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Israeli Jets Shoot Down Seven Egyptian Warplanes, Smash Installations

TEL AVIV, July 24 (JTA) -- Israeli jets shot down seven Egyptian warplanes today in savage air and ground clashes in the Suez Canal sector and may have scored hits on two more planes, the Israeli military spokesman said. The battle followed an attack on Israeli positions by Egyptian Sukhoi-7 bombers and MIG fighters in which one Israeli soldier was killed and eight injured. All Israeli planes returned safely to base.

The Egyptian pilot of one of the Sukhoi bombers shot down in the blazing aerial duel, identified as a Major Nadib Said, bailed out into Israel-held territory and is now an Israeli captive, it was reported. The events today were a repetition of the fighting last Sunday. After continued and repeated Egyptian violations of the Suez Canal cease-fire, Israeli planes went into action this morning and blasted targets on the Egyptian side of the canal for three hours without any Egyptian air opposition, the spokesman said.

During the initial Israeli air assault, a heavy artillery duel developed along the northern section of the Canal. Then Egyptian bombers and fighters attacked Israeli positions and the Israelis threw into the fray their jet fighters, Hawk ground-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft guns. Four of the Israeli soldiers injured in the air attack were only slightly hurt. The other three injured soldiers were hit during the artillery barrage.

Pilot and observation post reports indicated that the Egyptians suffered heavy damages and many injured and killed by the air blows. At least four Egyptian SA-2 ground-to-air missile batteries were smashed, a number of artillery and mortar positions destroyed and damage inflicted on Egyptian strongholds along the Canal. Early in the evening shooting subsided and quiet was reported on the canal sector ending a day-long bombardment by land and air.

Eban Says Nasser Speech Confirms Egyptian 'Path Of War' Policy

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban declared today that the statement yesterday by Egyptian President Nasser that the United Nations-sponsored cease-fire on the Suez Canal had ceased to exist must be taken at face value. Mr. Eban also said--in giving Israel's official reaction to Nasser's speech in which he also declared that Egypt now had regained enough military power to fight to regain the lost Arab territories--that "the path of war" chosen by the Egyptian leader was actually the Egyptian policy pursued since the 1967 Six-Day War in spite of the cease-fire.

The Foreign Minister described as of "utmost importance" a remark by Nasser that there was a section of the Egyptian population which "is a victim to Zionist propaganda" and wished to make peace with Israel. Mr. Eban said this remark proved that a significant section of Egyptians were against Nasser's war-influenced policy and wanted peace in the area. Mr. Eban also noted the Soviet note yesterday assuring the Egyptians of unreserved political and military support and said that this indicated the Soviet policy of preventing peace in the area, in contrast to the efforts by the Russians to present themselves to world public opinion as seeking Mideast peace.

Israeli experts indicated their belief that Nasser was again a victim of misinformation given to him by his field officers as to Egypt's readiness for major combat. They suggested that Nasser might again be a prisoner of his public statements which could bring him to a point of no return where once more he would be compelled to face the reality of Israel's military power. They dismissed as misleading Nasser's charge that since Israel was not implementing the Security Council resolution to withdraw from occupied territories, he was not bound by the cease-fire. They pointed out that the cease-fire was voted on in June while the peace-seeking proposal was adopted five months later in November, 1967.

Two other Cabinet members--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Minister-Without-Portfolio Menahem Beigin--also commented on the Nasser speech. Gen. Dayan and his aides visited the Kasba area of Hebron in the occupied West Bank where a curfew was imposed this morning to facilitate a search for the perpetrators of a number of sabotage acts. Some 30 suspects were detained in a house-by-house search and the curfew was lifted this afternoon.

Gen. Dayan, agreeing that Nasser's statement should be taken at face value, said in an interview with newsmen in Hebron, that "the conclusion we should draw is that the Egyptians may renew the war and bomb even Tel Aviv." But he insisted he believed that major war would not be renewed in the near future. Mr. Beigin said the Nasser declaration meant that the Egyptian armed forces had been "given a free hand" to attack Israel. He added that Israel must reject suggestions that such Nasser statements were designed solely for internal propaganda purposes and that Israel must make it clear that if Nasser carried out his threats to renew major war in four or five years, he would again suffer "a crushing defeat."

