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Egyptians Lose 11 Planes, Israel 1, In Dogfights Over Sinai And Suez Canal Sector

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- The Egyptian Air Force launched three attacks on Israeli positions in the Sinai Desert today, Cairo Radio said. The Egyptians lost 11 planes in the ensuing dogfights, according to an Israeli military spokesman, who cited one Israeli loss. Cairo claimed that it shot down four Israeli aircraft and lost two of its own.

The air battles were the biggest in the Mideast since July 8 when Israeli jets shot down seven Syrian MIG-21s over the Golan Heights.

Israeli jets meanwhile reportedly blasted bazooka and mortar positions in Jordan following guerrilla attacks on an Israeli patrol near Maoz Chaim in the Beisan Valley and assaulted a terrorist base about four miles east of Salt in Jordan.

A military spokesman said the first Egyptian air attack occurred at 9:30 a.m. local time. Two planes were shot down by anti-aircraft fire and a third was hit and presumably lost. The second attack at noon cost the Egyptians two Soviet-made MIG-21 fighters and two Soukhov bombers shot down in aerial dogfights with Israeli fighter planes. Another Egyptian plane was brought down by an American-made Hawk ground-to-air missile. Israeli casualties resulting from the Egyptian air raids were three soldiers wounded, none seriously, the spokesman reported.

Three Egyptian planes were shot down when they tried to intercept Israeli planes attacking Egyptian positions in the northern section of the Suez Canal. One Israeli plane was downed and the pilot was seen bailing out.

Cairo said the targets of the Egyptian raids were Israeli positions at the northern and southern ends of the Suez Canal. The raids were apparently in retaliation for Tuesday's 10-hour foray by Israeli tanks and armored infantry against Egyptian targets on a 30-mile long strip of coast fronting the Gulf of Suez. The raid was followed up yesterday by an Israeli fighter-bomber attack on the same targets.

(Egypt today accused the United States Central Intelligence Agency -- CIA -- of complicity with Israel in Tuesday's raid on the Gulf of Suez, The Nasser Government's semi-official newspaper, Al Ahram, claimed that CIA agents met with Israelis in Rome 10 days ago to plan the raid.

According to Al Ahram, reports from Arab embassies in various capitals "proved" CIA complicity. The allegation was reminiscent of the one by Egypt and Jordan in June, 1967 that U.S. and British aircraft took part in the Israeli air attacks which destroyed the Arab air forces in the first hours of the Six-Day War. That charge was later partially retracted by President Gamal Abdel Nasser but not before Cairo had severed diplomatic relations with the U.S. and Britain. In Moscow today, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda charged that "certain circles" in the U.S. had "encouraged" Israel's strike in the Gulf of Suez Tuesday and noted that it coincided with the first delivery of U.S. Phantom jets to Israel.

Cairo claimed a victory in today's air raids on the Sinai. An Egyptian spokesman said Egyptian S-17 fighter-bombers and MIG-21s scored hits on Hawk missile sites, a radar station, artillery and anti-aircraft installations, the Israeli Army southern command post and a naval installation on the Gulf of Suez. At the same time, Egyptian spokesman belittled Tuesday's Israeli raid. They said it was an abortive Israeli attempt to draw Egyptian forces into a "trap," that only lightly held coastal positions were hit and that the Israelis were driven back with "heavy losses" before they could strike at the main Egyptian positions further inland.)

Four Arab saboteurs were killed last night near the Damiya bridge in an encounter with an Israeli patrol, a military spokesman reported. There were no Israeli casualties.

State Department Deplores Continued Violence In Middle East

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- A spokesman for the State Department today deplored continuing violence in the Middle East and said it was "high time" for the nations involved to cool off.

Spokesman Carl Bartz said, "We believe it is high time those countries involved in these continuing and destructive cease-fire violations recognize the inevitably grim consequences for all concerned." He said, "There is need for reason and prudence to prevail."

The spokesman noted that incidents continue to heighten tensions and cause more deaths. He said the United States had urged restraint on both sides continuously and again in this week's violence.

Nixon, Rockefeller And Lindsay Greet Jewish Community On Eve Of Rosh Hashanah

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- President Richard M. Nixon, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York headed the list of national, state and local dignitaries who extended New Year greetings to American Jews today as they prepared to usher in the Hebrew New Year,

5730. The Rosh Hashanah holiday commences at sundown Friday. President Nixon said, in a message from the White House, that, "The American Jewish Community has throughout the history of our nation been in the forefront of the search for true equality, dignity and decency for all. But at this time," the message continued, "we are especially reminded of the enduring contributions you have made to the unrelenting search for a real brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God. Our thoughts are with you as you begin these solemn days of worship, and our hearts are filled with gladness as we extend to each of you the traditional Hebrew greeting, 'Shanah Tovah.'"

