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Arab Commandos, In Most Daring Raid Since 1967 War, Hit Oil Pipelines In Haifa Port

HAIFA, June 24 (JTA) -- Arab commandos conducted their most daring raid today since the Six-Day War when they blew up a 12-inch oil pipeline in the port of Haifa, police said. The commandos struck about 8 a.m. in the city's fuel harbor. The heat from the destroyed pipe set other pipes afire, spilling about 1,500 tons of blazing oil as firemen from Haifa and neighboring localities fought the blaze with foam for about five hours before controlling it. Israel's oil supply was undamaged as the pipes were used for refined oil bound for export and not for national consumption.

(In Cairo, the Palestine Armed Struggle Command said that Al Assifa, the military arm of the El Fatah terrorist organization, was responsible for the sabotage.)

Minor fires continued blazing for many hours afterward. Police and soldiers blocked off the area. Police reported finding one unexploded dynamite charge near the blast site and rounded up between 50-60 Arabs.

Haifa is the country's main port and is located about 50 miles north of Tel Aviv. The site of the explosion is some dozen miles below the Lebanon border and about 32 miles west of the Jordanian and Syrian borders.

Arab guerrillas blew up a segment of the American-owned Trans-Arabian pipeline (Tapline) on May 31 at a point where it transits the occupied Syrian Golan Heights on the way from Saudi Arabia to seaports in Lebanon. Some 8,000 tons spilled into the Sea of Galilee and the Israel Government plugged the line up.

Israel Shoots Down Egyptian Jet As Fighting Heats Up In Suez Canal Region

TEL AVIV, June 24 (JTA) -- Israeli and Egyptian jets fought an air battle over the Gulf of Suez today as Egyptian commandos staged their third foray in three days against Israeli positions on the east bank of the Suez Canal. The site of the raid was an Israeli Army outpost at El Shatt, four miles north of Port Suez. An Israeli military spokesman said one Egyptian MIG-21 was downed in flames over Egyptian territory and that its pilot was apparently killed. All Israeli jets were reported to have returned safely to their bases. Egypt said it shot down an Israeli plane. The spokesman said Israeli forces repulsed the Egyptian commando attack which came during an intense artillery barrage. One Israeli soldier was killed.

Authorities here assessed the results of yesterday's Israeli commando raid against military positions in Jordan which severely damaged the \$85 million East Ghor Canal, that country's major irrigation project. The raid followed two warnings from Premier Golda Meir to King Hussein of Jordan against continuing artillery attacks on Israeli settlements in the Beisan Valley. The Ghor canal diverted water from the Yarmuk River to irrigate farms in northern Jordan. It was completed five years ago after six years of construction and served an estimated 60,000 Jordanians. Most of the benefitting farmers were said to have left the region as a result of frequent artillery battles.

Observers here noted that increased commando raids by Israelis and Arabs in the past few days have significantly altered the military operations which were hitherto confined largely to artillery exchanges. On Sunday, an Israeli raiding party hit an Egyptian naval radar station on the Gulf of Suez. Egyptian commandos made two attacks on Israeli positions on the canal's east bank Sunday and Monday. Israeli sources said the Egyptians were repulsed at the perimeter of the fortifications and left three dead behind. A military spokesman said that in today's commando raid, the Egyptians attacked with grenades and machineguns but were forced to retreat. Cairo claimed today that 22 Israelis were killed. Egypt says total casualties in the three raids were 40 Israelis and three Egyptians killed and six Egyptians wounded. Israel says one Israeli was killed and five were wounded, against four Egyptians known dead.

Reports from Cairo today said that President Gamal Abdel Nasser fired Egypt's Air Force commander, Gen. Mustafa Shalabi El Henawi, and replaced him with Soviet-trained Gen. Aly Mustafa Baghdadi. Gen. Baghdadi is the fourth commander named to head the Egyptian Air Force since most of it was destroyed by Israeli jets in the opening hours of the Six-Day War.

Golda Meir Will Arrive In U.S. On July 27, Sets Meetings With Nixon And Rogers

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA) -- Premier Golda Meir will arrive in the United States on July 27 for a week-long visit during which she will meet with President Richard M. Nixon, Secretary of State William P. Rogers and other high ranking American officials, the JTA learned today. There was no official confirmation of the date from the Prime Minister's office which plans to make the announcement simultaneously with an announcement in Washington. JTA learned however that Mrs. Meir's program includes a television appearance, a press conference and meetings with American Jewish leaders. She will be accompanied by Dr. Yaacov Herzog, director-general of the Prime Minister's office, and her newly appointed political secretary, Simcha Dinitz. Mr. Dinitz is presently in Washington where he is terminating his duties as minister in charge of information at the Israel Embassy.

