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President Shazar: Egypt's War Against Israel Does Not Diminish Spirit of Israelis

JERUSALEM, May 10 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar of Israel will tell his countrymen tomorrow that "almost a thousand days of nameless assault constantly claiming victims" since the June, 1967 war have failed to diminish the spirit and courage of the people. In remarks prepared for his Independence Day address, released here tonight, Mr. Shazar extolled the "extraordinary vitality" of the nation's economy and Israel's continuing achievements in science, education, culture and scholarship. He noted that despite the ongoing undeclared war, immigrants continue to stream in "from affluent as well as distressed lands and from places cut off from us." But the Israeli chief of state also touched on negative aspects of life in the country. "As for our own society, on its fringes we find indifference and complacency which must be checked before it is too late," he said.

"There is still a wide and shameful gap between extravagance on one hand and debasing poverty on the other," President Shazar declared and continued: "In urban streets and in old and new quarters of settlements our eyes are still revolted by wretched housing and neglected areas. We have not been spared the harmful phenomenon of drug-taking or the effects of corruption and delinquency--agonizing problems for which, with a sense of urgency, we must find swift and practical solutions." President Shazar said, "Precisely because the times and our tasks are so grave and fateful, it is incumbent upon us to concern ourselves with healing and purifying our way of life." He said, "despite the incitement and the hostile deeds aimed at us, both near and far, despite the overriding compulsion to continue to defend ourselves and the future of our people with utmost courage, let us not weaken in our intellectual and political efforts to reach a firm and honorable peace with our Arab neighbors."

Nearly A Quarter-Million Persons March In Israel Independence Day Parade

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)--"Jewish Power" and "Kiss Me, I'm Jewish" were among the buttons displayed today as nearly a quarter-million persons participated in a joyous 29-block parade celebrating Israel Independence Day. An estimated 75,000 marchers--representing 300 school and youth groups sponsored by 76 national and local Jewish organizations under the banner of the American Zionist Youth Federation--sang Hebrew songs and manned festive floats in the parade up sunny, humid Fifth Avenue. The police estimated the number of onlookers at 150,000. One of the honored guests, Yitzhak Rabin, Israeli ambassador to the United States, spoke from the reviewing stand and said Israel was "prepared to go it alone" in the Middle East if necessary. Questioned afterwards by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mr. Rabin said he hoped a confrontation with Soviet pilots could be avoided. But he was reluctant to discuss the matter further in the hubbub of the parade. The other honored guest was Israeli Consul General Reheavim Amir.

Three of the four gubernatorial candidates--Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, Deputy Mayor Robert M. Morgenthau and businessman Howard J. Samuels--reaffirmed in interviews their endorsement of additional U.S. jet sales to Israel. The fourth candidate, former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, who had agreed to serve with the other three as grand marshals of the parade, cancelled his appearance on Friday, according to parade director Ray Goodman. Theodore C. Sorensen, Democratic committee candidate for U.S. senator, told the JTA he was not bothered by criticism in some quarters that his pleas on behalf of Soviet Jewry in Moscow recently were a ploy to gain Jewish votes. He of course wanted Jewish votes, said Mr. Sorensen, who is Jewish, but he noted that Israeli Premier Golda Meir had welcomed his Moscow remarks.

Parade banners and buttons included the slogans "Are We the Jews of Silence?" "Israel Is Real," "Israel Must Live" and "Israel--Right On!" An "Israel's Birthday Be-In" was scheduled for 2:30 in the Central Park Sheep Meadow, with participants invited to "Dance to rock bands, play your guitar, sing, dance, paint, groove, lay teffilin or just graze." The militant Jewish Defense League distributed leaflets quoting the longshoreman-philosopher Eric Hoffer as stating: "The Jews are alone in the world. If Israel survives, it will be solely because of Jewish efforts, and Jewish resources...Should Israel perish, the holocaust will be upon us. Israel must live!" An ad hoc group called Jews for Peace sought signatures on petitions supporting the Hatfield-McGovern Senate proposal to bar further monies for U.S. action in Cambodia.

