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United Nations Withdraws Some Suez Cease-Fire Observers In Wake Of Swede's Death

UNITED NATIONS, July 30 (JTA)--The United Nations has withdrawn some of its cease-fire observers from the Suez Canal, leaving only 14 of its 18 posts manned.

A report by Lt. Gen. Odd Bull of Norway, chief of the UN observer mission, said the partial withdrawal was made "in view of the escalation of firing incidents" and the "increasing danger" for the 90-95 observers.

The report came on the heels of the death last Sunday of Swedish Maj. Bo Roland Plane, who was killed at his observation post during an Egyptian-Israeli artillery exchange. Lt. Gen. Bull said that two of the now closed posts would be manned again "as soon as adequate shelters are available." A UN spokesman reported that Lt. Gen. Bull had been authorized to withdraw his observers from other posts if he considered them unsafe.

Secretary-General U Thant was planning a second meeting this week of representatives from the seven nations providing the observers. They are Argentina, Austria, Chile, Finland, France, Ireland, and Sweden.

Envoys from the seven met Monday with a high level aide of Mr. Thant and expressed concern for the safety of the observers. They gave Mr. Thant and Lt. Gen. Bull a vote of confidence in their handling of the situation and made no reference to the possibility of total withdrawal.

Israeli Jets Bomb, Strafe Guerrillas In Mount Hermon Foothills--1st Time Since '67

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA)--Israel jet fighters bombed and strafed guerilla bases in the southern foothills of Mount Hermon on the Syrian-Lebanese border today for the first time since the Six-Day War in a 15-minute strike from which all planes returned safely to base. The area has been the scene of increased forays by guerillas which have brought injuries to three Israeli soldiers and four civilians, officials said. A series of mining incidents, mortar shelling and clashes with patrols culminated in a battle in which four saboteurs were killed.

At the same time, officials reported a 24-hour lull in activities along the Suez Canal which for weeks has been the scene of repeated air and artillery attacks by Egyptians and responses by Israel which has cost Egypt the loss of more than 30 Soviet-made fighters and bombers.

In other incidents, an Israel Army vehicle detonated a mine in the southern Golan Heights but no casualties occurred. Some 20 mortar shells were fired last night at the Masada and Shaar Hagloun settlements in the northern Beisan Valley. The fire was returned and no Israeli casualties were reported. A number of bazooka shells were fired at midnight at a Nahal settlement near the Israeli-Syrian cease-fire line. Again no Israeli casualties occurred.

Political sources, evaluating the quiet on the Suez Canal line, suggested that the Egyptians might be preparing a major blow, possibly a naval attack on northern Sinai positions. Another speculation, however, was that the Egyptians may have reviewed their attack policy in the area and decided to reduce military action in view of the damages and casualties suffered from Israeli air and ground blows.

In a related development, political experts in Jerusalem noted with satisfaction that while United States officials have expressed concern over the rising pace of Suez Canal clashes, they had not asked Israel for restraint. The experts suggested that the U.S. may have decided that air strikes by Israel have been taken in response to the Egyptian policy of military thrusts in continuous violation of the cease-fire agreement. It was reported here that the Suez Canal situation was discussed at a meeting between Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and Elliot Richardson, Acting Secretary of State, in Washington.

Iraq And Syria Sign Defense Pact, Iraqi Delegation Visits Cairo

JERUSALEM, July 30 (JTA)--Iraq and Syria signed a defense agreement and a delegation from Iraq arrived today in Cairo for meetings with Egyptian military officials, it was reported here today. Baghdad Radio said the defense agreement was signed in Baghdad. The broadcast said it was hoped the pact would lead to unity among "all Arab nations."

The Iraqi delegation to Egypt was headed by Hardan Takriti who is Vice Premier and Defense Minister. The radio said he was invited by Gen. Mahmoud, Egyptian Defense Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces. The main topic on the Cairo agenda was said to be increased coordination on the Arab western and eastern fronts. Egyptians are on the west, Iraq, Jordan and Syria on the east. Iraq has based some 10,000 troops in Jordan and another 6,000 in Syria.

Settlement Inaugurated On West Bank At Site Of Ein Tzurim, Overrun In 1948

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA)--A settlement was inaugurated today on the west bank at Gush Etzion, the site of Ein Tzurim, a settlement which was overrun and destroyed and its residents taken prisoner by the Jordanian Arab Legion in the 1948 War of Independence.

A group of members of the Bnei Akiva youth movement have settled at Rosh Tzurim, a command hill in the center of the Gush Etzion area, in a symbolic restoration of the religious pioneer settlement destroyed 21 years ago. Social Welfare Minister Josef Burg came to greet the settlers on behalf of Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, who was unable to attend the inaugural.

