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## Israeli Jets Unleash Massive Bombing, Strafing Attack Against Jordanian Positions

TEL AVIV, June 18 (JTA) -- Waves of Israeli jets carried out massive bombing and strafing attacks against Jordanian artillery and military positions in the southern section of the Jordan Valley today. The attacks, which lasted more than five hours, followed an earlier aerial sortie against Arab guerrilla positions in northern Jordan opposite the Beisan Valley. The Israeli planes were unopposed by Jordanian aircraft or anti-aircraft fire and all returned safely to their bases, a military spokesman said.

Israeli pilots reported direct hits in the target areas which included an artillery position near Umm Tutz pass and other positions in the southern area from which Jordanian and Iraqi artillery have been shelling Israeli territory for the past few days. An Amman Radio broadcast said the Israeli planes hit Karameh village, which is an Arab guerrilla base, and also the areas around the Abdullah and Allenby Bridges. Several types of planes were reported to have participated in the attack. A spokesman said the attack was not prompted by yesterday's shelling of Kallia beach on the north shore of the Dead Sea in which an American tourist and an Israeli were killed and four others were wounded. He said it was the result of "endless" attacks by Arab artillery.

This morning's air strike was aimed at guerrillas who opened fire on an Israeli infantry patrol in the Beisan Valley, near Tirat Zvi. A half track coming to the aid of the patrol was attacked with bazooka shells. Israeli units returned the fire, pinning down the attackers until the planes arrived.

An Israeli soldier was killed and three others were wounded yesterday in an Egyptian mortar and artillery attack along the Suez Canal, a military spokesman reported. He said the Egyptians opened fire along the central and southern sections of the waterway and briefly in the northern section. Another Israeli soldier died today of wounds he suffered in an Egyptian shelling on June 10.

The Army announced today that five Syrian soldiers were taken prisoner Sunday by an Israeli part of which intercepted them in the Golan Heights near the scene of recent attacks and mining incidents. The Syrians surrendered after a brief clash in which one of them was wounded. They were believed to be saboteurs but interrogation disclosed that the group consisted of a Syrian Army intelligence unit and its escort, the communique said.

## Dayan Tells Knesset Of Damage Sustained By UN Observers At Canal

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan reported to the Knesset yesterday that United Nations Observer's posts on the Israel-occupied side of the Suez Canal were hit by Egyptian shell fire 39 times in the first five months of this year and suffered blast and shrapnel damage in nine other instances from shells that landed nearby. Gen. Dayan said his figures come from reports published by the UN Secretariat.

He said they showed that UN posts on the Egyptian side of the canal were hit only twice in the same period by Israeli fire and sustained only light damage. The posts on the Israeli side were either destroyed or suffered severe damage, he said. According to Gen. Dayan, Egyptian artillery units stationed themselves in close proximity to the UN posts, in one case less than a yard away.

## U.S. Government Is Warning Tourists To Avoid Israel-Arab Cease-Fire Lines

WASHINGTON, June 18 (JTA) -- The United States Government is warning American tourists to stay away from all Israel-Arab cease-fire lines, State Department officials said today. The warning has been issued on an informal basis by American embassies and consulates for several months since the frontier strife worsened.

U.S. officials said the death yesterday of Shirley Louise Anderson, of Rochester, N.Y., illustrated the gravity of the situation near the cease-fire lines. She was killed by Iraqi shell fire on Kallia Beach on the northern tip of the Dead Sea.

A statement by Israeli Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol, issued in Israel today, warned visitors to avoid cease-fire lines. State Department sources said the U.S. Government found that such a warning was sound advice that Americans should heed. Mr. Kol said, "I suggest that tourists do not visit border areas in particular, but instead tour other areas." He made it clear that compliance would be left to the individual.

An Israeli Tourism Ministry spokesman said yesterday right after the incident that he hoped the killing of the young American tourist by shells fired from Jordan "will not have an adverse effect" on tourism. Chaim Klein, Ministry spokesman, said it was the first case of an attack on tourists, although in several cases tourists have had to run for shelter. Miss Anderson was the first foreign tourist fatality since the 1967 war. Her body will be flown to the United States. Amman Radio blamed Israel for the fatality, claiming Israel deliberately endangered the lives of foreign visitors for propaganda advantages. Kallia, where the 122-millimeter shells fell, is popular as a health spa with fresh springs. It is less than a mile from the cease-fire line and has come under sporadic rocket and artillery fire.

## Soviet Union Replies To United States Mideast Peace Proposals, State Dept. Says

WASHINGTON, June 18 (JTA) -- The State Department disclosed today that the Soviet Union has responded to United States Mideast peace proposals made in recent weeks in the course of bilateral talks between Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin.

