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## 6 Israeli Soldiers Die, 14 Wounded Since Tuesday; 8 Saboteurs Killed In Samaritan Hills

TEL AVIV, June 12 (JTA) -- Six Israeli soldiers have been killed and 14 wounded in action since Tuesday, a military spokesman said today. Three Israelis were killed in a battle with Arab saboteurs in the craggy, sun-baked Samaritan hills north of Jerusalem yesterday. But Israeli forces succeeded in wiping out all eight members of the Arab gang, a spokesman said. He disclosed that two other Israeli soldiers were killed and seven wounded by an Egyptian mortar shell fired across the Suez Canal on Tuesday. Four Israeli soldiers were wounded in fresh fighting near Qantara in the Canal zone last night. An officer, Capt. David Klein of Jerusalem, was killed today and two others were injured when a patrol was attacked by bazookas in the Beisan area near Ashdot Yaacob.

The clash in the Samaritan hills took place during the hottest part of the day on terrain that is cut by deep canyons and has many caves and rocks. The Arab saboteurs occupied a peak which gave them a topographical advantage over the advancing Israeli forces, a spokesman said. The Israeli unit came within grenade range. Lt. Moshe Sharhabani of Petach Tikva was mortally wounded after he hurled a grenade that killed four of the saboteurs. The remaining four were slain in a fierce battle that followed. The names of the other Israeli casualties were not announced.

An Israeli soldier was injured last night when an Army car was attacked near the West Bank town of Hebron. Another vehicle was attacked in the same area some time later. The fire was returned and area was searched, a military spokesman reported.

Sources here predicted renewed fighting along the Israel-Lebanese border as reports from Beirut indicated that a verbal agreement between Palestinian guerrillas and Lebanese authorities to freeze action on the border had broken down. The agreement was reportedly reached between Lebanese authorities and Yassir Arafat, commander of El Fatah, the principal guerrilla band. It was supposed to end commando operations against Israel from Lebanese soil pending the establishment of a new Lebanese Government. Lebanon has been without a Government since the cabinet of Premier Rashid Karami resigned April 23 in the midst of pro-guerrilla rioting and demonstrations. The agreement was said to have broken down after June 6 when Israel reportedly fought a four hour mortar and machine-gun duel across the Lebanese border. Guerrilla sources accused Lebanese authorities of arresting eight of their number following the clash.

## Mrs. Meir Has Round Of Talks With British Leaders, Reiterates Israel's Peace Policy

LONDON, June 12 (JTA) -- Israel's visiting Premier Golda Meir spent a busy day today during which she met British Opposition leaders and addressed the Foreign Press Association, the Royal Institute of International Affairs and a gathering of Jewish youth at the headquarters of the Poale Zion youth movement. Tomorrow she will confer with Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart and with Jeremy Thorpe, leader of the Liberal Party, and will be the luncheon guest of Lord Thomson of Fleet, owner and manager of the Times of London. Her meetings today were with Conservative party leader Edward Heath and Sir Alec Douglas Home, former Conservative Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary and now the Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs.

Mrs. Meir told the Foreign Press Association that Israel does not accept Four Power or two-power--U.S. and USSR--intervention in the Middle East because no powers can settle the fate of other people "in our day and age." She said none of the Big Powers "can sign in our behalf or in behalf of the Arabs and they are not in a position to reach agreed proposals without our participation. To this we will not agree."

Mrs. Meir insisted that Israel's ambition "is not to win wars, although if there is another war we will no doubt win again." She said her country desires only peace but will not be satisfied by a "synthetic peace" or "makeshift arrangements." She said if Israel could not get peace, "we shall stay where we are." She expressed the hope that France's hostile attitude toward Israel would become a thing of the past. Of Soviet Russia, she said, "we are not at war with any of the Big Powers but Russia can hardly claim neutrality."

The purpose of Mrs. Meir's visit is to address the opening session of the conference of the Socialist International on Monday. The British Foreign Ministry stressed today that her visit was "unofficial" but it welcomed the opportunity for meetings and exchanges of views.

## Conservative MP Would Seek To Re-Open Debate On Chieftan Tanks Sale

LONDON, June 12 (JTA) -- Conservative Member of Parliament Hugh Frazer said yesterday that he would re-open debate on Britain's proposed sale of Chieftain tanks to Libya as Laborite MP Reginald Paget did not succeed in his quest to have the sale debated. Mr. Frazer said that Chieftains sold to Libya could easily be turned over to Egypt or Nigeria to be used against Biafra. He said also that

Israel had found a way to remedy a small defect in the Chieftain. Two sample tanks were delivered to Israel last year, but the British Defense Ministry has refused to accept a cash order of \$144 million worth of the Chieftains on the grounds that it would interfere with Four Power talks.