Gov. Rockefeller's message from Albany noted that "the example of millions of our neighbors and spiritual kinfolk, gathering in their synagogues and homes to search their hearts for ways to bring about a more equitable society through justice and mercy, is an inspiration to all men of good-will, no matter what their creed. We are truly fortunate that in the United States our substantial Jewish population has helped our society develop this same spiritual foundation of justice and mercy and thereby contributed importantly to our civilization."

Mayor Lindsay observed in his message that the past year has been "a difficult one. We are grieved by the unjust hangings in Iraq. We are worried about the fate of the Jews in the Arab and Communist countries. We are concerned for the welfare of the State of Israel in its daily struggle to survive and we are troubled by the failure of the United Nations to recognize the desperate nature of this struggle," he said.

President Shazar Cites Peace And Security As Israel's Greatest Continuing Problems

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar, of Israel, declared in a Rosh Hashanah message today that while the Jewish State was weathering the pangs of its re-birth it was still eluded by solutions to its greatest problems -- peace and security.

The Six-Day War ended two-and-a-half years ago, but the aftermath of that struggle is no less trying than the war itself, he said. In the absence of peace, "We must bless those who stand on guard everywhere in the land, who continue to build, to strengthen and create," he said.

President Shazar observed that, "It should become constantly clearer to our adversaries that what they did not achieve in war cannot be achieved by assaults on a small scale and murder from ambush. In fact, Israel's economy has expanded and grown stronger while its intellectual and spiritual life has manifestly continued to develop."

President Shazar had praise for the "sense of unity" among Jews in the free world "which has re-asserted itself in concern and action." He said that while the prospects for peace were no brighter now than at the start of the year, "We must work for peace with no less zeal than we invest in our self-defense and we must continue to hope and to believe that the awful blindness and hard-heartedness of the Arab rulers will not endure forever."

Israel's Sephardic chief Rabbi, Itzhak Nissim, devoted much of his Rosh Hashanah message to castigating the nations of the world for what he called their "casual attitude" toward Jewish suffering. "Persons on innocent voyages are being kidnapped and vicious show-trials are held with innocent victims hung in the streets and Jewish blood is being shed," he said. "But the world does not regard the saving of our peoples' remnants as a moral imperative."

American Jewish Leaders Note Perils Facing Israel, Needs Of Underprivileged

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- American Jewish leaders issued Rosh Hashanah messages today stressing the grave perils facing Israel in the continuing Middle East crisis abroad and the needs and aspirations of the poor, the sick and the underprivileged at home.

Edward Ginsberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, observes in his message "for the people of Israel, every day and every night is filled with terror. . . the terror of a bomb exploding in a bus station. . . the terror of Arab leaders who vow to destroy the State of Israel." Yet, he said, if the days and nights are filled with terror, the people of Israel are not. "They work and build and develop in spite of destruction. . . They ask for nothing more than the dignity of equals."

Louis J. Fox, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, said, "Jewish tradition makes the welfare of all mankind the province of profound Jewish commitment. . . It makes it incumbent upon each of us to do his individual part to end suffering, to feed the hungry, to strengthen the weak, to heal the sick and to renew the human spirit."

Funds Are Urgently Needed, UIA's Max M. Fisher Says

Max M. Fisher, chairman of the United Israel Appeal, declared that Israel was "faced with needs of unprecedented dimension, and engaged in a struggle for survival "which produced a financial problem making the need for a United Israel Appeal "greater than ever in its history." "More than ever," he said, "a united American Jewry must make its contributions to the United Jewish Appeal so that funds can be provided through the UIA to meet the welfare needs of the newcomers to Israel as the Israelis themselves devote their full energy to the priority needs of strength and security."

Louis Broido, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, noted that "the coming year must find the JDC ready to assist still more thousands of refugees coming out of eastern Europe and the Arab countries. And for more than 300,000 needy in over 25 countries around the world, JDC must continue to provide basic health and welfare services and cultural and religious assistance to enable them to live in dignity."

