embassy today released a lengthy account by the official Novosti News Agency of a reunion of Jewish survivors of the 1943 revolt at the Sobibor death camp in Poland which, Novosti said, was held Oct. 14 at Rostov-on-Don, the home of Alexander Pechersky who was the leader of the uprising. According to the Novosti correspondent, Pyotr Yashchenko, only five Jewish survivors were located in the Soviet Union. But the account mentioned that "14 of the survivors were now living in Israel and on behalf of his friends attending the reunion, Mr. Pechersky sent them a warm letter." It was the first mention in recent memory by an official Soviet news agency that did not refer to Israel negatively and that went out of its way to point out that Jews and residents of Israel were rebels against Nazi tyranny. Previous Soviet propaganda has always sought to obscure the fact of Jewish resistance.

The Novosti correspondent identified the survivors, apart from Mr. Pechersky, as Semyon Rozenfeld, Aleksei Vaitzen, Naum Plotnitsky, Arkady Vaispapir and Yefem Litvinovsky. He said, "The city public gave a warm greeting to these courageous men. The ceremonial portion of this memorable meeting was held in one of the largest halls of the Municipal Palace of Culture." The account said further that Mr. Pechersky made a speech recalling Nazi atrocities at Sobibor. He was quoted as saying, "We shall never forget or forgive the Fascists their savage crimes. I appeal to all people of good will to be vigilant. We can not permit such a nightmare to occur again."

## Brandt Asked In Buenos Aires For More Nazi Criminal Prosecutions

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Representatives of Jewish victims of Nazism yesterday presented West Germany's Foreign Minister Willy Brandt with a petition urging the cancellation of the statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes and calling on the Bonn authorities to make stronger efforts to find two major Nazi war criminals, Martin Bormann, who was Hitler's deputy and Josef Mengele, the "death camp" doctor at Auschwitz. Both men, the petition said, are hiding out in a South American country. It suggested that if West Germany increased the reward for their capture, they might have better results.

The petition was presented to Mr. Brandt, here on an official visit, by Jose Moskovits, president and Abraham Dereczynski, secretary of the association of Nazi victims in Argentina which has about 20,000 members. The petition also claimed that applicants for reparations payments have encountered bureaucratic delays.

## Ex-Nazi Security Policeman Shouts For 'Freedom' At Trial

BONN, Oct. 23 (JTA)--An obviously unrepentant former Nazi security policeman, on trial in Munich for the mass murder of Polish Jews between 1939 and 1943, interrupted a witness' testimony today with shouts of "freedom for Germany." The witness said that while in Chelm, Poland, he had seen Hugo Raschendorfer personally shoot three Jews. The investigation disclosed that while Raschendorfer was in prison prior to his trial, he had sung the Nazi "Horst Wessel" song several times.

## Alliance Pays Tribute To Rene Cassin, Its President And Nobel Prize Winner

PARIS, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Rene Cassin, winner of this year's Nobel peace prize, was honored here at the annual meeting of the Alliance Israelite Universelle of which he is president. M. Cassin, who served as chairman, spoke of the French nation's sufferings during World War I and genocide against the Jews in the next war. The Alliance, it was reported had 21,310 students in 60 schools in France, Morocco, Tunisia, Syria, Libya, Iran and Israel.

## Israeli Exports To Australia Exceed \$2 Million In First 7 Months Of 1968

MELBOURNE, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Israeli exports to Australia have exceeded \$2 million during the first seven months of 1968, J. Gordon, Consul for Economic Affairs, told the Israel-Australia Chamber of Commerce here today. Two thousand tons of Israeli phosphates, first shipment of its kind to Australia, reached here last week aboard the Zim Lines' cargo motorship Tappuz.

## Urges Jews To Stay In Battle For Negro Rights, As 2 Communities Seen Polarizing

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA)--The chairman of the American Jewish Committee's executive board said here today that Jews must not "withdraw from the battle for civil rights and Negro justice" even in face of Negro anti-Semitism as typified by black extremists in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville school conflict. Max M. Fisher, a Detroit industrialist, spoke at a testimonial dinner to Joseph L. Mailman, New York business leader and philanthropist, who received the AJCommittee's 1968 Appeal for Human Relations Award.

