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Syrian Troops Reported Entering Jordan For Deployment Against Israel

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3 (JTA)--Reports that Syrian units were entering Jordan for deployment along Jordan's northern border in the Irbid area were considered by observers here today as still another proof of Egyptian President Nasser's urgent need for relief from Israeli pressure on the Suez Canal sector which he hopes to obtain by diverting Israel's attention to other fronts. The observers noted that the reported entrance and deployment had not been confirmed by either Jordan or Syria.

The observers said that if the reports were true, it appeared that the new "eastern command" of the Arabs -- Iraq, Syria and Jordan -- had been asked by Nasser to take immediate action and that the Syrian troop entry was the initial response. It was reported that the Saudi Arabian brigade now in Southern Jordan would be reinforced, making King Hussein head of a state harboring four foreign armies -- those of Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia and the El Fatah terrorist group.

Israeli officials were reported to be watching the situation carefully, particularly in terms of the fact that the Syrian move would constitute a clear violation of the Israeli-Jordan cease-fire agreement. The Israeli press quoted reports today from London to the effect that Air Force jets attacked the Syrian army column last night, hitting a number of vehicles, including some tanks.

London Press Says Syrian Troops Enter Jordan To Aid 'Attrition War'

LONDON, Aug. 3 (JTA)--British press reports from the Middle East asserted today that Syrian troops had moved into Jordan, describing the purported development as evidence of greater cooperation between the Arab states in support of Egyptian President Nasser's proclaimed goal of wearing Israel down by attrition.

The Sunday Observer asserted that Israel privately told the Big Four powers that unless the Middle East cease-fire was reestablished and direct Arab-Israel negotiations were resumed promptly through United Nations peace emissary Gunnar Jarring, Israel would take more drastic military action to end the "war of attrition." The Observer's correspondent, Robert Stephens, said he had learned from authoritative Israeli sources that Israel had also transmitted a specific warning to Jordan. He wrote this purported warning stemmed not only from continuation of guerilla operations from Jordanians bases but also from recent Egyptian efforts to encourage Syria, Iraq and Jordan to strengthen the Egyptian-sponsored "Eastern Command" of Syria, Iraq and Jordan. He added, however, that Israel believes there is no front where the Arab armies have the advantage and that it can take speedy action to frustrate the attrition goal without sparking a full-scale war.

John Bulloch of the Telegraph, reporting from Beirut, asserted that the Syrians moved into Jordan with tanks, anti-aircraft guns and heavy artillery. He asserted that the Syrians moved in without radio silence and that Israeli monitors picked up the Syrian field reports and sent planes against the Syrian column, killing one officer, wounding 17 soldiers and crippling at least 12 tanks and military trucks.

David Hirst of the Guardian reported that Arabs have hailed Syria's first air attack last Thursday at Israeli positions at Mount Hermon, calling the Syrian attack evidence of growing coordination between the ruling Baathist party and Egypt. Paul Martin of the Times wrote that "the slow but encouraging response" to Nasser's call for greater military cooperation indicated that the Arabs were ready to develop a new military strategy against Israel. Martin also asserted that Egypt's new belligerency had made the Syrians "look tame" and that it was Egyptian aerial penetration into Sinai last month which led the Syrians to make an "ostentatious buildup" on the cease-fire line with Israel "to save face." He reported that even the Lebanese had announced full support for a new Arab summit meeting to coordinate strategy against Israel.

However, the Times correspondent reported, the 15,000 Iraqi troops stationed at the north end of the Jordan Valley leave much to be desired in the way of inter-Arab military coordination and "the Syrians have yet to prove that their weapons include more than mere slogans." He added that while the small Saudi Arabian contingent has "proved more cooperative, it has yet to be used effectively" in the new Nasser-inspired military design.

Memorial Service To Be Held Today At UN For Observer Killed At Suez Front

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 3 (JTA)--A ceremony will be held at United Nations headquarters here tomorrow to pay homage to the memory of Major J. Roland Plane, the 37 year-old Swedish officer who was killed in the Suez Canal sector July 27 while serving as a member of the UN's Truce Supervision Organization. Maj. Plane, the first fatality suffered by UN forces in the Suez Canal zone, was hit by fragments of an Israeli shell at an observation post near Port Tewfik. He is to be buried in Sweden tomorrow. Secretary General U Thant will place a wreath beneath the plaque which honors UN military observers who have lost their lives in the service of the organization.