In his message, Allon stressed that "we are back to Gush Etzion not as conquerors but because this is part of our forefathers' land." He added that nearby Hebron, which was a "symbol of hatred" would become a good neighbor and that it was the task of the settlers to "weave these ties of neighborhood." Gush Etzion is now covered with 500,000 trees planted by the Jewish National Fund. It will soon be linked, north and south, to Abdullah and Beersheba, by a road under construction by JNF workers.

Eban Confers With British And United States Ambassadors On Mideast Developments

JERUSALEM, July 30 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban has met separately with the British and United States Ambassadors to Israel to discuss Middle East problems. Mr. Eban met with British Ambassador John Barnes on Monday and American Ambassador Walworth Barbour yesterday. The ambassadors asked for the meetings to clarify Israel's position in connection with recent Mideast developments.

UN Committee Will Probe Alleged Rights Violations In Mideast Beginning Aug. 9

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. July 30 (JTA)--The special committee set up by the United Nations Human Rights Commission to investigate alleged violations of human rights of Arabs in Israeli-held territories will begin a series of visits to Arab capitals on Aug. 9, the UN announced today.

The six-member committee left tonight for Geneva, where it will remain from Aug. 1 to Aug. 9 to hear witnesses on conditions in southern Africa. The UN set up two committees, one for the Middle East and one for Africa, both with the same membership. The group will be in Beirut Aug. 11-12; in Damascus on Aug. 13-14; in Amman on Aug. 16-18 and in Cairo, Aug. 20-23.

UN officials said that, in response to inquiries from the committee, the Governments of Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt promised full cooperation. Israel said in its reply that it was unable to consider the resolution of the Human Rights Commission, on which the committee's mandate was based, as constituting a basis for Israeli cooperation with the committee. Israel previously said that it would cooperate with the committee, if it agreed to investigate Israeli complaints of mistreatment of Jews in the Arab countries.

Fire Destroys Cardboard Box Factory Near Lydda, Damage Estimated At \$571,000

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA)--Fire today destroyed a cardboard box factory near Israel's international airport at Lydda. Firemen battled the blaze for four hours before bringing it under control. Damage to the Kargal cardboard plant was estimated at \$571,000.

A police spokesman claimed that sabotage was not suspected, although, he said, "I am sure the Arab guerillas will claim credit for it." The factory, located 10 miles southeast of Tel Aviv, was founded 15 years ago by Canadian industrialist Sam Dubiner. More than 100 Arab employees were questioned.

Saphir Tells Knesset Committee That Israel Emergency Fund Income Increases Over 1968

JERUSALEM, July 30 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Saphir told the Knesset Finance Committee today that Israel Emergency Fund income has reached \$74,000,000 in the past six months--a rise from \$54,000,000 compared to the same period last year. Mr. Saphir recently returned from a trip to the United States and Canada on behalf of the Emergency Fund drive and the Israel Bond Campaign.

Mr. Saphir estimated that funds raised for Israel in the United States will reach \$150,000,000 this year as opposed to \$120,000,000 last year. He expressed the hope that Bond sales would reach \$170,000,000 compared with \$130,000,000 in 1968 and \$217,000,000 in 1967.

American Professor, Israeli Rabbi Are Far Apart In AJCongress 'Dialogue' In Haifa

HAIFA, July 30 (JTA)--An American professor and an Israeli rabbi participated today in the severe "American-Israeli Dialogue" sponsored by the American Jewish Congress but their views were so far apart that there was neither debate nor dialogue.

Prof. Walter Kaufmann of Princeton University said he was religious as long as he was persecuted for being Jewish but that when he came to the United States where no one persecuted him, he lost his religious faith. He said, in criticizing Israelis who firmly believe there is widespread anti-Semitism in the United States, that if there was, the American Jewish Congress would not be worried about future Jewish identity of American Jews. He added that his hostility to nationalism did not entail hostility toward Israel but that he wished Israel was less nationalistic.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz asserted that Jews had always been different from others--"a small island in an ocean of paganism" and that the Western world had turned back to paganism. What the Jewish people needed, he declared, was that minimum of Jewish education which gave the young access to traditional sources of Judaism. At another session, Prof. Avigdor Levontin of the Hebrew University said Amer

can Jews needed a new set of standards to justify their life in the United States. He rejected as unacceptable the view that living in exile was Divine retribution for the "misdeeds" of the Jewish people and that the Jews had a "mission" to redeem mankind. Dr. Harold Weisberg of Brandeis University said he viewed with mistrust the concept of "Jewish identity." He called it a "new myth" and said nationalism was not enough and spiritual values could not be tossed aside.