Gideon Rafael, Israel Foreign Ministry Director-General, Confers With Paris Equal

PARIS, June 24 (JTA) -- Gideon Rafael, director-general of the Israel Foreign Ministry, met with his French counterpart, Herve Alphand, secretary-general of the French Foreign Ministry, here today. Observers noted that it was the first high level meeting between Israeli and French diplomats since November, 1967. It is believed to mark the resumption of the Franco-Israeli "dialogue" which was interrupted when the de Gaulle Government imposed an arms embargo on Israel following the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Mr. Rafael will return to Israel tomorrow.

In a related development, the secretary-general of the Arab League said in an interview published today that he was confident "Franco-Arab relations will remain unchanged despite the departure of President Charles de Gaulle" from political power. Abdul Halak Hasouna told the newspaper *Le Monde* that he saw Franco-Arab relations expanding in the fields of trade, culture and political contacts under the new French President, Georges Pompidou.

Israeli Authorities Evict 10 Youths Who Camped At Shiloh Site As Settlers

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA) -- Israeli authorities yesterday evicted 10 young Israelis who camped themselves on the site of ancient Shiloh on the West Bank and announced their intention of establishing a permanent settlement there. The youths were one of several groups of Israelis who attempted unsuccessfully to establish Jewish settlements in the Samaria region north of Jerusalem.

Security forces, apparently forewarned, stopped the would-be settlers at checkpoints on the road to Nablus and in other West Bank areas. Under military government regulations, Israelis are not permitted to remain in the West Bank or other occupied territories for more than 48 hours without special permission.

One of the groups ordered to leave was accompanied by Shmuel Tamir, a Free Center member of the Knesset. Mr. Tamir is also a leader of the Greater Israel movement which advocates annexation of all Arab territories occupied in the June, 1967 war. But the youngsters who came in trucks loaded with household utensils denied that they had any political affiliation or that they were associated with the Movement. They said, "we shall try again but next time we won't tell so many people."

The Military Government evicted the Shiloh campers in order to prevent a recurrence of last year's incident in Hebron. A group of Orthodox Jews established themselves in that West Bank town over a year ago and refused to leave. They were subsequently granted permission to remain as the result of political pressure from several coalition parties.

Arabs Evicted From Buildings Near Western Wall Where Explosives Were Placed

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA) -- Israeli authorities today gave 100 Arabs two days to leave homes and shops on a street near the Western Wall. Explosives were placed in some of the buildings last Friday. Israeli sources said 17 buildings would be torn down for "security" reasons. The evictions followed Friday's explosions in the street as thousands of Jews were at Sabbath Eve prayer at the Wall. Six persons were injured and two American tourists were treated for shock. So far, two Arab terrorist organizations have claimed credit for setting the blasts by using three 10-pound bombs. Israeli officials said the evacuated Arabs would be "fully compensated" and that the Jerusalem municipality would help them to find new homes. The buildings include a court house and a school run by a Moslem religious authority.

Rabbis, Laymen Urge Increased Tourism Despite Arab Terrorist Tactics

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA) -- An international conference of rabbis and religious lay leaders has urged Jews all over the world to visit Israel in greater numbers than ever before and not to be intimidated by recent acts of terrorism. The appeal was contained in a resolution adopted at the close of the conference which was devoted to tourism. It was attended by the Chief Rabbis of Britain, France and South Africa and Israel's two Chief Rabbis.

Yesterday the gathering was addressed by Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol and representatives of the Jewish Agency. The latter noted that tourists are now eligible for preferential mortgages for houses they build in Israel. This afternoon the delegates are to attend the cornerstone laying of Jerusalem's "Great Synagogue" adjacent to the Hechal Shlomo, the Chief Rabbis' center. The ceremonies will be held despite the fact that municipal authorities have rejected plans for the huge edifice which they said violate local zoning laws.

Peruvian Named To Appoint 3-Nation UN Committee To Probe Condition Of Arabs

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 24 (JTA) -- A Peruvian, Luis Alvarado Garrido, was selected yesterday by 16 of his fellow vice presidents of the General Assembly to appoint a special three-member committee to study charges of violations of human rights by Israel in the occupied territories. The vice presidents met to select one of their number for the task following a suggestion of Secretary-General U Thant which was approved last week by 67--a majority-of the UN member states.

Mr. Thant had circulated proposals among all 126 members on how to resolve the problem of selecting the committee. Israel's representative, Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, denounced Mr. Thant's action as "dubious", "illegal" and "unwarranted." Israel opposed the resolution to establish the investigating committee last winter and insisted that there can be no inquiry into the condition of Arabs in the occupied territories unless there is also an investigation of the condition of Jews in the Arab countries.

