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Israeli Jets Damage Jordanian Canal Again In Reprisal Raids

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Israeli Air Force planes struck today for a second time at Jordan's Ghor irrigation canal in an attack on military objectives in response to an upsurge of Jordanian shooting across the cease-fire line and guerrilla raids against civilian settlements and army units in the Beisan and Jordan Valley sectors.

Officials indicated that the canal was again damaged in the one-hour raid. All Israeli planes returned safely to base. After the first air raid on the canal last June 23, Beisan Valley settlements had almost two weeks of calm without a single attack on any settlement. Premier Golda Meir said at the time that if the quiet was continued by Jordan, Israel would not interfere with repair work on the canal, a pledge Israel kept.

However, officials said, soon after repairs were completed, the Jordanians renewed their attacks, which reached a peak in the past 24 hours with five assaults on settlements and Israeli army units. The officials emphasized that the two-week period of tranquility demonstrated that Jordanian officials could control both their army and Jordanian-based saboteurs if they wished to.

El Fatah Discloses Iraqi Units In Jordan Participating In Attacks On Israel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The El Fatah guerrilla command admitted for the first time today that Iraqi units stationed in Jordan were participating in assaults on Israel. The disclosure was contained in a Fatah announcement claiming that heavy casualties and damages were inflicted in attacks on the Yardena settlement in the Beisan Valley over the weekend and on an Israeli patrol near Hebron. Israeli military sources ridiculed the El Fatah casualty claims.

In that action, it was made known that Iraqi artillery, along with Jordanian guns, provided covering fire for a group of ten marauders who crossed the Jordan River in an attempt to penetrate Yardena last night. Israeli intelligence reportedly learned that Iraqi forces in Jordan have formed a guerrilla unit identified as the 421st "Kadassiya" regiment.

Yardena, a kibbutz 55 miles northeast of Tel Aviv, was attacked with mortar and bazooka fire Friday night. A 65 year-old woman resident was injured and some damage was reported to houses and telephone and electricity facilities. The settlement came under mortar attack again last night which caused injuries to three persons. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan made a surprise appearance at Yardena at midnight last night. He inspected the damage, visited the injured persons and promised that the Defense Ministry would do everything possible to strengthen the settlement's defenses. Gen. Dayan said the courage of the settlers "set an example for the whole country." He visited the home of one of the victims, 40 year-old Shalom Pinhas, the father of eight children. He proposed that an outside worker be brought in to take over Mr. Pinhas' chores while he was recovering and said the Defense Ministry would bear the expense.

A curfew was imposed on several areas in and around Gaza last night following the ambush of an Israeli patrol in which four Israeli soldiers were injured, one of them seriously. The incident took place at 8:30 p.m. local time at the southern entrance to Gaza. The guerrillas hurled hand grenades and fired bazookas. A search of the area yielded four anti-vehicle mines which were dismantled.

An explosion damaged the civilian regional administration offices in Gaza last night. Earlier, three hand grenades were thrown at the local branch of the Israel Discount Bank, causing slight damage. An Army car struck a mine on the former demarcation line between Israel and Gaza but no casualties were reported. A storage shed used for chemicals was destroyed by an explosion.

A bridge on a road near the Lebanese border was damaged Friday by explosives and shots were fired simultaneously at an Israeli car. Army engineers repaired the damage. No casualties were reported. Several Katyusha rockets were fired Friday at the Sdom potash plant on the south shore of the Dead Sea without causing casualties or damage. A bomb went off near the Labor exchange office in Nablus Friday, causing slight damage but no casualties. Three Israeli soldiers were wounded in an artillery exchange across the Suez Canal Thursday and an Israeli patrol was the target of hand grenades and small arms fire near Kahn Yunis in the Gaza Strip. The patrol killed one of the attackers.

Report Nine-Year-Olds Taught Machine-Gun Handling At Jordan Refugee Camp

LONDON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Arab children between nine and 18 years of age are being trained to fire machineguns at the Bakka refugee camp in Jordan, according to a dispatch to the London Evening News from the camp. The correspondent said that one of the Arab guerrilla fighters who patrol the camp told him the youngsters are recruited into so-called "lion's cub" centers where they are taught how to fire machineguns, rifles and pistols and are instructed in field craft.

London Newspaper Says Deliveries of Phantoms To Israel Will Begin Next Month

LONDON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Washington correspondent of the Daily Telegraph asserted today that the first deliveries of 50 supersonic F-4 Phantom jets to Israel will start next month. An agreement to sell the planes to Israel was reached with U. S. authorities early this year.

