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Dayan Declares That Israel Regards Jordan River As Its Eastern Security Border

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan declared yesterday that "Israel regards the River Jordan as her eastern security border, the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip will remain in Israeli hands" and Israel will "protect its shipping in the Straits of Tiran" which "will be connected to Israel by a territorial continuity."

Gen. Dayan addressed the political committee of the Labor Party-Mapam alignment which is drafting the security plank of the party's platform for the Oct. 28 Knesset elections. The committee is headed by Premier Golda Meir.

The Defense Minister proposed that the platform state that "Israel would base peace agreements on secure borders and will see to it that they are recognized and agreed to by its neighbors." Mapam, which usually takes a softer line on Israeli peace terms, raised no objections to Gen. Dayan's proposals. It did object however to certain proposals concerning future policy in the occupied Arab territories. A special committee was appointed to deal with that question and submit its recommendations at the Labor Party national convention Aug. 3.

Eban Meets With Jarring, Israel Said To Be Seeking Renewal Of His Mideast Mission

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban met with Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations' special envoy to the Middle East, in Zurich yesterday, it was disclosed here. The meeting was their first since April. It was understood that the initiative for the meeting was taken by Mr. Eban in line with Israel's desire to have Dr. Jarring resume his peace-seeking mission in the Middle East.

That mission was suspended three months ago when the Four Power Mideast talks began in New York under UN auspices and Dr. Jarring returned to his post as Sweden's Ambassador to Moscow. His meeting with the Israeli Foreign Minister lasted 90 minutes. Informants here said Mr. Eban reiterated Israel's view that peace could be achieved in the Middle East only through direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Their talk was described as of "an informative nature." But Israeli officials are known to believe that the time is ripe for Dr. Jarring to resume his mediation efforts in view of the apparent failure of the Big Four talks and the impasse in bilateral talks between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the Israeli view, while Dr. Jarring's efforts failed to yield any results they served to maintain some sort of dialogue and contact between Israel and the Arab states.

The official purpose of Foreign Minister Eban's trip to Switzerland this week was to consult with Israeli envoys to Western European countries. He had a lengthy meeting yesterday with Walter Eytan, Israel's Ambassador to France, on Franco-Israel relations in light of President Georges Pompidou's statement last week that he would not lift the embargo on 50 Israeli Mirage V jets.

Sisco Holds Second Session With Soviet Officials On Mideast Settlement

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA) -- The State Department announced that Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Joseph J. Sisco, met for more than four hours with Soviet officials in Moscow today on issues relating to a settlement of the Middle East dispute. Meeting with Mr. Sisco were Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir M. Vinogradov, G.J. Korienko, chief of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's American section, and I.N. Yakushin, chief of the Ministry's Near East section. The U.S. diplomat met yesterday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko on the Middle East situation.

Mr. Sisco's trip to the Soviet capital has been described here as a "brief round" in the U.S.-Soviet dialogue on the Middle East. The State Department said today that Mr. Sisco was seeking a common ground with the Russians for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute. Some observers regarded Mr. Gromyko's two-and-a-half hour meeting with Mr. Sisco as further evidence that the Soviet Government is interested in better relations with the U.S. as stated by the Foreign Minister in a speech to the Supreme Soviet last week. While the Sisco-Gromyko talks were underway, Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid I. Brezhnev met in Moscow with Aly Sabry, a member of the Supreme Executive Committee of the ruling Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only legal political party.

Dayan Tells Knesset That 119 Guerrillas And Saboteurs Have Been Killed This Year

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA) -- Israeli security forces have killed 119 Arab guerrillas and saboteurs in clashes between January and July 7, 1969, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan reported to the Knesset today. Nineteen killed this week brought the total to 138. Gen. Dayan said that only 41 out of 26,000 Arabs who returned to Israel following the June, 1967 Six-Day War have been detained for subversive activities and sabotage. He said among the 41 were 10 Druze tribesmen from the Golan Heights and one Arab from the Gaza Strip. Intermittent artillery duels took place

across the Suez Canal today, a military spokesman reported. He said the exchanges were mainly north of Qantara and near the canal's southern entrance. There were no Israeli casualties. Two Arab guerrillas were killed in an encounter with an Israeli patrol which the Arabs tried to ambush this morning near El Hamma at the junction of the Israeli, Jordanian and Syrian borders. The patrol was attacked by mortar and small arms fire from Jordanian territory. The attackers were hiding on the banks of the Yarmuk River, a tributary of the Jordan. No casualties were reported on the Israeli side. An Israeli soldier died today of wounds he received in a gun fight in the Golan Heights earlier this week.

