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Israel Believed Unlikely To Permit Jordanians To Repair Bombed Ghor Irrigation Canal

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Israel is not likely to permit Jordanian workers to repair the Ghor irrigation canal, Jordan's largest irrigation project, which was damaged for the second time in two months yesterday by Israeli jets. The jets struck at military objectives in Jordan in response to an upsurge of Jordanian shooting across the cease-fire line and guerrilla raids on Israeli settlements and military units. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said last night that in view of Jordan's "daily aggression," Israel cannot be expected to exercise "special caution" in the targets it selects for reprisal.

The 50-mile Ghor canal takes its water from the Yarmuk River, a tributary of the Jordan. It irrigates farm land populated by more than 20,000 Jordanians and it is considered one of the most vital projects in this water-poor region. The canal was blasted by Israeli commandos last June 23 also in reprisal for an escalation of shelling and raids by Jordanian forces.

Attacks On Settlements Were Resumed When Canal Repairs Were Completed

The canal is within easy range of Israeli guns but Israel agreed at the time to permit Jordanian workmen to carry out repairs provided Jordan ended artillery attacks and guerrilla incursions against Israel in that area. For two weeks the border was quiet. But once the repairs were completed, the attacks resumed, reaching a peak over the past week-end. Israeli officials said the two-week hiatus proved that Jordanian authorities could control their own army and restrain the guerrillas if they wished to.

Observers on the Israeli side of the border said today that the water level in the Ghor canal appeared down to zero. Yesterday's jet strike ruptured one of the canal's walls and the water poured back into the Yarmuk riverbed only a few yards away.

Israeli sources said today that the blasting of the Ghor canal was "poetic justice" since it was Arab snipers in the early fifties who prevented Israel from carrying out its original national irrigation project by firing on workers near the Bnot Yaacov bridge. They noted further that Jordan, Lebanon and Syria had collaborated in a project to divert the headwaters of the Jordan River in order to deprive Israel of its rightful share of the waters. Now, they said, Jordan is suffering the loss of the Ghor canal waters and Israeli forces have also damaged the main water canal that brings water from the Nile to Port Said and other Egyptian towns in the Suez Canal zone.

Israel Warplanes Blast Arab Terrorist Bases On Slopes Of Mt. Hermon In Lebanon

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Israeli jets went into action for the second time in 12 hours today. Their target was a heavily wooded area on the southwest slopes of Mt. Hermon in Lebanon where Arab guerrilla bands are believed to have concentrated in recent weeks. All the planes returned safely to their bases.

A military spokesman said the attack was launched at noon and lasted 30 minutes. It was the second time Israeli jets struck at targets in Lebanon since the June, 1967 Six-Day War. The previous attack was made on the same area July 30. A Lebanese spokesman in Beirut claimed today that the Israeli jets struck in and around the Arqouh area 60 miles south of the capital. He said a number of persons were injured, some seriously.

Israeli sources said the area hit contained seven guerrilla bases set up by El Fatah, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Syrian-sponsored El Saïqua commandos. They have been in the area since the end of 1968 and according to Israeli reports were responsible for at least 21 incidents of terror and sabotage during the past month.

Yesterday, Israeli jets struck Jordanian Army camps and military emplacements in the northern Jordan Valley and damaged the Ghor irrigation canal. That raid was in reprisal for increasing Jordanian attacks on Israeli settlements and military units in the Beisan Valley.

Curfew Imposed on Town Of Hebron After Grenade Attack On Truck

Cairo radio reported that Israeli and Egyptian forces exchanged heavy artillery fire along the Suez Canal for three hours today.

In other developments, eight Israelis were injured this morning when a hand grenade was thrown into a passenger-carrying truck in Hebron. A curfew was imposed on the town immediately after the incident. Four of the injured were hospitalized but only one of them was reported to be seriously hurt.

Two Israeli soldiers were injured today when they stepped on a mine in the Mt. Hermon area of the Golan Heights. The soldiers were investigating an Army vehicle that hit a mine earlier.

Two Arab saboteurs were killed last night in an encounter with an Israeli patrol near the Abdallah bridge in the southern Jordan Valley. The patrol suffered no casualties.

A former member of the Jordanian senate living in Hebron was deported to Jordan today on orders from the military governor of the Judea and Samaria districts. The deportee, Rashid el Khatib Tamimi, 60, was charged with having maintained frequent contact with Arab terrorist organizations and with participation in terrorist acts. He was sent to Jordan by way of the Allenby bridge. Mr. Tamimi is a brother of Anwar el Khatib, the former mayor of East Jerusalem. His son was arrested a month ago for transporting arms in his car near Hebron.