According to a department spokesman, the response was delivered to Secretary of State William P. Rogers by Yuri Tcherniakov, charge d'affaires at the Soviet Embassy here. The contents were not disclosed but they are believed to be based on the impressions gained by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko following his Cairo meetings last week with President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt. Mr. Rogers was said to be "studying" the Soviet document.

According to informed sources here, the U.S. had asked the Soviet Union to clarify its definition of terms for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories as part of a "package deal" that would include a contractual peace settlement and the establishment of permanent, secure and agreed boundaries. Mr. Gromyko is said to have submitted the American proposals to President Nasser who rejected them, according to Cairo reports.

A vital element of the American proposal to Moscow in the bilateral talks was said by officials to be a requirement that the Arabs sign an accord with Israel tantamount to a contractual obligation. However, the accord would not be characterized as a formal peace treaty in deference to Arab sensibilities and Arab resistance to direct negotiations. Under the U.S. formula, officials said, the Arab states and Israel would have to agree on details of Israeli troop withdrawal from occupied territories. The American stand is that Israel should have secure borders but is not entitled to profit from conquest.

## Eban Tells Human Needs Parley That Big 4, Jarring Have Not Brought Peace Closer

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban called today for a return of the discussion of the Middle East issues to the Middle East region and declared that the Four Power talks going on in New York have not come any closer to solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict than the year-long efforts of the United Nations' peace envoy, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring.

Mr. Eban spoke at the International Conference on Human Needs in Israel, attended by 204 delegates representing major fund-raising bodies in the United States and 23 other countries. He said it was Israel's aim to instill in the Arabs both despair and hope: Despair that any outside factors would solve their problems and hope that direct talks with Israel would bring them the kind of peace they need.

Mr. Eban said Israel was not willing to forego any vital security needs for the sake of building its image abroad. He said, however, that Israel will continue to appeal to world public opinion for support. Among the weapons Israel needs, Mr. Eban said, is nerve. He warned that any declaration that the present cease-fire lines are the permanent borders Israel desires might close its options for peace. On the other hand, he said, under no circumstances will there be a return to the armistice lines of May, 1967.

The executive vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal said today that Israel needs \$350 million a year to cover the costs of immigrant absorption and related fields. According to Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman that amount was raised in the U.S. in 1967. He said the sum dropped in 1968 but increased in 1969 and he thought a further increase was possible in 1970.

Rabbi Friedman addressed the campaigns workshop at the conference. Yaacov Tsour, chairman of the Jewish National Fund, offered the services of the JNF staff to assist in fund-raising efforts in countries where fund-raising was not yet coordinated. He noted that outside of Great Britain there are no professional Jewish fund-raisers in Europe and suggested that some be sent from Israel.

The workshop on housing, chaired by New York real estate executive Jack D. Weiler, heard several proposals for financing housing for immigrants. Joseph Kanter, of Cincinnati, representing young leadership, suggested that the State and private banks form a non-profit organization to subsidize mortgages.

Gottlieb Hammer, executive vice chairman of the United Israel Appeal, proposed that apartments be built and rented out to the Jewish Agency, Inc. or to the UJA for further rental. He thought the workshop should accept the principle that housing is a long term project and funds for it cannot be taken out of the regular campaign receipts.

## Cabinet Hears Mrs. Meir's Report On Visit To Britain, Talks With Foreign Leaders

JERUSALEM, June 18 (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet held a special session today to hear Premier Golda Meir's report on her visit to England. No details were released but a spokesman told newsmen that Mrs. Meir believed her meetings with British and other foreign leaders gave her an opportunity to explain Israel's position in detail. In addition to Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart, Mrs. Meir talked with West German Foreign Minister Willy Brandt and Italian Foreign Minister Pietro Nenni whom she met at the conference of the Socialist International at East-borne.

Mrs. Meir reportedly said that she felt the British Government and people are basically friendly toward Israel and that the differences between Britain and Israel over approaches to Middle East peace would continue to be discussed in a friendly atmosphere. She said she was impressed with British Jewry's identification with Israel. Asked upon her return, about Britain's pending sale of modern

Chieftain tanks to Libya, Mrs. Meir said, "If I were asked by any government to sell arms to any government whose policy it is to attack another state or another government, I would say no. But I wasn't asked and the British Government, when it decided, thought it was not harmful to the security of Israel.

#### Labor MP Says Chieftain Tanks Destined For Libya Could Wind Up In Egypt

LONDON, June 18 (JTA) -- Reginald Paget, a Labor Member of Parliament, charged in the House of Commons yesterday that the Foreign Office decided "unconditionally" to supply Chieftain tanks to Libya, a member of the Arab League at war with Israel. Mr. Paget said the tanks could be passed on to Egypt.