El Fatah announced in Beirut that a new unit of snipers has been formed to pick off Israelis with high powered rifles equipped with telescopic sights. El Fatah claimed that a sniper killed an Israeli soldier today near Umm Sidra, 12 miles north of the Dead Sea.

Egyptians Return Body Of 20-Year-Old Soldier Who Died After Raid

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) -- The body of Corp. David Sabash, a 20-year-old Israeli soldier who died of wounds after being taken prisoner during an Egyptian commando raid on Israeli positions near Port Tewfik last week, was returned to Israel today under the auspices of the International Red Cross. Funeral services will be held in Lydda tomorrow.

Israeli officials confirmed that the bodies of three Egyptian soldiers killed in an earlier commando raid have lain for three weeks on the canal's east bank. The Egyptians charged the Israelis with "inhuman behavior" for not returning the bodies. The Israelis said they were unable to recover them because Egyptian gunners opened fire every time an attempt was made.

Knesset Overrides Objections By Small Parties To Election Campaigns Subsidy Bill

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA) -- The Knesset over-rode bitter objections by small party representatives yesterday to a new election campaigns subsidy bill by a vote of 81-five with two abstentions. The bill will replace a previous measure that was nullified by the Israel Supreme Court on grounds that it discriminated against new political factions.

Under the bill, which passed its first reading yesterday, the Israel Treasury will subsidize every political party in the amount of about \$33,000 for each seat it holds in the present Knesset. The money is to be used for campaigning for next October's Knesset elections. Existing parties will receive the money in advance of the elections. New parties will be subsidized after they have elected at least one member to the Knesset. The measure must pass one more reading to become law.

The Knesset also voted 79-six in favor of a bill reaffirming all previously passed election laws. The measure was intended to avert possible future nullification of any of those laws by the high court.

The campaigns subsidy bill easily garnered 20 more votes than the absolute majority of 61 insisted on by the Supreme Court. But it encountered angry opposition from the small factions and from several members of larger parties. Uri Avneri of the one-man Haaolm Hazeh faction charged that the bill "stifled" new political forces. He was supported by members of the Free Center faction. A bitter exchange ensued when Dr. Yochanan Bader of Gahal (Herut-Liberal alignment) suggested that the small parties should refuse to accept the campaign subsidies offered them if they objected to the measures so vehemently.

Tourism Minister Kol Says Israel Had Slight Revenue Increase During First Quarter

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA) -- Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol announced today that Israel enjoyed a slight increase in revenues from tourism during the first three months of 1969 compared to the same period of 1968 which was Israel's peak tourist year. Mr. Kol said that the tourist trade netted Israel \$17.1 million in the first quarter of this year compared to \$16.8 million last year. Mr. Kol made the disclosure at ceremonies in which he conferred the status of official tourist promoter on 69 firms in the tourist industry. Eight of them were hotels owned by Arabs in East Jerusalem.

Allon Appoints Committee To Resolve Dispute Between Religious Schools In Old City

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA) -- Deputy Premier Yigal Allon has appointed a committee of three architects to resolve a dispute between two Orthodox religious schools that were reopened in East Jerusalem following the June, 1967 Six-Day War. Mr. Allon heads a ministerial committee investigating the dispute. The Porath Yossef Yeshiva and the Yeshiva Hakotel each claims that the site occupied by the other obstructs its view of the Western Wall. The sites were allocated to the schools by Jerusalem authorities.

Israeli Maritime Circles Voice Surprise Over 3rd Increase In Mideast Insurance Rates

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA) -- Israeli maritime circles have expressed surprise at the decision of the British insurance firm of Lloyd's of London to double its maritime insurance rates on consignments to the Middle East. The increase is one-quarter of one percent, raising insurance costs to one-half of one percent of the value of the goods. It is the third rate increase since the Six-Day War. The last increase followed Israel's Dec. 28 raid on the Beirut Airport. Lloyd's war risks rating committee and underwriters announced the increase, which will be from 70 cents to \$1.40 per \$240 of goods for sea cargoes to and from Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

50th Anniversary Observance Planned By Federation Of Yugoslavian Communities

BELGRADE, July 15 (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia has announced that it will observe its 50th anniversary next Oct. 7-8 with special ceremonies including the opening of a new Jewish historical museum, a symposium and publication of a commemorative volume. The Federation said it planned to invite representatives of Jewish organizations abroad and members of Yugoslavian organizations. There are 7,000 Jews in the country.