Canadian Senate Approves Bill Outlawing Racial And Religious Hate Propaganda

OTTAWA, June 24 (JTA) -- A controversial bill that will outlaw racial and religious hate propaganda has been passed by the Canadian Senate by a 37-21 vote on a third reading. But the measure is strongly opposed by most members of the opposition and several Government members and its future is uncertain. The opposition is based on claims that the legislation does not sufficiently protect the rights of individuals. Proponents claim that it does. Senator Daniel Long objected to the bill on grounds that it is so vague it would encourage hate and discrimination instead of eliminating it.

Passage of the bill by the Senate before it was dealt with by the House of Commons was a reversal of the usual procedure. Parliament recesses for the summer next week and the measure is not likely to reach the floor before then. Supporters of the bill fear that Parliament may begin a new session shortly after the summer recess in which case the legislation would "die" and would have to be re-introduced. It was first introduced in 1966 and has been revised three times since then.

Magistrate Sets Judgement Date On 'Insulting' Language Telephone Case

TORONTO, June 24 (JTA) -- A magistrate here will deliver a judgement July 24 on an alleged neo-Nazi charged with using "grossly insulting" anti-Jewish language on a recorded telephone message. Dutch-born Jakob Prins, identified as a bodyguard for self-styled Canadian Nazi leader John Beattie, had no counsel, pleaded innocent, and declined to question witnesses or offer a defense.

Charges were brought against Mr. Prins, a former wrestler, by Ben Kayfetz, community relations director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, who charged that Mr. Prins violated an Ontario law prohibiting the use of telephones for indecent, obscene, blasphemous or grossly insulting language. The prosecutor asked the court to find the accused guilty not because the CJC found the message offensive but because an ordinary member of the community would find it such.

The alleged message described a "Jew rabbi" killing a cow for Kosher food. The male voice said a "Jew rabbi" makes the animal suffer in the most gruesome, fiendish, devilish way ever imagined...the Jew rabbi smiles. A dribble of saliva drools out of the corner of his lip down over the edge of his dirty, black beard. After all, he enjoys his blood money. No, this is not a description of an SS camp...The Jew rabbi obeys his hate book, the Talmud...based on the suffering of all on this planet that is not Jewish." Provincial Judge Carl Waisburg, who headed the case, is a Jew.

Israel Industrial And Trade Fair Set To Open In Argentina, To Replace One Burned Out

BUENOS AIRES, June 24 (JTA) -- "Israel Expo-69," an industrial and trade fair said to be the largest ever assembled by Israel in a foreign country, will be opened officially here tomorrow by Josef Sapir, Minister Without Portfolio in the Israel Cabinet. The fair replaces an Israeli exhibit which burned to the ground here last September a few days before the opening of an international trade fair.

The pavilion occupies nearly 5,000 square yards and contains merchandise and displays valued at \$1 million. Many of the items will be on sale and the proceeds will be donated to various Argentinian welfare institutions. One purpose of the fair is to improve Israel's trade balance with Argentina. Last year Israel bought \$12 million worth of goods from Argentina but exported only \$1.4 million worth to that country.

NEWS IN BRIEF

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA) -- Israel's trade gap widened in the first five months of 1969 by 35 percent and was \$195 million, the central bureau of statistics announced. Imports increased by \$90 million and exports rose by \$40 million in the period. The export increase was mostly in diamonds and other industrial goods, the bureau said.

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA) -- The Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff public library has been dedicated in Jerusalem's Gonen section which is inhabited mainly by settlers from Oriental countries. The library will serve students at the Denmark High School, now under construction, and residents of the area. Mr. Meyerhoff, a Baltimore Jewish leader, is chairman of the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal of which both the library and the Denmark school are projects.

NEW YORK, June 24 (JTA) -- New York Senator Jacob K. Javits was honored today on his 65th birthday at a dinner given by the Synagogue Council of America, the national coordinating agency for the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform branches of Judaism. Sen. Javits received a 10-inch bronze statue of David and Goliath by sculptor Milton Hebard. Some 300 attended. Sen. Javits is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

WINNIPEG, Canada, June 24 (JTA) -- A columnist for the Yiddish Press, a weekly newspaper published here, has urged the local rabbinate to prevail upon the city fathers to include the Yiddish language in the public school curriculum, starting next September. The call, by Dr. M. Erenberg, was prompted by the announcement that the Ukrainian language will be taught in Winnipeg public schools next September, beginning with the seventh grade.

LONDON, June 24 (JTA) -- Alderman Michael Fidler, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, will represent British Jewry at the investiture of Prince Charles as the Prince of Wales at Caernarvon Castle in Wales on July 1.

Orthodox Rabbis Reject Selective Conscientious Objection To Military Chaplaincy

FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 24 (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, a major association of Orthodox rabbis, rejected here today selective conscientious objection to the military chaplaincy and voted to maintain the draft of military chaplains in contrast to the Reform and Conservative movements in Judaism which have eliminated it. The resolution as introduced by Rabbi Zev Segal of Newark, president, and passed unanimously by the organization at its 33rd annual convention here, also called on Orthodox rabbinical seminaries to maintain the draft of newly-ordained rabbis, or to reinstitute it if it has been eliminated.