### Another War Not 'Desirable,' Says Egyptian Spokesman As Gromyko And Nasser Meet

LONDON, June 12 (JTA) -- An Egyptian Government spokesman said yesterday that another war with Israel was not "desirable" now but added that Egypt could wait "for a few months or years" if necessary. Mohamed Hassan el-Zayyat spoke following a three-hour meeting between Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko and President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt. Mr. Gromyko arrived in Cairo on Tuesday on a surprise visit which Soviet spokesmen described as "routine," but his departure from Moscow in the middle of a conference of world Communist Party leaders indicated to Western observers that the Kremlin considered his meeting with Egyptian leaders urgent.

Mr. el-Zayyat said there were two ways to end Israel's occupation of "Arab" lands--by force or by finding "a policeman and a judge in the United Nations." He said, "It is obvious that the policeman and the judge are not functioning. If force is not available or desirable now, we shall wait. Waiting for a few months or years will not sap the vitality of the country."

(The Washington Post said today that Mr. Gromyko went to Egypt to "test President Nasser's reaction to a new six-point Middle East proposal by the U.S." Robert H. Estabrook, the paper's UN correspondent, attributing his information to a Western source, reported that the plan presented by Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin was said to deal with Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula to secure and agreed borders but offered no map.

(According to Mr. Estabrook, the U.S. plan is related to points alleged to have been tentatively agreed upon by Mr. Sisco and the Soviet envoy. These are said to call for a "package" settlement of the Mideast dispute and terms that would be binding to both sides. Mr. Dobrynin is reported not to have given a formal reply to the six U.S. points.

(New York Times correspondent Raymond H. Anderson reported from Cairo today that Mr. Gromyko gave President Nasser a message from Soviet leaders and discussed a formula said to have been worked out by the U.S. and the Soviet Union. "According to unconfirmed reports, the formula would involve Israeli retention of the Arab sector of Jerusalem, with concessions to Jordan, Israeli occupation of the Golan Heights in Syria until Damascus recognized the UN Security Council's resolution of Nov. 22, 1967 on the Middle East and Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula," Mr. Anderson wrote.)

### Knesset Rejects Series Of Motions By Orthodox To Debate Issue Of Autopsies

JERUSALEM, June 12 (JTA) -- An uproar broke out in the Knesset yesterday when it rejected a series of motions by Orthodox parties to debate the issue of autopsies. The religious bloc consisting of the National Religious Party and the Poale Agudat Israel, both members of Premier Golda Meir's coalition Government, and the Agudat Israel, charged that over the past 20 months 874 "illegal" autopsies were performed at four Israeli hospitals. They claimed that such autopsies were in one out of every four deaths. But the Knesset turned down three agenda motions on the subject and voted 32-19 not to refer the issue to a Knesset committee.

Religious members shouted citations from the Bible and Halacha (Jewish religious law) to back up their contention that autopsies were a "desecration." Their legal case was based on a report by the State Controller's office which criticized the way some autopsies were performed. The report said that in some cases no physician's signature was found on instructions to perform an autopsy. But Minister of Health Israel Barzilai said that even in cases where a document lacked an official signature, it didn't mean that doctors picked up their scalpels and performed autopsies on a whimsical basis.

Mr. Barzilai said that a new system to supervise post-mortems would be instituted on the basis of the recommendations of a committee of two doctors and a lawyer. This however did not satisfy the Orthodox who have been long campaigning to abolish autopsies. In the voting, the religious parties were supported by the Gahal (Herut-Liberal alignment) and the Free Center faction. The Independent Liberal faction found the whole matter distasteful and walked out of the chamber before the vote.

(In New York, 19 Hasidic students were arraigned in Manhattan and Brooklyn courts yesterday and 16 others were given summonses on charges of defacing buildings with paint and posters and conducting disorderly demonstrations. The youths, all students at the United Satmar Talmudic Academy in the Williamsburgh section of Brooklyn, were protesting alleged "forced" and "illegal" autopsies in Israel.

(New York Criminal Court Judge Louis A. Cioffi released 15 of the students for a hearing June 20 but denied a request by Assistant District Attorney Kenneth Gribetz to set bail. They were arrested for allegedly conducting demonstrations outside the Israel Discount Bank, Hadassah headquarters and Korvette's department store. They posted bills calling on Jews to attend a demonstration today outside of the Israeli Consulate General, sponsored by the American Committee for Safeguarding Human Dignity in Israel.)

### Knesset Decides To Hold Full Debate On Plight Of Russian Jews

JERUSALEM, June 12 (JTA) -- The Knesset, in a virtually unanimous vote yesterday, decided to hold a full scale debate on the plight of Soviet Jewry.