Israel Is Still America's Best Middle East Customer; Supplier Competition Grows

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA) -- Israel, with a booming economy and rising production, continues to be America's best customer in the Middle East, according to a report in the current issue of International Commerce, a weekly publication of the Department of Commerce. But the writer, John P. Edwards, of the Near East and South Asia division of the Bureau of International Commerce, warned that the U.S. is facing increased foreign competition as a supplier of Israel.

The competition comes mainly from Japan and Western Europe, he said. It resulted in a decline in the U.S. share of Israel's market from 26 percent in 1967 to 22.7 percent in 1968.

"Israel has made no secret of its desire for strengthened economic and commercial ties with the EEC (European Economic Community) believing that it offers the best long-term market for Israeli products," Mr. Edwards wrote. Israel's imports from EEC countries rose from 24.2 percent in 1967 to 29.4 percent in 1968. "While the U.S. remains Israel's largest individual country supplier, the maintenance of this position depends on increased efforts by U.S. business," the writer said.

Reporting on the economic situation in Lebanon, Mr. Edwards said "tensions in the area have been compounded by related internal political struggles which have prevented the formation of a regular Cabinet for nearly two months. This situation has resulted in a sharp drop--estimated at up to 20 percent--in the number of American and European tourists visiting Lebanon so far this year...Tourism is one of the mainstays of the Lebanese economy, a major source of foreign exchange and a source of livelihood of many Lebanese--so the effect of the malaise is widespread."

But Lebanon's economy has benefited from the shut-down of the Suez Canal, Mr. Edwards reported. The port of Beirut handled about 35 percent more transit traffic in 1969 than it did in 1967 and the value of Lebanese-manufactured exports was up from about \$32 million in 1967 to \$45 million in 1968.

Egypt, according to a report by David E. Westley, is suffering from a shortage of foreign exchange, a slowdown in economic activity resulting from the 1967 war, a drop in agricultural output and a reduction in tourism. However, "improvement began last year. Along with a relatively substantial growth in the petroleum industry, some increase in investment expenditures helped stimulate the economy" while the loss of Suez Canal revenues was offset by subsidies from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya.

"After falling sharply following the 1967 war, the rate of U.S. sales to the United Arab Republic rebounded substantially as 1968 progressed, to reach a total for the year of \$48.4 million...UAR exports were up in 1968. Higher export prices were realized for cotton and rice, petroleum exports rose sharply and a drop in domestic demand increased export availabilities," the writer said.

Egypt Will Build New Oil Pipeline Out Of Range Of Israeli Guns

NEW YORK, July 15 (JTA) -- Construction will begin in Alexandria shortly of a 207-mile oil pipeline linking the Gulf of Suez with the Mediterranean. A contract to build the 42-inch, \$175 million conduit was signed in Cairo Sunday by the Egyptian Government and an 11-nation consortium headed by France, the New York Times reported.

The pipeline project will employ 3,000 Egyptian construction workers and engineers and is expected to be in operation by 1971. It will rival an Israeli oil pipeline now under construction connecting the port of Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba with Ashdod on the Mediterranean, the Times said.

The Times said that even if the Canal is re-opened the pipeline is expected to make a profit from transferring oil from supertankers that are too large to navigate the waterway. The route of the Egyptian pipeline will bring it no closer than 40 miles from the Suez Canal cease-fire line, well out of range of Israeli artillery on the canal's east bank. This indicates, the Times said, that the pipeline's southern terminus will be somewhere south of Port Suez.

The Egyptian pipeline will have an annual capacity of 60 million tons of oil, a little more than one-third of the petroleum moved through the Suez Canal in 1966, the last full operating year before the Canal was shut down by the Arab-Israeli war.

The contract with the SOCEA consortium was signed by Dr. Aziz Sidky, Egyptian Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources. In addition to five French companies, the consortium is made up of three Italian firms and one each from Britain, Spain and Holland. According to the report, Dr. Sidky forecast recently that Egypt's own oil production would rise by the end of this year to a level of 20 million tons, a leap from six million tons in 1966. A further five million ton increase is expected by 1971, the Times reported. Much of the increase is from Egypt's El Morgan field in the Gulf of Suez which went into production in April, 1967, two months before Israel occupied the Sinai Peninsula, previously Egypt's main source of oil.

