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Beigin Calls For Worldwide Protest To Save Two Iraqi Jews Facing Death On Spy Charges

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- Announcement by the Baghdad regime of the arrest of 12 men and women - two of them Jews - allegedly for espionage for Israel and their imminent trial before a revolutionary court, spurred an Israeli cabinet member today to call on Israel and Jews throughout the world for prompt action to bring about the evacuation of all the Jews remaining in Iraq and their establishment in a safe haven.

Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut party and Minister-Without-Portfolio in the coalition government, said today two more Iraqi Jews "are in the shadow of the gallows in Baghdad" and "it is our duty to act in time to save our innocent brethren who are threatened with juridical murder." Nine Iraqi Jews were publicly hanged in Baghdad and Basra last year on charges of spying for Israel. Mr. Beigin said that "past experience raises the hope that if we employ all the moral force at our disposal to awaken enlightened public opinion, we shall be able to save the victims of the Iraqi plot."

Israeli Plane Is Downed In Attack On Egyptian Artillery And Missile Sites

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- Israel Air Force planes attacked Egyptian artillery positions and Soviet Samoz ground-to-air missile batteries along the Suez Canal today after an Israeli fighter-bomber was shot down by Egyptian anti-aircraft fire in an earlier sortie. A military spokesman said the Israeli pilot was seen bailing out and was taken prisoner by the Egyptians.

According to the spokesman, the attack on the missile sites and gun emplacements lasted 20 minutes during which attacking Israeli jets penetrated Egyptian territory to a depth of nearly 20 miles west of the canal. The attack began at 6:15 p.m. local time.

Earlier in the day Israeli jets were called in to attack Egyptian artillery and anti-tank guns that were shelling Israeli positions at Al Shat, near Port Tewfik at the canal's southern entrance. An Egyptian communist confirmed the capture of the pilot of the downed Israeli aircraft.

U.S. Officials Closely Following Developments For Possible Soviet Involvement

In Washington, United States officials carefully followed reports of the latest Israeli air strike across the Suez Canal. Official Washington is interested because of the possibility that Soviet technicians and members of the Soviet armed forces are manning the complex electronic and radar guidance equipment at the missile site hit by Israeli planes. According to sources in Washington, the Israeli jet downed earlier in the day was hit by an S.A.M. 2 missile of more advanced design than the "flying telegraph poles" fired at U.S. pilots over North Vietnam.

(U.S. authorities acknowledged that the presence of Soviet military advisers and technicians in Egypt represented a potential source of escalation crisis. However, the information available to the U.S. Government was said to indicate that Soviet personnel have limited their activity to troop training. It was conceded that some of the "training" might be in progress at anti-aircraft positions along the Suez Canal.)

Israeli Soldier Is Killed By Egyptian Sniper; 6 Terrorists Slain In Clashes

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- An Israeli soldier was killed by an Egyptian sniper along the Suez Canal yesterday. Israeli units killed six Arab saboteurs in separate encounters last night and this morning in the Jordan Valley and the Gaza Strip.

The latest casualty in the canal zone was Pvt. Sayid Franco. He was killed near the spot where Second Lt. Herman Mordecai lost his life yesterday when explosives planted by Egyptian commandos damaged a water pipeline. A military spokesman said the Egyptians were trying to knock out the fresh water pipelines supplying Israeli troops on the canal's east bank. The damaged pipe has been repaired. A recent Israeli air raid damaged a fresh water pipeline linking the Nile with Port Said and the Egyptians have since made two retaliatory attempts against the Israeli water supply, the spokesman said.

He reported that three saboteurs were killed and 12 captured in a dawn skirmish with Israeli police near a Gaza refugee camp. One of the dead saboteurs was wanted for the murder three weeks ago of Shimon Levi, an employee of the Israel Public Works Department. Mr. Levi was found shot to death in his car near a road construction site. Two of the captured saboteurs were wounded.

Three other saboteurs were killed last night in a clash with an Israeli patrol along the Jordan River near Mandassah bridge. One Israeli soldier was slightly wounded in the exchange of fire while the saboteurs were attempting to cross the river.

Several bazooka shells were fired this morning at an Israeli patrol south of Quneitra in the Golan Heights. Another patrol came under bazooka fire in the northern Golan Heights. Fire was returned in both instances and no casualties were sustained by the Israelis. A number of Katyusha rocket shells were fired this morning at Nahal Sinai settlement and at the El Arish airstrip. No casualties or damage was reported. An explosive charge went off near the military governor's house in Bethlehem last night without causing damage or casualties. It was the second explosion in Bethlehem in two days.