Cairo Calls For Increased Terrorist Activities As Reply To Phantom Sale

LONDON, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- The semi-official Cairo daily, Al Ahram, called today for increased commando raids along Israel's borders as "the practical way to answer the Phantom deal" -- the sale of the F-4 supersonic jet fighter planes to Israel by the United States. The paper asserted that American aid to Israel will ultimately "result in strengthening Arab resistance."

Egyptian sources were quoted here in dispatches from the Egyptian capital as warning that American-Egyptian relations were at their lowest ebb as a result of the scheduled delivery of the Phantom planes, due to begin next month.

Strike Paralyzes Israel's Overseas Communications, Silences Radio, Television

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- A three-day strike of government-employed engineers and technicians began today causing a partial shutdown of overseas communications and a disruption of flights at Lydda Airport with a worsening situation likely should the strike continue. Labor Minister Yosef Almogi's last minute efforts to avert the strike yesterday were unsuccessful. He was scheduled to meet tonight with a delegation of strikers in a new attempt to end the walk-out.

Meanwhile Israel was without its regular radio and television programs except for brief news broadcasts. Local telephone service is functioning but not overseas telephones. Cable offices and the Telex system continue to operate for the time being and railroads are functioning normally. But repair men will not be available should breakdowns occur.

Lydda Airport was hard hit. The strikers are permitting contact with foreign airports but only to receive meteorological data. No other communication pertaining to flight operations are allowed. Vital water and electricity supplies are not affected by the strike.

The main issue is a new government regulation under which jobs now filled by practical engineers and technicians would have to be filled by licensed engineers in the future. The current job-holders fear this would affect their chances for promotion and ultimately their wages.

UN Group In Beirut Hears Israel Accused Of Torturing Arabs In Occupied Areas

LONDON, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- A United Nations human rights committee in Beirut heard witnesses today accuse Israel of torture, atrocities and mass murder in the occupied Arab territories. Dr. George Dib, a professor of international law at Lebanon University and a research worker of the Palestine Research Council, testified before the UN body, headed by Ibrahim Boye, the permanent representative of Senegal to the UN.

The human rights committee was established under a resolution of the UN Human Rights Commission to investigate the treatment of Arabs in territories occupied by Israel in the June, 1967 war. Israel has refused to cooperate with the committee unless a simultaneous investigation is undertaken of the treatment of Jews in the Arab countries and the committee will not visit the occupied areas.

Dr. Dib alleged that 17 methods of torture were used by Israelis on Arab prisoners. He said they included electric shock applied to the genitals and rectum. He also alleged that 23 Arab men were shot at Rafah, in the Sinai three weeks after the war and were buried in a mass grave.

Dr. Dib alleged that wilful killing "has been frequent throughout the occupation. He said that of 200 individual cases brought to his attention, 18 were rejected because of insufficient evidence. It was reported that American witnesses are prepared to give evidence against Israel. Mr. Boye said the committee will not enter Israel because of Israel's refusal to cooperate with it.

Gaullist Deputy Protests Planned Sale Of Jet Trainers To Algeria By France

PARIS, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- A Gaullist member of the French parliament has protested against government plans to sell 28 Fouga-Magister jet training planes to Algeria, a nation whose verbal assaults against Israel have been the most extreme of any of the Arab states. Algeria did not sign a cease-fire agreement after the Six-Day War and reportedly has regular units of its armed forces serving with the Egyptians on the west bank of the Suez Canal.

Pierre-Charles Krieg warned Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas that the planes "might end up in Egypt training Egyptian and Syrian pilots." The French embargo on arms to the Middle East supposedly bans the sale of military aircraft to any of the belligerents in the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli War. Algeria sent troops and aircraft to Egypt at the time but did not participate in the fighting.

The Fouga-Magister is a supersonic jet widely used by the Israeli Air Force. It is equipped with two 7-2 mm. machineguns and can be fitted with rockets and light bombs. The French Government announced last week that it would sell 28 of the aircraft to Algeria under an agreement that provides for the training of Algerian pilots and ground crews in France. It is generally believed here that several hundred other Algerian military technicians, including artillery and armored corps officers, will be trained in France. Mr. Krieg asked the Premier to make France's position clear on the embargo of military equipment and spare parts to Israel and the sale of arms to other Middle East countries.

