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Israeli Officials Appear Convinced Nixon Determined To Take Tough Stand On Soviets

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA)--Israeli officials are relaxing somewhat, apparently convinced that the Nixon Administration is determined to take a tougher stand against growing Soviet involvement in the Middle East, at least for the time being. The guarded optimism expressed here today stemmed from analyses of remarks made by Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco on a television news interview program Sunday. Mr. Sisco told newsmen to take "at face value" President Richard M. Nixon's statement of July 1 that the U.S. will maintain Israel's deterrent military strength as a matter of its own self interest in the Mideast. According to Israeli observers of the American scene, the new, firm line emanating from Washington indicates that President Nixon is in command of U.S. foreign policy and that the State Department has been relatively down-graded. As Israelis see it, there has always been a tug-of-war between pro-Israel elements in the White House and the Arabists in the State Department. The latter are described as middle echelon career diplomats who are said to exercise considerable influence on their superiors who come and go with changing administrations. Some Israeli quarters have expressed satisfaction with indications that President Nixon's chief foreign policy adviser, Dr. Henry Kissinger seems to be influencing Mideast policy more than Secretary of State William P. Rogers. Israelis were not happy with the Mideast peace proposals announced by Mr. Rogers on June 26, especially the first phase which reportedly called for a Suez cease-fire with a 90-day limit.

Analysts here agree nevertheless that Secretary Rogers' new peace initiative is the major objective of U.S. diplomacy. They say the tough talk to the Russians is intended to allay Israeli fears and to make Jerusalem more amenable to parts of the Rogers plan. They say that the U.S. is following a "carrot-and-stick" policy toward Israel. So far the stick has not been used, but the carrot is there in the promise of more jets and other military and economic aid. (Sen. High Scott, of Pennsylvania, the Republican Minority Leader, said over the week-end that he "wouldn't be surprised to see some developments before too long which would be reassuring to Israel in regard to making jets available--particularly replacement planes.") Newsweek magazine reports this week that President Nixon has already ordered additional Phantoms sent to Israel to replace combat losses. Sen. Scott said that he and Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York, a ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee, would meet today with other senators who have publicly urged President Nixon to sell Israel an additional 25 Phantoms and 100 Skyhawk jets. The purpose of the meeting, he said, would be to decide whether to send another public letter to the White House like the one signed by 74 senators last month. Mr. Scott added that a second letter "might not be necessary." According to reports in Washington, the U.S. has still been unable to get a satisfactory reply from Moscow as to its intentions in the Middle East.)

British, French Press Welcome Eban's Proposal For Israeli-Egyptian Negotiations

LONDON, July 14 (JTA)--Israel's stand on Middle East peace, stated by Foreign Minister Abba Eban in the Knesset yesterday, drew a favorable reaction here today. The Times said in an editorial that the speech, "though eminently the work of a reasonable man, also reflected the toughness of a people who feel they are under increasing political and military pressure." (French newspapers also warmly welcomed what the influential Le Figaro headlined "Israeli peace proposals to the Arabs." But French Government reaction was largely negative. Observers in Paris noted that it has emanated so far from relatively low echelons in the Foreign Ministry.) The Times referred specifically to Mr. Eban's proposal that Israeli and Egyptian representatives meet informally at a mutually acceptable site to work out the preliminaries for future peace negotiations. According to the Times, the proposal was "a variation of the familiar Israeli demand for direct, face-to-face negotiations" and was "somewhat unreal." The paper said the Israeli proposals were overshadowed by the current U.S.-Soviet discussions and noted that it was still "difficult to assess Russian aims in the Middle East."

The Daily Telegraph reported today that the Soviet Government seemed to be urging President Gamal Abdel Nasser, of Egypt to take a relatively cooperative line in replying to the American peace initiative for the Mideast. The Soviets are expected to respond by switching emphasis away from direct talks with the U.S. to the Big Four talks at the United Nations, the Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent wrote. He predicted "a wrangle among the Four Powers on the terms of a 'package deal' for a Mideast settlement." (French Government circles referred to Foreign Minister Eban's proposals as a "tactical propaganda move" and insisted that a settlement could emerge only from Four Power consultations and joint decisions. However, with most top ranking French officials off on their July 14 (Bastille Day) long week-end, there was no authoritative comment from the Quai D'Orsay. Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann was reportedly scheduled to brief President Georges Pompidou on the Eban proposals tomorrow. Mr. Eban's speech was welcomed by the newspaper L'Aurore and the left-wing paper Combat. The latter noted in an editorial that "Israel has in the past made many approaches to try to reach a settlement with the Arabs and the latest is probably the most important and productive of them all.")