150 Arabs Detained Following Two Explosions In Jerusalem Suburb

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- One hundred and fifty Arabs were detained for questioning today in the aftermath of two explosions in a Jerusalem suburb which slightly injured a number of boys. The first explosion occurred in a residential building adjacent to a busy commercial center in Kiryat Yovel; the second an hour later among trees in the same neighborhood. The injured youngsters were part of a crowd that gathered after the first blast. They received first aid treatment but none required hospitalization. Most of the Arabs detained are from the occupied territories, police said. The suspects include a number of women.

Soviet Is Reported To Be Amassing Unprecedented Naval Power In Mediterranean

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- Official American sources said today that the Soviet Union appears to be massing unprecedented naval power in the Mediterranean apparently in a display of Russian backing for the Arab states and to deter Israel from reprisals.

The U.S. Navy disclosed that Russian warships in the Mediterranean outnumber the U.S. Sixth Fleet for the first time. Navy headquarters in Naples reported that 63 to 65 Soviet warships and auxiliaries have been spotted in the Mediterranean. The Sixth Fleet numbers 50 ships and 200 combat aircraft.

According to official sources, 36 Russian naval units entered the Mediterranean through the Turkish Straits so far this month. They include an aircraft carrier equipped for helicopters and vertical take-off planes, guided missile cruisers, at least 20 destroyers, 35 auxiliary, amphibious landing and support ships and an estimated 8-10 submarines including nuclear-powered craft equipped to fire missiles. Some of the Russian ships were reported to have arrived in Egyptian waters. The Russians have established naval base facilities at Port Said and Alexandria.

See Buildup As Result Of Lack Of Progress In U.S.-Soviet Talks On Mideast

(Western defense circles in London said today that the Soviet naval build-up in the Mediterranean, stemmed from the lack of progress in the Middle East talks with the U.S. and growing Arab disillusionment with Soviet assistance. The sources said that ship-for-ship the Russians have assembled the largest and most powerful force they have ever had in the Mediterranean. A Soviet naval squadron that recently visited Cuba is expected to augment the fleet shortly, naval sources said. They believed the Soviets were preparing for a major naval exercise in the Mediterranean.)

State Department officials said today that the Department was "interested" in the Soviet naval deployment in the Middle East but had so far drawn no conclusions.

Arabs Fear Cutoff Of Soviet Aid Because Of Growing Chinese-Russian Conflict

BOSTON, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- The possibility that the growing Chinese-Russian conflict may result in a serious reduction of Soviet aid to the Arab states is causing concern to Arab leaders, the Christian Science Monitor reported Tuesday from Beirut.

"Arab leaders are wondering whether the growing Sino-Soviet conflict will seriously reduce Moscow's support to its Arab friends in the Middle East," Monitor correspondent John K. Cooley reported. He asserted that "there is evidence that the Russians are asking President Nasser and other Arab leaders to exercise extreme caution."

Moscow, he said, "appears specially concerned" over the latest flareup in the Suez Canal area. This concern, aired in Pravda on July 6, "has been reiterated in recent days by Soviet diplomats in Arab capitals," Mr. Cooley asserted.

The correspondent declared that "the possibility of having to fight Communist China in central and east Asia, while at the same time having to confront Israel's Western protector, the United States, at Asia's Western end raises an old spectre of Russian policy -- a war on two fronts."

He added that "analysts here believe Soviet diplomats now are trying to make Arab policymakers understand that Moscow must avoid this at all costs, and that Peking, not the West, now is the main threat."

Correspondent Says Arab Terrorists Are Cool To Chinese Offers Of Men And Arms

LONDON, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- The Daily Telegraph reported today that Red China has offered to send "volunteer" troops and "all the arms you want" to Palestinian guerrillas fighting Israel. According to Eric Downton, writing from Beirut, the offer is being made by Chinese Communist diplomats in Arab capitals.

But the guerrillas so far have rejected the offers because they have all the arms and money they can handle and because their principal backers among Arab leftist rulers are beholden to Moscow for huge amounts of military and economic aid, Mr. Downton said. In addition, the guerrilla organizations are inhibited from accepting the Chinese offer because they get most of their money from the traditionalist, anti-Communist Arab states.

World Council Of Churches To Study Ways To Aid Palestine Arab Refugees

LONDON, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- The World Council of Churches announced that it would hold a consultation in Cyprus next month to work out a new plan to aid Palestinian Arab refugees. The announcement was made at a meeting of the Council's central committee in Canterbury. The consultation will involve 90 experts. The Council of Churches has spent \$2 million so far aiding refugees of the 1967 war.

