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## Israeli Jets In Second Attack On Egypt's Gulf Of Suez Coast; Blast Vehicles, Troops

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- Israeli jets returned to Egypt's Gulf of Suez coast today, the scene of a massive 10-hour surprise raid Tuesday, to bomb and strafe Egyptian Army vehicles and troops. A military spokesman here termed the new raid a reply to "further Egyptian cease-fire violations along the Suez Canal this morning." He did not describe the new alleged violations or the size of the attacking force. The jets destroyed Egyptian vehicles near Abu Darag and Ras Zafrana today. Both areas were main targets hit in Tuesday's coordinated air-sea and land assault.

No casualty figures were given for either side here today, but the first raid, Israel said, left between 100-150 Egyptians dead and a wide swath of destroyed Egyptian military positions, radar sites, missile bases, armored personnel carriers, tanks and other vehicles.

Today's air operation apparently gave substance to Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan's warning yesterday that further blows could be expected.

(Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization at the Canal, was in Cairo yesterday and was scheduled to visit observers' positions along the waterway today. The location of the Israeli raids do not fall within the competence of the observers whose duties are confined to the Canal, where Israeli and Egyptian forces confront each other directly.)

### Gen. Bar-Lev Tells Troops, Nation That Enemy Was Helpless

Explaining to the nation that yesterday's operation "was aimed at driving home to the Egyptian authorities and other Arab states that aggression cannot fail to evoke appropriate reaction," Premier Golda Meir said that during August, Egypt violated the cease-fire more than 500 times. These violations, she said, included opening fire, shelling, sabotage and mining activities.

Mrs. Meir reiterated that "in the absence of peace, we are ready and willing to comply strictly with the cease-fire. The only condition is reciprocity. This applies to Egypt as to all neighboring Arab states." She said that "Egypt not only flagrantly violates the cease-fire day in and day out, but the Egyptian President (Gamal Abdel Nasser) has proclaimed that he does not recognize the very existence of the cease-fire and continuously acts accordingly."

In the past week Israeli forces at the Canal have lost 13 men killed and 12 wounded. They are bombed daily by Egyptian gun batteries.

Gen. Haim Bar-Lev, Commander-in-Chief of Israel's armed forces, in a broadcast on the Army Radio last night, told his forces--and the nation and Egyptians who were listening--"the attack was aimed at explaining to (Egypt) and showing them and making them realize that in the war of attrition, they are bound to wear themselves down first." Gen. Bar-Lev said, "The Egyptian Army proved its complete helplessness. It simply did not succeed in preventing, disturbing or intervening--not in the air, nor on the ground, nor in the sea."

Hundreds of men and vehicles--tanks and armored infantry--were ferried across the 20-mile-wide Gulf and sped down the coastal road unopposed. They landed at El Hafayer, 24 miles south of the Port of Suez (at the tip end of Canal) and sped southward to Ras Zafarana, about 54 miles south of the city, before returning to the Israeli-occupied Sinai Peninsula.

Gen. Dayan said in a televised interview last night, that he doubted yesterday's operation would lead to war, which would require a crossing of the Canal.

### 'All Hell Broke Loose,' Says 'Maariv' Reporter On Scene

Eli Landau, military correspondent for the newspaper Maariv, who accompanied the task force, said the handful of Egyptian defenders were so surprised by the appearance of the Israelis that they ran when the first shots were fired.

"All hell was let loose," he wrote, "Tanks were firing away at all targets, and the road we followed was lined on both sides with burning vehicles of all descriptions, destroyed buildings and shot-up positions."

The Egyptians mistook the advancing Israeli tank columns for their own. "A good many vehicles that came our way must actually have mistaken us for somebody else and even made way for us, edging over to the roadside. They made good targets." He said that the Israelis threw explosives and handgrenades into sandbagged fortifications as they headed southward. At Ras Abu Darg, a main target, the Egyptians had placed an anti-tank gun on top of a lighthouse that was blown up. Mr. Landau reported. He quoted an officer as saying "that was the most stupid positioning of an anti-tank gun I have ever seen."

One injured Israeli soldier was removed from the scene by helicopter, and all other personnel and equipment returned intact. One jet was reported downed by anti-aircraft fire. The pilot was still missing in the Gulf of Suez into which he parachuted.

### French Government's Reaction To Attack Seen As Moderate

PARIS, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- France's official comment on yesterday's Israeli attack on Egyptian positions along the Gulf of Suez was restrained compared to statements that emanated from former President Charles de Gaulle on similar occasions in the past, diplomatic observers said here today.