The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, at which most of the 1,000 members of the Rabbinical Council were ordained, has dropped the draft. Rabbi Segal said that it was a "sacred and unquestionably moral obligation to serve the religious needs of Jews in the armed services," and he declared that those who refuse to serve would not be admitted into membership in the rabbinical organization. This prohibition would make it difficult for such rabbis to obtain pulpits, he said.

"Whether rabbis approve or disapprove of our country's military involvement in Vietnam bears no relation to the fact that young Jews require the service of their clergymen," Rabbi Segal's resolution declared. "Men who are being drafted into the military services are not asked whether they are for or against the war in Vietnam and they are entitled to spiritual guidance and assistance during their service. The need for chaplains to lead religious services, teach the principles of their faith, provide pastoral counseling, perform religious rites and represent the small minority of Jews in the military does not diminish because the United States is right or wrong in being in Vietnam," the measure stated.

Rabbi Segal stressed that as long as the armed forces of this country consist primarily of draftees and not volunteers, "it is our solemn duty to support the imposition of a similar draft upon the spiritual leaders whose committed goal is to serve their flock under all conditions. When and if the U.S. Government decides to substitute a volunteer army for that based on conscription, a similar option should be granted to rabbis, allowing them to determine whether or not they wish to serve in the military."

The Rabbinical Council, Rabbi Segal stressed, maintains that while "laymen may refuse to participate in military service because of the dictates of conscience, the recourse to selective conscientious objection on the part of rabbis does not constitute a valid reason not to serve as chaplains." He said also that "experience of World War II and the Korean War confirmed the truth that chaplains serve the needs of their men and not the political-military objectives of governments."

Israelis Claim Egyptians Perpetrated Hoax On Nixon In Visit Of Arab Woman, Daughter

TEL AVIV, June 24 (JTA) -- Official sources here and well-informed Israelis in Washington claimed today that Egyptian authorities apparently perpetrated a hoax on President Richard M. Nixon who entertained the widow and daughter of a deceased Egyptian pilot in the White House yesterday. The sources said that the late Capt. Hadayat Yusuf Hilmi, who piloted a plane that carried Mr. Nixon during his 1963 visit to Egypt, died in a crash in September, 1967 and not as claimed by Cairo, in the June, 1967 Six-Day War. They said the Egyptian Government was trying to exploit the visit of Mrs. Hadayet Hilmi and her 14-year-old daughter, Nagla, to Washington for propaganda purposes.

The invitation to the Hilmis was extended in response to a letter Nagla wrote to Mr. Nixon reminding him that in 1963 he had invited her father to visit Washington. Sources in the U.S. capital said Egyptian Government circles prompted the girl to write and instructed her to assert that her father was a victim of the Six-Day War. They said that Capt. Hilmi's accidental death in the crash of an air transport three months after the war was duly noted by the Cairo newspaper Al Ahram in September, 1968, the first anniversary of the crash.

(The White House and the U.S. State Department yesterday affirmed the Egyptian claim that Capt. Hilmi was shot down in the War. It was also disclosed that Mr. Nixon wrote to Nagla saying, "if we can achieve peace, we will not be losing great men like your father in future battles." The young girl's visit to the White House where she was greeted by the President and his daughter, Mrs. Julie Eisenhower, was widely publicized in the press and on television. In the brief ceremonies, Mr. Nixon sought to avoid politics and said the teen-ager would "have a great time in Disneyland and in Hollywood."

Arrangements are being made for the girl and her mother to visit Cape Kennedy, the U.S. military rocket and space center. The Hilmis' trip was reportedly financed by Egyptian authorities through the newspaper Al Ahram and by additional contributions solicited from the Pan-American Oil Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, and the Phillips Petroleum Co.

Military Police Battalion In District Of Columbia Establish Kosher Mess Facility

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA) -- Some 30 members of the 171st military police battalion of the District of Columbia National Guard have set up what may be the first kosher mess hall in the history of the U.S. armed forces. The facility, in an interfaith chapel, was obtained through the efforts of battalion commander Maj. Robert Donlon, and Capt. Walter Gummelt, battalion chaplain, who is a Baptist minister. Maj. Donlon said, "We're happy to be able to do something for our Jewish troops because we often have to train on their Sabbath." The soldiers said they will contribute their own money to buy kosher food. One is 2nd Lt. Robert Atkins, a Negro who converted to Judaism. Specialist 4th class Neil Seidman volunteered to cook for the mess. The observant Guardsmen will take their lunch and dinner there but will breakfast in the regular mess hall.