Township Near Lebanese Border Twice Attacked By Katyusha Rockets

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3 (JTA)--Kiryat Shemona, a new immigrant township near the Lebanese border, experienced its second Katyusha rocket attack in 48 hours today. The first attack occurred Friday, slightly injuring an 18 year-old girl. Eight housing units were damaged, four of them severely. The

second attack caused no casualties but damaged the town's water system. The damage done by Friday's assault was inspected by Premier Golda Meir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who visited Kiryat Shemona Friday accompanied by Israel's Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Chaim Bar Lev and Gen. David Elazar, commanding officer of Israel's Northern Command. Mrs. Meir hailed the new settlers for the fortitude they displayed under attack. "We will all need faith and strong nerves until the good days come," she said. The Premier and her group also visited several newly established settlements in the Golan Heights which they reached by helicopter. Mrs. Meir spoke to the settlers and disclosed that two new settlements would be established shortly in the occupied Syrian territory.

Two Arab saboteurs were killed in an encounter with an Israeli patrol in the Jordan Valley over the week-end as a massive search continued in the Gaza Strip and deep into Sinai for the murderer of an Israeli Public Works Department foreman near Gaza Thursday and the saboteurs who seriously injured an Israeli truck driver in Gaza yesterday. An Israeli border policeman was injured today when his patrol was attacked by bazooka and small arms fire east of Ashdod Yaacov in the Beisan Valley. Another border policeman was injured in a clash in the same region Friday and a saboteur was killed there the previous day.

The murdered foreman was Shimon Levi, 41, of Beersheba, who was in charge of a crew building a road to a Gaza refugee camp. He was found dead with at least 15 bullets fired into him at point blank range. His Arab driver and several Arab workers were detained for questioning. The truck driver, a 22 year-old man from Holon, was injured when a time bomb went off in the cab of his truck. One of his legs had to be amputated.

European Students Reported Being Trained In Jordan As Commandoes

LONDON, Aug. 3 (JTA)--A British correspondent reported from Amman today that contingents of European students are training with Arab guerrilla forces in Jordan for combat and sabotage against Israel. A spokesman for El Fatah, the largest of the Palestinian guerrilla groups, denied that it had any European recruits, but John Bulloch claimed that he saw and spoke to them, in his dispatch.

The London Telegraph correspondent wrote that the students come from Britain, Ireland, France, West Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Holland and several Eastern European countries. They are spending a month in Jordan and train with light weapons and other equipment. Mr. Bulloch said that a few of them intend to remain in Jordan and join guerrilla forays against Israel. The rest plan to undertake anti-Israel activities in Europe which would range from organizing boycotts of Jewish firms to actual sabotage, Mr. Bulloch reported.

(The New York Times reported from Amman Friday that Kamal Nasser, a spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organization, said there were a number of European recruits training at two camps in Jordan and that more were expected. According to the Times, one camp with 125 students is located near Jersah and another, with 100, is near the Great Bekka refugee camp. The Jersah camp includes a large number of British students according to commando sources, the Times said. Most of them are members of British groups who have been converted to the Arab cause and some are from France, Scandinavia and West Germany. The guerrilla spokesman told the Times that two young French recruits were killed while fighting along with guerrilla forces several months ago.)

Kollek Assails Consuls In East Jerusalem For Boycotting Church Exhibit

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3 (JTA)--Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem, reacting to the refusal of eight Consul General in East Jerusalem to attend the opening ceremony of the Armenian Church antiquities exhibition, has announced that the municipality would hereafter demand full payment for all municipal services from the eight consulates. He said the rejection of the invitation to the ceremony stemmed from the fact that he had been one of the signers.

Mayor Kollek also said he would reject any invitation extended to him from any of the eight consulates. He called the boycott of the exhibit an affront. Consulates in West Jerusalem were exempted from municipal fees, other than for garbage removal, by an agreement reached 11 years ago. That arrangement was extended to consulates in East Jerusalem as a courtesy. The consuls involved are those of the United States, Britain, France, Spain, Turkey, Belgium, Italy and Greece. The issue stemmed from the refusal of the major powers and other countries to recognize Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem following the June, 1967 war. Those powers regard East Jerusalem as under Israeli occupation and their postwar practice has been to decline all invitations in East Jerusalem sponsored or co-sponsored by Israeli Government or Israeli municipal authorities.

Allon Reports 16,000 Immigrants In First Half Of 1969, Most Under 40

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon reported at today's Cabinet meeting that over 16,000 immigrants arrived in Israel during the first six months of 1969, a 40 percent increase over the same period last year. Mr. Allon, who heads the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, said that immigration from Europe increased three-fold this year while newcomers from the United States and Latin America increased by 40 percent. However, immigration from Asian and African countries declined.

Mr. Allon said that 35 percent of the new arrivals are under the age of 19 and the same percentage applies to immigrants in the 20-39 age bracket. Only nine percent are over 60. He said that about 1000 of this year's immigrants are former Israeli citizens who lived abroad for many years and were now returning. He said there were many professionals among this year's immigrants.