Rabbi Arthur Green, leader of the Chavurath Shalom community in Cambridge, Mass denounced in the earlier session, the Jewish religious "establishment" in the U.S. and said rabbis were not spiritual leaders. He said American Jewish youth sought new content for their lives which the present Jewish religious leadership was unable to provide. He also said that Israel must demonstrate to hoped-for immigrants that life in Israel can open the way for all Jews to personal fulfilment and spiritual enrichment.

Hadassah-Hebrew U. Pact With UNRWA Results in 10 Arab Open-Heart Operations

JERUSALEM, July 30 (JTA)--A year-old agreement between the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center and the United Nations Relief and Works Administration (UNRWA) to treat Arab refugees with heart ailments has resulted in successful open-heart surgery on 10 patients without charge. About half the patients were children, and two 25-year-old women, each with five children, have been returned to normal life with the replacement and repair of defective heart valves. Such surgery normally costs about \$3,000, Hadassah says.

West Bank Arabs with heart ailments are first examined at the Lutherans' Auguste Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem under UNRWA auspices. Hadassah cardiac surgeons and cardiologists periodically consult colleagues at Auguste Victoria and examine patients there. Some are referred to the Hadassah medical center for further tests and surgery is performed if warranted. Jordan was unable to provide such treatment before the Six-Day War due to lack of equipment and trained personnel. Many patients suffer from severe cardiac failure caused, in many cases, by rheumatic fever in childhood.

British Give Asylum To Anatoly Kuznetsov, Soviet Author Of Book On Babi Yar

LONDON, July 30 (JTA)--The British Home Office announced today that Britain had granted asylum to Anatoly Kuznetsov, the Soviet author who was bitterly assailed by Soviet sources for a book which stressed that most victims of the Nazi massacre at Babi Yar were Jews. The liberal Soviet writer was reported missing yesterday from his hotel in London after arriving on the same plane carrying lecturer Gerald Brooke, who was exchanged by the Soviets for Russian spies.

The Home Office said that Home Secretary James Callaghan had personally granted the Soviet writer's request to remain in Britain but he said permission was not given on political grounds. A British publisher said earlier he believed Mr. Kuznetsov had defected to the West.

Charges Filed Against NPD Monitors For Beatings Outside Frankfurt Political Meetings

BONN, July 30 (JTA)--Charges were filed yesterday by Frankfurt prosecutor Dietrich Rahn against an unspecified number of monitors of the extremist National Democratic Party on charges they beat protesters and passers-by outside a riotous NPD meeting in Frankfurt last Friday.

The beatings reportedly took place after Dr. Benno Korber, the leader of the 60 monitors at the rally, was understood to have ordered his men to clear the congested entrance of the meeting hall "at any cost." The monitors wore helmets and black gloves. A spokesman for the Federal Interior Ministry, which has been seeking a ban against the NPD, said it was the first time the monitors had appeared in uniform clothing. He added that Frankfurt authorities will have to decide whether the helmets and gloves constituted uniforms, which are banned at West German political functions.

In related developments, Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger and Kai Uwe von Hassel, president of the Bundestag, the lower house of parliament, came under criticism for declaring publicly they did not consider the NPD a neo-Nazi party. The Chancellor was quoted to that effect in a West German newspaper, although he added that some of its leaders were former Nazis. The Chancellor also reportedly said that the only worrisome aspect of a possible substantial NPD gain of seats in the Bundestag in the forthcoming Sept. 28 general elections would be its effect on public opinion abroad. A Government official denied that the Chancellor had made the statements but the interview has been widely quoted by the West German press and radio.

Mr. von Kassel, who also is a member of the Chancellor's Christian Democratic Union, told a party meeting Monday night in Munich that the NPD was not a neo-Nazi party and that most of its members were "honorable people" seeking "law and order." Social Democrats, who are partners with the CDU in the present coalition Government, assailed the statement, saying that the Bundestag president had succeeded in a "unique sleight-of-hand -- giving the neo-Nazis a clean bill of health." Shortly afterwards, Mr. von Hassel issued a statement saying that he had long opposed the NPD and that he opposed a constitutional ban on the party because he felt the voters themselves should repudiate the party in the general elections.

Ben-Nathan Says He Would Speak At Universities If Order Is Kept

BONN, July 30 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Asher Ben-Nathan, interviewed on German television, said that he would agree to speak at Frankfurt and Hamburg Universities if he received guarantees from the universities that order would be kept. At earlier speaking engagements at the universities, Mr. Ben-Nathan's speeches were interrupted by Arab hecklers.