According to Richard Beeson, Israel is pressing the Nixon administration to sell it more than 100 additional military planes including about 80 sub-sonic Skyhawk fighter-bombers and 25 more Phantoms. This pressure was expected to build up until Sept. 25, the date Premier Golda Meir is due in Washington for talks with President Nixon. Mr. Beeson said Israel's request for more planes reflected the increasing number of air battles with the Arabs in recent weeks and the growing use of Israeli planes in reprisal raids on Arab commando bases and artillery positions.

Maccabiah Treasurer Quits Over Disqualification Of Non-Jewish Athletes

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The treasurer of the Maccabiah games, Israel's "Olympics," announced his resignation today in protest against what he called the "unnecessary and shameful" events that led to the disqualification of teams during the recent eighth Maccabiah competition because they included non-Jews among their athletes. Shimon Kashi accused the chairman of the Maccabiah organizing committee, Pierre Gildesgame, of deciding on his own authority to disqualify the teams. He said that action damaged the images both of Israel and the Maccabiah.

The Uruguayan basketball team was disqualified on the eve of its semi-final game with the Israeli team after opposing teams complained that it had two non-Jewish players. Two Belgian brothers whose mother is not Jewish, were forced out of the water polo competition on a complaint by the Canadian team which the Belgians had just defeated. As a result, the entire Belgian team withdrew from the games. Maccabiah rules limit competition to Jews. The Israeli rabbinate insists that only the offspring of Jewish mothers are Jewish and that criteria was apparently used by the Maccabiah organizing committee. The affair drew angry protests from many segments of the public and more resignations by Maccabiah officials are expected.

Athletic events ended last week. But the eighth Maccabiah was brought to a formal close over the week-end with a celebration at the Ramat Gan stadium attended by the visiting athletes and some 40,000 spectators. Speakers, including Premier Golda Meir, urged the youngsters to settle in Israel now or return later for settlement. According to Mr. Gildesgame, at least 65 of the 1500 participants in the 1969 Maccabiah plan to settle here.

French Devaluation Seen Having No Effect On Israel's Economy

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Israel's financial leaders said today that devaluation of the French franc would have no effect on the Israeli economy and that Israel has no intention of devaluing its own currency. Finance Minister Zeev Sharef and David Horowitz, Bank of Israel Governor, discussed France's monetary action in radio and press interviews.

They noted that Franco-Israeli trade is relatively small and that Israel's foreign currency reserves are in dollars, not francs, so that there is no reason for devaluation. Israeli financial circles nonetheless were closely watching British reaction to the French devaluation. Israel's economy is closely linked to the pound sterling. But economists are divided over whether Israel would be forced to devalue its pound in response to a devaluation of British currency. The last time the pound sterling was devalued, Israel promptly followed suit. The pound sterling stands at \$2.40 at the present rate of exchange. The Israel pound is about 33 cents.

A slight increase in the price of black market dollars was registered yesterday in the wake of the French devaluation but the financial market showed no signs of concern. The Bank of Israel instructed all other banks not to deal in French francs today as a precautionary measure. But the ban was not applied by the Haifa port branch of the Bank Leumi which exchanged the francs brought by a group of French tourists who arrived for a two-week visit. A bank spokesman said, "We didn't want to spoil their holiday."

Premier Meir's Health Reported Good After Two-Day Hospital Check-Up

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir presided as usual today at the regular Cabinet meeting. She was hospitalized Friday and yesterday for what was described as a routine check-up and returned home last night. Her personal physician, Prof. Joseph Rosenfeld of the Beilinson Hospital, said the 71-year-old Mrs. Meir was in good health.

The meeting was devoted mainly to domestic affairs after a foreign policy review by Foreign Minister Abba Eban. One of the problems examined was the threatened strike by communication engineers and technicians, who are working under mobilization orders. Officials said the walkout would mean the suspension of most radio and television broadcasts and a cutting off of connections via cable and telephone with the rest of the world. No work, other than maintenance of normal water and electricity supplies, would be done. The issue is more pay.

Seven West Bank Arabs Held In Plot To Poison Arab Notables

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Officials announced today the arrest of 29 suspected members of Arab sabotage groups, including two men and five women in Ramallah reportedly organized in a cell with the assignment of trying to poison Arab notables cooperating with Israeli authorities. Some of the women members of the cell confessed to the charge, it was reported. The other arrests were made in Jericho and Bethlehem. The officials reported that the suspects were found to have firearms.

NPD 'Postpones' Rally At Dachau Death Camp Site After Widespread Protests

BONN, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Protests at home and abroad have led the extremist right-wing National Democratic Party to announce an indefinite postponement of a political rally it had announced it would hold at the site of the Dachau death camp. No date had been announced for the rally and observers here suggested that the postponement was a face-saving device and that the Dachau meeting will never take place.