Hillel Representative Terms Youth Assembly 'Circus'; Outbursts Rampant Against Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 14 (JTA)--Disorder continued as the order of the day yesterday and today at the United Nations World Youth Assembly, as an American delegate drew cheers and jeers for his denunciation of the Assembly as "a circus," Israelis and anti-Israelis clashed verbally, and some

30 delegates marched out in protest over the exclusion of South Vietnamese and Nationalist Chinese speakers. Dennis Praeger, a 21-year-old Brooklynite representing the world Hillel organization on the United States delegation scored the convention today by declaring: "The World Youth Assembly does not represent the world, certainly not youth, and has been more of a circus than an assembly." His remark was greeted with sustained pro and con reactions from the delegates. The chair issued a warning that unless the interruption ended the hall would be cleared. Mr. Praeger resumed by observing that the jeers proved his contention, and he further assailed the "totalitarian obscenities" that he said have marked the Assembly since its opening last Thursday.

There was an outburst yesterday afternoon when Ariel Whine, the 27-year-old English-born head of the Israeli delegation, tried to present the case for Israeli independence and security and to offer to meet privately outside the auditorium with Arab and Palestinian delegates. One of Mr. Whine's colleagues tried to still the outburst by exclaiming, "Is this the Politburo?" When a Jordanian delegate took his turn to speak and condemned Israeli policy, the Israeli delegation cried out, "Lies!" The walk-out, mostly by West Europeans, was initiated by Mr. Praeger when the Assembly overruled the decision of the chairman, Fawaz Najja of the General Union of Palestine Students, to permit the participation of the South Vietnamese and the Nationalist Chinese. Earlier, Dennis Warren, a 22-year-old Californian, said that while charges of U.S. "imperialism" had validity, the Assembly had not mentioned Soviet intervention in the Middle East and repression in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

In other developments at the Assembly, a Syrian delegate charged yesterday that Israel was an imperialist creation designed to keep the Arabs perpetually backward by undermining progress in their states, and a Lebanese delegate alleged that Israel serves as a "conveyor belt" between the "imperialists" and the underdeveloped countries. A Moroccan called on the Assembly to denounce Zionism and "imperialist aggression," and an Egyptian urged world youth to stand by the Arab cause despite "Israeli aggression." An Israeli delegate said his country had gained valuable knowledge from her trade with Latin America, Asia and Africa and was willing to aid them even more and join in a mutual assistance program. An American delegate said non-white Americans, including herself, considered themselves part of, and sought solidarity with, the "third world." The Assembly's World Peace Commission, at the suggestion of a Sierra Leone representative, observed a minute of silence "in memory of the oppressed peoples who have lost their lives fighting for national liberation in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Africa."

Israeli Jets Attack Egyptian Targets All Along Suez Canal; Israeli Soldier Wounded

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets continued intermittent attacks on Egyptian targets all along the Suez Canal today and returned safely to their bases. A military spokesman said the attacks were concentrated on bunkers and artillery emplacements in the northern and central sections of the canal zone. An Israeli soldier was wounded in an exchange of fire with Egyptian forces along the canal at noon today. Israeli forces repulsed an Egyptian commando raid across the Suez Canal last night, killing one Egyptian soldier. There were no Israeli casualties. A military spokesman said the raid was on a small scale. The large quantity of mines and explosives found after the Egyptians retreated under Israeli artillery fire indicated that the Egyptians' purpose was to plant mines and carry out acts of sabotage, he said. The encounter took place near Kantara in the southern section of the canal zone. Israeli jets pounded Egyptian targets in the canal zone yesterday afternoon and returned safely to their bases. Heavy artillery exchanges were reported last night between Israeli and Egyptian forces. There were no Israeli casualties.