## Arab Students, Left-Wing Germans Again Disrupt Speech By Israeli Ambassador

BONN, June 12 (JTA) -- Arab students and their left-wing German supporters prevented Israel's Ambassador Asher Ben Natan from addressing a crowd of 2,000 at Hamburg University yesterday. It was the second time this week that demonstrators carrying banners supporting Arab guerrillas and denouncing Israel disrupted an address by Mr. Ben Natan.

He was shouted down Monday at Frankfurt University where he spoke to an audience of 1,500 on the occasion of the beginning of Peace in the Middle East Week in Germany. On both occasions he was denounced, along with West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger and Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, as a "Nazi" and "Fascist." The Israeli Ambassador's appearances were arranged by the Organization of Jewish Students in Germany in Frankfurt and the German-Israeli Students Union in Hamburg. The demonstrations against him were instigated by the radical German Socialist Student Federation (SDS), a group that backs Arab students who support El Fatah terrorist activities against Israel.

Messages of regret for the Frankfurt disturbance poured into the Israeli Embassy here from students and prominent Germans. The writer Guenter Grass cabled his regrets.

(Washington Post correspondent Dan Morgan reported from Bonn today that the Frankfurt demonstration may be used by Government authorities as an excuse to clamp down on the radical student movement and "drop all pretenses of leniency in dealing with campus unrest." He said the conservative Christian Democratic Union of Chancellor Kiesinger would try to "capitalize" on the incident in the election campaign. Mr. Morgan quoted a party official as saying that the incident would be helpful to the conservative cause by showing that the left has as many bad traits as the extreme right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) which is sometimes called neo-Nazi.

Mr. Morgan reported that the pro-Israel mass circulation press of publisher Axel Springer expressed "outrage" over the Frankfurt incident. The newspaper Bild Zeitung demanded an end to the "terror" before "radicalinskis" wipe out the good name the country has earned over the last 25 years.)

## Ida Kaminska Speaks Nostalgically Of Another Great Yiddish Actress--Her Mother

LOS ANGELES, June 12 (JTA) -- Ida Kaminska, the former "first lady" of the Yiddish theater in Poland, spoke nostalgically here of another great Yiddish actress, the late Esther Rachel Kaminska, who was her mother. Mme Kaminska, with her husband and children, left Poland last year in the wake of the Warsaw regime's official anti-Semitic campaign. She had been director of the Yiddish State Theater in Warsaw, a Government-sponsored enterprise. She appeared here at the Los Angeles Yiddish Culture Club to mark the 34th anniversary of her mother's death. She recalled that the late Esther Kaminska, born in a small village near Grodno, became an overnight star without benefit of dramatic training and was hailed in the pre-World War II era as the queen of Europe's flourishing Yiddish theater. Mme. Kaminska was presented with a book on the career of Esther Kaminska by Zalmen Zylberzweig, a historian of the Yiddish theater in America and Europe.

## Former Catholic Nun, Who Headed College, Is Wed To Jewish Business Executive

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 12 (JTA) -- A former Roman Catholic nun who is president of a Catholic college that altered its status to a secular institution was married here yesterday to a Jewish business executive from New Jersey. The former Sister Jacqueline Grennan, 42, became Mrs. Paul Joseph Wexler in a private ceremony on the campus of Webster College which she heads.

Mr. Wexler, a 49-year-old widower with two children, is president of Orpheum Productions, Inc., a recording company. Mrs. Wexler who is nationally known as a brilliant educator, was granted permission to leave the religious order of the Sisters of Loretto in 1967 but remained as president of Webster after its transfer from the order to private ownership. The couple will live in Tenafly, New Jersey.

## Rabbi Who Graduated From Yeshiva U. Will Teach At Catholic College

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., June 12 (JTA) -- Dr. David I. Golovensky, rabbi of the Beth El congregation here, will join the faculty of Mercy College, a Catholic women's college in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., beginning with the fall semester. He will teach a course for juniors and seniors in "Pathology in Personal, Family and Social Life." In the spring semester, he will lead a course in "Perspectives of Jewish Theology" in which he will discuss the beliefs and practices of Judaism as well as Zionism and Israel. Dr. Golovensky received his B.A. from Yeshiva College, his Master's degree from the New School for Social Research and his Ph.D. from New York University where he was a member of the sociology faculty.

## 'Jewish Ledger' Of Connecticut Praised By Sen. Ribicoff On 40th Anniversary

WASHINGTON, June 12 (JTA) -- Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, today inserted into the Congressional Record a statement congratulating the "Jewish Ledger" of Hartford, Conn., on its 40th anniversary. The Senator described the "valuable contributions" of the weekly newspaper since its founding by Rabbi Abraham J. Feidman and the late Samuel Neusner. He paid special tribute to its present owners and co-publishers, Berthold Gaster and Mrs. Shirley Bunis.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

GENEVA, June 12 (JTA) -- Aharon Becker, secretary-general of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, is heading the Israeli delegation to the 50th anniversary conference of the International Labor Organization here. He will address the conference on Friday.