Israel Honors Its War Dead; Mrs. Meir Says The Desire Of Israel Is Peace, Not Conquest

TEL AVIV, May 10 (JTA)--Israel honored its war dead today with solemn memorial services in cities and towns all over the country and at the 17 main military cemeteries. The 24 hour period of remembrance which traditionally precedes the Independence Day celebrations, was ushered in at sundown yesterday when President Zalman Shazar lit a beacon at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. A crowd of 10,000 watched as sirens sounded and flags were lowered to half mast. Cafes, movie houses and other places of entertainment closed. Lights were dimmed all along Dizengoff Street, Tel Aviv's main business and entertainment thoroughfare and the action was repeated in the downtown areas of Haifa, Jerusalem and scores of other cities and townships. A torchlight was lit at the entrance to the Great Synagogue in Tel Aviv where an honor guard of Haganah veterans and other underground fighting groups of the pre-statehood era stood in silence. At ten a.m. local time today, sirens sounded again and all pedestrians and traffic halted to observe a minute's silence in honor of the nation's fallen soldiers and

other war victims. Speaking on television last night, Premier Golda Meir comforted the families of the war dead. "The source of strength of the bereaved families in Israel and the source of bravery of those fallen sons is one," she said. "Their ardent desire is for peace. Not the love of war, not the desire of conquest and not the negation of other peoples' rights." Mrs. Meir said, "We cannot bring back the lives of our lost sons, their tremendous talent, their joy and creativity. Let us only try to be worthy of them in our lives and deeds as their memory compels us."

Rabin: Israel Will Not Be Another Czechoslovakia; Will Engage Soviet Pilots If Attacked

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)—Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Ambassador to the United States warned last night that "Israel will not be another Czechoslovakia" and will not hesitate to engage Soviet pilots if attacked. He charged the Soviet Union with being responsible for continued war in the Middle East--with persistently interfering with signs of Arab willingness to move toward peace. At an evening session of the four-day annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Ambassador Rabin declared that Israel does not wish a situation to arise "in which Soviet pilots or gunners will be in a position to engage our forces, but if they do, if we are attacked, we will be obliged to protect our freedom, our security and our independence, come what may."

Ambassador Rabin said that by "assuming an actual combatant role in the Mideast conflict" the Soviet Union has made itself "a direct and active military partner in the policy of aggression against Israel." Asserting that he did not know at what point the Soviet Union intended to draw the line, Mr. Rabin said that "those who decided on direct Soviet involvement are surely aware that the people of Israel will defend themselves." Noting that Israel is celebrating the 22nd anniversary of its independence, Ambassador Rabin said that Israeli leaders in 1948 had declared the new state's willingness "to make its contribution in a concerted effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East." He called it "overly simplistic" to say that there is no peace in the Mideast because "our neighbors don't want us." Mr. Rabin observed there have been times when the Arabs have "shown a readiness to grapple with the realities of our existence" and said it was a "tragedy that these seeds of realism of acceptance were never allowed to germinate" because of Soviet intervention.

Ambassador Rabin charged the Soviet Union with ruthlessly choosing and exploiting the Israeli-Arab dispute "as the vehicle to enhance Russian expansionist ambitions in the Middle East at the expense of all of us in the area." He stated that Russia is "no longer content to pursue its ambitions by proxy" and is actively participating in the air defense of Egypt. "This is an unprecedented step and it is an aggressive one," the Ambassador declared. The Soviet Union, he asserted, "has drastically and adversely shifted the balance of forces" against Israel and if Russian expansionism is to be contained "this imbalance must be corrected...now." Mr. Rabin declared that to deprive Israel now of the planes and other arms needed would not only impair that country's defensive strength militarily but "would strengthen Soviet boldness and ambition politically."

Kiryat Shemona Shelled For Second Time In Three Days; Youth Killed, Two Brothers Injured

TEL AVIV, May 10 (JTA)—Tragedy struck Kiryat Shemona for the second time in three days last night when the little Upper Galilee village was hit by guerrilla rockets fired from Lebanon which killed an 18 year-old boy and wounded two of his brothers. The victim was Dany Chayu. His brother Herzl, 14, was seriously hurt but reported out of danger. Another brother Amnon, 17 suffered lesser wounds. The youngsters were in their home when it collapsed under a direct hit. Their parents and two sisters were unhurt. Last Wednesday night Katyusha rockets fired at Kiryat Shemona claimed the lives of Shimon Banjo, 56 and his 17 year-old daughter, Rina, as they were running to a bomb shelter. The latest attack brought Defense Minister Moshe Dayan back to the scene that he had visited only two days earlier to inspect the damage and console the Banjo family. This time it was the bereaved family of Chai Chayu who was still wearing a shirt stained with his oldest son's blood when Gen. Dayan escorted him by helicopter to the hospital where his two younger sons were being treated.