The reputedly neo-Nazi NPD meanwhile came under increasing attack from prominent West German Federal and state officials and trade unionists. Foreign Minister Willy Brandt told a meeting of the women's section of his Social Democratic Party that the NPD "uses a democratic mask behind which to hide its true Nazi character." Herr Brandt's statement contradicted a recent statement attributed to his coalition partner, Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger of the Christian Democratic Union, that the NPD was not neo-Nazi.

Heinz Kuehn, Prime Minister of North Westphalia and a member of the Social Democratic Party presidium, said in an interview that he would describe the NPD as "neo-Nazi." He asked citizens not to demonstrate at NPD rallies, however, because that would only give the party additional publicity.

Demonstrations at an NPD rally in Frankfurt last month led to violence when party monitors, wearing helmets and gloves, allegedly beat up hecklers and assaulted passers-by. The Government of Hesse announced that it would send a full report of the incident to Federal Interior Minister Ernst Benda and has stated its support of Herr Benda's efforts to have the NPD banned as anti-democratic. The metal trade workers union of Hesse Rhineland-Pfalz and the Saarland have agreed to coordinate their campaign against the NPD. The trade unions will publish and circulate documents among factory workers to "expose the nature of the NPD."

Several thousand persons took part in a peaceful demonstration against the NPD during a party meeting in Dusseldorf addressed by Adolf von Thadden, the NPD chairman. The demonstrators marched outside the hall carrying slogans demanding action against the party. Inside, Herr von Thadden exhorted an audience of 1,000 to support the party and denounced all the groups opposed to it. He said he was gratified by recent statements allegedly made by Chancellor Kiesinger and other high ranking German politicians that the NPD is not neo-Nazi. The NPD's entry into the Bundestag after next month's election will depend on the voters of North Rhine-Westphalia, one of the most populous of West German states, state Prime Minister Kuehn declared today.

British Publisher Plans To Print Limited Edition Of Hitler's 'Mein Kampf'

LONDON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--A British publisher announced yesterday that he will publish a limited edition of Hitler's autobiography, "Mein Kampf," the first to appear in Britain since World War II, although he admittedly lacks authorization of the Bavarian state government which holds the copyright.

Sir Robert Lusty, managing director of Hutchinsons Publishers, said only 2,000 copies would be printed. He said there had been some private complaints, mainly from Jews, but "We felt that with the new generation coming on there should be--whether one likes it or not--an edition available for study by students." Sir Robert said royalties would be paid to the Bavarian government which confiscated the copyright after the war and has since refused to allow anybody to re-publish Hitler's work. Sir Robert said he has received no complaint from the West German Government and "I am sure they know we are publishing it."

NEWS BRIEFS

HAIFA, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Twenty Latin American scientists have completed a three month food-technology course at the Haifa Technion, it was announced today. The course was sponsored jointly by the Organization of American States and the international cooperation department of the Israel Foreign Ministry and was conducted by the Technion's food and bio-chemistry department. The participants were chemists, pharmacists and chemical engineers from Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Peru.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Seventy-five percent of the West Bank students who took high school entrance examinations passed them, the military governor of the Judea and Samaria districts announced today. He said that 8,000 students from government and private schools and schools run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees took the examinations and 5,800 passed. It was reported earlier that 3,364 out of 4,800 West Bank high school graduates passed their matriculation exams which are recognized by institutions of higher learning in Israel, the Arab states and many foreign countries.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 10 (JTA)--A troupe of Arab and Jewish dancers from Jerusalem is performing at Copenhagen's famed Tivoli Gardens, one of Europe's top nightspots. The group is touring Denmark under the auspices of the People-to-People program. They were received on their arrival by the Lord Mayor of Copenhagen, Israel's Ambassador Mrs. Esther Herlitz and the Danish Ambassador to Israel, Sigvald Kristensen.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Arkia, Israel's domestic air line, is offering air-sea package tours from Tel Aviv to Sharm-el-Sheikh at the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula, the air line's New York representative has announced. The day-and-a-half tour begins with a flight to Eilat for sightseeing followed by a nine-hour boat trip to Sharm el-Sheikh. The return to Tel Aviv is by air, flying over Mt. Sinai and the Santa Katerina monastery. The same tour may be taken in reverse, he said.