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, said, "Our kinship with the people of Israel has found expression in concrete action, especially through the channel of Israel Bonds." He said that "exemplary use has been made of Israel Bond funds in the implementation of many major development projects. . . While we turn to Israel for inspiration, Israel looks to us for understanding of its urgent need for development funds to maintain the pace of its progress."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman, in a statement on behalf of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, declared that American Jewry was aware of the necessity of its full support of Israel. "Whatever the cost, we are determined to stand by her through every challenge, whether it be economic or political."

Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, co-chairmen of the World Confederation of General Zionists, observed that "Zionists must continue to stimulate and foster this spirit of unity which has and continues to be a powerful instrument combatting the attacks on Jews in Israel and all over the world." Mrs. Max Schenk, national president of Hadassah, declared that her organization of 318,000 women dedicated itself "to redouble efforts in the work which we have continued for so long in medicine and health, youth rescue and rehabilitation, education and land reclamation."

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, called on American Jews "to become active participants in the greatest creative endeavor of the Jewish people in 2,000 years -- the preservation and building of the land of Israel which calls out to our people for understanding and support"

Messages Received From Numerous Organizations And Agencies

The leaders of American Jewish organizations engaged in community actions addressed themselves to a welter of problems confronting Jews and the world in general. Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, expressed the "profound desire" that Israel would find peace with its neighbors in the coming year. But, he said, the Middle East situation is part of many festering problems. Jews in several Arab countries, he noted, "are still subjected to discrimination, arbitrary arrest and systematic persecution."

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress, said that the vicissitudes of the past year "do not mislead us into despairing and resigning." He referred to the hangings in Iraq, the continuing repression of Jewish life in the Soviet bloc and the continued war of attrition waged by the Arabs against Israel.

Messages in a similar vein were received by JTA from Mrs. Leonard H. Weiner, president of the National Council of Jewish Women; Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, and Harold Friedman, president of the United HIAS Service.

American Jewish religious leaders too offered greetings and messages on behalf of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox branches of American Judaism. Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, president of the Synagogue Council of America, which embraces all three, said that as Jews prepared for the holidays, "it is peace which remains the focus of our yearnings and prayers; peace for our brethren in Israel. . . Peace for three million of our brethren in the Soviet Union for whom the practice of their ancient faith means to do battle against constituted authority"; peace for a mankind living on the brink of universal catastrophe; peace also for the citizens of our own nation, who are surfeited with the strife of racial discord and generational estrangement."

Messages were also received from Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, president of the New York Board of Rabbis; Rabbi Murice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Henry N. Rapaport, president of the United Synagogue of America; Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Rabbi Joseph Karasick, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations; Rabbi Zev Segal, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, and Mrs. David M. Levitt, president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

East European Communities Send Greetings To Jews In Israel, West

LONDON, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- European Jewry, on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, was still divided by the "Iron Curtain" which, though not as formidable a barrier as it was in former times still effectively separated Jews of the Communist bloc from their brethren in the free world. But on the occasion of the High Holy Days, messages of greeting filtered through from Eastern Europe.

The chief rabbi of Moscow's Central Synagogue, Yehudah Leib Levin, sent New Year wishes to friends abroad. He expressed hope for "peace, tranquility and harmony among all the nations and all the peoples of the world." Rabbi Levin also sent greetings to Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim of Israel for the first time in two years. He expressed hope for world peace.

The first Rosh Hashanah greetings from Hungarian Jewry since the June, 1967, Six-Day War also reached the Jerusalem office of the World Hebrew Union. They were signed by Dr. Geza Seifert, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary.

British Jews had greetings from Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovitz and from Michael Fidler, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Rabbi Jakobovitz said the past year "will go down in history as the year of spectacular success on the moon and dismal failure on earth." He observed that "all the major conflicts which troubled the world a year ago continue unabated to wreak death, misery and hatred." He referred to the wars in Vietnam and Biafra, the invasion of Czechoslovakia and the numerous racial, industrial and academic tensions in many parts of the world that remain unresolved. Rabbi Jakobovitz also regretted that "the past year, far from having brought stable peace any nearer to the Holy Land, has witnessed a tragic escalation of terror and retaliation, aggravated by the Arabs' unyielding determination to destroy the state of Israel and their bitter harvest of hate"

N.Y. Rights Chief Warns Employers On Denying Jobs Because Of Religious Practices

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- The chairman of the City Commission on Human Rights warned employers today that they were violating the city law against discrimination if they denied jobs to Orthodox Jews and members of other faiths because of their religious practices. Simeon Golar said his Commission is currently investigating complaints by Orthodox Jews against several large firms. The State Human Rights Commission is also studying the job status of Sabbath observers.