Security Council Fails To Agree On Resolution To Dispose Of Lebanese, Israeli Charges

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 19 (JTA) -- Members of the United Nations Security Council engaged in intensive consultations throughout the day today seeking agreement on the text of a draft resolution sponsored by the United States, which would condemn the Israeli airstrike on commando bases in southern Lebanon on August 11 but would also condemn all violations of the cease-fire.

The American draft apparently was running into heavy criticism from the Arabs and their supporters and, as of late this afternoon, could not command the nine votes necessary for adoption in the 15-member Security Council. A spokesman for the United States mission disclosed earlier in the day that language difficulties were being encountered in the negotiations.

The U.S. draft resolution, which had the backing of other Western powers, also deplored the extension of fighting in the Lebanese-Israeli area as a result of recent incidents, called on both sides to refrain from incidents and to observe the cease-fire and warned that further disregard of Security Council resolutions would result in consideration by the Council of how to give effect to its resolutions - a warning of more drastic action.

The United States took the initiative in consultations on the draft resolution when it could not accept a Pakistan-sponsored text that condemned Israel without any reference to the attacks that had led to the Israeli reprisal.

Lebanese Duck Direct Reply On Observers, Want Mixed Armistice Commission Restored

The Lebanese Government notified Secretary-General U Thant today that it was prepared, "should the need arise" to agree to strengthening the machinery of the 1949 Lebanese-Israeli armistice agreement, but evaded a direct answer to Mr. Thant's proposal that both Lebanon and Israel agree to the stationing of United Nations observers on their territory "with the function of observing and maintaining the Security Council cease-fire."

(The Christian Science Monitor reported from Beirut that Premier Rashid Karami, who heads Lebanon's caretaker government, is opposed to the stationing of United Nations observers in Lebanon. "Other Lebanese leaders," the paper said, "have said they welcome reactivation of the Israeli-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission, a force of six observers under command of a French colonel, set up in 1949 and still meeting occasionally.")

The Lebanese reply to Mr. Thant argued that the 1949 armistice "remains valid and applicable". It asserted that the agreement "contains no clause for unilateral termination of its application and therefore could not be revoked unilaterally." Israel's position has been that Lebanon and the other Arab states abrogated the armistice agreements by making war on Israel in 1967.

The Lebanese reply noted that a mixed armistice commission had been set up under the armistice agreement and that the commission's observers continued to be stationed in Lebanon and "their status was not altered after the June war of 1967."

The Lebanese note complained that "for more than two years, the United Nations observers have not been able to fulfil their mission because Israel does not allow them to operate on the Israeli side of the armistice line. It expressed the hope that the Secretary-General and the Security Council will take the necessary steps to have Israel "scrupulously abide by the armistice agreement and allow the United Nations observers to resume their functions and discharge their duties thereof."

UN General Assembly To Get Resolution On Measures To Combat Nazism, Racism

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 19 (JTA) -- A draft resolution detailing measures to be taken against Nazism and racial intolerance has been placed on the provisional agenda of the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council. The draft stems from resolutions adopted by the General Assembly in Dec. 1967 and Dec. 1968 condemning racism, Nazism, apartheid "and all similar ideologies and practices which are based on racial intolerance and terror as gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

The draft resolution noting that "Hitlerite Nazism" started World War II, warned that Nazism "including its present day manifestations...may jeopardize world peace and the security of peoples." It expressed "profound disquiet" that not all states are responding to appeals to observe the principles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It would have the General Assembly "urgently call upon those states...to take immediate and effective measures...for the complete prohibition of Nazi, neo-Nazi and racist organizations and for their prosecution in the courts."

The draft resolution also calls on all states to observe a day each year "in memory of the victims of the struggle against nazism and similar ideologies and practices based on terror and racial intolerance."

Mrs. Meir Tells Educators' Conference Universal Education Is Israeli Goal

REHOVOTH, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- An international conference on science and education which opened in Jerusalem last night, began its working sessions at the Weizmann Institute of Science here today. Participants include 120 delegates from 57 countries and a like number of Israeli scientists and educators.

The formal opening was greeted by Premier Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban, the latter one of the initiators of the conference. Mrs. Meir said that Israel's aim has always been to narrow the educational gap. She said despite its many problems stemming from the absence of peace, Israel has given its attention to the education problem by extending compulsory free education to 11 years. It now includes a year of kindergarten, eight years of primary school and two years of high school. She said Israel is sorry for every child anywhere who is denied an education.

