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Israel Air Force Jets Bomb Military Targets Six Miles Outside Cairo

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets roared over Cairo today to bomb military targets at El Maadi, a suburb six miles south of the Egyptian capital. The Israeli fighter-bombers also struck at Dahshur, 18 miles south of Cairo. A military spokesman said all aircraft returned safely to their bases. Cairo claimed that two Israeli planes were shot down by anti-aircraft fire. According to the Egyptians, the Israeli bombs killed three persons, injured 12 others and damaged three buildings.

The latest Israeli air strike was the closest to Cairo since the June, 1967 Six-Day War. But it met no challenge from the Egyptian Air Force. The raid on El Maadi lasted 15 minutes and drew anti-aircraft and machinegun fire from the ground which was ineffective, the Israeli spokesman said. According to eye witness accounts from Cairo, shoppers and businessmen in the downtown section were momentarily stunned by the sudden blast of anti-aircraft fire but then continued about their business.

State Department Urges Restoration By Israelis And Arabs Of UN Cease Fire

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (JTA)--The State Department today commented on Israeli air raids in the vicinity of Cairo that "there is urgent need for scrupulous restoration by both sides of the United Nations cease fire." State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said "we have repeatedly counselled restraint on both sides in order to avoid the continuing cycle of attack and counter-attack by both regular and irregular forces." He asserted that "the height and level of violence across the cease fire line and in both sides' territories and the death and destruction which results is disturbing to us." The spokesman indicated that he was not responding specifically to today's Israeli raids on Cairo but to the escalation of violence generally. He said that the United States counselled restraint wherever violence occurred.

Israel's Chief Rabbinate Mounts Pressure To Disregard Decision On Who Is A Jew

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28 (JTA)--Israel's Chief Rabbinate, apparently confident that it has the Government's backing in its battle with the Supreme Court of the issue of who is entitled to Jewish nationality, issued an order today which, in effect, called for defiance of the high court. The Rabbinical Council issued an "Isur Torah," a virtual religious ban against anyone signing documents certifying that someone is Jewish when he is not, under Jewish religious law.

The ban was intended to pressure the registration clerk in Haifa to disregard the Supreme Court's ruling and refuse to register the children of Lt. Commander Benjamin Shalit as Jewish by nationality. The rabbinate contends that the Israeli-born youngsters are not entitled to Jewish nationality because their mother is not Jewish and therefore they are not Jews according to religious law. Commander Shalit, a Naval officer, sued the Government over the issue and was upheld by a majority of the Supreme Court last week. The ruling has aroused a storm in Orthodox circles here and abroad and demands for legislation that would nullify it.

Mrs. Meir And Yigal Allon Appear Ready To Placate Orthodox Demands

The Orthodox National Religious Party has threatened to walk out of the coalition government unless such legislation is immediately forthcoming. Premier Golda Meir, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and a majority of the Labor Alignment are apparently ready to give in to the Orthodox demands in order to avert a crisis. But Mapam, the Alignment's junior partner, balked today. It suggested that the category of nationality be eliminated altogether from the population registry forms and the identity cards that all Israelis must carry. Mrs. Meir is reportedly dead set against the idea which has been proposed before and rejected by the Government.

The Chief Rabbinate's ban came too late in the day to elicit comment from any quarters. But the Supreme Court rendered another decision today likely to arouse Orthodox ire. It refused to order the registration as Jewish of the children of a Tel Aviv lawyer, J. Ben Menashe, against the will of their father. The Government registration office demanded that the children be registered as Jews. But Mr. Ben Menashe said he is a non-believer and does not want them so registered. The high court instructed the clerk to leave blank their religious and national affiliation which, according to the Orthodox view, is one and the same thing. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan side-stepped the issue of "who is a Jew" when he was asked by newsmen today whether he would accept the children of Lt. Commander Shalit in the Army. Gen. Dayan replied, "I would welcome them to the Army."

American Reform Judaism Warns Reversal Of Court Decision Will Create Havoc

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA)--The central bodies of Reform Judaism yesterday urged the government of Israel to reject demands by the Orthodox leadership in Israel for a law that would reverse the recent Israeli Supreme Court decision on the definition of a Jew. Declaring that "the demands of a vocal minority" are an exploitive "pretext to impose their interpretation of Judaism on the entire Jewish people," the heads of the congregational, rabbinic and international arms of Reform Judaism

warned in a cablegram to Israeli Premier Golda Meir that any governmental move to reverse the decision "would cause severe disruption in the ranks of the Jewish people everywhere."