Saboteur Killed In Clash Near Allenby Bridge; Blasts Reported In West Bank Towns

TEL AVIV, July 24 (JTA) -- At least one saboteur was killed last night in a clash south of the Jordan River Allenby Bridge when an Israeli patrol intercepted a group of marauders, Israeli officials reported today. Bloodstains found in the area indicated other members of the group might have been hit in the exchange. No Israeli casualties occurred.

In other incidents, a prefabricated house containing the synagogue of the Turkish community in Kfar Saba near the Kalkiya Arab township in the West Bank was damaged today by an explosion and the custom house at Ramallah in the West Bank was slightly damaged by a blast. There were no persons in the Kfar Saba house at the time. An explosive charge was found nearby and dismantled. Some 15 mortar shells exploded last night south of the Hatzeba settlement in the Dead Sea area with no damages or casualties.

Jewish Youth Problem To Dominate WJC Executive Meeting In Jerusalem

TEL AVIV, July 24 (JTA) -- A meeting of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress, which will open in Jerusalem next Jan. 7, will devote one full day of discussion to Jewish youth problems, Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the WJC governing council, disclosed at a press luncheon here. Special emphasis on Jewish youth will mark the entire meeting, he added.

Asserting that "we, the present generation of Jewish leadership, are practically fit for the old age home," Dr. Prinz said that though many of the Jewish youth in America were radical and in a revolutionary mood, not all were members of the New Left. This Jewish youth, he said, is seeking some new missions in Jewishness and is not looking for a Jewishness which is narrowed down to the Jewish dietary laws. They want something of the Prophets who also brought social messages to the people, he said.

Dr. Prinz warned that the danger to Jewish survival in America was from "acculturation"-- learning to live the culture of America without any Jewish commitment. Discussing anti-Semitism in the United States, he said that anti-Jewish feelings were not widespread among American blacks, citing findings that 91 percent were opposed to any discrimination of any kind and 65 percent would vote for a Jewish president. Dr. Prinz is in Israel to take part in an American Jewish Congress-sponsored American-Israel dialogue opening in Haifa next week.

Tisha B'Av Observance Marred By Rush To Western Wall Excavation Site

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA) -- Observance of Tisha B'Av at the Wailing Wall was marred yesterday when hundreds of people broke into the excavation digging area adjoining the Wall, spoiling several objects found at the site. No reason was given for the incident.

One of the diggers said that the work of months of digging was destroyed. He tried to call the police to save what was left. The day before, as a result of an agreement between the Minister of Religious Affairs Dr. Zerach Warhaftig and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, prayer was permitted near the newly-cleared portion of the Wall, while special guards were placed by the Religious Ministry to prevent entrance to the excavation enclosure. The guards were unable to keep the people from invading the digging site. They were finally cleared when police persuaded them to disperse. Prof. Benjamin Mazer, who heads the excavation, called the destruction "a shameful incident."

NEWS IN BRIEF

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA) -- The condition of Nobel Laureate S. Y. Agnon, who was hospitalized earlier this month, was reported today by hospital officials to be improving steadily. The 80-year-old author for a time suffered partial paralysis. He is now receiving physiotherapy. Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim visited him yesterday.

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA) -- The national physics laboratories at the Hebrew University demonstrated today a new invention in use of solar cells as an energy source. Officials said such solar batteries are inexpensive, costing about \$20 each and are already in use as warning lights on roads and dangerous passes. Another invention shown was a device for use by blind typists which makes it possible for the typist to type and verify results without the need for another person to verify, according to Prof. Zvi Tabor, head of the laboratories.

TEL AVIV, July 24 (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Military Academy graduated its first 25 cadets here. The graduates will serve as officers for at least three years in the Israeli Army. Attending the ceremony were Prime Minister Golda Meir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, as well as high ranking Army officers. Mrs. Meir awarded the officers' insignia to the excelling graduate.

TEL AVIV, July 24 (JTA) -- The diary of a Warsaw Ghetto rabbi who died in a Nazi extermination camp in 1942 has been published in Hebrew by a "public committee for publication of the diary." The document is that of Rabbi Shimon Hoberband, the archivist of the Warsaw Ghetto, whose accounts of the events of the Ghetto were found after the war.

Swiss Newspaper Prints Statement Of Polish Jewish Emigrants Without Names

GENEVA, July 24 (JTA) -- The Neue Zuercher Zeitung, a leading Swiss newspaper published today a statement from a group of Polish Jews just arrived from Poland whose names were withheld to avoid hurting relatives still remaining in Poland. The editor appended a note to the statement that the names were known and had been checked. The newspaper rarely prints unsigned letters and the statement made a considerable impression here, it was reported.