Mr. Golar said that Seventh Day Adventists and members of several other faiths were also affected by job discrimination on religious grounds. But the problem was greatest among Orthodox Jews because of the approach of the Jewish High Holy Days and the changeover next month from daylight saving to standard time. Mr. Golar said that Hassidic Jews in particular complained of job discrimination because of their beards and form of garb.

He said the guidelines on religious discrimination adopted by the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission two years ago correspond to the spirit and letter of the city's law against discrimination on religious grounds. The guidelines oblige an employer "to make reasonable accommodations to the religious needs of employees and prospective employees where such accommodation can be made without undue hardship on the conduct of the employer's business." The burden of proving "undue hardship" rests with the employer.

Ida Kaminska Will Open New Jewish Repertory Theater In New York Next Month

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- Ida Kaminska who founded and directed the Jewish State Theater in Warsaw will open the new Jewish repertory theater she is establishing in New York on Oct. 12 with a Yiddish adaptation of a Spanish drama.

Mme. Kaminska's new repertory theater will be housed in the Roosevelt Theater on Union Square. The opening play will be "The Trees Die Standing" by Alexander Casona. Mr. Casona, who left Spain during the Spanish Civil War, is now a resident of Argentina. His play, "The Daughter of the Sea," won the Lope de Vega Prize in 1934. Another of his plays, "The Legend of the River," was performed by Habima in 1951. Mme. Kaminska, who adapted the play, will also direct the production and will appear in it.

'Case For Israel' By William Randolph Hearst Jr. Is Published In Pamphlet Form

ALBANY, N.Y. Sept. 11 (JTA) -- A dozen articles on the Mideast crisis written for the Hearst chain of newspapers between May, 1967 and April, 1969 by William Randolph Hearst, Jr., have been published in pamphlet form under the title "The Case for Israel." The pamphlet, with a foreword by Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban, is being distributed to churches, schools and news media in an effort to counteract Arab propaganda.

The Jewish Community Council of Albany disclosed that the late Gene Robb of Capital Newspapers, publisher here of the Hearst-owned Times-Union and Knickerbocker News and Union Star, offered shortly before his death to underwrite the cost of distributing the pamphlet locally.

The Hearst articles generally supported Israel's stand in its dispute with the Arabs, admonished Arab intransigence and refusal to talk peace with Israel and were sharply critical of the alleged one-sidedness of the United Nations which was characterized as the "double-talk debating society." Some articles were also critical of alleged American tendencies to appease the Arabs and of the Four Power Mideast talks which Israel opposed. The once nation-wide Hearst chain now publishes nine daily newspapers in seven cities.

Find Most Canadians Indifferent Or Neutral On Arab-Israeli Mideast Conflict

TORONTO, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- Most Canadians are indifferent or neutral in the Arab-Israeli Middle East conflict according to the results of a national poll released by the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion (Gallup Poll).

The poll showed, however, that 26 percent of Canadians sided with Israel and nine percent with the Arabs. In a similar poll taken in 1958, 14 percent sided with Israel and five percent with the Arabs. But 65 percent of Canadians polled now indicated no preference for either side, compared to 81 percent 11 years ago.

The chief reason given by Canadians for siding with Israel was that the Jews "have been kicked around for years, persecuted and threatened with extinction." The main motivation of Arab sympathizers was that Israel was created out of an Arab country and it was only natural that the Arabs should fight back. Broken down by ethnic groups, 32 percent of English-speaking Canadians are pro-Israel compared to 17 percent of French Canadians.

Most of the indifferent group claimed they were "not interested" and did not follow the subject. Others said both sides were at fault and neither was trying to settle the dispute, while some maintained that Canadians should "mind their own business." Pro-Israelis cited "warm feelings" toward Jews and admiration for the way the Israelis have developed their homeland. Pro-Arabs said Jews were "too aggressive" and "take advantage."

Jewish Agency Reports Immigration To Israel Increased By 30 Percent In Last Year

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency reported today that immigration to Israel increased by 30 percent during the past Hebrew calendar year. According to Jewish Agency chairman Louis A. Pincus, nearly 37,000 settlers arrived this year compared to 28,000 the previous year. He said immigration from the United States and Canada amounted to 6,133 this year compared to 3,995 last year.