The Reform reaction was in response to pressure being exerted by the National Religious Party in Israel, which threatened to resign from the government coalition unless a law was introduced in the Parliament to upset the high court's five-to-four ruling on Friday in favor of an Israeli Naval officer, Lt. Commander Benjamin Shalit, who wanted his children registered as Jews by nationality but without religious affiliation. According to halachah (Jewish religious law) a child is Jewish only if the mother is Jewish. The Orthodox group accepts only the halachah definition of who is a Jew. The cablegram to Mrs. Meir was signed by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; and Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman, president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

A separate statement issued today by Rabbi Gittelsohn of Boston, noted: "recognizing that in halachah a child has always followed the religion of his mother, most members of the CCAR are convinced nonetheless, that this practice no longer meets the needs of Jews in the modern world. Though we are as determined as our Conservative and Orthodox colleagues to maintain the integrity and insure the survival of the Jewish people, we believe some flexibility is necessary and inevitable. While there may be some members of the CCAR who hold to halachah, the prevailing sentiment among my Reform colleagues would agree with a responsum by Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, chairman of the CCAR committee on responsa."

Tourist Returning From Baghdad And Beirut Says Situation Of Jews There Is Grave

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28 (JTA)--A tourist who just arrived here from Baghdad and Beirut reported that the situation of Jews in Iraq was grave and that the condition of Jews was deteriorating in Lebanon, the only Middle East country where Jews have not been subjected to restrictions or otherwise mistreated by the authorities. The informant said that Jewish commerce has come virtually to a halt in Lebanon. He said that El Fatah guerrillas visit Jewish shops at closing time and demand that the owners turn over their daily yield. He reported that a bomb which exploded at a Jewish school in Beirut a week ago caused minor damage and that the school was re-opened the next day. The bombing was reportedly denounced by Lebanese authorities as an attempt to defame Lebanon.

The tourist said that at least 60 Jews remain in prison in Iraq without any formal charges against them. He said Iraqi Jews generally live under constant strain and have been the victims of street violence. He said Baghdad youths have attacked Jews with sticks and stones. (A committee of French jurists meeting in Paris yesterday heard first hand accounts of the plight of Jews in Iraq, Syria and Egypt. The testimony was given by Jewish refugees from those countries at an international conference attended by delegates from 26 countries. The sponsoring committee was headed by Alain Poher, president of the French Senate. He shared the podium with Arthur J. Goldberg, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations.)

81 Jews Still Imprisoned In Egypt; Liberties For Jews Elsewhere Curbed

(The refugee informants said the three Arab countries forbade their Jewish inhabitants from emigrating and severely curbed their liberties. The witness from Egypt said that out of 600 Jews remaining there, 81 are still in prison in a camp at Tura where conditions are poor and no impartial inspection has been permitted. He said however that Tura was a great improvement over the beatings and torture inflicted on Jews in other Egyptian prisons during the months following the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli war.)

(A Syrian refugee said the 2000-4000 Jews in that country were barred from leaving the cities and were confined to the Jewish quarters by frequent curfews. He said Jews have been barred from employment in government enterprises and some professions and have been denied credit by banks and have not been allowed to collect their debts. According to the witness from Iraq, at least 19 Jews were executed there last year. He said at least one Jew was among the 44 Iraqis executed this month in an alleged plot to overthrow the government. He identified him as Albert Nounou who has been in prison since 1967 and could hardly have been involved in plotting a coup.)

Pravda Urges Acceptance Of Russia's Mideast Formula As Best Way To Just Peace

LONDON, Jan. 28 (JTA)--The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda called today for acceptance of Russia's peace formula for the Middle East which, it claimed, offered the best means to a "just peace." The Pravda article was seen by observers here as containing a rebuke to radical Arab elements when it accused "certain circles" of "deliberately" promoting the idea that a political situation was not feasible.

Pravda said that despite a deteriorating Mideast situation that could lead to a new and possibly more dangerous war, "there do exist possibilities for emerging from the Middle East impasse." The Pravda article repeated Soviet insistence on a package deal that would include Israel's complete withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories in return for which the Arabs would renounce their state of war with Israel and guarantee free passage through the Suez Canal and other international waterways to the shipping of all nations. Pravda dismissed United States peace plans as pro-Israel and charged that America was trying to push the Arabs into direct negotiations with Israel as a "reward" for Israeli "aggression." Pravda declared that both sides must "proclaim as inadmissible the gaining of territories by war and must recognize the necessity of a just and reliable peace in the Middle East."

Mayor Lindsay Says Pres. Pompidou Will Not Receive Official Welcome In N.Y.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York City today informed Rep. Bertram L. Podell, New York Democrat, that the city will not grant an official welcome honoring France's President Georges Pompidou when he arrives next month. The Mayor responded to the Congressman's request at a breakfast meeting here of the New York City congressional delegation. Rep. Podell, in a formal letter to the Mayor, had asked that new French arms policies be noted and Mr. Pompidou regarded as "an irresponsible merchant of death." He urged that New York "show its dedication to international morality by refusing to accord any honor whatsoever to President Pompidou when he visits New York."