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary Michael Stewart told the House, "It is part of our general practice in sale of arms that they should be used solely for defense of the country to which they are sold. It was explicitly provided for in this contract as in others."

Mr. Paget was questioning the Government's decision to sell the tanks to Libya in light of its failure to act on Israel's year old order for \$144 million worth of Chieftains, a modern tank.

Commenting editorially on the controversy, the London Daily Telegraph said Israel should get the tanks since Britain recently sold Centurion model tanks to Jordan and "Israel's major enemy, Egypt, has been stuffed with the best Russian tanks."

#### **Communist Parties' Conference Blames Israel For Tensions In Mideast**

LONDON, June 18 (JTA) -- An "Appeal in Defense of Peace," adopted by the international meeting of 75 Communist Parties in Moscow and made public yesterday warned in part that "as a result of Israeli aggression against the Arab peoples, a dangerous seat of tension is being preserved in the Middle East which may start a war conflagration at any moment."

The "Appeal" called on all peoples for action in behalf of peace "to strive for the liquidation of the consequences of Israeli aggression in the Mideast on the basis of the resolution of the United Nations Security Council" of Nov. 22, 1967

The call for action on Israel was the first item listed after a demand for "an end to the U.S. aggression in Vietnam." The Communists' appeal called on all classes of people including "religious communities and associations" and "people of different religious faiths" to support their plea for peace.

#### **El Fatah Threatens Safety Of West German Nationals In Arab Lands**

BONN, June 18 (JTA) -- El Fatah, the Palestinian guerrilla organization, has made an oblique threat against German citizens in Arab countries. The West German Foreign Ministry disclosed today the contents of a letter to the German Ambassador in Jordan, Dr. Hans Joachim Hille, from an El Fatah member who signed his name, A. Kamal. The Foreign Ministry denounced the letter which it said was being studied by the German Embassy in Amman and the Foreign Office here.

The writer said that El Fatah could no longer be "responsible" for the safety of West Germans in Arab countries. He attributed recent threats against Germans to injuries allegedly suffered by Arab student supporters of El Fatah in scuffles at the University of Frankfurt and Hamburg University where the Arabs and left-wing German student demonstrators disrupted speeches by Israel's Ambassador Asher Ben Natan last week.

#### **Writer Finds Only 'Jews In Search Of Their Past' In Polish Provinces**

LONDON, June 18 (JTA) -- The Polish Yiddish weekly "Folkstimme" reports in its current issue that the Polish countryside and provincial towns are virtually devoid of Jewish community life today although individual Jews can be found and occasionally "a few lost souls wandering in the ruins of their old homes--Jews in search of their past."

"Folkstimme" is published by the Jewish Cultural and Social Association in Warsaw. Last year, it was reduced from daily to weekly status. The writer of the article said "Jewish cultural and social life is no longer as rich and pulsating as it used to be. But even today one can still come across Jews who are workers, teachers, shop assistants and craftsmen. You may even meet a Jewish manager here and there, if you look long enough." The writer said that travelling through Galicia where he was born he couldn't find a single Jew in such former Jewish towns as Lesko and Sanok.

#### **American Member Of Human Rights Commission To Visit Egypt, Israel**

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 18 (JTA) -- Mrs. Rita Hauser, United States member of the UN Human Rights Commission, will visit Egypt and Israel soon as the invited guest of their Governments.

She is going as a private individual but will look into the condition of Jews in Egypt and Arabs in Israeli occupied territories, she said. Mrs. Hauser will be in the Mideast for a month.

#### **Rabbi Yosef Ovadia Is Installed As Sephardic Chief Rabbi Of Tel Aviv**

TEL AVIV, June 18 (JTA) -- Rabbi Yosef Ovadia was installed yesterday as Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv in a solemn ceremony held at the Great Synagogue here. Israel's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Isser Untermann and Minister of the Interior Moshe Shapiro were present, as was Army Chief Chaplain Shlomo Goren.

## Orthodox Jews Are Forming Auxiliary Police Force In Boro Park Section Of Brooklyn

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA) -- Plans were disclosed today by an Orthodox rabbi for creation of an auxiliary police force, to be made up of Orthodox Jews who will patrol the Boro Park section of Brooklyn as a permanent guard for the section's residents. It will be the first such force in the history of the Boro Park Jewish community.