Government spokesman Leo Hamon said Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann reported to today's cabinet meeting on the "worsened situation in the Middle East, emphasizing again that only a global solution can forestall grave events such as those which we are witnessing." Observers said the cabinet's avoidance of open condemnation of Israel was in "sharp contrast" to the angry commentaries made by French cabinets under President de Gaulle. They said the apparent moderation reflected efforts by President Georges Pompidou's government to protect itself against charges that France was pro-Arab while professing neutrality in the Middle East conflict.

### CBS Correspondent's Accreditation Withdrawn Over 'Invasion' Report

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- The Government press office has withdrawn the accreditation of Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent Anthony Hatch on grounds that he violated censorship and military security. Mr. Hatch telephoned a report to CBS on yesterday's Israeli tank and air raid on Egypt two hours before the attack was officially announced. As a result of Mr. Hatch's dispatch, world news media carried stories of an alleged Israeli "invasion" of Egypt and indicated that a new Middle East war had broken out.

The press office statement today said, "In view of Mr. Hatch's most serious contravention of censorship regulations and his offense against military security, his accreditation as a foreign correspondent has been withdrawn by the director of the Government press office."

(A CBS spokesman in New York said today that Mr. Hatch "felt the raid and full details were common knowledge among the general public in Jerusalem at the time he filed the story" and "felt that he was not violating the pro forma embargo." The spokesman said that CBS understood that correspondents in Israel were often told of military moves ahead of time and asked to hold the news until the Government releases it.)

### Anti-American Riot Breaks Out In Amman Cinema When Phantoms Seen On Screen

LONDON, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- An anti-American riot broke out in an Amman movie house last night where the audience was viewing the John Wayne war film, "The Green Berets." When United States jets bombing the Viet Cong in Vietnam appeared on the screen, someone shouted "Phantoms, Phantoms." The audience went wild, ripping down the screen, uprooting seats and smashing the glass in the theater lobby, according to reports received here.

The "Phantoms" are the American F-4 supersonic jet fighter-bombers the U.S. has sold to Israel. The first consignment was delivered in Israel last week.

### New Round Of Diplomatic Activity On Mideast Slated To Begin At Capital And UN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- A new round of diplomatic activity on the Middle East crisis will begin next week both in Washington and at the United Nations where the General Assembly convenes for its fall session. The principals will be the United States and the Soviet Union which will resume their bilateral efforts to reach some sort of common ground on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Secretary of State William P. Rogers will have his first meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the UN. According to State Department officials, the Middle East situation and disarmament will be the top items on their agenda.

The British and French foreign ministers are expected to press for a resumption of the Four Power Mideast talks which brought together the chief UN representatives of the United States, Britain, France and Russia. Those talks were recessed last spring after months of apparently fruitless meetings. Similarly, the parallel talks between Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco and the Soviet Ambassador to Washington, Anatoly F. Dobrynin, will resume when Mr. Dobrynin returns to the U.S. after a summer-long absence. The Soviet envoy postponed his return so that he could travel with Foreign Minister Gromyko and other members of the Soviet UN delegation expected to arrive in New York next Sunday.

Secretary of State Rogers is scheduled to meet at the UN with Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel and with Egypt's UN representative, Mahmoud Riad, the State Department said. It is believed his talk with Mr. Eban will concern the forthcoming visit to Washington of Israeli Premier Golda Meir. They are expected to review agenda items in light of the latest Mideast developments. Mr. Rogers will return to Washington to greet Mrs. Meir Sept. 25.

Diplomatic sources here said the Nixon Administration pins its main hope for an end to the Mideast impasse on the talks between Mr. Sisco and Mr. Dobrynin. The Assistant Secretary of State is the Government's key negotiator on the Mideast. The last time he conferred with Soviet officials was in Moscow last summer.

The State Department disclosed that Mr. Sisco summoned the Israeli Charge d'Affaires, Shlomo Argov, to his office yesterday to express official displeasure over Israel's punitive raid on Egyptian coastal installations on the Gulf of Suez. The State Department also deplored today's new Israeli air strike in the same area. But the department seemed to be making only a pro forma protest.

The Israeli raid, and the increasing incidence of Arab terrorist activities and sabotage against Israel which in recent days has spread far beyond the Middle East, have alarmed officials here and given new

urgency to attempts to reach a diplomatic solution. Officials concede that the outlook is less than promising. The Soviet Union has given no evidence of softening its all-out pro-Arab attitude. American diplomats will look for some signs of a change when Mr. Gromyko arrives.