An Israeli spokesman said yesterday that there was no truth to an Egyptian claim that its forces successfully carried out a large scale commando raid on Israeli positions on the canal's east bank Sunday night and inflicted heavy casualties. The spokesman said no Israeli positions came under attack. A military spokesman said today that Soviet-Egyptian missile sites have not moved any closer to the Suez Canal since last week when Israel's Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar Lev disclosed the presence of SAM-2s and SAM-3s in a 17-mile deep belt beginning 15 miles west of the waterway. The spokesman said the Egyptians and the Russians have changed their tactics. Last week they fired about 100 missiles "blindly" at Israeli aircraft in the hope that one might hit. Now they are firing fewer missiles at a time, he said. Three residents of Gaza were injured today when a grenade thrown at an Israeli car missed and exploded in a market place in the Djebalia quarter.

Mail Received From Two Israeli Pilots, Captives In Syria; No Word From Third Pilot

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA)--The families of two Israeli pilots held captive in Syria received a backlog of mail from them today through the International Red Cross. Five letters were written by Pinhas Nahmani and four by Gideon Magen, apparently over a long period of time. The Syrians collected them and handed them over to the Red Cross only yesterday. No letters were received however from the third captive pilot, Boaz Eitan, giving rise to concern for his welfare. The Red Cross say he is alright but they have not been permitted by Syrian authorities to visit any of the pilots. The three were shot down last month in fighting over the Golan Heights. Israel has offered to exchange more than 30 Syrian prisoners of war for them but Syrian authorities have not responded to the offer.

Dutch Parliamentary Delegation Reports Israel Desires Peace

AMSTERDAM, July 14 (JTA)--A Dutch parliamentary delegation that returned from a week's visit to Israel today stressed that country's desire for peace and said it was ready to evacuate occupied Arab territories once peace was assured and secure, recognized boundaries established. But one member of the 14-man delegation dissented. A. Vanderspek, of the New Left Socialist Party said he admired Israel's achievements but condemned its policy of military escalation, which he said, could lead to Israel's total destruction.

Soviet-Egyptian Talks Tough; Nasser Wants More Arms, Soviets Trying To Avoid Brink

LONDON, July 14 (JTA)--The talks between Egyptian and Soviet leaders in Moscow have been "extremely tough," diplomatic sources say, with President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt refusing to give an inch on his stand against Israel and demanding more and more sophisticated Soviet arms and the Kremlin triumvirate urging a political compromise. What will probably emerge, the sources say, will be a modified package plan for a Middle East settlement that neither accepts nor rejects the American peace initiative. No official statement is expected until Col. Nasser returns home by week's end, by which time he will have been away from Cairo for three weeks--an unusually long absence considering the rising tension in the Mideast. The Nasser-Kremlin consultations were said by sources to be involving mutual "arm-twisting," with the former seeking a total Soviet takeover of her defenses preparatory to a military showdown with Israel and the latter seeking to avoid "being pushed over the brink" into a confrontation with the United States. Egypt is said to be blueprinting a major strike across the Suez Canal (using her newly acquired Soviet amphibious equipment) to establish a West Bank bridgehead and permit the USSR to reopen the waterway. Sources said the Kremlin had not realized what it was getting into when it undertook its military aid to Egypt either under severe Arab pressure or on the advice of the Soviet military or by simple miscalculation.

Israelis Remaining In Cambodia To Help Farmers As American, Vietnamese Troops Pull Out

WASHINGTON, July 14 (JTA)--As the Americans and Vietnamese are pulling out of Cambodia, the Israelis are staying, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned yesterday. A four man international co-operation project in Cambodia is staying to continue organizing Cambodian farmers and helping them use modern farming methods in the Mekong River area. "The men have instructions not to pull out as long as they can possibly fulfill their mission: to fight hunger," an Israeli embassy spokesman said. The Israelis have been in Cambodia for almost four years, organizing farmers cooperatives for marketing, consuming and using water, and running experimental farms where new strains of old crops--such as rice--and new crops are grown and demonstrated. They were invited into the area by the Mekong River Committee, an outgrowth of the United Nations' Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. The Israeli ambassador to Nam Phen has the final word on when these farmers in their experimental farm fifteen miles north of Nam Phen are to be evacuated. Their families left last month when fighting broke out near the capitol. According to an Israeli spokesman, the Cambodian farmers working with the Israelis have made plans to defend their farm if the Communists get close.

