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## Israeli Forces Repulse Egyptian Commando Raid; Two Israeli Soldiers Killed, One Wounded

TEL AVIV, May 19 (JTA)--Israel reported that its forces repulsed an Egyptian commando raid across the southern section of the Suez Canal at dawn today killing at least seven of the estimated 15 Egyptian raiders. Two Israeli soldiers were killed and one was injured in fire exchanges across the Suez Canal during the past 24 hours. One of the dead soldiers was identified as Yonatan Shabtai, 20, of Tel Aviv. Cairo claimed today that a force of 90 Egyptian commandos attacked an Israeli armored column destroying two Israeli tanks and two halftracks and killing their crews. The Egyptians said six of their men were wounded and seven were missing. An Israeli military spokesman said six Egyptian raiders were killed by Israeli fire almost immediately after they landed on the canal's east bank and the body of the seventh was seen floating on the waterway.

According to the Israeli account, the raiding party retreated under cover of an Egyptian artillery barrage. Israel replied with artillery and tank gun fire and sent jets to silence the Egyptian gunners. A military spokesman said Egyptians suffered casualties on the west bank of the canal as a result of Israeli return fire. Israeli and Jordanian forces exchanged mortar fire in the northern section of the Beisan Valley this morning. The shooting developed after guerrillas attacked an Israeli patrol near Neve Urr. There were no casualties on the Israeli side. Israel Air Force jets continued their methodical pounding of Egyptian positions in the canal zone last night and this morning to prevent the construction of SAM-3 missile sites. According to a military spokesman, the warplanes ranged some 30 kilometers west of the canal to strike Egypt's in-depth defenses. They also battered the central and southern sectors of the canal zone for two and a half hours this morning. All planes returned safely to their bases.

## Israel Denies Warning Big Four It Will Hit Soviet Personnel And Equipment

A military spokesman said that Israel's aerial sorties during the past few days have encountered no SAM-3 missile sites or enemy aircraft piloted by Russians. The Israeli jets have confined their operations to the canal zone and a middle corridor lying between the canal and central Egypt. Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday that they had no knowledge of reports in one local newspaper that Israel has warned the Big Powers that it would do everything in its power to prevent Egypt from strengthening its Suez Canal defenses, even if it meant hitting Soviet personnel and equipment in the canal zone. The paper said Israel intended to stop the Russians from moving in strength into Egypt's second line of defense, about 15-20 miles west of the canal. The paper did not say to which nations the Israeli warning was addressed, by who and when it was made.

Israel admitted today that several hundred guerrillas have returned to so-called "Fatah land" in southeastern Lebanon, the scene of Israel's 32-hour armed incursion of May 12-13. The guerrillas returned after Israeli forces withdrew. The admission was an acknowledgment that the Israeli expedition was of a punitive nature rather than a decisive clean-out of guerrilla bases. Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar Lev indicated as much last week when he said the fedayeen could not be cleared out in a single operation. The main purpose of the expedition was apparently to bolster morale in Israeli border settlements and to warn Beirut authorities to curb guerrilla activities from Lebanese soil.

Military sources said today that Israel regards Al Saiqa units in Lebanon as "part and parcel of the Syrian Army." Al Saiqa is a small Fedayeen group based in Syria which has joined the much larger El Fatah in incursions against Israel. It is regarded as more fanatic than El Fatah. According to the military sources, Al Saiqa units are commanded by regular officers of the Syrian Army and operated under the overall command of General Headquarters in Damascus. Five Lebanese taken prisoner in the May 12-13 Israeli raid were released today and handed over to Lebanese authorities at Ras el Naquia. They included two policemen and a journalist sent by his Beirut newspaper to cover the fighting. The latter said he was treated well by the Israelis. The other freed prisoners were a farmer and a student who went home with a new pair of shoes given to him by his Israeli jailers to replace his old pair that was torn.

## McCloskey Says Not His Understanding U.S. Has Agreement To Replace Downed Israeli Planes

WASHINGTON, May 19 (JTA)--State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey told the press today that it was not his "understanding" that the United States had any agreement to replace downed Israeli planes. His statement appeared to contradict the announcement of Secretary of State William P. Rogers on March 23 that "The United States will be in a position to provide additional as well as replacement aircraft promptly if the situation requires it." The "situation" referred to was the shifting of the Middle East military balance away from Israel. There was no immediate clarification from the State Department whether Mr. McCloskey's statement signified a reversal of Mr. Rogers' declaration or whether it was the State Department consensus that the situation in the Middle East does not yet require replacement aircraft. Mr. McCloskey also said there would be no announcement of additional jet sales to Israel in conjunction with the visit here Wednesday of Foreign Minister Abba Eban. He added that he had no information on SAM-3 missile building along the Suez Canal.