The statement cited a report in the newspaper concerning the intention of the Polish Communist regime to suspend all emigration of Jews as of Sept. 1. The statement said that the manner of the report seemed to suggest that "Polish Jews were leaving comfortably and of their own free choice. We therefore declare that Jews in Poland are being villified, deprived of their jobs and means of livelihood, compelled to surrender their passports before departure and some are even compelled to surrender their academic degrees and other qualifications." The statement then added that "we realize that because we still have friends and relatives in Poland, you must keep our names, which we supply herewith, out of the paper."

Buenos Aires Rabbinical Assembly Unit Set Up By Conservative Rabbis

Buenos Aires, July 24 (JTA) -- A Buenos Aires chapter of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis, has been established here at a meeting attended by a delegation of Conservative rabbis from the United States and several Latin American countries.

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman of New York, Rabbinical Assembly executive vice-president, who headed the delegation, stressed that nine local Conservative rabbis came here for the meeting. Rabbi Marshal Meyer has been designated provisional chairman of the new chapter. Rabbi Victor Mirelman was named provisional secretary. The meeting heard a report that Conservative rabbis were now established in Mexico, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. American conservative rabbis in the delegation, which represented the World Council of Synagogues, included Lewis Grossman and Reuben Magil of Philadelphia and Meyer Rubin of Brookline, Mass.

West German Trade Union Leader Says Movement Will Fight Rightwing National Democrats

Bonn, July 24 (JTA) -- Declaring it was impossible for a trade union member to also be a member of the extremist rightwing National Democratic Party, a union leader said here yesterday that West German unions would continue to fight the party. Gerd Muhr, vice-chairman of the German trade union movement, also told a meeting of the movement that everything should be done to prevent the NPD from entering the Bundestag, West Germany's lower house, in the forthcoming elections. He criticized the Federal Government for not seeking a ban on the NPD.

Argentine Jewish Journalists Reject 'Restraint' Appeal By Israeli Envoy

Buenos Aires, July 24 (JTA) -- An appeal by new Israeli ambassador Eliezer Doron to Jewish journalists to "exercise greater restraint" in reporting news affecting Israel or other Jewries drew a critical reaction today from the newsmen.

The envoy made his appeal in his first meeting with the journalists. Most of them expressed astonishment and said they considered themselves fully responsible and had hitherto relied on their own judgment. They asked the ambassador to display greater confidence in their handling of news.

Australian Prime Minister Joins In Appeal To UN For Jews In Arab Nations

Melbourne, Australia, July 24 (JTA) -- Australian Prime Minister John Gorton and 11 other leading Australians have signed a joint appeal to the United Nations requesting help to alleviate the plight of Jews in Arab countries. Other signatories included former Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies, Cardinal Sir Norman Gilroy and Nobel laureate for medicine Sir Macfarlane Burnet.

The appeal speaks of the "conscience of humanity" and asks the UN to take every possible step to alleviate the plight of the Jews and to urge Arab governments concerned, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to stop oppressive activities and to permit Jews to emigrate to those countries which have declared their readiness to accept them.

Newark Policemen Receive No Pay For Jewish Holidays, Court Says

Newark, July 24 (JTA) -- The State Supreme Court ruled unanimously yesterday that the City of Newark must dock the pay of Jewish policemen who take time off for Jewish holidays. The court also upheld unanimously the authority of the city to grant days off for religious observance to all members of the police force without pay.

The court action was started by Newark Police Sgt. Joseph A. Ebler, who was later promoted to lieutenant. He complained that while all Newark police received 12 paid holidays per year with additional time off charged against accrued overtime pay, the city's 25 Jewish policemen received an additional six religious holidays annually without loss of overtime pay which, he said enabled them to earn \$200 more each year than non-Jewish policemen.

The Newark Shomrim Society, an organization of Jewish policemen, asserted that a similar overtime practice had been applied to Christian policemen when they took off for such religious observances as Communion breakfasts and participation in Holy Name parades. Both Lt. Elbert and the Shomrim Society expressed dissatisfaction with the court's rulings and both said they may appeal the decision.

United Jewish Appeal Announces Major Changes In Professional Leadership

NEW YORK, July 24 (JTA) -- A series of major changes in the top leadership of the United Jewish Appeal were announced today by Edward Ginsberg of Cleveland, UJA general chairman. Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, has been appointed executive chairman. Irving Bernstein, assistant executive vice-chairman, was named to succeed Mr. Friedman as executive vice-chairman.