### **TWA Board Chairman Defends Airline's Actions On Hijacking Of Plane To Syria**

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- Trans-World Airlines has defended its actions surrounding the Aug. 29 hijacking of one of its Israel-bound planes to Syria in a letter to members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, it was disclosed today. In the letter, Charles C. Tillinghast, Jr., chairman of the board of TWA, said there had been "a certain amount of criticism" of TWA "which we regard as unfounded." He declared, "From the outset of this act of air piracy, of which we have been the unfortunate victims, we at TWA have regarded it as our responsibility to do everything within our power, as a private corporation, to assist in securing the speedy release of all the passengers" on the hijacked airliner.

Rabbi Herschel Schacter, chairman of the Conference of Presidents, expressed "satisfaction" with the letter and also with what he described as "the vigorous action of the United States Government and Trans-World Airlines in attempting to secure the release of the two Israeli passengers held captive in Damascus."

Rabbi Schacter was critical, however, of the "impotence of the United Nations and the action of Secretary-General U Thant in opposing plans by the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations to launch a world-wide pilots' strike aimed at freeing the captured Israeli passengers."

Rabbi Schacter said, "It is serious enough that the Secretary-General has failed to take forthright action in response to the international banditry in which Syria is an accomplice -- an act of piracy that poses a threat to every country whose citizens travel by air at home or abroad. But his statement publicly opposing a serious effort to win the prisoners' release is nothing less than shocking."

Rabbi Schacter noted that the two Israeli prisoners -- Prof. Shlomo Samueloff and Sallah Muallem -- appeared on French television Sept. 4 in a taped interview. Both appeared despondent and harrassed, Rabbi Schacter said. He also noted that the sound track was "so bad" that it was not possible to ascertain whether the voices heard were those of the prisoners.

### **Jews, Other Minority Groups, Will Get First National City 'Jobmobile' In Brooklyn**

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- The First National City Bank of New York will station a "jobmobile" in front of the Williamsburg YM and YWHA next Thursday to offer job opportunities to Jewish, Negro and Puerto Rican residents of the Brooklyn area. The bank's Mobile Employment Center will be stationed in front of the Y from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. to interview job applicants.

Arrangements for the visit of the unit were worked out through Rabbi Bernard Weinberger, religious consultant for the Williamsburg Y, Sol Levy, its executive director, and Harold Braverman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. They met with Joseph P. Yambor, assistant vice-president of the bank, at the offices in Williamsburg of the United Jewish Organizations (UJO), a Brooklyn agency to aid poor Jews in the area. The visit of the Mobile Employment unit will be the first to a poverty area, according to Rabbi Weinberger. The project was started by the bank, one of the nation's largest, in an effort to cope with severe personnel shortages by bringing the preliminary screening of job applicants to the area where such applicants live. The first visit of the "jobmobile" was made in July to Jericho, Long Island.

Bank officials said that a variety of positions were available, including openings for guards, clerks, secretaries, tellers and data processors. Rabbi Weinberger, who initiated the contact with the bank for the visit of the mobile unit, said that placements have been made for Williamsburg area residents in the bank, among other employers, through individual referrals. He added that the mobile unit would hopefully speed the process of such placements. He said he hoped that 50 Orthodox Jews would be placed in bank positions as a result of the Thursday visit of the unit.

Information on the scheduled visit is being made known to all minority group members in the Williamsburg area through the Y, which carries out many programs for Negro and Puerto Rican poor, the UJO and the Williamsburg Community Corporation, one of the city's 26 locally-elected agencies to funnel anti-poverty funds to each area.

Bank officials said the 50-foot, air-conditioned van has senior personnel experts to provide preliminary screening of job applicants. Applicants will be told of the jobs and the pay and be helped to fill out necessary forms for employment. The forms will be processed at the bank and successful applicants will be invited to report to the personnel office in Manhattan for final procedures before being hired. Rabbi Weinberger said bank officials understood the special early quitting needs of Orthodox Jews for Fridays and holidays and had indicated their readiness to cooperate fully.

### **Israel Grants Aramco Permission To Resume Pumping Of Oil Through Golan Heights**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- Israel has granted permission to the Arabian-American Oil Co. to resume pumping oil through a section the Trans-Arabian pipeline in the Israel-occupied Golan Heights that was damaged by Arab saboteurs several months ago. According to reliable sources, the oil flow will be resumed next week.