Rep. Podell asserted that New York City homage to the French President "would make a mockery of the fine reception given Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir." Rep. Podell who will boycott any congressional honors to Mr. Pompidou, said France "has embarked on a biased policy that is contemptuous of the security interests of the United States and Israel." The development came as the State Department sought to build up a friendly climate for the Pompidou visit.

Russian Journalists Face Angry Jewish Demonstrators Chanting 'Let My People Go'

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 (JTA)--A group of visiting Russian journalists was surrounded by chanting Jewish demonstrators who attempted to hand them leaflets condemning alleged Soviet mistreatment of the Jews here last night. The demonstration, outside the Biltmore Hotel, was the second since Monday directed against the Soviet newsmen. It brought a telegram of apology from Norman Isaacs, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors which is sponsoring the 18-day tour by the Russians. Some members of the group were reported to have been upset. But they smiled as they left the hotel and refused to take the leaflets thrust at them. The demonstrators who said they were members of the California Students for Soviet Jewry, chanted, "Let my people go."

Britain Will Continue To Supply Arms To The Middle East To Assure Balance

LONDON, Jan. 28 (JTA)--A Government spokesman said in the House of Commons today that Britain would supply arms to Middle Eastern states because "We don't wish to leave any country in the Middle East at such a disadvantage that some aggressor might be tempted to take advantage of the situation." Evan Luard, the Joint Parliamentary Secretary said that Britain had unilaterally applied an arms embargo on the Middle East after the June, 1967 Six-Day War "but this was of no value as long as other countries kept sending arms." Mr. Luard spoke in reply to Ray Fletcher, a Laborite MP, who called for a complete review of Government policies on arms sales, particularly the supply of Chieftain tanks which Israel has sought to buy, so far in vain. Mr. Fletcher warned that "the global balance of power is being affected by what is happening in the Middle East." He criticized the French Government for introducing the "most imbalanced factor" into an already dangerous situation by its sale of Mirage jets and other weapons to Libya.

Zionist Youths Picket Chase Manhattan Building; Many Onlookers Cheer Pickets

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA)--About 100 members of Zionist youth groups picketed the Chase Manhattan building in lower Manhattan for more than an hour today, distributing leaflets to onlookers urging them to withdraw their accounts from the bank. Barry Liben, 18, a member of Betar, the Revisionist Zionist youth movement, said many of the onlookers cheered the young pickets. He reported that after the pickets began marching in front of the bank, officials asked them to leave. When a police officer arrived and told them to move from the building area, they went to the sidewalk, and continued to march. The leaflet, prepared in the form of a "Memo To The Wall Street Community" from "Jewish youth," asked readers to withdraw their accounts. The leaflet cited the meeting recently between David Rockefeller, president of the bank and other bank officials, with President Nixon, at which they reportedly urged changes in American policy toward the Arab countries.

Tass Charges NY Police With Inaction During Protest Against Moscow Orchestra

LONDON, Jan. 28 (JTA)--The Soviet news agency Tass charged yesterday that the New York City police failed to act vigorously against Jewish youths who staged anti-Soviet demonstrations at a concert of the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra in the Brooklyn College auditorium last Saturday night. According to Tass, the police were guilty of "impotence and inaction." "Either they have been given no instructions, or their actions have been limited intentionally where the anti-Soviet actions of the Zionists are concerned," Tass said. The Tass charge did not refer to a demonstration by Jewish youngsters during a performance of the Moscow Philharmonic in Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 19. That demonstration was organized by a student group called the "New Washington Committee for the Prevention of Genocide."

(Members of the same group were involved in the Brooklyn College demonstration along with youths of the Jewish Defense League, a militant organization that claims to protect Jewish life and property in racially tense neighborhoods. A Jewish eye-witness at the Brooklyn College incident told JTA that about 40-50 persons picketed the auditorium and a number of demonstrators managed to get inside. He said the JDL members "danced, sang and yelled" and tried to prevent people from entering the auditorium. He said members of the Washington group were orderly and passed out leaflets stating that they supported cultural exchanges with the Soviet Union but condemned the USSR for "committing cultural genocide" against Soviet Jews and arousing anti-Jewish feelings in Communist-bloc countries. They said their demonstration was not directed against the artistry of the Soviet musicians. According to the eye-witness, the audience "recoiled" from the demonstrators.)