21 Teen-Age Students At UN Vocational School Arrested; Charged With Terrorism, Murder

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA)--Israeli military authorities have arrested 21 teen-age students at a United Nations vocational school in Gaza on charges of terrorist activities and murder. The youngsters, including several girls, have been charged with the murder of an Israeli soldier killed in an attack on a military patrol several months ago and with throwing grenades in the Gaza Strip. They are said to have belonged to two terrorist organizations, one of them affiliated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. They attended a boarding school run by the United Nations Works and Relief Agency (UNRWA). The school has been partially shut down by Israeli authorities. It operates as a day school but no longer boards students.

State Department Spokesman Mum On Progress Of U.S.-Soviet Mideast Talks

WASHINGTON, July 14 (JTA)--State Department spokesman Carl E. Borch today evaded newsmen's questions about progress in Soviet-American deliberations toward an easing of the Middle East flareup. "It's always difficult to talk about progress," he replied, "so I have no comment." He also declined to disclose any specifics of last Friday's 75-minute meeting in Moscow between United States Ambassador Jacob D. Beam and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko. The Beam-Gromyko talks have been reported as part of a U.S. attempt to persuade the Kremlin to ease the Mideast tension caused by its military buildup there. Mr. Borch said he did not know when Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin would meet again here with Secretary of State William P. Rogers. He said also that there was no date set for another meeting between Mr. Dobrynin and Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

American Tourist, Victim Of Terrorist Grenade Attack, Vows To Visit Israel Again

TEL AVIV, July 14 (JTA)--A 76-year-old American tourist, Mrs. Lillian Klein of Illinois, hobbled on crutches to an airliner at Lydda Airport today for the trip home, ending her first visit to Israel--spent, for the most part, in a hospital. Mrs. Klein was the victim of a terrorist grenade attack in Nabulus last April. She suffered severe injuries and underwent a series of operations from which she has only just recovered. But with boundless optimism, she vowed that she would visit Israel again. "I feel very well. I actually feel younger after all that happened," she said at the airport.

Russian Jew Assails Russian Jewish General Who Attacked Jews Wishing To Emigrate

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA)--A letter from a Russian Jew answering Soviet Jewish General David Dragunsky, who had attacked Soviet Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel, was read here last night at the founding assembly of the Public Council for Soviet Jewry. The letter, signed by V. Polsky of Moscow, was brought to the assembly by Lord Barnett Janner. It read in part: "Don't you understand that the hatred against the Jews of Israel which you foment is going to boomerang against the Jews of the Soviet Union? You are flinging this anti-Jewish weapon with your own hands and it is in vain that you hope it won't touch you! It would have been better for you to use your experience and your prestige as a prominent military commander to help the hard-hearted enemies of Israel understand that it is impossible to defeat it. To achieve such a victory it would be necessary to annihilate all of Israel's 2,500,000 Jews." The letter was signed "Disrespectfully Yours, V. Polsky, candidate of technical sciences."

ADL Charges Japanese Airline, Two Automobile Firms Bow To Arab Boycott Of Israel

NEW YORK, July 14 (JTA)--Japan Air Lines and two of Japan's leading automobile manufacturers were charged today with submitting to the Arab boycott of Israel. The charges and the information on which they are based, were detailed by Arnold Forster, chairman of the anti-boycott committee of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Mr. Forster is general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a constituent of the President's Conference. He named, in addition to Japan Air Lines, the Toyota Motor Co. and the Nissan Motor Co. which produces Datsun vehicles. Nissan ranks second among Japan's industrial concerns and at the beginning of this year ranked fourth in foreign car sales in the United States. Toyota ranks second in the U.S. foreign car market and has about 800 dealers in this country. There are 600 Datsun dealers in the U.S. But both motor companies have consistently refused franchises and dealerships in Israel, a country that imports more motor vehicles than any single Arab state. Mr. Forster charged that both have capitulated to Arab boycott pressures. Mr. Forster reported that he and Lawrence Peirez, chairman of ADL's fact-finding departments, had been told by Seisi Kato, executive vice-president of Toyota, that the automobile company had considered doing business with Israel but that it trades with Egypt and "encountered boycott threats."

