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Decision On Sale Of Jets May Soon Be Due; Rogers, Nixon Drop Hints To That Effect

WASHINGTON, June 4 (JTA)--Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, met this morning with the original 10 of the 76 Senators who have urged him to approve the immediate sale of 25 more Phantom and 100 more Skyhawk jets to Israel. Unconfirmed reports said Mr. Rogers promised a decision "shortly." At the White House, President Nixon, speaking to 119 high school students designated "Presidential scholars," said in the course of his impromptu remarks that "The Middle East is bubbling up and ready to explode again." A few moments later he said: "The Middle East is about to go up." Observers speculated that the Administration may have concluded that the balance of power in the Middle East has shifted away from Israel. Mr. Rogers, in his March 23 announcement of the holding of further jet sales "in abeyance," said that decision was an "Interim" one pending an "upset" in the power balance away from Israel. He said at that time that Israel's air capabilities were "sufficient."

Concurrently, visiting Moroccan Prime Minister Ahmed Laraki was expected to warn President Nixon, at a White House conference today, against the sale of jets for the sake of United States-Arab relations. Mr. Laraki also met with Mr. Rogers but there was no immediate disclosure about the content of the meeting. Mr. Laraki was also expected to ask Mr. Nixon to use his influence toward effecting an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories. Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, one of the 10 Senators, indicated he was encouraged by the meeting with Mr. Rogers and Mr. Sisco. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "One thing comes through--there is no change in American policy toward the preservation of Israel." He said the number of signers of the letter to Mr. Rogers was considered "impressive" by the Administration, which he said realizes that "the threat to Israel has never been greater." He said a favorable jet decision, should it come, would be handled matter-of-factly and without "glamorous eclat." Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, said: "I would be surprised and shocked if the answer (on the jets) was 'no.'"

(An Egyptian government spokesman in Cairo warned the U.S. today not to give in to "pressure groups" advocating the sale of more jet aircraft to Israel. The spokesman said such sales would "undoubtedly lead to a serious escalation of the Mideast crisis" and create "a grave political situation in the area, indicating that the U.S. does not favor Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories.") (According to Richard Beeston, Washington correspondent of the London Telegraph, Moscow's refusal to provide the U.S. with a satisfactory explanation of its military involvement in Egypt gives President Nixon "no excuse" to put off an announcement of his decision on Israel's request for more jets, "particularly as he is faced with mounting pressure from Congress to agree to Israel's request.")

Bar Lev: Russian Planning Detectable In Recent Egyptian Air, Ground Operations

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--Lt. Gen. Haim Bar Lev, Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, says that Russian planning is detectable in the changed style and tactics of recent Egyptian air and ground operations in the Suez Canal zone. But the execution of the Russian plans is still "very much Egyptian" and, "on the whole deficient," Gen. Bar Lev said in an interview prepared for publication tomorrow in the Jerusalem Post. Speaking of Israeli tactics, Gen. Bar Lev said they were no longer based on retaliation but on continuous military activity, the basic criterion being whether a certain military operation would serve Israel's objectives. He said the objectives in the Suez Canal zone were to postpone an all-out conflict and to achieve a situation as close as possible to an actual cease-fire. Asked if Israel's sole reply to Soviet military intervention in Egypt was by the Israel Air Force, Gen. Bar Lev replied, "We do, of course, have other means but are for obvious reasons not going into any details." The Israeli general said that neither Israel nor Egypt were utilizing their full capability to inflict punishment on the other. "They could, theoretically, send a plane or two through to Tel Aviv," Gen. Bar Lev remarked.

Continuing, he observed, "It was Nasser himself who said recently on television that it was possible to launch attacks on (Israeli) civilian targets, but the problem was, what would happen afterwards." He said Israel too has "held back." He said Israel's defense forces had "an ace or two up its sleeve" and "retaliation needn't necessarily be of the same coin." Gen. Bar Lev said Israel couldn't force Egypt to observe the cease-fire and, from the Egyptian point of view, they had to renounce it. "We must understand that the Egyptians cannot at one and the same time tolerate our presence on the (Suez) Canal and aspire to leadership of the Arab world, clamor for a political solution totally unacceptable to us and remain sitting quietly on their side of the canal." Gen. Bar Lev indicated that he had little respect for the prowess of Egypt's Army and Air Force despite some improvement shown under Russian tutelage. He said the Egyptian Air Force remained "at a generally low level." He observed that, "As long as the Egyptians refuse to honor the cease-fire there will be sacrifices along the Suez Canal."

