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Defense Department Reveals Jordan To Get More Arms; Jordanians Trained At Ft. Monmouth

WASHINGTON, April 6 (JTA) -- The Defense Department disclosed Friday that new munitions shipments have been made to Jordan by the United States and that Jordanian soldiers were receiving and will continue to receive training at Fort Monmouth, N.J. and other U.S. military installations under special arrangements with the Amman Government. The disclosure, contained in a letter from Harry H. Schwartz, deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near East and South Asian Affairs, to Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, also listed in detail military equipment that the U.S. has sent or will send to Israel.

Rep. Halpern took issue with the Defense Department's assertion that Jordan was being armed because "it continues to be in the national interest to encourage and strengthen those moderate Arab states who are trying to follow a more reasonable course of national development than some of their neighbors and to preclude the Soviet Union from gaining uncontested influence throughout the area." The Congressman said, "I do not see what is 'more reasonable' about collaboration with Arab terrorists which is precisely what the Jordanian Government has been doing to a notorious degree." He said he would investigate grants providing free training and free arms for Jordanian forces at the expense of American taxpayers. He also said that "since the Defense Department has seen fit to publish in such detail the military items sold to Israel, I am going to ask for a similar listing of the jets, anti-aircraft and weapons systems given to Jordan."

According to the Defense Department official, Israel will receive additional Hawk anti-aircraft missiles, gas masks and related chemical warfare defense equipment and other military supplies including 50 Phantom jet fighter bombers. The disclosure was in response to an inquiry made by Rep. Halpern who claimed he had evidence that new American arms including missiles were delivered to Jordan aboard the American cargo ship "Steel Rover" of the States Marine-Isthmian Line. Mr. Schwartz conceded that the "Steel Rover" carried a shipment of munitions to Jordan but said there were no missiles aboard. He said the training was provided to Jordanian troops here under a U.S. grant for that purpose as well as on a reimbursable basis. He noted that the U.S. continues to supply Israel with military training and technical information on a wide variety of matters. Israel pilots are presently in the U.S. training to fly Phantom jets.

Rep. Halpern said the shipment of arms to Jordan should be suspended immediately and taken under review until King Hussein can establish that the weapons are used for "internal security" and not for collaboration "with the terrorists" unrelenting sneak attacks against Israel in violation of United Nations cease-fire commitments."

Mr. Schwartz justified the aid to Jordan on the grounds that the U.S. believed "it is important for Israel and the moderate Arab states to retain Western alternatives to the Soviet Union for necessary arms supplies and general military advice." Mr. Schwartz claimed that "the Israelis share this viewpoint" and cited as evidence an interview published in the Israeli newspaper Haaretz, Jan. 19, 1968 according to which Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said Israel favored American rather than Soviet arms supplies to Jordan. Referring to U.S. military supplies to Israel, Mr. Schwartz said that in light of Soviet shipments to Egypt, Iraq and Syria, "We have met a large number of Israeli requests for military equipment and training. These include the recent arrangement to sell 50 Phantom aircraft with delivery to begin before the end of 1969; continued delivery of Skyhawk jet aircraft as agreed in 1966; and the delivery of additional Hawk air defense missiles. We have agreed to provide a wide variety of other items, including: ammunition of various calibres; gas masks and related equipment; spare parts for weapons systems such as Patton tanks, Hawk missiles and other ground force equipment; considerable communications equipment of various sorts; components and materiel necessary to keep production and overhaul lines operating; and miscellaneous items of equipment purchased in Europe from U.S. stocks." Mr. Schwartz said, "Israel also purchases a considerable assortment of military and military-related items from commercial sources."

Jordan Said To Have Taken First Delivery Of New Centurion Tanks

LONDON, April 6 (JTA) -- Jordan has taken delivery of the first shipment of British Mark X Centurion tanks, which are the most modern tanks in the Jordanian Army, the Daily Telegraph reported from Amman. According to the newspaper, Britain has agreed to supply Jordan with at least 50 of the new Centurions. The report noted that obsolete models of the Centurion previously employed by Jordanian forces have been outmaneuvered and outgunned by Israeli armor.