The Defense Minister promised the settlers of Kiryat Shemona that measures would be taken to bolster the village's security against guerrilla attacks. He warned that responsibility for the attacks lies with the authorities in Lebanon who have done nothing to halt them. Kiryat Shemona was not the only border village under attack. Kfar Yuval and Beth Hillel were hit by Katyusha rockets last night but suffered no casualties or damage. General Dayan and Chief of Staff Haim Bar Lev warned Thursday night that Israel may have to act to check across-the-border raids by Lebanese saboteurs. Gen. Dayan asserted that while Israel wants peace with Lebanon, its only obligation is to defend Israeli citizens, adding, "If there will be need, we shall act across the border as well." He said all necessary steps would be taken to minimize the danger of attack, but noted that the border could not be hermetically sealed. In a televised interview, Gen. Bar Lev said that the countries from which border attacks originate must be responsible for them. While Israel has "no interest in taking more drastic and radical steps" than defending herself, he said, the time may come for it to consider revising that policy.

Eban: Israel Has Tried 'Nine Or Ten Times' To Make Overtures For Peace With Arabs

JERUSALEM, May 10 (JTA)—Foreign Minister Abba Eban said last night that "nine or ten times" Israel has made serious overtures for peace with the Arabs only to be rebuffed. He said one of the attempts involved certain Christian and Moslem leaders in East Jerusalem who were asked to make peace contacts, but these efforts too had failed. Mr. Eban was one of several cabinet ministers and military leaders addressing the nation on the eve of Independence Day. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said in a radio interview that Israel would not tolerate the installation of Soviet anti-aircraft missiles in the Suez Canal zone. He said Israel needs a minimal of operational air space to support its ground forces on the canal front. He warned that Israel must expect a "critical summer" because Egypt is building up its forces under the Soviet umbrella.

Several Thousand Jewish Youths And Elders Participate In Anti-War Rally

WASHINGTON, May 10 (JTA)--Several thousand Jewish students and many of their elders took part yesterday in a massive non-violent anti-war demonstration near the White House which observers said drew some 100,000 participants in a peaceful protest. A coordinating council made up of the Jewish Community Council, the religious action center of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the local chapters of the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress and Sim Shalom, an ad hoc Jewish peace group provided a variety of forms of help to the Jewish youngsters. The UAHC action center and the B'nai B'rith building provided overnight housing and food service Friday night for some 1,800 demonstrators. About 100 demonstrators slept in the Hillel Foundation buildings at George Washington and the American Universities. The B'nai B'rith building, which was near the protest site, making for easy access on foot, was chosen by observant Jewish protesters. Contingents were present from Yeshiva University and Stern College for Women in New York and from the Jewish Theological Seminary, as well as from scores of colleges as far out as the midwest. A Sabbath service was held Friday night and Saturday morning inside the B'nai B'rith building for observant Jewish students, who arranged to have the traditional mehitzta, or separation device, for the services. Outside in front of the building a liberal service was led for about 150 youthful worshippers. Emergency medical arrangements were set up in the religious action center and the B'nai B'rith building.

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington joined with the Council of Churches in a letter to President Nixon asking him to welcome the anti-war demonstrators and to listen to their protests. The signers called "upon you, Mr. President, to listen and to declare yourself, that you are listening with understanding." Rabbi Irving Greenberg, associate professor of history at Yeshiva University, joined with a Protestant and Catholic church leader in an appearance Thursday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Their statement that the Viet Nam war was a "moral disaster" was lauded by Sen. J.W. Fulbright, the Arkansas Democrat who is chairman of the committee. He said he had never before heard "statements of such depth and perception" as that of the three religious leaders and indicated he might call on them again during committee hearings on the war's moral impact. Rabbi Elias Charry, president of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia, reported that many member rabbis had provided forums Friday during and after services at which members of the Philadelphia Union of Jewish Students discussed the escalation of the war in Viet Nam. The board asked 50 member rabbis attending the organization's 11th annual convocation to provide such forums after the unexpected appearance at the convocation of Arnold Rachlis, a representative of the student group. The youth described the sense of horror of students over the war escalation and asked the rabbis to allow student representatives to speak at services. Most of the rabbis approved the request. Rabbi Charry, who was installed for a second term, said in a statement that the Jewish community, like other communities, was divided on the Indo-China war, the escalation into Cambodia and the resumption of bombing of North Viet Nam. He declared that many rabbis, including himself, were "horrified" by the development which he felt, despite administration claims, would expand the war, rather than bring peace.