Little Progress Is Reported In Efforts To Establish Labor Party Unity

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- With national elections little more than two months away, the Israel Labor Party appeared to be making little progress toward narrowing the gap with its disaffected Rafi faction. The situation was complicated by the emergence of splits within Rafi itself.

Veteran party leaders and Rafi adherents got together for a "talk session" last night but the talks were then postponed at the request of the Rafi adherents. The latter said they wanted to wait until the platform committee ironed out certain organizational problems and completed its discussion on policies in the occupied Arab territories. Those policies, along with the question of security boundaries, were left hanging when the Labor Party ended its convention a week ago. The party's central committee was empowered to decide whether the platform should incorporate an "unwritten" plank proposed by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan that spelled out what Israel would regard as its future security boundaries. Gen. Dayan is the acknowledged leader of the Rafi faction which merged with Mapai and Achdut Avodah early this year to form the Labor Party.

But there now appear to be two Rafis and possibly three. One is outside the Labor Party and will file a separate election list headed by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. Mr. Ben-Gurion created the original Rafi Party several years ago when he broke away from Mapai in a political dispute with the late Levi Eshkol, then Prime Minister.

Several Rafi members who declined to join the Labor Party plan to run in the elections for the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, on an independent list headed by Mr. Ben-Gurion.

The Rafi faction within the Labor Party also seemed to be divided. One group has joined with the party leadership to urge unity as the overriding consideration. But the more militant followers of Gen. Dayan and former Rafi party secretary Shimon Peres are demanding more independence and greater representation on Labor Party bodies.

Labor Party leaders were scheduled to meet today and were expected to demand that the former Rafi members disassociate themselves from the Ben-Gurion list. It was learned that the party leaders would be satisfied if Rafi renounced any "splinter or caricature" lists without naming any faction. The Rafi members were not considered likely to agree to repudiate their old leader, Mr. Ben-Gurion, by name.

Mayor Kollek Tentatively Agrees To Head Alignment Slate In Jerusalem Elections

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Mayor Teddy Kollek, of Jerusalem, said today that he would head the Alignment (Labor Party-Mapam) list in next month's municipal elections but only if the Rafi faction does not break away from the Labor Party. The Alignment council here apparently agreed to his proviso.

Mayor Kollek is a former member of Rafi. He has supported electoral reforms whereby voters would cast ballots directly for the mayoral candidate instead for party lists.

Experts To Meet In Israel To Devise Universal Physical Fitness Test

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Thirty international experts on physical fitness will meet here next week to put the final touches to a universal physical fitness test that will be used to make scientific comparisons of the physical fitness of various nationalities and other groups.

The convening in Israel of the sixth annual meeting of the International Committee for the Standardization of Physical Fitness Tests was a tribute to the Wingate Institute, Israel's national institute for physical education and sports, which is marking its 13th anniversary. The institute is named for the late Gen. Orde Wingate, the British Army officers who trained and led Haganah units in the 1930s and during the early part of World War II.

The Institute will play host to the group representing 20 countries. According to Dr. Uriel Simri, an Israeli authority on the scientific aspects of physical training, the lack of a universal physical fitness test until now has made valid comparative studies impossible because a variety of scales are used in different countries. The Wingate Institute near Nathanya trains physical education teachers, physiotherapists and coaches for nine sports. It also does research, promotes sports medicine and puts out professional publications.

Gala Fashion Show Opens 'Israel Week' In South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Israel Week opened here in high style today with a fashion show in the grand ball room of the President Hotel. Israeli mannequins paraded their country's haute couture before a distinguished audience of businessmen, government officials and their guests. Israel's deputy director of foreign trade, Adin Talbar, reported that his country's trade with South Africa had doubled in the last two years.

Mr. Talbar said it was two-way trade and observed that there was plenty of room for South African products in Israel's markets. He welcomed the participation of the biggest department stores of the Republic in the Israel Week celebration. Mr. Talbar was welcomed by Mayor Patrick Lewis of Johannesburg.

Archbishop Leads British Pilgrims On Visit To Israel

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- A group of pilgrims from England headed by the Archbishop of York, arrived here Sunday. The Archbishop is believed to be the highest ranking official of the Church of England to visit Israel.

Scholar Describes Anti-Christian Elements Found In Modern Anti-Semitism

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- The International Congress on Jewish Studies ended here today. The gathering was attended by social scientists and historians from Israel and overseas who discussed a wide range of subjects dealing with Jewish life from ancient times to contemporary events.