Egyptian Military Targets Pounded By Israeli Jets; Victims Of Tiberias Shelling Buried

TEL AVIV, June 4 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets resumed their pounding of Egyptian targets in the northern section of the Suez Canal zone this morning. A military spokesman said that since Wednesday morning, the Israeli pilots had logged 19 hours of combat flying over the waterway and knocked out all land approaches to Port Said at the canal's northern entrance. He denied Cairo's claim that two Israeli planes were shot down. Israeli fighters downed three Egyptian MIG-21s over the canal yesterday.

Four Israeli soldiers were killed in the canal zone in artillery exchanges with the Egyptians yesterday and during the night. The names of three of the dead were released today. They are Pvt. Shaul Daviko, 20, of Holon; Corp. David Almani, 38, of Haifa, and Lance Corp. Nahum Moulek, 19, of Herzliyah. Israel Air Force jets went after Jordanian and Iraqi artillery positions in Jordan yesterday. They blasted targets on the Gilead Heights overlooking the Beisan Valley. The air attacks followed the long-range shelling of Tiberias on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, the first time that city came under fire. Two Israeli were killed--Mrs. Masouda Benichaim, a mother of five, and Jacob Jouma, father of three. They were buried this afternoon. Tiberias was hit from a range of 26 kilometers (16 miles). Jordan claimed the town was shelled in retaliation for the Israeli shelling of Irbid village early yesterday. Irbid, where Jordanian and Iraqi artillery batteries are concentrated, was attacked by Israeli artillery following a fatal rocket attack on Beisan township yesterday morning in which two Israeli schoolgirls were killed and 16 children and adults were wounded. Israeli officials are said to view the shelling of Tiberias with "utmost gravity and consider it a serious escalation in the fighting. Though only a short distance from the Beisan Valley settlements which have been constant targets of guerrillas and regulars shooting from Jordan, Tiberias so far had been spared.

Allon Holds Hussein Responsible For Shelling Of Tiberias; Warns Israel Will Retaliate

TEL AVIV, June 4 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon accused King Hussein of Jordan of ordering the shelling of Tiberias yesterday. Mr. Allon spoke today at the funeral of two victims of the shelling. He said the actual shelling was done by Iraqi artillery stationed in Jordan and warned the Israeli Army will hit back with all means. Mr. Allon declared that Tiberias is and always will be strong and "together with the surrounding settlements, it will continue to stand fast." "We are told that Hussein is a weak king," Allon said. "We don't want to be killed by any king, strong or weak."

Israel Accuses Soviet Union Of Preventing Cease-Fire In The Suez Canal Zone

WASHINGTON, June 4 (JTA)--Israel accused the Soviet Union today of preventing the restoration of the cease-fire in the Suez Canal zone. According to a Policy Background paper issued by the Israel Embassy here, direct Soviet military aid promised to President Gamal Abdel Nasser on his secret visit to Moscow last January, permitted him to escalate his declared war of attrition against Israel at a point when he might have found it advantageous to opt for restoration of the cease-fire. The Israeli paper noted that Nasser's war of attrition in the canal zone was decisively stalled at the end of July, 1969 when the Israel Air Force commenced its response. There was a dramatic drop in Israeli casualties, from 115 killed and wounded in July to 30 killed and wounded in December, 1969.

However, with "their rear echelons safeguarded by Russian missiles and pilots, their lines of supply secured and their military installations protected, the Egyptian armed forces were ready by mid-April to resume their war with renewed vigor," the policy background paper said. Israeli casualties rose sharply, from 39 killed and wounded in January, 1970 to 94 in May. "The new military situation along the canal was soon attended by increased military activity on every other border," the paper noted. According to the Israelis, Soviet strategy "is hardly calculated to provide defense for Egypt, but rather to equip, staff and cover the Egyptian offensive designs." "There could be a cease fire on the canal today and perhaps a transition toward a process of peace-making were it not for the simple fact that the Soviet Union considers it to be in its self-interest to foment Arab-Israel war rather than work for Arab-Israel peace," the Embassy paper said.