Rally Planned In Manhattan's Garment Center Tomorrow For Jailed Soviet Dissidents

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry announced today plans for a rally in Manhattan's Garment Center in commemoration of the 17th anniversary on the murder of 24 Russian Jewish intellectuals by Stalin and for release of Soviet dissidents. The rally will be held at noon Tuesday, the organization said.

Officials said the demonstration will issue a call for formation of an International Release Committee for colleagues of the recently defecting Soviet writer Anatoly Kuznetsov, including Yuli Daniel and Andrei Sinyavsky, who are serving terms in Soviet labor camps, and for Jewish resisters such as Boris Kochubiyevsky and Ilya Ripps. Kochubievsky is a Kiev engineer who was sentenced in May to a Soviet prison camp for protesting against the treatment of Jews in Russia and for seeking to emigrate to Israel. Ripps is a young Jewish student who tried self-immolation in April to protest the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia and whose fate since his arrest is unknown.

The officials said that a line of students would stand linked by heavy chains to represent the incarceration of Soviet dissidents and that a cantor will chant El Molay Rachamim, the prayer for the dead, on behalf of the Soviet martyrs and dissidents.

Soviet Envoy Sent Complaint By Jewish Writer Arrested For 'Littering' Embassy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--A member of the Jews for Urban Justice has sent a letter to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin protesting his arrest on July 24 on charges of "depositing trash" at the Soviet Embassy. Arthur Waskow, who is a fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies here, said that he had placed material protesting Soviet mistreatment of Russian Jews "carefully on the floor inside your door because your officials had refused to discuss the matter with us."

Mr. Waskow said in his letter that the material he had left at the Embassy consisted of criticism by American radical groups of the Soviet Union for its treatment of Russian Jews. He said in his letter that he intended to continue his efforts "for radical transformations of both Soviet and American societies, in such ways as to liberate the Jewish people to be themselves."

In a related development, Jews for Urban Justice was criticized by Rabbi Harry J. Kaufman, president of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of Washington for a demonstration on the steps of the capitol, described by the organization as a Tisha B'av service. Citing an account of the demonstration in the Jewish Week of Washington which mentioned guitar and oboe accompaniment, Rabbi Kaufman said the demonstration was "sadly and regrettably reminiscent of the Jewish leftist depredations of 50 years ago, in sponsoring mock Yom Kippur Balls on Kol Nidre night."

Rabbi Kaufman also said, in a formal statement, that Tisha B'av "is most decidedly not a tool for political dilletantism and hackneyed gimmickry" and he urged avoidance of "sensational posturing and self-deluding exploitation of our hallowed traditions by the pretentiousness of Civil Rights Seder circuses and Tisha B'av tune-ins." He asserted that "the true meaningfulness" of the Holy Days was "ill-served by those who would tamper with its transcendent character to serve any one public issue, no matter how well intentioned or motivated."

Pilot Classes For First Reform Day School Set For 1970 By N. Y. Congregation

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Pilot classes of the first all-day school in the United States under Reform auspices, which will be sponsored by Congregation Rodeph Sholom of New York City, will be held in the synagogue starting in September, 1970, according to an announcement by Samuel Abrams, president of the congregation. Rodeph Sholom is one of the nation's largest Reform synagogues.

He also announced that a contract had been signed with an architectural firm to draw up preliminary plans for a building to house the day school. The plans call for rehabilitation and reconstruction of four brownstone houses immediately to the rear of the synagogue in upper Manhattan. He said construction would start on the building as soon as architectural plans were approved and that it was hoped the day school building would be ready for occupancy in September, 1971. Initially, plans are for grammar grade classes, he said.

Rabbi Louis Newman had reported previously that the new building would also serve as a cultural and recreation center. He also indicated that registration would be open to all applicants, regardless of affiliation, and that the day school would not be a "parochial school."

Rabbi Lauds Nixon's Welfare Plan As First Effort To 'Equalize Help'

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--An official of the American Jewish Committee praised President Nixon's welfare reform plan today as "the first major attempt to equalize help to the needy in various parts of the country since the system was set up almost 35 years ago."

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the AJCommittee's interreligious affairs department spoke on WINS radio. He said that "few will disagree with the suggestion for incentives and job-training programs that may transform thousands of welfare clients from relief recipients to taxpayers." President Nixon's program would broaden the welfare roles and place welfare on a Federal level but eligibility would require persons capable of working to accept appropriate jobs or enroll in special training courses.

CORRECTION

The JTA Daily News Bulletin on August 7th incorrectly reported Charles J. Bensley's announcement of the appointment of Dr. Aryeh Neshet. Dr. Neshet was named executive director of the Israel Education Fund, of which Mr. Bensley is president, not of the "Israel Foundation Fund" as reported.