One paper that attracted attention locally was presented by Dr. Uri Tal, of the Hebrew University, who discussed the anti-Christian trends in modern anti-Semitism. According to Dr. Tal, modern anti-Semitism is a continuation of anti-Jewish manifestations in Christian theology. But after the 1870s it was influenced by a general anti-religious trend with a strong strain of anti-Christianism. Dr. Tal said that racial anti-Semitism of the type practiced by the Nazis determined that Christianity was essentially a continuation and accentuation of the defects inherent in Judaism. The anti-Semites, such as the Nazi ideologue, Alfred Rosenberg, he said, held that both Judaism and Christianity lead ultimately to man's estrangement from his natural state.

Parliamentarians Urge Latin American Countries To Protest Soviet Treatment Of Jews

BOGOTA, Colombia, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Latin American parliamentarians meeting here last weekend adopted a resolution demanding that the Soviet Union honor the 1966 promise of Premier Alexei Kosygin to permit Russian Jews to emigrate in order to re-unite with their families abroad. The resolution was proposed by the Uruguayan delegation at the Latin American Interparliamentary Conference. It was seconded by Costa Rica. Although Mr. Kosygin made his promise in Paris three years ago, so far it has not been carried out by Soviet authorities.

The resolution also demanded that the Soviet Government accord Jews the same cultural rights enjoyed by other ethnic minorities in the USSR. It asked Latin American governments to raise the question of the plight of Russian Jewry at the United Nations through their respective missions.

American Jewish Committee Delegation Confers With Kiesinger On German Situation

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee disclosed today that six of its top leaders had had a long private meeting with West German Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger in Washington on Friday to discuss current developments in West Germany. The delegates expressed concern over political radicalization and the National Democratic Party in West Germany. It also raised with the Chancellor the recent extension of the statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes and the Middle East situation and the prospects for peace there.

(Dr. Kiesinger told the National Press Club in Washington Friday that his government was unhappy about Arab pressures and the establishment of diplomatic relations by a number of Arab states with East Germany but he said Germany would continue to "pursue our neutral policy toward the parties in the Middle East.")

A Committee spokesman said the delegation had found Dr. Kiesinger's replies "reassuring" and that the participants were assured that the West German Government would be alert to the impact of the NPD on the current government and that the government would do all in its power to ensure the indictment of Nazi war criminals.

The Committee spokesman quoted Chancellor Kiesinger as expressing the hope that consultations of this nature would continue both in the United States and in Germany. The meeting was described as one of a series the American Jewish Committee has had with the West German leadership in recent years.

Participating in the meeting for the American Jewish Committee were David Sher, chairman of its board of governors; Morris H. Berggreen, chairman of its European Committee; Judge Theodore Tannenwald Jr., chairman of its Israel Committee; Bertram H. Gold, executive vice-president; Jerry Goodman, executive affairs specialist, and Hyman Bookbinder, its Washington representative.

United Synagogue Leader Hits Kiesinger's 'Whitewash' Of Neo-Nazi Party

Earlier, a leader of Conservative Judaism, accused Chancellor Kiesinger of attempting to "whitewash" the National Democratic Party in order to curry favor with its followers and win right-wing votes in West Germany's national elections next month.

Henry R. Rapaport, president of the United Synagogue of America, made his charges in connection with Chancellor Kiesinger's visit to Washington. He took issue with Chancellor Kiesinger's statement that the NPD "is not neo-Nazi, in spite of evidence to the contrary." He said that statement "will to a considerable extent help to spur the revival of Nazism in West Germany and eventually accelerate the rapid decline of Chancellor Kiesinger's own party."

To Launch Series Of Projects To Strengthen European Jewish Communities

GENEVA, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- A number of projects approved at the recent forum of the European Council of Jewish Community Services have been gotten under way, it was announced here today. A spokesman for the Joint Distribution Committee described these projects as intended to ensure the survival of Jewish communities in Europe. Among them are the establishment of a library of television films and correspondence courses in Jewish subjects for students and future community leaders.

Jewish Army Reservists On Duty To Be Released Early For Rosh Hashanah

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Jewish Army reservists on active duty next month will be released a day early in order to be home for the Rosh Hashanah holiday, the National Jewish Welfare Board announced today. According to Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, chairman of the JWB's chaplaincy commission, the U.S. Army Continental Command has authorized local commanders to grant early release to Jewish reservists taking their annual active duty training.