Goldman Says Rights Unit Will Continue Probe Of Columbia's Decision On Contract

NEW YORK, July 15 (JTA) -- Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman, who has been named as one of two rabbinical student advisers at Columbia University, said today that the City Human Rights Commission would continue its planned investigation of the decision by the university not to extend his contract for the coming year.

The controversy over his non-appointment led to a university decision last week to reorganize the school's religious advisory program under which a new student group, the Radical Jewish Union, selected Rabbi Goldman, and five other student groups chose an Orthodox rabbi, Charles Sheer, as their advisers.

Rabbi Goldman said also that if the Human Rights Commission sustained his complaint that he had been dismissed for his support of student rebellions at the university last spring, he would not accept reappointment under his cancelled contract but would seek compensation for "damages at all levels." He assumed his new duties as one of the two Jewish advisers on July 1. He said Rabbi Sheer would begin his assignment Aug. 1.

Under the prior agreement, religious advisers, Jewish and Christian, were named and their salaries paid by church and synagogue agencies approved by the university, including the Jewish Advisory Board, an alumni organization which declined to renew Rabbi Goldman's contract for the 1969-70 academic year. The board is being reorganized into a foundation with student and faculty members, as well as alumni which will meet Rabbi Sheer's expenses. Rabbi Goldman said private sources would cover his counselorship expenses. He said he did not know whether he and Rabbi Sheer would occupy the same office on the campus or separate ones.

California Rabbi Engaged In 1-Man Campaign To Explain U.S. Jews' Stand On Israel

NEW YORK, July 15 (JTA) -- A California rabbi is engaged in a one-man campaign to explain to Christian clergymen and American politicians why American Jews are so insistent in their demands for all-out U.S. support of Israel's position in the Middle East conflict.

Rabbi Joseph B. Glasser of San Mateo, director of the Northern California and Pacific Northwest Regions of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), embarked on a speaking tour when it became apparent after the June, 1967 Six-Day War that many Christians were puzzled by the emotional reaction of American Jews to that event.

Most Christian groups neither wished for Israel's demise nor endorsed the Arab position but were "perplexed over the passionate one-sidedness of American Jews" on an issue they considered political rather than religious, Rabbi Glasser said. Their seeming indifference to Israel's fate created consternation in some Jewish circles which accused the Christian clergy of "silence" while the existence of Israel hung in the balance.

"The fabric of ecumenism became frayed," Rabbi Glasser said. He noted too that many Congressmen were "beleaguered by mail from Jewish constituents concerned with Israel's welfare" which was "often harsh and overly demanding." Rabbi Glasser concluded that Jewish historical and religious attachment to Israel must be explained.

He enlisted the support of Congressman Paul McCloskey from his home district. Through his efforts, Rabbi Glasser was able to meet with Congressmen from Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada and Washington. He also met with Senator Vance Hartke of Indiana who agreed to address a conference on peace in the Middle East in San Francisco Oct. 18.

Rabbi Glasser himself has spoken before the Northern California Baptist Ministers Association, the Northern California Council of Churches, the Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Episcopal Diocese of California. He said the responses from the Congressmen and the Christian clergy were "immediate" and "affirmative."

Sherut La'am Program Sends Additional Group Of 95 Youths To Israel For Year's Service

NEW YORK, July 15 (JTA) -- Ninety-five persons between 18 and 25 left here today to begin a year-long service tour in Israel as part of Sherut La'am, a program sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation which enables young Americans and Canadians to participate in the development of Israel and become acquainted with its social problems.

The participants will study Hebrew at the Ulpan Upper Nazareth, after which they will be sent to various parts of Israel to serve in such capacities as English teachers, tutors, aides to social workers, and arts and crafts instructors. The group members, most of whom are college graduates, have already been taught some Hebrew, Israeli songs and dances.

This was the third group to leave for Israel during 1969. A group of 28 left in January and another 26 left a few weeks ago for a six-month stay in Kibbutz Yiftach. Another 60 will leave for a year-long kibbutz program in September. The volunteers in 1969 bring to more than 1,100 the number of participants in the program since its inception in 1965. Volunteers trained in teaching, nursing, social work and technical work are placed in immigrant development towns, villages and other areas. The program provides a kibbutz placement for teachers and their families, as well as a moshav program.