Security Forces Taking Precautions To Prevent Disorders On Anniversary Of Six-Day War

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--Israeli security forces are taking elaborate measures to prevent disorders in the occupied territories tomorrow, the third anniversary of the start of the Six-Day War, a military government spokesman told the JTA today. The occasion is usually marked by Arab strikes and demonstrations and sometimes violence. He said the military governors in all West Bank towns have talked to local Arab leaders to impress upon them that no disorders or dislocations of normal life would be tolerated, even if unaccompanied by violence. They warned that Israeli authorities might interfere to prevent mass strikes by shopkeepers and others that threatened to disrupt normal economic activity. The spokesman said the action taken by Israeli authorities would depend on the circumstances in each individual location. Underground leaflets were distributed in several West Bank towns today urging the population to strike tomorrow. Friday is the Moslem sabbath but many Moslem shopkeepers normally remain open anyway.

Israel Repudiates Report It Cooperates With Portugal To Suppress Independence

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--A Pravda report that Israel was cooperating with Portugal to suppress the independence movements in the African colonies of Angola and Mozambique was called "ludicrous" by a Foreign Ministry spokesman today. Noting that Israel was one of the first states in the Middle East to free itself from foreign rule, the spokesman said the Israeli government "has supported and will continue to support the liberation of all nations." He said "Slanders of the kind for which Pravda is a mouthpiece will not cloud the sincere amicable relations existing between Israel and the African states with which Israel cooperates in practice despite being in a state of siege by the Arab states which are supported by the Soviet Union."

World Bank Approves \$25 Million Loan For Israel's Bank For Industrial Development

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA)--The World Bank has approved a \$25 million loan to Israel's Bank for Industrial Development which helps finance new industrial enterprises and the expansion of existing ones in Israel. The World Bank's board of directors praised the Israel Industrial Development Bank as "an institution of national importance and the greatest source in Israel for medium term credit for industrial development."

Hartling: Implementing 1967 UN Resolution Best Basis For Mideast Peace

COPENHAGEN, June 4 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Poul Hartling, of Denmark, declared today that hopes for peace in the Middle East depended upon the desire of the super-powers--United States and Soviet Russia--to avoid a confrontation in that region. Mr. Hartling said that Denmark alone, or with the other Scandinavian countries, would gladly take an initiative in seeking Arab-Israeli peace, but he doubted that small nations could succeed where the Big Powers so far have failed. "In light of the present reality, it is very difficult to envisage what results we could attain which the Four Powers or the Two Powers could not reach," Mr. Hartling told JTA Vice President and Editor Victor M. Blenstock in an interview. The Danish diplomat said he thought the best chances for a settlement lay in implementation of the United Nations Security Council's Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967 which Denmark, then a member of the Council, played a part in drafting.

Mr. Hartling said recent visits to Israel and Egypt left him with the impression that both peoples sincerely wanted peace but there has been too much mistrust and "too little flexibility" on both sides. He said he welcomed a recent statement by Premier Golda Meir reaffirming Israel's acceptance of Resolution 242 and Foreign Minister Abba Eban's remarks expressing Israel's readiness to leave the occupied territories in return for peace. Asked if he believed the Soviet Union was sincerely seeking peace in the area in light of its military involvement there, Mr. Hartling said, "We must hope that the Big Powers will not seek a confrontation and will confine or limit the escalation of Arab-Israeli fighting." He said there were signs at the SALT talks in Vienna and elsewhere that the United States and the Soviet Union were seeking to avoid confrontation.

"Now and then," Mr. Hartling observed, "there are signs that the two powers share a common interest in keeping peace within the Middle East." But at the present moment, peace prospects are at a standstill with both sides "in the trenches," Mr. Hartling described Danish relations with Israel as "excellent." Asked how it happened that Denmark took the virtually unprecedented action of opening its doors to Polish Jewish refugees without conditions or restrictions, he replied that it was just an expression of his country's tradition of hospitality and opposition to oppression. He noted that although Denmark was confronted with severe economic problems, there has been no criticism of the government's policy or the use of public funds to aid the refugees. More than 1600 Polish Jews have found refuge in Denmark in recent years. They receive government assistance and are free to establish permanent residence and take employment.