## Russians Hastening Installation Of SAM-3 Missiles For Use Against Israeli Planes

LONDON, May 19 (JTA)--According to reports reaching here, diplomatic sources in Eastern Europe said today that the Russians are hastening the installation of SAM-3 anti-aircraft missiles in Egypt and Russian officers will fire them against Israeli planes attacking behind the Suez Canal line. The sources said the Russians will "direct" Egyptian pilots in advanced MIG-21s from radar stations on the ground. If the Egyptians prove unable to handle the planes, the Russians will pilot them themselves to defend the SAM-3 sites, and the Soviet personnel manning them, against Israeli attack. According to Communist sources, Moscow is committed "to the hilt" to the defense of Egypt. If those defenses are in danger of collapsing, Russia may "broaden" the radius of their direct intervention if it considers it necessary. This was taken to mean that in an extreme situation the Soviets would extend direct military support to Egypt close to or within the Suez Canal zone.

## Columnist Says U.S. Supplying Bombs To Israel; State Department Confirms Report

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA)--Syndicated columnist Jack Anderson says he learned from "most reliable sources" that the United States was supplying bombs to Israel. "Israel urgently needed bombs and the U.S. agreed to supply some," Mr. Anderson stated today in the New York Post. "The bomb deal received the personal approval of President Nixon, who has been criticized by Jewish leaders in this country for not doing enough for Israel," Mr. Anderson wrote. "But top State Department officials apparently have been kept in the dark about the bomb shipments." (In Washington, State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey, while maintaining that he was "not at liberty" to go into detail, said at his press briefing today he was surprised at charges of "an alleged air of secrecy about this item." He said the U.S. has had an ongoing, project-by-project program of military aid to Israel for several years. State Department sources contacted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency said there was "no doubt" about the bomb sales.) Mr. Anderson said President Nixon first hinted that the U.S. might be giving secret aid to Israel when he told a closed door conference with the nation's governors last week the U.S. was helping Israel in ways he could not talk about.

## Israel Awaiting U.S. Reaction To Growing Involvement In The Middle East

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir postponed for eight days a major political statement she was supposed to deliver in the Knesset yesterday in order to await the outcome of Foreign Minister Abba Eban's talks in Washington, it was learned today. Israel wants to know how the United States intends to react to the growing Soviet military involvement in the Middle East, especially in Egypt. Sources here said that apart from its request for additional American jets, the Israel government wants and attaches great importance to an official U.S. warning to Moscow against further involvement in the Mideast. Mr. Eban is due in Washington tomorrow. He is expected to meet with Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Defense Secretary Melvin Laird. A meeting with President Richard M. Nixon was mentioned here as "likely." Premier Meir conferred with U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour in her office today.

## Foreign Mercenaries Said To Be Serving With Palestinian Guerrilla Forces In Jordan

PARIS, May 19 (JTA)--The French weekly "Express" claimed today that foreign mercenaries are serving with Palestinian Arab guerrilla forces in Jordan, among them Belgians, Germans, Britons and Americans. The Express correspondent said he personally met with 30 of the mercenaries on a recent visit to Jordan. He said they were employed in front line operations and received pay of 4000 French francs a month. A group of prominent French political figures were to meet here tonight to try to revive the France-Israel Alliance, an organization promoting friendship between the two countries. The group includes Jean Lecanuet, a former presidential candidate, several senators and leaders of the Centrist Party. Their aim is to counteract anti-Israel sentiments in France propagated by extreme left and right-wing groups.

## Pontiff Issues Appeal For Negotiated Settlement Of Middle East Conflict

ROME, May 19 (JTA)--Pope Paul IV made a "pressing appeal" yesterday for a negotiated settlement of the conflicts in the Middle East and in Indo-China. The Pontiff, in an address to a meeting of Cardinals and Bishops, declared that increased military commitments by the great powers in the Middle East and Southeast Asia had brought about threats of "unfathomable broader developments." The Pontiff added that "the peoples who are directly involved and on whose behalf the wars are being fought seem to count less and less."

## Mrs. Meir Urges Jewish Doctors From Abroad To Emigrate To Israel

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir told the eighth national convention of the Israel Medical Association here yesterday that Israel's belief in the sanctity of human life was a source of its strength and faith in the eventuality of true peace. But, Mrs. Meir warned, "Israel confronts not only the enemy on the border but also has to contend with the strength of the second greatest world power which generously supplies the Arab leaders with instruments of death and destruction." The convention, attended by 400 Israeli delegates and 600 Jewish doctors from 22 overseas countries, heard the Premier urge Jewish doctors from abroad to emigrate to Israel "because we need more Jews here."

JERUSALEM, May 19 (JTA)--A story on Page Two of the JTA Daily News Bulletin of Tuesday contained a typographical error which had Shimon Peres, Minister of Immigration Absorption, stating that his housing plan for Jerusalem would perpetrate its Jewish character. The correct word should have been perpetuate.

## Security Council Votes 11-0 With Four Abstentions To Condemn Israel's Attack On Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 19 (JTA)--The UN Security Council today approved by an 11-0 vote, with four abstentions, a Zambian resolution condemning Israel for staging a "premeditated" attack on Lebanon May 12 "in violation of the UN Charter." The resolution also deplored Israel's alleged failure to abide by previous resolutions prohibiting aggression; stated that the Council cannot tolerate such attacks; warned Israel it would take "adequate and effective" action against subsequent similar attacks, and deplored the loss of life and property in the Israel action. The nations abstaining were the United States, Sierra Leone, Colombia and Nicaragua. Three of the Big Four - Britain, France and the Soviet Union - voted for the resolution. Lord Caradon, the British Ambassador, explaining his vote, said that while his country did not endorse a "wholly one-sided resolution" - which he apparently felt the Zambian resolution was not - said, nevertheless "there is no peace to be won by violence... Violence breeds violence." He called for the resumption of the Jarring peace mission and for "positive action" going beyond "condemnation, accusation and counter-accusation, misrepresentation, unjustified allegations and delay."