Mr. Fisher said that even though "black racism is as viciously dedicated to anti-Semitism as white racism," Jews must remain in the forefront of the civil rights struggle even "if Negro militants take it upon themselves to tell us to get out." Jews, he said, "should be no more tolerate of black racism than any other racism" but "we must fight it by removing the causes," he said.

A similar plea was made yesterday by an Orthodox Jewish leader who warned that the traditional Jewish concern for the underprivileged was threatened by erosion due to the upsurge of Negro anti-Semitism. Dr. Walter Wurzburger, rabbi of Congregation Shaaray Tefila in Far Rockaway, said at the 25th alumni convention of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University that "irrespective of all short-term considerations of expedience or enlightened self-interest, we must be guided by our religious tradition which regards involvement with the social and economic concerns of all men as a religious imperative." Rabbi Wurzburger maintained at the same time that Jews "must not be so preoccupied with the welfare of others as to ignore their own needs for self-preservation as a viable group."

The polarization of the Jewish and Negro communities, which previously shared mutual interests and aspirations as a result of their common experience with racial prejudice, was brought to a climax in New York City by the series of teachers' strikes this fall. The strikes have closed all but a few of the city's 900 public schools, and center on the conflict between the predominantly Negro Ocean Hill-Brownsville governing board and the United Federation of Teachers whose membership is largely white and about two-thirds Jewish.

It began last spring with the governing board's transfer of white teachers, most of them Jewish. The board insisted that it was exercising its rights under the experimental decentralization program established by the New York City Board of Education, financed by the Ford Foundation and approved by the New York State Board of Regents. The teachers' union, which professed support of decentralization, has demanded dismissal of the Ocean Hill-Brownsville governing board and an end to the decentralization experiment there. It claimed that the board's action exceeded its authority and violated the teachers' contract with the city.

The mounting acrimony in the conflict was fed by earlier troubles over New York University's appointment of John T. Hatchett, the Negro author of an allegedly anti-Semitic article, to head its Afro-American Student Center. New York Times reporter Bill Kovach said yesterday in a lengthy report on Negro-Jewish animosity in New York City, Hatchett has since been dismissed. Another factor is the anti-Israel position of some black militants. "These charges have triggered ugly taunts, dissemination of hate literature and much anger and sorrow," Mr. Kovach wrote. "Many Negro and white leaders say Negroes are not basically anti-Semitic so much as they are anti-white," he said. "Leaders of both the Negro and Jewish communities have been spurred into action in an attempt to develop a forum for Negroes and Jews to meet and discuss common problems."

Mr. Kovach's report indicated that the conflict ran much deeper than the school controversy. Among its causes, he listed the influx of Negroes into former all-Jewish neighborhoods; the increase of crime and different attitudes on "law and order" between the two communities; the move by Negroes into such fields as teaching and social work which had previously attracted large numbers of Jews; and the rise of the Black Muslims and other militant groups who have introduced the Arab-Israel Middle East conflict on the local scene."

### Anti-Semitic Literature Distributed By Black Extremists

Jews are deeply troubled, Mr. Kovach reported, by the anti-Semitic epithets and literature distributed by black extremists. The United Federation of Teachers is circulating a sample, received at the JTA editorial office, which it said was distributed by the Parents Community Council of Junior High School 271 in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville district. It warned Jews to "Stay out, shut up, get off our backs or your relatives in the Middle East will find themselves giving benefits to raise money to help you get out from the terrible weight of an enraged black community."

(The national director of inter-religious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, was incorrectly reported yesterday to have charged the United Federation of Teachers and Albert Shanker, its president, with using the Jewish community in artificially introducing anti-Semitism into the school strike. He was referring to extremists on both sides of the controversy, not to the UFT or Mr. Shanker.)

"A careful study of the hate literature being circulated in the community has been made by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (which) found no evidence of an organized effort behind the material," Mr. Kovach reported. But Jewish backlash, in part motivated by the teachers' union, has been bitter. It was manifested when Mayor John V. Lindsay was shouted down, cursed and threatened at a Jewish center in Brooklyn two weeks ago when he tried to address an audience made up largely of striking teachers on the Ocean Hill-Brownsville conflict. The rabbi of the congregation sharply rebuked the audience. Another Jewish group in Brooklyn was scolded by New York Sen. Jacob K. Javits for its intemperate behavior at another meeting.