Baptist Leader Says Anti-Semitism Is Contrary To Gospel Of Christianity

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 19 (JTA) -- A Baptist theologian said here last night that "Christian responsibility for anti-Semitism and the participation by Christians in the persecution of Jews" were contrary "to the love of Christ and the gospel of a loving God." Dr. A. Jase Jones, area missionary director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Kansas City, Mo., spoke at the opening session of an interfaith dialogue at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The gathering is sponsored jointly by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Interreligious Affairs department of the American Jewish Committee.

Dr. Jones' paper on "Images of the Jew in Southern Baptist Literature" followed a presentation by Prof. Leonard Dinnerstein, of Fairleigh Dickinson and Columbia universities on "Jewish History in the Southern United States." Dr. Dinnerstein said that Jews in the South have always prospected but socially they have never been fully accepted and in times of crisis "frequently became the butt of prejudices and scorn." He attributed their situation in part to Southern religious teachings and stated that Southern Jews today live in fear of anti-Semitism. "They are continually looking over their shoulders to see what their Gentile neighbors are doing, and are constantly anxious lest some Jew might offend members of the dominant group," Dr. Dinnerstein said.

Dr. Jones acknowledged that some Baptist writers "make statements that are examples of those attitudes and expressions which can be considered anti-Semitic or as contributing to the creation and continuation of anti-Semitic attitudes and emotions." He stressed, however, that in recent years Baptist articles and books have sought to counter the thrust of anti-Semitism "by creating a correct understanding of the Jew and an appreciation of him." Quoting from E. Luther Copeland's "Christianity and World Religions," Dr. Jones stated, "The Christian's primary responsibility is to love the Jew." In quotations from other works, the Baptist leader noted that "Jews are no more guilty of Jesus' death than non-Jews" and added, "the so-called Christians who have participated in the persecution of Jews did not represent the spirit of Jesus or his teachings."

Dr. Dinnerstein said "at present the Jews are a dying breed in the South. Outside of Florida, not only has the ratio of Jews to the rest of the population been declining in every Southern state since 1937, but in six of them...the total number of Jews is lower than it had been in 1927."

Goodman Family Endows Institute At Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- An institute for contemporary Jewish civilization will be established at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College here through an endowment gift made by Abraham, Mollie and Anna Goodman, Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, president of the college, announced today. The institute will be known as the Abraham, Mollie and Anna Goodman Institute for Contemporary Jewish Civilization and will provide the fifth year of the core curriculum for the students at the college.

Mr. Goodman is a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation and a member of the board of the Rabbinical College, which was established in 1968.

The Goodman Institute is the first of five such institutes which have been planned to cover the entire range of graduate study. The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College devotes one year to each of the major periods of Jewish development--Biblical, Rabbinical, medieval, modern and contemporary.

Former President Johnson To Receive Mizrahi Women's America-Israel Award

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- Former President Lyndon B. Johnson has been named recipient of the 1969 American-Israel Friendship Award presented by the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, Mrs. Aaron Leifer, national president, announced today. The award is presented annually to public figures "not of the Jewish faith who have made distinguished contributions toward fostering friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and Israel."

Mr. Johnson will be unable to attend the Mizrahi Women's annual convention in Chicago Oct. 12-15, and the presentation will be made at the Johnson ranch in Johnson City, Texas. A film of the ceremony will be shown to the delegates at the Chicago convention.

Mrs. Leifer, in announcing the award, cited the former President's "profound contributions towards constructing the edifice of American-Israel friendship."

To Probe Charges Of Anti-Jewish Bias In Hiring Teachers In Minneapolis Suburb

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 19 (JTA) -- An investigation has been ordered into charges by the St. Louis Park Human Relations Committee that the school authorities in that Minneapolis suburb have discriminated in hiring teachers. Only six of the 450 teachers who were hired were Jewish despite the fact that St. Louis Park is almost one-quarter Jewish. The investigation was voted by the Park School Board.

St. Louis Park school board authorities reportedly told Rabbi Arnold Goodman, head of a special committee on education, that it was not anti-Jewish bias but rather a lack of Jewish applicants that kept down the number of Jewish teachers in the schools. The committee, called Parents for Continued Quality of Education, was formed after school board delays in hiring teachers led to the cancellation of summer school classes.

Louis Schoen, head of the St. Louis Park Human Rights Commission, said 12 or 13 teachers told the committee they had been discriminated against when they applied for teaching positions in St. Louis Park and that they all had obtained jobs elsewhere.