Cornell U. Provost Assails Article On Alleged Black Anti-Semitism As Inaccurate

WASHINGTON, July 30, (JTA)--The Cornell University provost has accused nationally syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak of "particularly blatant and damaging" inaccuracies in a column declaring there was black anti-Semitism on the strife-torn campus, the Washington Post reported today. Mr. Novak replied that he and his colleague had re-checked their sources "and stand by the column as written without exception."

The column, published in the Post on July 21, declared that "the dominant issue to be pursued by Cornell's black militants" when school is resumed in the fall "has an overt anti-Semitic tone: A charge that Jewish professors blocked the appointment to the faculty of an extremist black militant on grounds of anti-Semitism."

The column added that the Cornell Negro students would demand that John Hatchett of New York be hired "as a matter of black self-determination whether or not he is anti-Semitic." Mr. Hatchett was named director last September of a new Martin Luther King Jr. Afro-American Student Center at New York University. He had written an article in a Negro teachers periodical charging that Jewish teachers dominated the New York public school system and that they and their "Negro imitators" were poisoning the minds of Negro pupils. New York University subsequently cancelled the appointment under an arrangement under which students said they would finance a similar appointment for the Negro teacher without university approval.

Provost Dale R. Corson, who has been acting president since James A. Perkins announced plans to retire, said Cornell University "is not anti-Semitic." In a statement distributed by the university's news office, Mr. Corson also said that Mr. Hatchett's credentials for the university's new Black Studies Center faculty had been "carefully reviewed by Vice Provost Kennedy and others, and the appointment was rejected by President Perkins last spring on the merits of Mr. Hatchett's record."

The column also asserted that "this introduction of anti-Semitism deepens Cornell's climate of fear. Through the summer, there were scattered campus beatings of white students by unknown Negro assailants. During the summer orientation program, the new black freshmen conducted themselves as ferocious belligerents."

The Provost replied that the assertions of campus beatings were "also untrue" and that he was not aware "that anything like a climate of fear exists on the campus at this time." He also rejected the Evans-Novak statement that new Negro freshmen were acting like "ferocious belligerents." The Provost did not comment on another charge in the column that there was evidence of black anti-Semitism in a June 29 speech by Negro leader Tom Jones. Mr. Novak said, in defending the column, that the Cornell administration should have responded, not to the column, but "to the incendiary speech by Tom Jones as a threat to it as an institution."

B'nai B'rith Reports Israelis Have Arrived For Youth Exchange At Camp

WASHINGTON, July 30 (JTA)--B'nai B'rith reported today that 15 Israeli girls and nine boys have arrived for a stay at the organization's camp at Starlight, Pa. in the second Israeli-American youth exchange program sponsored by B'nai B'rith. The 24 Israeli teenagers are members of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization counterpart in Israel, Noar Lenoar.

Officials reported that the purpose of the tour is to bring Israeli youth into contact with their American contemporaries in the United States in a Jewish setting. During the visit, the Israeli youth will discuss with American campers the problems of Jewish youth in Israel and in other countries and will seek ways to bridge the gap which some observers have said exists between the Jewish youth of the two countries.

British Board Takes Steps To Combat Mounting Anti-Jewish, Anti-Israel Propaganda

LONDON, July 30 (JTA)--The Board of Deputies of British Jews, responding to warnings that more effective action was needed to deal with mounting anti-Jewish and anti-Israel propaganda in Britain, has approved a proposal to appoint a "director of defense and public relations" to coordinate its efforts in the public relations field.

The board's defense committee told the meeting that the board was "not sufficiently equipped" to deal with such matters and recommended appointment of a director who would "deal with any critical anti-Semitic campaign" and handle the "positive work" of defense and public relations.

Dr. S. Levenberg, chairman of the board's Eretz Israel committee, told the deputies that the British Broadcasting Corp. had been approached on its news coverage of the Middle East. The board had complained to the BBC that its coverage consistently gave full reporting of exaggerated claims by the Arab countries. Dr. Levenberg said the BBC had replied that it was BBC policy to give equal publicity to official communiques from both sides.

He said that whereas Arab announcements were "morale-boosting exaggerations," the Israeli communiques were -- "given a reasonable margin for error" -- accurate. He said he had just come from Israel "where I went into the matter and I can say to you: Trust the Israeli communiques."

The meeting also was told about the merger of 19 pro-Arab groups into one "Palestine Solidarity Campaign" whose avowed aim was the destruction of Israel and support of the Palestinian organizations. Jewish members of the Labor, Conservative and Liberal Parties were asked to urge their parties to take stands in support of Israel in forthcoming party conferences. Dr. Levenberg asserted that the emergence of a "violently anti-Israel group" in the Liberal Party, which he said openly supports the El Fatah commando group, was especially disturbing.