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Israeli Air Force Jets Blast Targets On Lebanon's Mount Hermon And In Jordan

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3(JTA) -- Israeli Air Force jets blasted targets in Lebanon and Jordan today. The targets in Lebanon were three guerrilla bases on the southeast slopes of Mt. Hermon from where a Katyusha rocket attack was launched last night at the Israeli border village of Kiryat Shemona. A nine-year-old boy and a 26-year-old man were killed and five other civilians were injured.

A military spokesman said jets attacked Jordanian military positions opposite the Beisan Valley after an Israeli patrol came under bazooka and automatic weapon fire east of Ashdod Yaacob. All planes returned to their bases safely.

The victims in Kiryat Shemona, a new immigrant township, were Uri Azarza, nine, who was fatally wounded by fragments of a rocket that exploded about 10 yards from where he was playing, and Moshe Ayala who was riding on a motor scooter with his pregnant wife when he was hit. Mrs. Ayala was injured as was 10-year-old Yaffa Ben Shimon who was playing near the Azarza boy, and three occupants of a passing jeep.

The 200 mm. Katyusha rocket launchers opened fire towards evening as residents of Kiryat Shemona were walking the streets after an especially hot day. The first salvo landed near neighboring Kfar Giladi damaging a chicken coop. Other rockets damaged electric lines and started a fire in an empty lot. Israeli artillery directed heavy fire toward the border area where the rocket launchers were positioned, near the village of Rashid el Paher.

A military spokesman reported several artillery duels in the Port Tewfik area of the Suez Canal zone today. An Israeli soldier and a civilian tractor driver were injured. Another Israeli soldier, Lance Corp. Harold Leibovitz, 23, of Kibbutz Tzorra, was killed by Egyptian fire south of the Great Bitter Lake Monday. His death brought to 10 the number of Israeli soldiers killed in the canal zone and the Golan Heights during a 24 hour period that ended Monday.

Blame Security Council Censure For Continuing Attacks From Lebanon

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3(JTA) -- Last month's Security Council resolution censuring Israel for its Aug. 11 air raid on terrorist bases in Lebanon was blamed by Israeli diplomats today for continued guerrilla attacks from Lebanese soil.

Diplomatic sources said the Kiryat Shemona victims bear witness to the fact that terrorists operating from Lebanese soil have taken license from the Security Council's resolution to continue their attacks. The sources also referred to a meeting of guerrilla organizations in Cairo which decided to step up operations against Israeli civilians. One diplomat said the Israeli public cannot accept murder from across the border as the natural order of things even if the Security Council remains indifferent to it.

Gideon Rafael, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, told U.S. Charges d'Affaires Owen Zurhellen today that the Israeli public is growing increasingly impatient over the continued detention by Syria of two Israeli citizens who were aboard the TWA airliner hijacked by Arab commandos last Friday. Mr. Zurhellen said the U.S. was continuing its efforts to secure the release of the two Israelis without delay.

Guerrilla Leaders Straddle Hijack Issue, Arab Pilots Threaten Strike Retaliation

LONDON, Sept. 3(JTA) -- Arab guerrilla leaders meeting in Cairo reportedly refused to support activities such as aerial hijacking that would endanger the lives of innocent civilians. But the Arab Pilots Association in Cairo threatened today to take unspecified retaliatory action if the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA) went through with its proposed 24-hour world-wide pilots' strike to protest the hijacking of a TWA airliner to Syria by Arab commandos last week.

The IFALPA executive, meeting in Paris, warned that it would call such a strike unless the United Nations took immediate action to gain the release of two Israeli nationals aboard the TWA plane who are still being held by Syria. The Arab pilots claimed that Western pilots were "making this threat because two Arab commandos launched a daring act toward liberation of their usurped homeland." They added that the Western pilots had ignored numerous hijackings of American planes to Cuba.

The Arab guerrilla chiefs attending a meeting of the Palestinian National Council in Cairo today reportedly feared that hijacking airliners could turn world opinion against the Arab cause. The three-day meeting was called to coordinate strategy against Israel. A statement issued by the Council said it would neither "condone nor condemn such spectacular attacks as airplane hijacking."

Thant Back At UN, Takes Up Airline Pilots' Communication

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Secretary-General U Thant returned to his desk today from Mexico and was reported by his staff to be giving immediate consideration to the communication from Olav Forsberg, president of the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations, on the hijacking by

Arabs of a TWA jetliner last week and the continued detention by Syria of two of its Israeli passengers. The organization had asked Mr. Thant to receive a delegation to discuss the situation.