Israeli Jets Attack Guerrilla Bases In Lebanon; First Air Strike In Four Months

TEL AVIV, May 10 (JTA)--Guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon were targets of a 90 minute attack by Israeli Air Force jets yesterday. The attacks were intended to destroy the sources of terrorist forays that have claimed the lives of three Israeli civilians and three soldiers since last Wednesday. A military spokesman said all aircraft returned safely. An El Fatah announcement in Beirut claimed that one Israeli plane was downed by ground fire and another hit. Reports from Beirut said the Israeli air raids were the heaviest yet on Lebanese territory. Beirut said the attacks were carried out by "wave after wave" of planes with the Israelis using every type of military aircraft in their arsenal. It was the first Israeli air strike against Lebanon in four months.

The attack followed a statement by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan Friday that Israel would no longer warn Lebanon but would strike if the authorities in Beirut failed to halt terrorist incursions. "We will hit back even at the risk of international criticism in order to defend the lives of Israeli citizens," Gen. Dayan said. Three Israeli soldiers were killed and three were wounded in a guerrilla ambush near the Allenby bridge in the Jordan Valley Friday. The action was reported last night after the families of the dead men were notified. They were Privates Jacob Arbel, 36, of Kfar Monash, the father of two, Aryeh Gervitz, 22, of Kibbutz Urrim, and Meir Tzaidi, 28, of Rehovot, each the father of one child. All of them were in the Army Reserve. Nine Israelis were injured last night when a hand grenade exploded in a Jewish-owned restaurant in East Jerusalem. The grenade was rolled through an open door shortly after the restaurant opened for the evening. Police have detained several dozen persons for questioning.

Past National Commanders Of Six Veterans Groups Urge U.S. Jets For Israel Now

WASHINGTON, May 10 (JTA)--The past national commanders of six leading veterans organizations have sent telegrams to President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers asking the United States to send jets to Israel immediately. The former heads of the Jewish War Veterans, the Catholic War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the AM Vets and the American Legion asked the two policy makers to "reconsider the temporary withholding of military aircraft to Israel." They added, "Russia's direct involvement (in the Middle East) eliminates any hope that your previous decision will lessen the flow of Communist arms to the Arab world." President Nixon declared on his nationally-televised press conference Friday night that if reports of growing Soviet participation in Egyptian military activities were true, it would shift the balance of power in the Middle East. He added that, under those circumstances, it would be "necessary for the United States to re-evaluate its decision with regard to the sale of jets to Israel." Replying to a question, the President said that the Middle East situation had been made "ominous" by reports that Soviet pilots are in the U.A.R. air force "not in a combat but in some other role." The President concluded his reply on the question by saying that "We have made it very clear, and this is in the interest of peace in that area, that the balance of power must not be changed and we will keep that commitment."

Jewish Groups Condemn Administration For Its Role In Leading To Death Of Four Students

WASHINGTON, May 10 (JTA)--A number of Jewish organizations denounced the Nixon administration this weekend for creating an atmosphere that led to the fatal shooting last Monday of four Kent State University students, three of whom were Jewish, by Ohio State National Guardsmen. The Chicago Board of Rabbis declared in a telegram to President Nixon that "the attitude implicit in recent administration statements" about student dissidents "feeds the flames of violence and confrontation and encourages the tragic use of force against demonstrators." The board, which sent its telegram also to Illinois Senators Charles Percy and Ralph Smith, said it deplored the violence on college campuses "and especially the tragic deaths of four innocent students." It declared that, "Branding students who demonstrate for peace and freedom as campus 'bums' creates the dangerous climate in which legitimate and idealistic dissent is seen as un-American." The President used that term in an off-the-cuff comment earlier last week. The telegram, signed by Rabbi Seymour Cohen, president, and Rabbi Mordecai Simon, executive director, urged the President "to recognize publicly the nobility and courage of those who risk their lives and careers for peace here in America."