United States Ambassador Charles W. Yost said the U.S. had abstained because it considered the resolution "unbalanced" in that it took "insufficient" account of aggression from Lebanese territory. The resolution, although condemning Israel, was weaker than the resolution that Syria had been preparing for a week. That resolution would have condemned Israel, provided for sanctions against her under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter, and prohibited the delivery of military and civilian aid to member nations occupying other members' territory (a reference to Israel's occupation of Arab areas captured during the Six-Day War). Syria apparently had failed to attract an African or Asian co-sponsor to demonstrate non-Arab support for the resolution. Syria's Ambassador George Tomeh said that although the resolution adopted was not as strong as he had hoped for, he nevertheless endorsed it. He expressed regrets that it did not also contain a call for sanctions against Israel. The absence of sanctions, Mr. Tomeh said, "paralyzes" effective UN action against aggression.

## Yevtushenko Dedicates Poem To Allison Krause, One Of The Students Killed At Kent U

LONDON, May 19 (JTA)--The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda published a poem yesterday dedicated to Allison Krause, the 19 year-old Pittsburgh girl who was one of four students shot to death by National Guardsmen at Kent State College in Ohio May 4. The poem was written by Yevgeny Yevtushenko, author of the famous poem Babi Yar which described the Nazi massacre of Jews in the Ukraine during World War II. Miss Krause and two other of the slain students were Jewish. The poem was titled "Flowers and Bullets." Its theme was based on reports that on the day before her death, Miss Krause put a flower in the muzzle of a Guardsman's rifle and said, "Flowers are better than bullets." Yevtushenko wrote, "Don't give flowers to the state, where truth is punished. Such a state's gift in return is cynical and cruel, and the gift to you in return, Allison Krause, was a bullet that pushed the flower back." In another verse, the poet declared, "Rise murdered Allison Krause, like an immortelle of the epoch, a thorny flower of protest." An immortelle is a flower frequently placed on graves. "Flowers and Bullets" was described in Moscow as both a good poem and one that met the Kremlin's propaganda needs.

## University Of Toronto Announces 23 Courses In Judaic Studies For 1970-71 Academic Year

TORONTO, May 19 (JTA)--The University of Toronto has announced 23 courses in Judaic studies in the 1970-71 academic year, according to a report by the Canadian Jewish Congress. The courses cover a wide range of subject matter including classical and modern Hebrew on all levels, periods of Jewish history, philosophy of Judaism, pre- and post-Biblical Hebrew literature including contemporary Hebrew literature of Israel, and various aspects of Bible study. According to the report, the main credit for the introduction of these courses "goes to the youth themselves whose special committee negotiated with the chairmen of the various departments and the university authorities." The youth were assisted in their negotiations by the CJC's Central Region and the Canadian Culture Foundation.

## Soviet Delegate Charges Israel Pursues Policies 'Similar To Nazism' In Occupied Territories

UNITED NATIONS, May 19 (JTA)--Nikolai Tarassov, the Soviet Union delegate to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, denounced yesterday the government of Israel for pursuing policies "similar to Nazism" in the occupied territories. Speaking at the Council's Social Committee, meeting to discuss the question of human rights, Mr. Tarassov said the Human Rights Commission's resolution concerning rights in the occupied territories should be adopted by the Council and should also be submitted to the General Assembly. Mr. Tarassov said the Commission's resolution had taken note of what he termed certain concrete facts about alleged Israeli violations of the fourth Geneva Convention and of what he termed relevant UN decisions. The Soviet delegate said that the task before the UN, including ECOSOC, is to force Israel to implement provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the "Protection of Civilian Population in Time of War." He also said the Commission's resolution concerning the question of punishment of war criminals was of paramount importance "because some states did not fulfill UN decisions regarding war crimes and crimes against humanity." He identified the two nations committing such alleged crimes as the United States, in Vietnam and Indo-China, and "the Israel military forces against the civilian Arab population."

## A \$10 Million Center For Research In Mental Retardation Is Dedicated

NEW YORK, May 19 (JTA)--A \$10 million Rose F. Kennedy Center for Research in Mental Retardation and Human Development was dedicated in ceremonies at Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine. The 10-story center, which is part of the college, will provide counseling as well as preventive diagnostic and treatment services, and serve as a training ground for teachers and other workers in the retardation field. Yeshiva University's Belfer Graduate School of Science has received a \$166,301 grant from the National Science Foundation to underwrite tuition-free education for more than 400 high school mathematics and science teachers. The one-year grant is part of the foundation's program of teachers' courses applicable toward Belfer master of science degrees.