Consultations were continuing again today on the call by 25 Moslem states for an urgent meeting of the Security Council in connection with the fire on Aug. 21 which severely damaged El Aksa Mosque in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Israelis Upset By Swiss Plans To Try Rahamim, Who Shot Terrorists

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Government circles here are deeply disturbed over the intention of Swiss authorities to prosecute Mordecai Rahamim, an El Al security guard who shot and killed one of four Arab terrorists when they attacked an El Al airliner at Zurich Airport earlier this year. The three surviving terrorists will go on trial for murder. Mr. Rahamim is charged with murder under mitigating circumstances and with the illegal use of weapons on Swiss soil.

The Israeli's Swiss lawyers have reportedly told authorities in Zurich that the charges are grossly unfair because Mr. Rahamim had fired in defense of the aircraft and its passengers in the face of a criminal act.

Histadrut today called on the AFL-CIO and the Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Brussels to intervene on behalf of two Israeli citizens held captive in Syria since their TWA airliner was hijacked by Arab commandos and forced to land in Damascus last Friday. Histadrut sent the same appeal to the International Transport Workers Union.

13 Suspected Terrorists Arrested Following Discovery Of El Fatah Cells

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Security officials disclosed today that 13 suspected terrorists have been arrested in recent weeks following the discovery of El Fatah cells in the West Bank town of Kalkilya and the surrounding area. Kalkilya lies close to the former Israel-Jordan border near the narrowest point of Israel and was a perennial trouble source before the Six-Day War.

The 13 suspects are believed to have carried out several acts of sabotage and attempted sabotage. They are suspected of having placed explosives near a synagogue in Kfar Saba and near the water pump at Tzofit. They are also believed to have terrorized Arab residents of Kalkilya.

Five El Fatah terrorists captured last Wednesday night have been identified as officers and instructors who had been sent into Israeli occupied territory to try to organize terrorist cells. One of the men was a onetime senior officer of the Karameh El Fatah base.

France Agrees To Sell Large Quantities Of Ground-To-Air Missiles To Lebanon

PARIS, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- France has agreed to sell large quantities of Crotale ground-to-air missiles to Lebanon, the JTA learned here today. French political circles contend that the sale would not violate the arms embargo imposed by former President Charles de Gaulle on belligerents in the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli War because France does not consider Lebanon to have participated in the war.

The Crotale missile consists of a radar apparatus and a warhead. It is made by the Thomson-Matra Co. and was developed with the help of the South African Government which paid for the research. France sold Lebanon a number of Mirage jet trainers last year. The French Foreign Office last week emphatically denied press reports that it had partially lifted the arms embargo on Israel with respect to military equipment and spare parts.

The Daily Express said in a front page story in London today that the British Aircraft Corp. is negotiating to sell Iraq Lightning jet fighters and Red Top anti-aircraft missiles worth some \$240 million. According to Chapman Pincher, the paper's defense correspondent, secret talks have been in progress for several months in London and Baghdad with the full backing of the Government's arms sales department and the Foreign Office. Mr. Pincher said that Saudi Arabia, which is already buying the Lightnings, agreed to a delay in the delivery of its planes so that the Iraqi order can be expedited. A Foreign Office spokesman refused to confirm the Express story. He told JTA that the Foreign Office never comments on arms sales or negotiations for arms sales.

(Britain has started delivery of a consignment of more than 50 of the powerful Centurion Mark II tanks to Jordan, the London Daily Telegraph reported. It said that the first six of the 36 Starfighter planes the United States has promised to Jordan have already been delivered but that King Hussein believes the rate of delivery is too slow.)

Protest Meeting Hears Plea To UN To Investigate Executions Of Iraqis

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- The Rev. John L. Regier, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., today called upon the United Nations to investigate immediately "the executions that have taken place with uncivilized brutality" in Iraq. Speaking at a public memorial service for the 15 people executed last week in Iraq--11 Moslems, two Christians and two Jews---held here at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza near the UN, Rev. Regier added:

"The citizen of no country today can justifiably point an accusing finger at another country on issues of human rights and fundamental freedoms. But men of humanity everywhere can--indeed must--rise in full-throated protest when brutality overcomes decency, arbitrariness takes the place of law, and when force in the hands of those who govern denies freedom to the people under their power."

More than 500 persons stood in the rain to participate in the service which was organized by the Synagogue Council of America on behalf of 24 major Jewish organizations.

Tel Aviv Criminal Lawyer Named To Defend Rohen, Charged With Setting Mosque Fire

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3(JTA) -- A Jerusalem district court has appointed Itzhak Tunik, a well known criminal lawyer from Tel Aviv, to defend Michael Denis William Rohen, the 28-year-old Australian national charged with setting fire to the El Aksa mosque in East Jerusalem Aug. 21.

