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Israel Planes Attack Egyptian Targets All Along Suez Canal For Almost Three Hours

TEL AVIV, April 20 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets attacked Egyptian targets all along the Suez Canal for nearly three hours today and returned safely to their bases. A military spokesman said the raids began at 9:15 a.m. local time and continued until noon. The prolonged attack was considered to be in retaliation for Egyptian air raids Saturday which killed three Israeli soldiers and wounded eight in the canal zone. An Egyptian Sukhoi 7 bomber was downed by an Israeli Hawk missile and two other Egyptian planes were hit and may have crashed. Cairo radio claimed that Saturday's air raid was the biggest undertaken by the Egyptian Air Force since the June, 1967 Six-Day War. President Gamal Abdel Nasser told a newspaper interviewer yesterday that with Soviet help Egypt has rebuilt its air defenses and "is now able to aim counter blows against Israel."

Mrs. Meir Says Israel Has Had Contacts With Some Arab Officials Since Six-Day War

TEL AVIV, April 20 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir told an interviewer here today that Israel has had contacts with some Arab officials since the Six-Day War, but that they have not yielded positive results. Mrs. Meir said that she considers such contacts "important even though we have not through them reached peace," adding, "The mere fact there can be contacts is important." Regarding her talks here with Joseph Sisco, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Mrs. Meir said, "The atmosphere could not have been better. Even inasmuch as there are differences of opinion, and in my opinion they are not very deep, the basic fact is that there is a dialogue between friends and there is no denial of the main issues. After that there can be differences of opinion." (Mr. Sisco arrived in Teheran last night for a two day conference with American ambassadors opening tomorrow. The main topic will be the Mideast crisis and U.S. policy toward Israel, with emphasis on arms supplies. Mr. Sisco will also meet with Iranian leaders. He had cancelled his visit to Amman following anti-American demonstrations by militant Jordanians.)

UN Association Calls On All Parties In Mideast Conflict To Observe Cease-Fire

YORK, England, April 20 (JTA)--The United Nations Association, holding its annual meeting here, adopted a resolution today calling on all parties in the Middle East conflict to observe the UN cease-fire and asking UN Secretary General U Thant to initiate peace talks on the lines of the 1949 Rhodes negotiations.

Some 4000 Persons, Half Of Them Non-Jews, In Pre-Passover Services For Soviet Jews

AMSTERDAM, April 20 (JTA)--Some 4000 persons gathered in Amsterdam's 351 year-old Sephardic Synagogue yesterday, half of them non-Jews, to participate in pre-Passover services and a mass rally on behalf of Soviet Jewry. The meeting was followed by a torchlight parade to Schouwburg, the place where Dutch Jews were herded by the Nazis for deportation during World War II. The assembled throng sang Hatikvah (Hope) Israel's national anthem, and heard a reading in Dutch of Yevtushenko's famous poem, Babi Yar, dealing with the Nazi massacre of Jews in the Ukraine. The Sephardic Synagogue was packed with the largest crowd it ever held since it was built in 1619, according to Jewish community leaders. The rally was presided over by Prof. L. Kukenheim Rector of the University of Leiden. It was addressed by Simon Wiesenthal, of Vienna, the archivist of Nazi war crimes, by Sir Barnett Janner, British MP and Dr. Pieter Koets, Deputy Mayor of Amsterdam. The gathering unanimously adopted a resolution urging Soviet authorities to let Russian Jews emigrate to Israel if they so desire and to grant them the same rights enjoyed by other ethnic minorities in the Soviet Union. The resolution stressed the pleas of Russian Jews to be allowed to reunite with their families in Israel and other countries. The event was sponsored by four Dutch Jewish congregations. It was announced from the pulpits of various churches in Holland whose pastors urged their congregants to participate.

Russia Reported To Be Moving Division Of About 3000 Soldiers And Technicians Into Egypt

LONDON, April 20 (JTA)--The Daily Telegraph reported from Cairo today that Russia is moving an air defense division--approximately 3000 soldiers and technicians--to Egypt in an effort to defend vital naval and air bases in the Eastern Mediterranean from Israeli attack. But many Soviet diplomats, led by Russia's Ambassador to Cairo, Serge Vinogradoff, are deeply opposed to a further expansion of Soviet forces in Egypt, the Telegraph said. According to the newspaper, three or four Russians have already been killed by Israeli artillery in the Suez Canal zone and Ambassador Vinogradoff fears that a new and decisive phase would be reached if Soviet pilots were assigned to fly combat missions in Egyptian planes. The Russians meanwhile have been accused of lowering Egyptian morale by not permitting Egyptian troops and technicians to man the SAM-3s.