Controversy Over Jewish Identity Of Athletes Roils Maccabiah Games

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3 (JTA)--The controversy over who is a Jew erupted at the Maccabiah games, Israel's version of the Olympics, after the Belgian team angrily withdrew from further competition because two of its water polo players were disqualified on grounds that their mother was not Jewish. The Maccabiah rules state that competition is open to any Jewish sportsman or sports woman. Rabbinical authorities in Israel insist that to be a Jew a person must have a Jewish mother or undergo conversion rites. Maccabiah sports clubs in many countries, however, admit non-Jews and children of mixed marriages, some of who are competing in the current games.

A dispute arose when the Canadian team which so far has scored no points in water polo, refused to meet the powerful Belgian team on the grounds that Paul and Mark Rigaumont, members of the Maccabiah Club in Antwerp are not Jewish. The Rigaumont brothers have a non-Jewish mother. Their father, who died recently, was a member of the Belgian water polo teams in the fourth, fifth and sixth Maccabiah games. The Canadian complaint was referred to the Maccabiah organizing committee which decided against the Rigaumonts after which the entire Belgian contingent withdrew.

A similar incident occurred earlier when a Belgian table-tennis player withdrew voluntarily after other players charged that his mother wasn't Jewish. The Brazilian basketball team lodged the same complaint against a player on the Uruguayan team which had just defeated it. But the Maccabiah committee allowed the game's result to stand.

As of last Friday, the American team continued to lead in various events. American athletes won 26 gold medals, 15 silver and eight bronze medals in the first three-and-a-half days of competition. The Israeli team was second with 18 gold medals, 20 silver and 15 bronze. Holland won five gold medals, England four, Argentina two and South Africa, Italy, France, Mexico and Australia one each. An American swimmer, Richard Miller, won the 100 meter backstroke finals with a time of 63.8 seconds. Another American, Maryann Spiro, took the 200 meter butterfly in 2.34 minutes to win her second gold medal.

Israeli Envoy Meets BBC Officials In Protest On Mideast News Treatment

LONDON, Aug. 3 (JTA)--Israel's irritation with the way the British Broadcasting Corp. handles news from the Middle East on radio and television was made official yesterday when Ambassador Aharon Remez called on Charles Curran, director general of the BBC. Mr. Remez was accompanied by Moshe Arad, first secretary of the Israel Embassy in charge of press relations. Mr. Curran had on hand several ranking members of the BBC news staff.

Israel has complained that the BBC treats Arab claims of military victories in a straightforward manner in its newscasts without checking their authenticity. The BBC has also been accused by Israelis of being unfair and misleading in its reports of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Ambassador Remez cited a number of specific instances in his conversation with Mr. Curran who is reported to have said he was prepared to investigate the charges.

Controversy Grows in Bonn Coalition Over NPD; Unions Demand Ban On Meetings

BONN, Aug. 3 (JTA)--A spokesman for the Christian Democratic Union, reacting to sharp criticism over statements by two CDU leaders that they did not consider the extremist National Democratic party neo-Nazi, said today that the CDU would never enter a coalition with the NPD if it wins seats in the Bundestag in the Sept. 28 elections.

The statement by CDU Bundestag spokesman, Rainer Barzel, followed denunciations by the CDU coalition partner, the Social Democrats, and from the Free Democrats, of Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger and Bundestag President Kai Uwe von Hassel. Chancellor Kiesinger had been quoted also as saying the only worrisome aspect of the prospect that the NPD would win seats next month was the possible impact on public opinion abroad.

The controversy was heightened after a riotous meeting in Frankfurt which led Frankfurt prosecutor Dietrich Rahn to file charges against NPD "monitors" accused on beating protesters and passersby outside the meeting hall. The six-and-a-half million member west German Trade Union demanded a ban on all future NPD meetings. Union leaders said that an NPD meeting scheduled at Congress Hall in Dusseldorf would be a danger to life and limb. The West German police union praised Frankfurt citizens for opposing the "fascist" NPD which the union compared to the Brown Shirts of the Nazi era.

NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3 (JTA)--President Nixon, replying to congratulatory messages from President Zalman Shazar and Premier Golda Meir on the Apollo 11 moon mission, expressed his thanks "on behalf of the American people and especially the astronauts." The President said the flight "has added a new dimension to human experience. Let us hope it will also usher in an era of increasingly fruitful international understanding and cooperation."

JERUSALEM, Aug. 3 (JTA)--The kibbutz movement magazine Hakibutz reports an increase in use of tranquilizers by Beisan Valley residents, as well as visits to psychiatrists in the region. The publication also asserted that Jewish settlers of the besieged valley are used to the constant recurrent bombardments and go to the dining hall, concerts or lectures even when explosions can be heard.

BEERSHEBA, Aug. 3 (JTA)--The Institute of Higher Education in the Negev Desert, beginning with its next academic year, will offer a course in behavioral sciences. The three-year course will include, sociology, psychology and related subjects. Graduates of this course will be eligible for employment as social workers, or in governmental and industrial administrative positions.