Rabbi Chaim Auerbach, a Boro Park yeshiva teacher, is founder and director of the force, for which 27 Jewish men have been recruited to date. Rabbi Auerbach also is chairman of the Boro Park Coordinating Council, which was organized a month ago by a group of "concerned citizens" of the section with the goal of maintaining the Jewish identity of the neighborhood and of coping with street crime from which, the rabbi said, Boro Park is not immune. He said several projects were being developed by the Council, in addition to the auxiliary patrol.

Organization of the new council developed from an effort by the Jewish Defense League, a militant right-wing group, to create a Boro Park chapter. Rabbi Meir Kahane, JDL organizer, attended a chapter organizational meeting in May at a Boro Park branch of the Agudas Israel. At a second chapter organizational meeting, a dispute developed when Boro Park leaders of the proposed JDL chapter insisted on the right to consult local rabbinical leaders before taking action in the event of disturbances. That condition was rejected by the visiting JDL leaders, who walked out of the meeting, an action which ended the chapter organizing effort.

Participants in the two meetings then set up the coordinating council which began action on several projects, including the auxiliary police unit. Members of the unit will begin training in the 66th New York City police precinct headquarters this month and the initial deployment is scheduled to begin in September. The auxiliary unit members will have identity cards, armbands and badges. They will carry billy clubs and will be taught use of the clubs, as well as judo, karate and first aid, in the 10-week training program. They will be equipped with walkie-talkies, to be financed partly by a grant from the local Chamber of Commerce.

The auxiliary police will be posted in pairs at subway entrances, bus stops, synagogues and similar public places and will be on duty from around 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Membership in the city's auxiliary force requires a commitment to serve a minimum of 20 hours for every three-month period. Precinct officials have promised to assign non-Jewish auxiliary police to serve during the Sabbath and Holy days. Recruiting will continue indefinitely to provide maximum coverage of the area on a year-round basis.

Rabbi Auerbach said three other projects are being developed. One is an escort service for which about a dozen Jews with cars has been recruited. He said about 100 posters had been placed in store windows, synagogues, schools and other places in Boro Park advising residents how to obtain such escort service when they need it--for example, late in the evening when taxicabs may not be available. Starting in September, the Council will provide men who will post themselves at bus stops to assure that school children arriving from school at the end of the day will not be molested. A third project is synagogue checkouts. Older Jews who cannot participate in the auxiliary patrols are being enrolled to act as monitors who will examine synagogues in their neighborhoods to make sure that doors are locked and to check any suspicious activities.

## Fragmentation Of Jewish Vote Affected Outcome Of Mayoral Primary, 'Post' Says

NEW YORK, June 18 (JTA) -- Fragmentation of the Jewish vote helped give two conservatives the Democratic and Republican Party nominations in yesterday's mayoralty primary elections here, a district-by-district survey of the results by the New York Post disclosed. City Controller Mario Procaccino won the Democratic nomination for mayor and State Sen. John Marchi the Republican nomination. Both men campaigned on one issue--safety in the streets and law and order.

Mr. Procaccino came out ahead in a five-way race in which he defeated former Mayor Robert F. Wagner, a one-time favorite of Jewish voters, and two Jewish candidates, Rep. James H. Scheuer and writer Norman Mailer. Mr. Marchi defeated incumbent Mayor John V. Lindsay whose 1965 victory over Abraham D. Beame, a Jew, was attributed in large measure to his heavy Jewish support. According to the Post survey by reporter Michael J. Berlin, "the Jewish vote was split three ways--and raised serious questions of whether there is any longer something called the 'Jewish vote'."

Both Mr. Procaccino and Mr. Marchi received overwhelming support in Italian-American, Irish, German and Scandinavian districts. The Jewish Democratic vote on Manhattan's West Side went mainly to Bronx Borough President Herman Badillo, a liberal Democrat and the first mayoral candidate of Puerto Rican descent. But in Brooklyn's heavily Jewish Flatbush and Brighton Beach sections, Mr. Procaccino ran a close second to former Mayor Wagner. He decisively took a Jewish district from Mr. Wagner in the Rockaways. On the Republican side, Mayor Lindsay rolled up a better than three-to-one margin in a largely Jewish Upper West Side district but lost to Mr. Marchi two-to-one among Jewish voters in Queens and three-to-one in Brooklyn's Crown Heights section, Mr. Berlin reported. Crown Heights, the Rockaways and Brighton Beach have heavy concentrations of Orthodox Jews.

Mr. Berlin said that the Post discerned a break in the traditional Jewish liberal pattern of voting last year when certain Jewish neighborhoods in Queens and Brooklyn gave a sizeable minority--25 percent--to Conservative Party candidate James Buckley in his Senatorial race with Sen. Jacob Javits, a liberal Republican. "The primary results indicate that the fragmentation of the Jewish vote has increased," Mr. Berlin wrote.