In addition to the anti-aircraft defense, the Soviets have rehabilitated Egypt's fleet of MIG-21 supersonic fighters to make them more effective against Israeli Phantoms, the Telegraph reported. The Russians are making their most elaborate effort in anti-aircraft defense, the Telegraph reported. The new system includes about 40 SAM-3 sites, 25 SAM-2 sites plus an unknown number of 100 mm. anti-aircraft batteries and an extensive early warning system. The defense system is deployed to cover Cairo, the harbor at Alexandria on which Egypt now depends for all of its imports and exports and the Aswan High Dam. The early warning radar and communications system has been installed on the West Bank of the Suez Canal and on the Red Sea and Mediterranean coasts, the Telegraph reported.

Soviet Union Reported To Call For Overthrow Of Israel's 'Racist State'

LONDON, April 20 (JTA)--Reports reaching here from Amman via Reuters say that Soviet press attache George Suhothov told a news conference yesterday that the Kremlin has pledged economic and military aid to Jordan, has solidified its support of the Palestinian Arabs, and has declared its intention to "support any movement, even a Jewish movement, to overthrow" what he called Israel's "racist state based on religious fanaticism." Mr. Suhothov reiterated the Soviet Union's endorsement of the "creation of a democratic state in Palestine," one with an Arab majority. The statement was said to be the Kremlin's staunchest backing of the Palestinian Arabs to date. The news conference was timed to coincide with the Middle East "orientation" visit by the American Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Joseph Sisco, who bypassed Amman following anti-American disturbances. It was reported that Amman Radio did not carry the details of the Soviet attache's statement.

Hussein Reshuffles Cabinet; Five New Ministers Have Confidence Of Guerrilla Movement

LONDON, April 20 (JTA)--King Hussein, of Jordan has reportedly reshuffled his cabinet in the wake of four days of anti-American rioting in Amman which aborted a scheduled visit by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco. The realignment will please the Palestinian commandos, already flushed with victory over the ouster of U.S. Ambassador Harrison Symes, political observers said. King Hussein demanded Mr. Symes' recall after he advised Mr. Sisco to stay away from Amman where mobs burned the U.S. Information Agency offices, stoned the U.S. Embassy and wrecked four Embassy cars last week. Washington has demanded full and prompt compensation for damage to American property estimated at \$100,000. Some 10,000 books in the USIA library were destroyed. Five new cabinet ministers have been named in Amman, all of them said to have the confidence of the guerrilla movement. The new Jordanian Chief of Staff, Mashour Haditheh, was described as a moderate pro-guerrilla.

The events in Jordan during the past week indicated the power of the various Palestinian fedayeen bands, now more or less combined in the Palestine Armed Struggle Command headed by El Fatah chief, Yassir Arafat, and the virtual helplessness of the Hussein government to control its own population. The commandos regard the cancellation of the Sisco visit as a major political victory over the United States. Some observers believe that the commando movement that has paralyzed any peace moves by King Hussein could also prevent President Nasser from reaching a peaceful settlement with Israel should he ever indicate such a desire. The Sisco affair has brought the first hints of public Palestinian criticism of Nasser. The guerrilla command in Amman referred to "capitals so eager to have a political settlement," an apparent reference to Cairo where Mr. Sisco spent four days in talks with Egyptian leaders. The commando position is that there can be no peace with Israel and that the Israeli state must be liquidated. One guerrilla spokesman warned last week that any Arab government leader who moves toward peace with Israel will be signing his own death warrant. Although commando-government confrontations have been limited so far to Jordan and Lebanon, observers believe it could also occur in Egypt with much more serious consequences if talk of a political settlement grows stronger.