Five national Jewish rabbinic and synagogal organizations, representing the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform branches of American Jewry, joined in a statement to denounce "the gulf that separates many of this nation's youth from the institutions of government and its leaders." Declaring that the nation cannot live in fear of its own youth, the presidents of the five groups asserted that "our entire society, as we know it, cannot survive in a repressive atmosphere in which non-violent dissenters are treated with disdain, contempt and worse." They declared that "under no conceivable circumstances could the pointblank firing into a crowd of students at Kent State University be justified." Signatories to the statement, which was issued through the Synagogue Council of America, were Rabbi Roland Gittlesohn, president of the (Reform) Central Conference of American Rabbis; Earl Morse, board chairman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Gershon Levy, president of the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly; Jacob Stein, president of the United Synagogue of America; and Rabbi Zeg Segal, president of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council of America. The Synagogue Council is the central coordinating agency for the national synagogal and rabbinic organizations of the three branches of Judaism. The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the sixth affiliate, did not sign the statement.

'The Tragedy That Occurred At Kent State Must Never Be Repeated'

Rabbi Elias Charry, president of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia said one of the effects of the Cambodia escalation "most recently and terribly," was the killing of four Kent University students. He said the "polarization" of the American people must end that this was "our first priority." He added that only the President could bring this about "by an immediate cessation of the Cambodian adventure and by continuing the program of withdrawal of American troops from Viet Nam with all haste." President Nixon was urged by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to call upon the governors of the fifty states to restrict National Guardsmen from carrying live ammunition in their weapons while on duty in civil disorders, "except in extreme emergency" and only upon direct orders of an "authorized officer who personally assumes responsibility and the results for giving orders." The appeal to the President also urged that "no unarmed civilians be fired upon without due warning." In a telegram signed by Mrs. David M. Levitt and Miss Jane Evans, president and executive director, respectively, of the NFTS, Mr. Nixon was told that "the tragedy that occurred on campus of Kent State University must never be repeated."

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations sent telegrams of condolences to the parents of the four slain Kent State students. The Foundations' telegram said the association was making "every meaningful effort to help create a society in which this kind of horror will never recur." The Foundations also urged chapters to keep buildings and facilities open this weekend for students use to "develop strategy and action programs" to protest the Cambodian invasion. In a memorandum to Hillels' 240 units across the country, the Foundations outlined actions being taken by local units including memorial services for the four students, contacting area synagogues to conduct similar services, and sending petitions to Congressional and Administration leaders opposing the widening of the war and calling for an immediate withdrawal of troops.

Employment Agency Agrees To Pay Damages For Time Lost By Sabbath Jew

NEW YORK, May 10 (JTA)--The City Commission on Human Rights has obtained the agreement of the All American Employment Agency here not to engage in employment discrimination against Orthodox Jews and other Sabbath observers. Mrs. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Commission Chairman, announced that the agency has agreed to pay \$52 in damages for job time lost by Douglas L. Greener of Manhattan, who had charged he had been rejected for two editorial positions because as an Orthodox Jew he would have to leave work early Friday evening. The agency will also provide the Commission with three months' worth of employment applications processed by it.

UNITED NATIONS, May 10 (JTA)--A story on Page Three of the JTA Daily News Bulletin of Thursday incorrectly quoted Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah saying: "I hope that the files containing peace efforts, including suggestions for meeting of the parties (Israel and Egypt) to discuss the establishment of a just and lasting peace, have not been destroyed under the impact of our 'belligerency.'" The phrase "files containing peace efforts" should have read "files concerning peace efforts." The phrase "the impact of our 'belligerency'" should have read "the impact of Arab belligerency." The statement by the Israeli Mission spokesman which read "in March 1968 Dr. Jarring tried to convince representatives of the parties to meet in Cyprus" should have read "in March 1968 Dr. Jarring tried to convene the representatives of the parties to meet in Cyprus."