The accused has said he did not want legal counsel. He has refused to appear before a special committee inquiring into the causes of the fire even though several witnesses have incriminated him and he is entitled, under Israeli law, to question them. Mr. Rohen, reportedly a member of a fundamentalist Protestant sect, confessed to Israeli police that he set the mosque afire because "God told him to." But he signed a paper waiving the right to appear as a witness or to question other witnesses.

Ben-Gurion Pays Surprise Visit To London, Reportedly In Connection With Research

LONDON, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel arrived here yesterday on an unannounced visit, reportedly in connection with a research project he is engaged in. Some sources said the 82-year-old retired statesman planned to meet with Moussa Alami, a Palestinian Arab moderate with whom he has had contacts in the past. Mr. Alami is in Britain for medical treatment but there was no confirmation of reports that he would meet Mr. Ben-Gurion.

Mr. Alami, born in Jerusalem, was a leader of Palestinian Arabs during the British Mandate. He established an agricultural school for Arab refugee children near Jericho after the 1948 war which is presently functioning with both Arab and Israeli instructors. During the Premierships of Mr. Ben-Gurion and the late Moshe Sharett, Mr. Alami had contacts with them in efforts to bring about an Arab-Jewish conciliation.

Scotland Yard Probes Possibility That Arab Sympathizers Blasted Zim Lines Office

LONDON, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Scotland Yard is giving serious consideration to the possibility that not Arabs but their local sympathizers were responsible for the bomb blast at the Zim Lines office here last week and a recent rash of fire-bombings at department stores, shops and other premises owned by Jews or Israelis.

Proponents of that theory say it was not likely that Arabs could enter a Jewish office without being identified. It was learned yesterday that detectives have questioned 48 young Britons who visited an El Fatah training camp in Jordan last month and declared their solidarity with the Arab cause. The visit was arranged by a student organization known as the "Friends of Palestine" whose members include lapsed Conservatives and Maoist Communists. The youngsters were met by detectives on their arrival at London Airport a week ago.

Earlier, Daily Telegraph correspondent John Bulloch had reported from Amman that some Europeans and Britons underwent guerrilla training in the El Fatah camp and said they would aid the Arab cause at home by various methods ranging from organizing boycotts of Jewish businesses to sabotage.

A Scotland Yard spokesman told JTA today that the Zim office explosion was under intensive investigation but so far there were no new developments to report. Detectives were also investigating a fire that damaged a kosher restaurant in Whitechapel in London's East End but are not certain whether it was arson or just one of hundreds of accidental fires that occur daily in the city. Meanwhile, the chairman of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Alderman Michael Fidler, ridiculed press reports here and abroad that British Jewry was alarmed by the incidents.

Jewish Labor Committee Participates In Program To Aid American Indian Youth

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- A scholarship and orientation program for American Indian youth, sponsored by Labor's Committee for Indian Youth in cooperation with the Jewish Labor Committee, is helping to provide academic or vocational training for larger numbers of youngsters living on reservations. According to Louis E. Berman, regional director of the Jewish Labor Committee, there is a decrease in high school drop-outs among Indian youth participating in the program and a correspondent increase in the number who go on to higher education.

A report from Erwin Mittelholtz, Indian guidance consultant of the State Department of Education, said that over 243 Indian high school graduates were attending colleges and universities this year on the scholarship program and over 180 were taking vocational training. Since 1958, over 100 Indians earned bachelor degrees and nearly 20 of them their master's degrees.

Each year Indian youth who are high school seniors visit the Twin Cities and tour vocational schools, colleges, hospitals and potential sources of employment. Of 34 Indian girls and 17 boys who made the tour last fall, all went on to higher education. Not one of the students who made the trip dropped out and all who applied for advanced work beyond high school were accepted, Mr. Mittelholtz reported.

Dr. Herman Seidel Dead At 85, Was A Founder Of The Labor Zionist Movement

BALTIMORE, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Dr. Herman Seidel, a founder of the Labor Zionist movement, in which he was active for 65 years, died today at the age of 85. He was a specialist in geriatrics. Dr. Seidel was born in Lithuania and came to the United States about 1900. He participated in the first Labor Zionist convention, which was held here in 1904, and the second one, in Philadelphia in 1905. He was a founder of the Jewish Legion in 1917 and served as a medical officer screening volunteers who went to Palestine from the United States. A founder of the Histadrut campaign, he was one of its national honorary vice-presidents at the time of his death. He was also a founder and officer of Ampal, the economic arm of Histadrut.

Arnov Realigns JTA Operations; Bienstock, Siegel Named Vice-Presidents

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Robert H. Arnov, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, announced today what he called a "strengthening of the professional structure" of the JTA. In line with new developments within the JTA during his two and one-half year tenure as president, he said that Victor M. Bienstock, 36-year veteran editor of the JTA, and overseas correspondent, who has functioned as General Manager, would become Vice-President in charge of editorial services. Jack Siegel, who has been Director of Development, has been appointed Vice-President responsible for administrative and financial operations. John Kayston will continue in the position of Business Manager to which he was recently appointed.