Jews Surprised By Denial Of Jewish Ancestry By Former Czech Premier Dr. Ota Sik

LONDON, April 6 (JTA) -- Jews here were startled today to learn that the Czech economist and former Prime Minister, Dr. Ota Sik, has denied any Jewish origins and has publicly stated that he could not possibly be termed a Jew "even by the Nazi standards." Prof. Sik, the architect of Czech economic reforms in the regime of Alexander Dubcek and who fled Czechoslovakia in the wake of the Soviet-led invasion last summer, has been widely identified as Jewish in his country and abroad and has been a frequent target of attacks in Soviet and other East European newspapers. He is now a visiting lecturer at the University of Basle. He returned to Czechoslovakia briefly last year as did Dr. Eduard Goldsteucker, the Czech-Jewish author and academician. News of Dr. Sik's denial of Jewish ancestry was

contained in Czech newspaper reports of a similar denial by Prof. Jiri Hajek, a former Foreign Minister who also has been the target of attacks in Pravda and other Soviet papers as an alleged "Zionist." In an interview published in Mlada Fronta, the Prague Communist youth daily, Dr. Hajek said reports of his Jewish origins were "fabrications" as were the rumors of his wartime collaboration with the Nazis. Soviet newspapers alleged that he had changed his name from "Karpeles," a common Jewish name in Central Europe. Czech newspapers, taking up the issue, said that one Karpeles had in fact changed his name to Hajek but it was not the former Foreign Minister.

Israeli Newspapers Say 2 Unidentified Former RFK Aides Advised On Dayan Campaign

TEL AVIV, April 6 (JTA) -- Two former political advisors to the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy visited Israel recently to assist a grassroots drive aimed at making Defense Minister Moshe Dayan the next Prime Minister of Israel, the newspaper Yediot Achronot reported today. The paper described the two as members of the late Senator's "brain trust" but said their identity and details of consultations they held with Israeli supporters of Gen. Dayan were kept an "absolute secret."

According to the report, the visitors proposed introducing American campaign methods on behalf of Gen. Dayan. These would include automobile stickers with the slogan "Dayan for Premier" and lapel buttons with a picture of the Defense Minister and the slogan, "Moshe Dayan in '69," the newspaper said. According to the report, the Americans were invited to Israel by a leading member of the Dayan movement who was formerly an American but is now an Israeli citizen.

In recent weeks, supporters of Gen. Dayan have been collecting signatures on public petitions urging his accession to the Premiership. Gen. Dayan has said publicly that he has had nothing to do with the movement but has refused to disavow it. He has also stated publicly that he was unhappy in the Israel Labor Party and was considering whether to leave it before next October's national elections and run for office on a separate list.

Arab Newspapers See Little Chance Of Big 4 Success; Israelis Maintain Opposition

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 6 (JTA) -- Most Arab newspapers in Beirut this weekend said the Four Power talks which opened Thursday were not likely to bear fruit. The feeling was shared by Beirut and Cairo papers that the Four Power meetings will almost certainly be the last chance for a political solution, it was reported here. The Israelis continue to maintain their opposition to the talks and to insist that genuine peace can only come about from direct Arab-Israel negotiations.

The prospects for a solution of the Mideast deadlock drew mixed responses of optimism and pessimism from various diplomatic observers here. One of the participants confirmed that the first day's talk produced a "surprising amount of headway." Noting that the initial results should not be exaggerated, he said that the diplomats of the United States, France, Russia and Britain had cleared away "quite a few obstacles on procedure."

The four will confer again Tuesday, possibly at the Soviet UN Mission or the residence of Soviet Ambassador Yakov A. Malik. The other participants are Charles W. Yost of the U.S., Lord Caradon of Britain and Armand Berard of France at whose residence the first session was held. Following their meeting, they issued a communique which said: "The Four Powers are agreed that the situation in the Middle East is serious and urgent and must not be permitted to jeopardize international peace and security. They have straightaway entered into a discussion on matters of substance and have started defining areas of agreement. There is common concern to make urgent progress." The envoys said that in their consultations on a "peaceful political settlement" they firmly supported the Mideast peace mission of UN envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring.