South Bronx Synagogue Smeared With Swastikas And Set Afire; Second In Two Weeks

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA)--A South Bronx synagogue was smeared with swastikas and set afire today, but the fire was discovered and put out before it caused major damage. Minsker Congregation was vacant when the fire broke out. It was set in a pile of rags and prayer books in the lobby of the building, where the damage was confined. Firemen found three cans of naphtha, a volatile cleaning fluid in the basement of the synagogue and two cans of paint, which were apparently used for a two-foot-high white swastika and a four-foot-high black swastika on a wall of the lobby. Two weeks ago a case of arson occurred at Congregation Ahavath Torah, also in the Bronx. Rabbi Abraham Gross, President of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, concerned about the many recent fires that have engulfed synagogues and yeshivas causing in many cases the holy Torahs to become cinders, issued a call to all synagogues to fireproof the Holy Ark in which the Torahs are kept.

Mapam Leader Simha Flapan Rejects Annexation And West Bank Palestinian Arab State

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA)--Simha Flapan, a leading member of Mapam (United Workers Party) in Israel and founder and editor of the Middle East monthly "New Outlook," told the JTA that he opposes permanent annexation by Israel of the territories it occupies since the Six-Day War and expressed opposition to the establishment of a Palestinian Arab state on the West Bank.

Mr. Flapan, an international Socialist-Zionist leader and former director of Arab Affairs for Mapam, has been touring the United States to complete research on Middle East problems for a book he is writing on the Israel-Arab conflict. He is scheduled to speak here Monday night at the Park Sheraton Hotel on "Is Peace Possible in the Middle East? What Should Be Israel's Peace Policy?" The meeting is sponsored by the Jewish Liberation Project which is described by its spokesman as a Socialist-Zionist group devoted to the building of Israel-Arab friendship in the Middle East and support for this policy within the American Jewish community, and New Outlook Associates.

Focusing on his opposition to a West Bank Palestinian Arab State, Flapan said, "I don't think this would solve the problem either for the Arab people or the State of Israel. It would artificially dismember the Arab people who live in more than just this area." He said such a state would be an artificial attempt to unify the Palestinian Arabs on the basis of geography rather than on the basis of historic rights and economic and political needs. "Such a state would not be viable," he told JTA, "but rather, dependent on Israeli economy. It would not enjoy full sovereignty because Israel would have to set conditions upon it for its own protection, such as ascertaining that this state would not be used as a base for foreign armies."

Israel's Right To Exist Is Not Negotiable; Arabs Have Right To Self-Determination

Flapan noted that an uncritical attitude by American Jews toward Israel's government policies in the form of "my country right or wrong, strengthens the most conservative elements there." He emphasized that Israel's right to exist is not negotiable but "she has no right to territories and populations against their wishes." The Arab people, he added, also have a right to self-determination. "What needs desperately to be discussed is how both rights can be achieved without denying the rights of either people." Flapan, whose scheduled address here will be his first in the area, was instrumental in organizing the visit of Jean Paul Sartre and Mme. Simone de Beauvoir to Egypt and Israel early in 1967. In 1962, he visited Cuba and initiated an agreement between the cooperative movement there and the kibbutz movement in Israel for the exchange of exports and trainees. This agreement continues today.

US Students Go To Israel To Study At Tel Aviv U And Sherut La'am Service

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA)--Fifty four American undergraduate students left today for Israel to participate in a one-semester 15 credit study program at Tel Aviv University. The program is sponsored by the University of Maryland, Tel Aviv University, and the American Zionist Youth Foundation. This is the first fully accredited semester program sponsored by an American college at Tel Aviv University. Yesterday, 20 American and Canadian students, ages 18 to 29, left for a one-year Sherut La'am service in Kibbutz Maayan Baruch in Northern Israel. This was the first group of Sherut La'am participants leaving for Israel this year. In addition to its college graduate programs and kibbutz programs, Sherut La'am this year introduced a program for technical and vocational service. College graduates, undergraduates and high school graduates with specific vocational and technical training and experience will be placed in jobs in their field for a year. Sherut La'am, sponsored by the AZYF, was initiated five years ago to enable young Americans and Canadians to take part in the development of Israel and become acquainted with the new social forms being developed in that country.

Israeli Wins Second Prize In International Music Competition

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA)--Yuval Zaliouk of Israel has been awarded second prize in the 1970 finals of the Dimitri Mitropoulos International Music Competition. Zaliouk received the Silver Medal and \$2,500. The competition is sponsored annually by the Women's Organization of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Potential Investors In Israel's Tourist Industry To Confer In Israel On Plans

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA)--More than 60 potential investors in Israel's tourist industry will participate in a special conference March 9-12 in Israel organized by the Ministry of Tourism and the State of Israel Investment Authority. The conference will deal with a broad range of projects including construction and management of new hotels, creation of different and new restaurants, and the development of recreation and bathing facilities along Israel's coast. Prime Minister Golda Meir and Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol will address the conference.