Big Four And Deputies Said To Be Marking Time Waiting Outcome Of Bilateral Talks

UNITED NATIONS, June 4 (JTA)--The Big Four deputies met this afternoon just as they met Tuesday without coming any closer to completing their memorandum on the progress of the Big Four talks. The four ambassadors are scheduled to meet June 12. But their meeting, too, is not expected to provide a micro-inch of forward movement toward a solution of the Middle East crisis say diplomatic sources. The feeling expressed by some sources at the United Nations today was that both the deputies and the Big Four are actually marking time to see the results of the bilateral talks in Washington between Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin and Secretary of State William P. Rogers, and the talks in Paris between Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and French officials. Lord Caradon, Britain's ambassador had expressed the hope that a Four Power interim report would be drafted and ready in time for Secretary General U Thant to take with him to Moscow on June 17 where he is scheduled to meet with the Swedish Ambassador to the Soviet Union Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring who is also Mr. Thant's special peace envoy to the Middle East.

"The idea of an interim report is still not dead," one diplomatic source stated. "It is the feeling that somehow or other Dr. Jarring must be given guidelines to renew his peace mission. What is undecided at this time is at what point, how or where this can be accomplished," in view of the bilateral talks. There was also no indication that the terrorist shelling of Beisan on Monday and again yesterday in which a total of three children were killed and 15 children and eight adults were wounded, nor the shelling yesterday of Tiberias in which two were killed and at least four injured has had any effect on the Four Powers to hold an interim meeting to deal with the gravity of the situation. Asked if in view of the latest developments in the Mideast the deputies would hasten their efforts to complete their memorandum, a source said the possibility is "slim indeed."

Herzog: Undue Pessimism About Future Of Israel Unwarranted; Arab Efforts Thwarted

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--Dr. Yaacov Herzog, director-general of the Israeli Prime Minister's office, said yesterday that after three years the Arabs have not achieved any of their aims. He told the World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) holding its annual meeting here, the aims have been the piercing of the ceasefire lines; undermining of Israeli morale through terrorist activities; achievement of international support for their position on Israeli withdrawal without peace, or against the maintenance of the presence of arms in the area. "The Soviet escalation was a direct result of the failure of President Nasser's war of attrition, the dangers this war had brought to Nasser's regime and Nasser's failure to assert his hegemony in the Arab world," Dr. Herzog said. "Undue pessimism at present is as inaccurate and dangerous as facile over-optimism in the past."

Gromyko Sent Letter By Jewish Group With Demands To Relieve Plight Of Soviet Jews

PARIS, June 4 (JTA)--Three demands to relieve the plight of Soviet Jews were made in a letter sent to visiting Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko today by Daniel Mayer, secretary general of the European Conference on Soviet Jewry. The letter asked, "The halt of all anti-Jewish discriminatory measures which are contrary to 'Socialist legality'; stop the defamation campaign conducted under the guise of 'anti-Zionism'; and respect for the free travel rights of all people, especially for the right of family reunification."

JDC Contributes \$30,000 To Rumanian Flood Relief, Responds To Rabbi Rosen's Appeal

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--In response to an urgent appeal from Dr. Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Rumania, the Joint Distribution Committee has contributed \$30,000 for flood relief in Rumania. This was disclosed today at a press conference in the New York offices of the JDC by Chief Rabbi Rosen. At the conclusion of the conference, Chief Rabbi Rosen and Louis Brodlo, JDC Chairman left for Washington to present the check to the Rumanian Embassy. Rumania has suffered the worst floods in its history, Chief Rabbi Rosen stated. Close to 300,000 people were made homeless. Over 200 deaths have been reported. Many Jewish communities throughout Rumania have been devastated, he added, and hundreds of Jewish families have been made homeless. Chief Rabbi Rosen has issued an appeal to Jewish communities all over the world for assistance. He reported that a special fund was set up in Bucharest to assist the flood victims. Chief Rabbi Rosen reported on the joint assistance program by the JDC and the Federation of Jewish Communities of Rumania which aids over 15,000 needy Jews in Rumania. There are about 100,000 Jews in Rumania today, Chief Rabbi Rosen said. There are about 150 synagogues throughout the country; 20 of them in Bucharest, he added. Chief Rabbi Rosen stated there was a resurgence of Jewish education in Rumania with 2,000 students attending courses in Hebrew in Bucharest and other cities. These courses are organized by the Federation of Jewish Communities, and Chief Rabbi Rosen is the lecturer at a number of the classes. Other prominent Rumanian Jews lecture on scientific and cultural topics. Yesterday, Chief Rabbi Rosen had an audience with Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and with Mayor Lindsay. Mayor Lindsay also presented Chief Rabbi Rosen with the "key to the city."