Archbishop Of Paris Warns Catholics Anti-Semitism 'Defile An Entire Country'

PARIS, April 20 (JTA)--The Archbishop of Paris has warned French Catholics against anti-Semitism, declaring he "felt ashamed" over a street incident in which someone had shouted "dirty Jews." In an article in the official bulletin of the Paris diocese, Francois Cardinal Marty added that "France is in danger of racism." He wrote that when he thought of the street incident, he recalled "the sons of Abraham whom I welcomed during the war in my country church." He added that "such insults defile an entire country. They are symptoms of an even deeper illness. France is in danger of racism. I say firmly, we must cure this disease, rebuff this sin, forbid words of hate, ban racist articles and publications."

Javits Donates Matzoh To Grace The House And Senate Dining Room

WASHINGTON, April 20 (JTA)--Senator Jacob K. Javits, Republican of New York, announced today that his Senate colleagues will have the opportunity to share Passover matzoh this week. Javits has donated 40 one-pound boxes of matzoh to the Senate dining room so that Senators and their guests will have matzohs on the tables along with the ubiquitous oyster crackers that grace House and Senate dining room tables year-round.

Five Congressmen Assail Proposed Road For G.L.K. Smith As Path To Anti-Semitism

WASHINGTON, April 20 (JTA)--Philadelphia's five-man Congressional delegation has protested Federal participation in an Arkansas road project which it charges will serve a religious tourist attraction operated by a front organization of Gerald L.K. Smith. In a letter to Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, the Congressmen urged that funds for the project be denied. Signing the letter were Reps. William A. Barrett, Robert N.C. Nix, James A. Byrne, Joshua Filberg and William J. Green, all Democrats. The Congressmen charged that "use of Federal funds for this project will make the Federal government a partner in the promotion of hate mongering and anti-Semitism." "Federal aid programs were not designed for purposes such as these," they added.

The tourist attraction at Eureka Springs, a seven-story statue called "Christ of the Ozarks" and the Passion Play, are operated by the Elma M. Smith Foundation. In their letter, they referred to a report by the National Jewish Community Relations Council which characterizes the play as an "anti-Semitic tract, the whole theme of which is that Jews are guilty of deicide." "Centuries of prejudice, hate and bloodletting have flowed from that loathsome cant," the five Congressmen asserted, "and it is hardly the appropriate business of the United States government to assist its continued propagation."

Jewish And Christian Leaders: Passover Is Time For Rededication To Struggle For Freedom

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA)--American Jewry prepared for the traditional Passover holiday beginning at sundown today as messages of greeting were conveyed to the Jewish community from political, civic and religious leaders and from the major Jewish organizations. In a message to New York Jews, Mayor John V. Lindsay characterized Passover as "a tale of a people determined to be free, and who were willing to endure privation and hardship in their long journey to the Promised Land. There is, of course, an analogy for our own time." Mayor Lindsay went on. "Today, the people of Israel are also willing to endure privation and hardship in order to be free in the nation they have built. Our hearts go out to the Soviet Jews who yearn to be united with their families in Israel and other lands. Freedom is the heart of the Passover holiday."

Max M. Fisher, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, noted in his greetings that "The message of Passover was never more timely--the message of freedom that speaks with great meaning at a time of growing confusions about social values and principles. The problems and difficulties of this generation are greater, because the opportunities are greater." Mr. Fisher said that Passover was "the time to reinforce our efforts to strengthen civil liberties and human rights and to remove degrading poverty from our own land...the time to reinforce our efforts to help the Jews in the Soviet Union to win the religious and cultural rights which others in that country have and which they do not...the time to help the heroic people of Israel to secure firmly and enduringly their independence and their freedom against the onslaught of destruction which presses from all sides."

Edward Ginsberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, stated that "Each generation of Jews, in one way or another, has had to repeat (the Passover) struggle for freedom. This is a condition that we are forced to earn again and again. We have fought, bled and died in a reaffirmation of the right to determine our own lives. Through dispersions and exiles, inquisitions and pogroms 'jihad' and holocaust, our people have maintained their faith and have neither retreated nor compromised." Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, declared that "To the people of Israel, American Jewry pledges its fraternal solidarity. We join with them in their insistence on their right to live in freedom and dignity. This is the current meaning of the Passover and the seder service as we celebrate this age-old festival of freedom in the year 1970."