American-Israel 'Dialogue' Ends On Note Of Common Problems And Needs

HAIFA, Aug. 3 (JTA)--The seventh American Jewish Congress-sponsored American-Israel Dialogue has ended here with speakers from both countries in general agreement that Israeli and American Jews had common problems and needs as well as mutual dependence.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the AJCongress, stressed that "we need one another, we are kin, we have common values emanating from our common historic experience and our situation in the modern world." He also referred to the question of nationalism, which sparked some of the sharpest exchanges during the dialogue. He said "we want Jewish nationalism to continue to be in the category of enlightened nationalism."

Dr. Yermiyahu Yovel of the Hebrew University conceded that for an Israeli, the question of ideological definition was not pressing because "our life and existence do not depend on it." He expressed the hope that the generation gap among American Jews would be narrowed because the Jewish youth rebellion against the "establishment" in the United States "distorted" the essence of Israel with which the American Jewish "establishment" identified itself.

A gloomy picture of Jewish education in America was described at another session by Isaac Toubin, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education. Mr. Toubin said Jewish education in the United States lacked both motivation and clear objectives and suffered from a shortage of good teachers. He added that the time devoted to Jewish education was so inadequate that it amounted to no more than "play schooling." According to Mr. Toubin, every American Jewish youngster should be given a Jewish education but in fact only a very small proportion received it. He said the only ray of hope was to be found in Hebrew day schools and the Jewish sponsored summer camps. He suggested that Israel be made the focal point of Jewish education in America and become a place where American Jewish youth could come to study Judaism in practice.

Dr. Yogev Karmi, principal of the Herzilya highschool, said he saw no solution to the problem of religious education in an open secular society. He said Jewish education in Israel must be based on past heritage and on moral values that would be the source of a modern Jewish heritage.

Prof. Zwi Kurzwelil, of the Technion, said he favored the plan of Hebrew University Prof. E. Auerbach whereby religious life in Israel would be organized on a community and congregational basis as in the United States and not on political parties.

Newark Jewish Officer Says N.J. Supreme Court Had To Ban Holiday Time Off

NEWARK, Aug. 3 (JTA)--A Jewish police officer on the Newark force said the State Supreme Court had no alternative in ruling last week as illegal a long-standing practice allowing Jewish policemen to have time off with pay on Jewish holidays. The unanimous decision climaxed a lengthy battle by Newark police lieutenant Joseph Ebler to end the practice.

Capt. Max Steinberg said that "based on simple fact, the court had no other alternative," adding that the practice was meant to "create a little goodwill" in the department. He noted that because there are only 40 Jews on the 1,300-man force, the practice had never created a manpower problem, according to the Jewish News of Newark.

Lt. Ebler raised the issue in 1963 when he tried to file a complaint with the State Civil Rights division on which the division took no action. The then Sgt. Ebler also filed suit in Superior Court which dismissed it. He later obtained help from the American Civil Liberties Union. He argued his own case before the State Supreme Court, also seeking damages as payment for working overtime on Christian holidays during the past six years. The court did not rule on that claim.

Lt. Ebler said he objected specifically to what he called a department blanket order which he said permitted all Jewish policemen to take off the holidays with pay whether or not a particular officer observed a holiday. He added he had no objection to any individual officer taking a day off for observance with the time deducted from accumulated overtime.

Rabbi Horace L. Zemel, senior police chaplain, said he regretted the decision. He said Jewish policemen had often volunteered to work on Christmas, a legal holiday, and other non-Jewish religious holidays.

Yom Kippur Listed As Excused Absence Day For Alabama College Students

MONTGOMERY, Ala. Aug. 3 (JTA)--Gov. Albert P. Brewer disclosed today that he had directed all universities and colleges in Alabama to permit the absence of Jewish students on September 22, the Day of Atonement, "as an excused absence in observance of Yom Kippur." Gov. Brewer acted at the request of Col. Ruben M. Hanan of Montgomery.

The governor made no reference to high schools and elementary schools but arrangements were being made by Jewish leaders to draw the executive's decision to the attention of local school boards with the request that they excuse the absence of Jewish pupils on the holy days.

Funeral Rites Held For Isaac Rembah, Israeli Editor; Dies At 62 In Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today for Isaac Rembah, an Israeli editor and journalist who died of a heart attack Friday night at the age of 62.

Mr. Rembah was a member of the presidium of the Israel Journalists Association and a member of the executive of the World Union of Jewish Journalists. He was to have received this year's Sokolow Award in recognition of his lifelong service to his profession. The presentation had been scheduled for later this month. Mr. Rembah was a former personal secretary to the late Zeev Jabotinsky, the Zionist Revisionist leader.