Mr. Arnov pointed out that the reorganization of responsibilities will allow Mr. Bienstock to concentrate on the editorial field in which his experience counts most. Mr. Siegel, who recently has been unofficially handling administrative and financial matters, will be responsible for these areas in the regional and international offices. Mr. Arnov said that "it is necessary to take advantage of the abilities of each in order to advance JTA to a point where it can fully and effectively serve as the best news agency of its kind." Mr. Arnov said "it is important that JTA, a communal news agency, objective and independent in its approach but which serves the Jewish people, should have the best professional image."

Connecticut Synagogue And Cemetery Hit By Vandals, Police Arrest 6 Juveniles

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Vandalism has hit a synagogue in Waterbury and a Jewish cemetery near Orange. Police arrested six juveniles suspected of breaking into and damaging Beth Israel synagogue in Waterbury and believe that juveniles may have been responsible for overturning 200 grave-stones in the cemetery owned by the Beth Israel Synagogue Center in Derby.

The Waterbury synagogue was forced to close its doors ahead of schedule. Until a new synagogue is completed, the 62-year-old Orthodox congregation will hold services at the Beth David Academy. Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new building will take place Sept. 7.

Rabbi Jonah Gewirtz told the Connecticut Jewish Ledger that when he opened the synagogue in the morning he found that it had been broken into from the rear. Several doors and upstairs windows had been smashed. In the sanctuary the Ark was smashed and its velvet curtain ripped. One Torah handle was broken and the Eternal Light was smashed. Rabbi Gewirtz said he had planned to take the Light and a candelabra which was stolen to the new synagogue. The youngsters arrested, aged seven to 14, admitted doing some but not all of the damage, police said.

Damage to the cemetery was estimated at \$3,000-\$4,000 by Donald W. Mark, president of the Synagogue Center in Derby. He doubted that juveniles were responsible because of the weight of the overturned stones.

Long Island Police Seek Vandals Who Caused \$10,000 Damage

GLEN COVE, L.I., Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Police were searching for vandals who broke into Temple Tifereth Israel here over the week-end, defaced its walls and did other damage estimated at \$10,000. According to Rabbi David Blumenfeld, fire extinguisher fluid was sprayed on Torah scrolls and walls and furniture were scrawled with obscene slogans, religious slurs, swastikas and peace symbols. He said the daubing was done with ink taken from the Temple's mimeograph machine.

To Establish Chair Of Judaic Studies At Andover Newton Theological School

BOSTON, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Establishment of a chair of Judaic studies at Andover Theological School, of Newton Centre, the oldest graduate Protestant theological school in the country, has been announced by Dr. Roy Pearson, president of the institution. The chair will be named for the late Rabbi Albert Isaac Gordon who, at the time of his death last year, had been visiting professor of Judaism at Andover Newton for 16 years.

A drive to raise \$450,000 to endow the chair has been launched, the funding to come primarily as memorial gifts from the Jewish community. The Andover Newton board of trustees has pledged \$50,000 toward the chair, to be contributed when the initial \$400,000 is reached. Before coming to Newton Centre in 1947 as rabbi of Temple Emanuel, Rabbi Gordon served Adath Jeshurun Synagogue in Minneapolis for 16 years and was active as a labor arbitrator for 23 Minnesota industries.

Dr. Pearson said that both the faculty and trustees of Andover Newton considered studies in Judaism an "integral part of Christian theological education, both in terms of extending the Jewish-Christian dialogue and of strengthening understanding of the basis of faith common to both traditions." Andover Newton has traditional ties with the American Baptist Convention and the United Church of Christ but its current enrollment of 600 includes students from 20 Protestant denominations as well as some Catholics and Jews.

Obituary Notices

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (JTA)-- Shlomo Bickel, 73, author of many books of essays and literary criticism, died today at the age of 73. He was connected with the Day-Jewish Journal, New York Yiddish-language newspaper, as a commentator on current events and literary critic since 1940. Mr. Bickel was associate editor of the monthly magazine Die Zukunft (The Future) and a leading figure in Yivo. He came to New York in 1939 from Bucharest, Rumania where he was an editor and lawyer. Services will be held Friday at which Mr. Bickel will be eulogized by Yiddish poet Jacob Glatstein.

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3 (JTA) -- Rabbi Joseph Kahanemann, a Talmudic scholar who once served as a deputy in the Lithuanian parliament, died in the religious township of Bnai Brak today at the age of 80. Rabbi Kahanemann headed the Ponevez yeshiva in Lithuania before World War II.