Mr. Forster also reported that the Nissan Motor Company, responding to a request for an automobile dealership in Israel, told the owner of an Israeli motor sales firm in a letter dated July 9, 1969 that "We are now exporting 20,000 units a year to the Arabic countries...According to the boycott resolution...the transaction with your country will surely create the total ban of our export to the Arabic countries." The ADL counsel said that Japan Air Lines has been stalling since 1967 on a mutual air agreement with Israel. Such an agreement would provide landing rights in Japan for Israel's El Al Airlines and the same rights in Israel for JAL whose Europe-Far East flights pass over the Mideast. Mr. Forster said however that JAL showed some signs of changing its position. Its representatives went to Israel for talks last month and an Israeli delegation is scheduled to meet with Japanese air authorities in Tokyo July 20. The ADL counsel said the big Japanese firms had surrendered to Arab boycott demands in part because the Japanese Government, despite its friendly relations with Israel, failed to adopt a policy that would protect Japanese industry from Arab pressures. He noted that defiance of the Arab boycott in other nations is relatively widespread because their governments took firm opposing measures. He said that many Japanese firms have in fact ignored the boycott and continue to trade with Arab countries while also doing business with Israel.

NAACP Scores Police-Civilian Patrol In Largely Jewish Area As Potential Vigilante Force

BOSTON, July 14 (JTA)--A proposal for a police-civilian patrol force for the largely Jewish, high-crime areas of Mattapan and Dorchester has been scored as a potential "vigilante committee" by the president of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Leon Nelson. "You must realize that there are no safeguards to insure that this will not occur," he wrote A. Reginald Eaves, administrator of the Mayor's Office of Human Rights, adding, "It is, furthermore, incredible that top city officials have championed this program as it is presently designed without realizing the dangers inherent in such a plan." Mr. Nelson viewed the proposed patrol as repressive of blacks, claiming that "If crime rose on Beacon Hill or other parts of the city we are certain that the police would augment their force to effectively deal with the problem." He said the proposed patrol "will cause irritation and frustration to quickly surface" and "is doomed to failure," and asserted that crime control was possible without "shoddy and ill-fated solutions." The patrol, which is scheduled to begin this month, was approved last month by Mayor Kevin White; Robert M. Segal, president of the Jewish Community Council; Robert E. Segal, JCC executive director, and the Rev. Arthur Walmsley, general secretary of the Massachusetts Council of Churches. Synagogue vandalism, muggings and robberies have been prevalent in Mattapan and Dorchester.

Farber Urges UN To Get Soviets Out Of Mideast And For Administration To Sell Israel Jets

NEW YORK, July 14 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General U Thant was urged today "to work for the immediate removal of Soviet troops, technicians, pilots and advisors in the Middle East." The demand came from Barry Farber, Republican-Liberal candidate for Congress from Manhattan. Mr. Farber said "There's a growing world-wide clamor for all troops to return to their nation of origin. It's hypocritical and dangerous to clamor exclusively for an American pullout from Asia and ignore the Soviet build-up in the Middle-East against Israel. The Soviets are moving into the Middle East to the tune of deafening silence from those we thought were most thunderously opposed to foreign troops provoking war in distant lands." Mr. Farber added "the Soviet intervention threatens not just Israel but the immediate interests of the United States and the peace of the planet." He called upon the administration to allow Israel to buy all the jets and other armaments needed to insure for survival and to use every diplomatic initiative to bring both sides to the peace table without an imposed agenda or conditions. Mr. Farber emphasized he imputes no sinister motive to those who call for immediate American withdrawal from Vietnam, but say nothing about Russian adventuring in the Middle East. "But why limit it to Vietnam. Why not take the same octane of indignation and deliver it to Moscow before the Middle East becomes a bigger tragedy than Vietnam."

Temple, Stores Defaced With Anti-Zionist, Pro-Fatah And Pro-Black Panther Slogans

MILWAUKEE, July 14 (JTA)--Temple Sinai was one of several north shore buildings defaced with painted slogans including "Smash Zionism," "Free Palestine," "Support El Fatah" and "Nasser Lives." Other slogans endorsed the Black Panther leader, Bobby G. Seale and Huey P. Newton, a Viet cong victory in Vietnam and Women's Liberation. Frank Paulus, police chief of Fox Point village, and David Meltzer, president of Congregation Sinai, agreed that the range of subject matter and the diversity of the buildings indicated the defacings were not basically anti-Semitic. Mr. Meltzer attributed the slogans to chronic protesters, not necessarily anti-Semites. The establishments involved have both Jewish and non-Jewish owners. The police promised a thorough investigation.