## Alliance Will Consider Creating Agency To Handle Funds Of Disbanded Synagogues

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) -- A resolution to determine the feasibility of creating a communal agency to receive funds of disbanded or relocated synagogues in changing urban areas was approved by delegates at the 27th annual convention of the Rabbinical Alliance of America here. Its new president, Rabbi Abraham Gross said that the action was taken yesterday in response to a feeling that funds of such congregations were being dissipated by congregational officials who were not necessarily representative of dissolved or relocated congregations. He said the agency, which would require a state charter, would be the first of its kind in the United States. The funds would be allocated by the proposed agency to aid creation of new congregations and to support of Orthodox educational congregations, according to Rabbi Gross, who succeeded Rabbi Bernard Weinberger as president of the right-wing Orthodox rabbinical group.

Another projected use of such funds would be reimbursement of rabbis of such congregations in situations where a diminishing congregation had been delinquent for years in payments of salary and other obligations, it was indicated. Rabbi Weinberger said that such an agency would require approval of the New York State Attorney General's office. Rabbi Benjamin Bomrind, who is a member of the bar, was named chairman of a committee to evaluate the legal aspects of the proposal and to report back to the Rabbinical Alliance.

A prediction that many of the present generation of rebellious Jewish youth who are now involved in campus uprisings, and aid all causes except Jewish ones, would eventually return to their Jewish heritage was made by Rabbi Nathan Bulman, of Young Israel of Far Rockaway. Rabbi Bulman, who is also dean of the Sara Schneider High School for Girls in Brooklyn, told the 100 delegates that such youth would find that their identification with radical causes in the struggle for meaningful Jewish identification would prove to be an illusion.

## Most N.Y. Jewish Voters Say City Moved 'Too Fast' On Racial Issues, See Rising Bias

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) -- A majority of Jewish voters in New York City who describe themselves as "liberal" believe that the city has moved "too fast" on racial issues and 70 percent of them believe that anti-Semitism is rising here. The findings were based on a survey conducted by the Daily News on the eve of New York's mayoralty primaries.

According to the News, 53 percent of Jewish voters think the pace of city action on racial issues is too fast compared to 52 percent of the Irish and 50 percent of Italian voters, two ethnic groups considered far more conservative than Jews on most issues. The News said that seven out of 10 Jews thought anti-Semitism was increasing but only four out of 10 Negroes concurred, the smallest percentage of any group to express that viewpoint. The News concluded that strains over race relations and the issue of anti-Semitism will have a serious impact on almost every problem that the winner of New York's mayoral election must face.

The News survey showed that Mayor John V. Lindsay had lost a substantial amount of the Jewish voter support he had when he defeated Abraham Beame, a Jewish candidate, for mayor in 1965. Asked to rate Mayor Lindsay on a variety of race-related issues, Jewish voters gave him more than 15 percent support on only two--28 percent for "helping the poor" and 26 percent for "preventing racial disturbances," the News reported.

## 807 Degrees Conferred By Yeshiva University At Its 38th Annual Commencement

NEW YORK, June 12 (JTA) -- Yeshiva University held its 38th annual commencement exercises today. Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, conferred 807 degrees on graduates of the university's five undergraduate schools and six of its post-graduate and professional schools and divisions.

Dr. Belkin presented 11 honorary degrees to leaders in the arts, science and education. The Mordecai Ben David Award was presented to Arthur J. Goldberg, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, who delivered the keynote address. The award cited Ambassador Goldberg for his "promotion of self-respect, independence and courage among members of the Jewish faith."

A total of 477 bachelor's degrees, 189 master's and 50 doctoral degrees were awarded as well as 91 certificates and diplomas. One of the graduates was Mrs. Esinet Mwendapole, of Zambia, who became the first Central African woman to hold a master's degree in social work. Another master's recipient in education was Mrs. Kathleen Stassen Berger, daughter of the former Governor of Minnesota and Presidential candidate Harold Stassen.

Mr. Goldberg devoted his remarks to the current crisis of alienation among American youth arising from the Vietnam war, the problems of the urban ghettos and the disparity in the distribution of wealth in American society. He said, "We are troubled by the increasing alienation of our young people and are too inclined to overlook the fact that this may be more due to their virtues rather than their vices."

## Rabbi Fredric Kazan Is Named Resident Dean Of Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

PHILADELPHIA, June 12 (JTA) -- Rabbi Fredric Kazan of Philadelphia has been named resident dean of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College here, it was announced by Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, college president. The school opened last September with 13 students. Rabbi Kazan will oversee daily operations of the college. He will also be responsible for the development of the program that will bring Jewish scholars to Philadelphia for a series of public forums and meetings and will also tutor the second year rabbinical students in Talmudic texts.