Mr. Ginsberg said that Mr. Friedman would continue to be responsible for the overall policy of the UJA and that Mr. Bernstein would be responsible for operation and administration. The general chairman added that the new appointments "emphasize the excellent quality of executive leadership that the UJA has been known for since its inception in 1939." He added that "due to the close relationship between the UJA and community federations and welfare funds concerning greater involvement in campaigns, conferences and missions, the changes and new additions within the professional framework of the organization point the way to a future of continued progress and expansion in the service of the Jewish people."

Martin Peppercorn, UJA national field director, has been named to the new post of national campaign chairman. Marc Tabatchnik, director of research and development, has been named director of systems and personnel and assistant to the national executive vice-chairman. Peter Colwin, associate national field director, has been named associate national campaign director. Ernest N. Spickler, director of the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet since its inception in 1963, has been named associate national campaign director. H. David Weinstein, former personal assistant to the executive vice-chairman and Israel Education Fund administrative assistant, has been named to the newly-created post of director of overseas missions. The new post was created in response to an accelerated and expanded program involving a record number of UJA missions to Israel, Mr. Ginsberg said. Joel Friedman, a UJA field representative in Atlanta, has been named assistant director of the Young Leadership division.

Herbert Friedman joined the UJA in 1955 as executive vice-chairman. Mr. Bernstein joined the UJA in 1948 as a field representative, later becoming director of west coast operations and assistant executive vice-chairman. Mr. Peppercorn also joined the UJA as a field representative, in 1967. Mr. Tabatchnik came to the UJA after many years of service with the Joint Distribution Committee. Mr. Colwin was the UJA's first director of the Trades and Industries Division, after joining the UJA in 1941 as a field representative.

The UJA, the major Jewish fund-raising organization in the United States, has raised since its inception in 1939, more than \$2 billion for humanitarian aid to needy Jews overseas and for the transportation and settlement of Jewish immigrants going to Israel and other free countries. It supports the United Israel Appeal, Inc. which, in turn, funds the Jewish Agency's programs for resettlement and absorption of Jewish immigrants in Israel. The UJA also supports the Joint Distribution Committee, the major American agency aiding needy Jews overseas; the United Hias Service, which provides for transportation of oppressed Jews and for their resettlement in free nations other than Israel; and the New York Association of New Americans, which assists Jewish refugees in the United States.

Ethiopian-Born Bronx Rabbi Urges Full Acceptance Of Black Jews

NEW YORK, July 24 (JTA) -- A 35-year-old Ethiopian-born rabbi urged the American Jewish community today to accelerate a recent shift toward acceptance of black Jews. Hailu Paris, who has been assistant rabbi at Congregation Mt. Horab in the Bronx, which serves some 50 black Jewish families, received a degree in Jewish studies last month from Yeshiva University and has started graduate work in Jewish education at the university.

"During the past 50 to 75 years, there had been a rigid non-acceptance of the black Jew" by American Jews but "in recent years, there has been a shift from the 'old guard' view of non-acceptance toward a 'new guard' position of greater acceptance," he asserted. Enrollment of black Jewish youth in yeshivas in the United States and Israel was described as an example of this shift by Rabbi Paris but he declared that "too many Jews" still have "a social hangup about accepting the black Jew." He added that while some Hasidic groups "have expressed willingness to accept and integrate black Jews into their communities, the general attitude has not yet evolved into full acceptance."

He said such organizations as the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York had been instrumental in relocating many black Jews in white Jewish communities to give them the benefit of a "total Jewish environment." Rabbi Paris, who came to the United States in 1936 during Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia, is a board member of Hazaad Harishon, an organization formed to help prepare black Jewish youth for acceptance into the white Jewish community. During 1965 and 1966 he returned to Ethiopia for contacts with the Falashas, the country's 30,000 black Jews. He is a member of the Pro-Falasha committee of New York, which seeks to improve the lot of the Falasha Jews.

Second Annual Yiddish Festival Set For Aug. 21 In Central Park In New York

NEW YORK, July 24 (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle and the Hebrew Actors Union announced today that the second annual Yiddish music and theater festival will be held Aug. 21 in the Central Park Mall. Last year, the admission-free event attracted more than 25,000, the organization said. More than 150 performers will participate. The program will include Yiddish musical theater, Yiddish and Israeli concert singing and Jewish music presentations.