Louis Broido, chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, an international relief and rehabilitation organization observed that many Jews "who almost forgot their ties to Judaism will be reminded of the ancient traditions of their people, will renew their faith in their Jewish past and in themselves" on Passover. "Others," he said, "in varying degrees of freedom and affluence will also share in the afflictions and the exaltations of the ancient Hebrews in the time honored manner in Jewish homes the world-over." Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, noted that the burdens of the Israelis this year "are in many respects greater than they have borne in the 22 year history of the Jewish State." He said, "All the sacrifices and burdens of the past crises, in 1948, in 1956 and even in the Six-Day War of 1967, have been outpaced by the unparalleled demands of defense which are almost three times as high today as they were three years ago." Mr. Feinberg asserted that "This year more than ever before, the Israel Bond campaign will be decisive in maintaining Israel's economic growth by providing the record sum of \$250 million requested by Israel's leaders."

The New York Board of Rabbis also referred to Israel's tribulations in a Passover message from its president, Rabbi Harold I. Saperstein. "In democratic Israel today," he said, "two and a half million Jews are beleaguered and besieged by eighty million Arabs whose dictatorial governments have declared that they will drive the people of Israel into the sea. The Israelis are fighting for one elementary and basic right--the right to live in freedom and unhindered in their own land." Rabbi Saperstein also noted that Soviet Jewry "have raised their voices as never before to indicate that they will no longer remain silent in the face of the restrictions placed upon them personally and upon their religious and their cultural life." Harold Friedman, president of the United Hias Service, the world-wide Jewish emigration agency, said that while American Jews "Safe, secure, at home with our families recount with pride and thanksgiving the deliverance of our ancestors from slavery...our thoughts turn to the tragic plight of our brethren in distant lands who today valiantly struggle to cast off the yoke of persecution and degradation." He said it was the task of the Hias service "to rescue our people dispersed by war, pogroms and political upheaval, to reunite families rent asunder by events beyond their control, to give our fellow Jews a new chance, a new hope, a new life."

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee urged the free world to support pleas on behalf of Soviet Jews. In a Passover message, Mr. Hoffman said, "the voices of the 3 million Jews of Russia could be heard only occasionally and feebly and they look to the outside world for support." Mr. Hoffman also referred to the Middle East where he assailed Arab refusal to make peace with Israel and the "crushing burden of armaments for all countries there." He said that only direct talks between Israel and the Arab countries could "bring tranquility to this troubled part of the globe." Referring to violence in the United States, he warned that "Where bombs and murder and arson hold sway, there is little hope of solving the real ills of mankind."

Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinic arm of Reform Judaism, chose the occasion of Passover to chide those who demand freedom for themselves but would inhibit the freedom of others. "The trouble is that too many of us actually mean freedom only for those with whom we agree," he said in a Passover message. "The Vice President of the United States, while subscribing to the ideal of freedom, strives to inhibit the freedom of 'liberals' and 'intellectuals.' Conservative forces in Congress seek to undermine the freedom of Mr. Justice Douglas...The eternal message of Passover is that freedom means nothing unless it is extended fully to those who disagree with us most vigorously," Rabbi Gittelsohn said.

Rabbi Bernard Segal, executive director of the United Synagogue of America the congregational arm of Conservative Judaism, warned in a Passover message that "Our own generation is experiencing the impact of brutal enslavements in various parts of the world" but is also witnessing valiant battles for freedom" on the part of Israel and the Jews of Soviet Russia. "The Hagaddah which we recite on Passover stressed the need for all of us to impart to our children the age-old story of human enslavement to pagan doctrines and the ongoing struggle on the part of humanity to attain redemption and freedom," Rabbi Segal said. Mrs. David M. Levitt, president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, called on Jews to "pray that the spirit of Passover, commemorating the deliverance of the Israelites from bondage in ancient Egypt, will be felt by all our citizens." She noted that "The belief that everyone should share in full civil rights and equality of opportunity is a part of Jewish tradition which is particularly linked with the Passover festival."