Fire Exchanged On 2 Fronts, Injuries Reported In Weekend Of Violence In Mideast

TEL AVIV, April 6 (JTA) -- Israeli patrols were attacked today near Maoz Chaim and Ashdod Yaacov in the Beisan Valley region. The fire was returned and there were no casualties, a military spokesman said. An Israeli Arab from Beersheba, 22-year-old Suleiman Rizek, was wounded by gunshots in the West Bank town of Ramallah today. Police were investigating but reported no arrests.

Reports of a 35-minute mortar and tank duel along the Israel-Jordan cease-fire line today were not confirmed by Israeli sources. A Jordanian spokesman in Amman claimed that Israeli gunners had started the shooting and that Jordanian return fire destroyed an Israeli halftrack and inflicted casualties.

A kerosene tank at Jerusalem's Kalandia Airport was damaged by an explosion which shattered windows in nearby buildings at daybreak Saturday. Israeli officials said there were no signs of sabotage and denied a claim made by the El Fatah in Amman that the explosion was the work of saboteurs. The blast was attributed to a build-up of pressure in pipelines carrying gasoline. Kalandia Airport, in territory seized from Jordan during the June, 1967 war, is used mainly for local flights. The United Nations plane used by the chief UN truce observer, Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, was parked at the airport at the time of the explosion but did not sustain damage.

An Israeli military spokesman said that six Arab infiltrators were killed in the Golan Heights yesterday when they were caught in an apparent attempt to steal sheep or cattle. He said the marauders opened fire at a point about six miles south of Kuneitra on the Israel-Syrian demarcation line. A spokesman reported that 15 mortar shells were fired into the Neot Hakikar settlement south of the Dead Sea yesterday but caused no casualties or damage.

All quiet was reported on the Suez Canal front today following Friday's two hour artillery clash between Israeli and Egyptian forces. A military spokesman said Israeli gunners scored direct hits on an Egyptian tanker lying at Port Suez and on a tank and that Egyptian bunkers were destroyed. The spokes-

man said Israeli forces suffered no casualties because of the quality of their defense positions. Egyptian sources claimed that heavy casualties and damage were inflicted on the Israeli side during the exchange. They admitted that an Egyptian tanker was hit.

A Haifa student was slightly injured Thursday when a group of sightseers of which he was a member came under Jordanian attack near El Hamma which is close to the three-border junction of Israel, Jordan and Syria. The visitors had arrived in a number of busses and private cars and were standing on the main road when fire began from the Jordanian side of the Yarmouk River tributary of the Jordan River. The visitors included women and children on a holiday sightseeing trip. All of the visitors took shelter. Israeli forces in the area returned the fire and silenced the attackers. The entire group was able to proceed on its way. The student, 19-year-old Zeev Pappenheim, was hospitalized.

Polish Jews Will Mark Anniversary Of Ghetto Uprising, But Without Official Aid

LONDON, April 6 (JTA) -- Polish Jews will mark the 26th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising on April 19, but it will be a low-key celebration organized without any official assistance or encouragement, according to Folkstimme, the weekly publication of the Jewish Cultural and Social Association in Warsaw. In an apparent reference to the continuing anti-Jewish campaign by the Warsaw regime, the paper noted, "We will be celebrating the anniversary of the ghetto revolt in a changed situation and in new circumstances. The activities of our Association nowadays are much weaker than they used to be... We have to organize the commemorative program chiefly with our own resources and this goes both for speakers and other personnel."

UN Human Rights Unit Initiates Action To Investigate Conditions In Occupied Areas

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 6 (JTA) -- A special unit of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights acted Friday to begin carrying out a Commission request for investigation of alleged violations by Israel of the Geneva convention in the occupied Arab territories. The unit, known as the ad hoc working group of experts, was set up by the Commission in 1967. At two meetings here Friday, the ad hoc group decided to send letters on the alleged violations to Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt, and to the UN representative of the League of Arab States, as well as to Laurence Michelmore, the commissioner-general of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. The letters will ask the recipients for cooperation in fulfillment of the Commission's mandate to the ad hoc group.