Mayor Kollek Presents Torah Scroll To Recently Vandalized Synagogue In The Bronx

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--A Torah scroll that was slightly damaged during the Fascist rule in Rumania and later restored by the Israeli Ministry of Religion was presented yesterday to the recently vandalized Congregation Ahavath Torah Synagogue, the Bronx. Making the presentation to Rabbi David Toiv were Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and Rep. James Scheuer. Rabbi Toiv said the ceremony represented "the literal and dramatic fulfillment of the prophet's foretelling: 'For out of Zion shall go forth Torah and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.'" Rep. Scheuer, visiting Israel two months ago, had asked Mayor Kollek's aid in replacing Ahavath Torah's scroll.

Ottinger Poll Shows Opposition To Nixon Vietnam Policy And Support For Israel

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--Congressman Richard L. Ottinger released the results of a poll of his Westchester-Putnam County district indicating strong opposition to the Nixon administration's Vietnam policies and strong support for Israel. Ottinger, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, sent a questionnaire on eight major issues to the 150,000 households in his district in March. On the Middle East, 52 percent believed the Nixon administration has weakened its support for Israel, 34 percent disagreed and 14 percent had no opinion. Fifty-one percent favored immediate sale of U.S. warplanes to Israel, with 38 percent opposed and 11 percent undecided. Ninety-one percent expressed the belief that direct Israeli-Arab negotiations were necessary to achieve peace. On the Vietnam war, 52 percent of those responding found the present rate of U.S. troop withdrawals unsatisfactory, while 35 percent approved and 13 percent had no opinion. Noting that his congressional district has a 3-2 Republican edge in enrollment, Ottinger said the poll results indicate "a serious erosion in support for the administration in the two most critical areas of foreign policy." He said he was transmitting the results directly to the White House "with the hope that if the President will not heed the advice of a Democratic Congressman, perhaps he will listen to the voices of his fellow Republicans."

Delegation of British Jews Meet With Lord Caradon; Discuss Israel-Related Matters

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--A three-man delegation representing the Board of Deputies of British Jews met with Britain's United Nations Ambassador Lord Caradon today. They reportedly discussed matters relating to Israel, Soviet Jewry and Jews in Arab countries as well as "certain votes" cast by the United Kingdom in the UN and the attitude of the Anglo-Jewish community toward them. The delegation consisted of Victor Mishcon, vice president of the Board of Deputies, Harry Landy, treasurer and Abraham J. Marks, secretary. They are in New York to attend the World Conference of Jewish Organizations.

Two RJU Members, Charged With Disrupting Temple Emanu-El Services, Arraigned

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA)--Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman, rabbinical advisor to the Radical Jewish Union at Columbia University, and Anne Rosen, a Barnard College graduate, were arraigned yesterday in criminal court on charges of disrupting a religious service at Temple Emanu-El on May 29. It was the second arraignment for Rabbi Goldman. He and Victor Levin, a graduate student, were arrested on similar charges after services at Temple Emanu-El, on May 15, the first of a series of attempts by RJU members to present a series of demands to the congregation of the world's largest Reform congregation. The demands involved support for the RJU opposition to the Viet Nam war and other causes, including \$100,000 in bail money to the Black Panther Defense Fund. Date for trial on May 29 arrests was set for June 5. Although Gerald Lefcourt, attorney for the RJU defendants pointed out that the trial date for the May 15 arrests also had been set for June 5, the judge refused to change the date.

Pioneer Women Urge Nixon To Approve Sale Of Jets To Israel

PHILADELPHIA, June 4 (JTA)--The Pioneer Women, National Board, meeting here, sent a telegram to President Nixon urging him to take immediate positive action in approving the sale of jet aircraft to Israel, in view of the recent escalation of Soviet military involvement in the Middle East.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency Daily News Bulletin will not be published on Wednesday, June 10, because of Shavuoth.