American Nazi Party: New Face, Old Body; Seeks To Recruit Youth And Factory Workers

CHICAGO, April 20 (JTA)--The American Nazi party, having changed its name and "booted out some very irresponsible people," has re-emerged as the National Socialist White People's party with plans to rally white youth and factory workers to "move the world." Frank Collin, 25-year-old Midwest coordinator, divulged this blueprint last Friday night at a press conference that was otherwise attended by only four "istorm troopers." Mr. Collin, who declined to give the size of the party except to say it was "very small," declared that the New Left, the militant Students for a Democratic Society and SDS' ultra-militant Weathermen were Jew-run "enemies of the white community." He said the party's "main objection to Jews is that they are involved in communism" and exploit American Negroes, who should be "repatriated back to Africa." Mr. Collin spoke in Rockwell Hall, a storefront with boarded windows, named after the party's assassinated leader, George Lincoln Rockwell. He and his uniformed cohorts wore black swastikas on red armbands. A large picture of Hitler was prominently displayed.

Federal Judge Upholds Circuit Court Barring Use Of High School By Nazi Group

WASHINGTON, April 20 (JTA)--A federal judge upheld an Arlington Circuit Court ruling barring use last night by the National Socialist White People's party of an Arlington school as the site for a celebration of Hitler's birthday. Federal Judge Oren R. Lewis, in handing down his decision Thursday, called the group a successor to the American Nazi party, "hate-mongers" and held that "nothing in the Constitution says a school board has to let a hate-monger use a public facility." He noted that the neo-Nazis had planned to exclude Jews and Negroes from the proposed birthday party at Yorktown high school. He held that such exclusion would violate public accommodations of the federal Civil Rights Act. Arlington Circuit Judge Charles Russell had ruled in support of the right of Arlington school officials to bar use of the school to the neo-Nazis.

The attorney appearing at the appeal hearing was James Cohen of the American Civil Liberties Union, who argued that the neo-Nazis had as much right to use the school as the Democratic party or the Republican party. He said the denial violated protection under the Bill of Rights. In a related court action, four-Nazi party members, arrested in a disturbance in Arlington which broke out when the party was denied permission to hold a rally in the Yorktown building, were found guilty Thursday of violating the county noise ordinance. A fifth party member was found guilty of unlawful use of a loud-speaker at the disturbance.

Orthodox Rabbi Calls For Continued Battle For State Aid To Non-Public Schools In N.Y.

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA)--A bill sponsored by Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York to provide state grants to non-public schools to cover their expenses mandated by the State, was passed at the closing session of the New York State Legislature. Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America, estimated that the elementary and high-school Yeshivos in New York will receive \$1.50 million from this program beginning with the opening of the new school year in September. Rabbi Sherer labeled this bill "a first step," but pointed out that "it does not address itself to the educational needs of the non-public schools which are in the throes of a serious financial crisis." The Mandated Services Bill covers such expenses as maintaining attendance records, administering examinations and keeping pupil health records. "The battle must now move forward until justice is done for the non-public schools which should not be compelled to independently finance their costly secular education programs to the point of financial breakdown," Rabbi Sherer said. "The first-round victory should not make us lose sight of our main objective, and we will press forward for the passage of the Parent-Aid Bill."

Seattle University Administration Bows To Student, Faculty Demand To Reinstate Rabbi

SEATTLE, Wash. April 20 (JTA)--The administration of Seattle University, a Jesuit institution, has bowed to student demands, supported by the faculty senate, and agreed to reinstate Rabbi Arthur Jacobovitz as a member of the faculty, to teach one course in Judaica in the next Spring term. Previously, the administration had dropped the Jewish theology courses which Dr. Jacobovitz had given there since 1961, on the grounds of economy although the rabbi, who is Hillel Foundation director at the University of Washington, had offered to teach without fee. More than 1,100 students signed the petition urging the rabbi's reappointment.

The faculty senate, by a nine to eight vote, requested a budget grant of \$1,000 to permit continuation of Rabbi Jacobovitz's two courses in Jewish history and Jewish theology, but the university administration allowed only \$500 for one course. The Seattle University student newspaper, the Spectator, reporting the student demands for retention of the Judaica courses, said that "there has been hardly an issue in recent times which has aroused so unanimous an expression of student and faculty feelings as the call for rehiring of Rabbi Jacobovitz." Rabbi Jacobovitz began teaching this term at St. Thomas the Apostle Major Seminary, where men are educated for the Catholic priesthood. With two priests, he is presenting a seminar there on "Judaism and Job in the 20th Century."