The Commission also asked the unit to receive communications, hear witnesses and use such procedures as it considered necessary to report conclusions and recommendations to the 26th session of the Commission, tentatively scheduled for February-March, 1970. The unit agreed that, in the letters, it would be pointed out to the recipients that the cooperation was being asked subject to approval by the Economic and Social Council of the resolution under which the unit was instructed to proceed. The unit agreed that, assuming such approval, members of the unit might make a trip to the countries involved next July or August. The Economic and Social Council will hold its 46th session from May 12 to June 6.

Hamburg Officials Probe Reports Of Plans To Establish New Nazi Organization

BONN, April 6 (JTA) -- Security officials in Hamburg are investigating reports that a new Nazi group called the Association of German National Socialists was planning to establish itself at a secret meeting to be held in that city on May 1-2. The leader of the group was identified as 29-year-old Wolf Peter Eckhart.

The reputedly neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD) predicted that it would achieve a paid membership of over 50,000 by the time national elections are held next September. The party claimed its membership was increasing daily because the threat of a ban on the NPD has been removed. A move to ask the Constitutional Court at Karlsruhe to outlaw the NPD as anti-democratic was still under consideration by the government, led by Interior Minister Ernst Benda. But political observers saw little chance that such action would be taken before the elections. The Congress of the Teachers' Associations of Lower Saxony ruled this week to ban NPD members from joining that organization.

British Defense Official Offers Assurance Servicemen May Take Bible To Mideast

LONDON, April 6 (JTA) -- A British defense official assured the House of Commons last week that "The Bible is not among the books by Jewish and Israelite authors" that British servicemen have been advised not to take with them when they are posted to bases in Mideast countries. Gerald Reynolds, minister of the Defense Administration, made the statement in a written reply to Laborite MP Ben Whitaker. British soldiers were recently advised officially not to take books by Jewish authors or clothing bought from Jewish firms when they are posted to Kuwait, the Persian Gulf oil state.

British Oil Expert Says Israeli, Egyptian Pipelines Not Likely To Compete With Tankers

EVANSTON, Ill., April 6 (JTA) -- A British oil expert said here yesterday that the Israeli oil pipeline now under construction between Eilat and the Mediterranean and a projected Egyptian pipeline paralleling the Suez Canal were not likely to be economically competitive with supertankers in the transportation of oil from the Persian Gulf to northwest Europe.

Walter L. Newton, director of Petroleum Economics Ltd., of London, spoke at the fifth annual petroleum conference at the Transportation Center of Northwestern University here. He said 200,000-deadweight ton supertankers could carry oil more cheaply from the Persian Gulf to Europe via the Cape of Good Hope than the tanker-pipeline combination envisaged by the Israeli and Egyptian projects. The Israeli pipeline will have its western terminus at Ashkelon and will cost \$100 million. It is expected to have an initial capacity of 19 million to 20 million tons when it is completed next year and an ultimate capacity of 50 million tons a year. The Egyptian pipeline, from Port Suez to Alexandria, will cost \$120 million and is expected to have an initial annual capacity of 50 million tons.

Group Relations Specialists Urge Jews To Take Balanced View Of Negro Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, April 6 (JTA) -- American Jews were urged, in a report by 83 inter-group relations specialists of all faiths, to take a balanced view of anti-Semitism among Negroes and other elements of American society and to try to eliminate its root causes--racial, economic and civic injustices--rather than to withdraw from efforts to improve society.

The report, published this week, emerged from a conference of the Negro, white, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish specialists held last September under the sponsorship of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, the coordinating body for Jewish community relations in the United States. Jordan C. Band, chairman of the NCRAC, stressed that all who subscribed to the report did so as individuals rather than as representatives of their respective organizations. Of the 83 signatories, 28 expressed reservations or exceptions to the reports findings and recommendations.

Anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice were seen by the professionals as growing out of the frustrations and discontent caused by inequities in society, the report said. "Conditions that breed ignorance, want, frustration and alienation are potent generators of anti-Semitism," they asserted, "among Negroes, as among others." But for the Jewish community to be "deflected from its support and advocacy of equality for Negroes because of anti-Semitism among some Negroes" would be "a repudiation of the tenet of equal justice that is one of the foundation stones of the Jewish tradition" and would exacerbate rather than reduce anti-Semitism.

The report said it was the consensus of the signatories that despite widespread latent anti-Semitism, "Jewish group status and security are unprecedentedly high in America." It warned, however, that the "pervasive climate of strife and tumult...rising crime, changing moral codes, rebelling youth, decaying cities...spreading frustration, disillusion and discontent...prepare the psychic soil in which latent anti-Semitism may become overt and virulent." The report did not rule out an "engulfing wave of anti-Semitism" resulting from "severe economic recession, escalating urban turmoil, adverse international developments" or other circumstances that might turn the nation to the extreme right or extreme left. The signatories thought that right-wing extremism is at present a "more imminent threat" than left-wing radicalism but agreed that a major upheaval resulting in an outbreak of overt anti-Semitism was "not dangerously likely in the foreseeable future."

The report warned that "social protest must not be mistaken for racial or religious prejudice; antagonisms arising out of conflicts of interests among Negroes and Jews as individuals must not be confused with anti-Semitism on the one hand or breed anti-Negro attitudes on the other." The report also warned Jews to "expect criticism of Jews or attacks upon Jews as a group by those who oppose Jewish stands on controversial social issues." However, it said, "such criticisms must not be mistaken for anti-Semitism" and "antagonism toward Jews genuinely based on substantive disagreements must not be impugned."

Developments in the Middle East were cited as possible sources of tension between Jews and Christians in America. The report noted Jewish "disappointment" at the failure of the organized Christian community to issue "a greater spontaneous outcry...against the Arab threat to annihilate the Jews of Israel." But it credited Christian leadership with systematic opposition to anti-Semitism, for "efforts to counteract the charge of deicide", and for declarations of Vatican Council II and of the World Council of Churches and other international Christian bodies aimed at eliminating anti-Jewish thinking.

With regard to the Negro-Jewish confrontation, the report saw for the present and near future "competitiveness and clashing interests" arising from Negro demands for more places in fields where Jews are heavily represented, such as government jobs, school-teaching, social work, academic life and the arts, and out of the pressures for Negro ownership of business in predominantly black neighborhoods. "The important thing," the report stated, "is to recognize the nature of the crisis and, together with allies, to protect the American pluralistic democratic process...Hence the entire Jewish community is and must be involved...and the community relations program is an integral and necessary part of the advancement of Jewish continuity, distinctiveness and creativity."

AJ Committee Official Sees No Backlash Or Major Withdrawal From Rights Struggle

NEW YORK, April 6 (JTA) -- An official of the American Jewish Committee claimed on a television broadcast today that there was no Jewish backlash or significant withdrawal of Jews from the struggle for civil rights as a result of the clashes between Jews and Negroes in last year's New York City teachers' strikes. Nathan Perlmutter, associate director of the AJ Committee, said that Jews reacted more to the failure of both white and Negro leaders to condemn anti-Semitic expressions by some black militants than to the expressions themselves. Mr. Perlmutter appeared on "Firing Line," a panel show hosted by William F. Buckley, Jr., syndicated columnist and a former Conservative Party candidate for mayor of New York.

Mrs. Kaminska Expected To Leave Hospital; Hopes To Be Back On Stage Next Fall

MONTREAL, April 6 (JTA) -- Ida Kaminska, who was hospitalized here recently with heart trouble while on tour with the play "Mirele Efron," was expected to leave Jewish General Hospital tomorrow and will rest in Montreal before returning to New York. Her husband, actor Marian Melman, said that Miss Kaminska hoped to resume her stage activities next fall.

Mrs. Kaminska was in Montreal along with her daughter, Ruth Kaminska. All are former members of the Jewish State Theater of Warsaw which is now all but defunct. The family left Poland following the anti-Semitic campaign inspired by the regime. They have temporarily made their home in New York City.