Permission was granted, according to these sources, on the basis of the installation of devices designed to forestall future sabotage and to prevent the pollution of Israeli soil and waters should sabotage occur. The devices include alarm and anti-pollution systems which are reportedly nearing completion. The Trans-Arabian pipeline carries crude oil from Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean coast in Lebanon.

### **First Meeting Of Jewish Agency's General Assembly Slated For 1970, Dulzin Says**

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- The first meeting of the General Assembly, the main governing body of the expanded Jewish Agency, will be held in Jerusalem during the latter part of 1970, the Agency's treasurer, Leon Dulzin, said here yesterday. Mr. Dulzin, who returned to Jerusalem after a five-day visit to the United States, said it was possible to plan for the meeting because reorganization and enlargement of the Jewish Agency, in accordance with decisions taken at the last World Zionist Congress, have progressed smoothly.

During his visit here, the Zionist official conferred with American Jewish leaders on American representation on the General Assembly. He met with the board of directors of the United Jewish Appeal, the national executive committee of the United Jewish Appeal, the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive and the American Zionist Council.

### Record Immigration From North America Is Expected In Israel This Year

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- A record immigration of between 6,000-7,000 settlers from North America is expected by Israel this year, according to Yosef Geva, director-general of the Absorption Ministry. Mr. Geva addressed the fifth Keren Hayesod study mission from Canada.

### Over 1,000 British Citizens Settle In Israel In 8 Months

LONDON, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency said yesterday that more than 1,000 British citizens have settled in Israel during the first eight months of this year -- an increase of over 30 percent compared to last year. An Agency spokesman told the JTA that nearly half of this year's immigrants from Britain were in the 18-29 age group and that the proportion of professionals among them was greater than last year. He said most were teachers and medical personnel.

### **39 Americans, Canadians Leave To Spend Year At Kibbutz Under Sherut La'am Program**

NEW YORK, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- Thirty-nine young Americans and Canadians left for Israel yesterday to spend a year at a kibbutz under the Sherut La'am (national volunteer service) program sponsored here by the American Zionist Youth Foundation. According to the organization, the youngsters, aged 18-27, will serve at Kibbutz Shoval in the northern Negev. Another group is scheduled to depart Sept. 30 for service at Kibbutz Misgav Am.

### **Israeli Expatriates Offered Privileges Granted To New Immigrants**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- Israeli expatriates who left the country before Jan. 1, 1964 will be entitled to all the privileges granted to new immigrants provided that they return home by Sept. 1, 1970, it was announced yesterday. One of the privileges is the almost duty-free importation of a car. Israelis pay a 250 percent duty on imported cars plus a sales tax. The dispensation to returnees was begun last year in order to attract home large numbers of so-called "yordim," Israelis who settled abroad but did not give up their Israeli citizenship. Still pending is a decision on whether to extend the privileges beyond the Sept. 1, 1970 deadline.

### **Sammy Davis Jr. And Musicians Arrive In Israel To Entertain Soldiers**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- Sammy Davis Jr., the popular American Negro entertainer, arrived here with a group of musicians last night to perform for Israeli soldiers in Army camps and military hospital. Mr. Davis, who converted to Judaism some years ago, was to give a concert at the Mann Auditorium here today for the benefit of disabled Israeli soldiers.

### **11,000 Arab Laborers Have Been Placed Throughout Israel By Employment Service**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- The State Employment Service disclosed today that 11,000 Arab laborers from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are presently employed in Israel through its facilities. The announcement said that nearly half are employed in agricultural work and the rest in industry, services and construction.

### **Summer Program To Permit Arabs To Visit Relatives In Israel To End Sept. 15**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- Israel's special program which permits Arabs from abroad to visit relatives in Israel-held territory during the summer vacation period will end on Sept. 15, the military governor's office announced yesterday. The announcement said no figures were available yet on the number of Arabs who took advantage of the program this summer.

### **Jerusalem City Council To Raise Its Membership From 21 To 31**

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- As a result of an order published by Minister of the Interior Moshe Shapiro, the Jerusalem City Council has raised its membership from 21 to 31. The change is reportedly due to an increase in the city's population. Other townships are also to have larger councils.

### **Summer Vegetables Grown In Jericho Will Be Exported To Europe This Winter**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10 (JTA) -- Jericho, which enjoys a sub-tropical climate the year-round, will soon be growing summer-time vegetable crops for export to Europe in the winter, it was announced today. Israel experts aided by local Arabs in the West Bank town near the Dead Sea will instruct farmers in harvesting the vegetable crop and packing it for shipment overseas. A packing house will be built.