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McGovern Says U.S. Planes Sold To Israel Not Be Used For Forays Over Arab Territory

WASHINGTON, July 20 (JTA)--Sen. George S. McGovern, the South Dakota Democrat who was one of the 76 Senators who last month urged Secretary of State William P. Rogers to sell Israel 125 more jets, recommended today that American planes not be used by Israel for "forays over Arab territory." American aircraft is intended to provide "sufficient airpower to make it clear that Israel could repel any attack that might be launched against it," he advised the Senate, "(but) armed incursions across the battle lines...should be halted. The United States should express clearly its wish that the aircraft sold to Israel not be used for such incursions." Such a directive, he said, "would signal to the Arab leaders the American intention to seek directly some restraint on the part of Israel." The Senator, who opposes American military aid to South Vietnam, described the two situations as "sharply different."

Sen. McGovern, who was an aspirant for his party's 1968 Presidential nomination and is considered a possible candidate in 1972, called for "a Middle East peace which can be sustained without direct American military intervention." He recommended that Israel establish "an escrow account" for compensation of Palestinian refugees; that the Arab states "accept the responsibility for acts of aggression" by terrorists from their soil, and that both parties "negotiate in any way feasible--directly, through intermediaries, in the open or in secret (and) at the earliest possible date." Sen. John Tower, Republican of Texas and a leading conservative, called today for a Mideast peace enforced by the U.S. and the Soviet Union, not by the United Nations. "There seems to be," he said in a radio interview, "more of a disposition on the part of the Soviets to engage in some kind of useful talks about the resolution of the problems in the Middle East." Sen. Henry Bellmon, Democrat of Oklahoma and former governor of that state, today rejected the Senate letter to Secretary Rogers as "the same sort of indiscretion that got us involved in Southeast Asia." He said in a television interview that such a plea should not have been issued without full Senate debate.

Israeli Jets Hit Egyptian Positions; Strafe Jordanian Positions In Response To Attacks

TEL AVIV, July 20 (JTA)--Israeli aircraft pounded Egyptian positions along the Suez Canal for the 61st consecutive day today, and strafed Jordanian positions as well. The latter action, which lasted an hour, was in response to mortar attacks on Kfar Ruppin from Jordanian territory last night. The Yotveta area in the Araba was also hit from Jordan last night. Israel asked the International Red Cross to help return the body of Shmuel Hetz, the pilot who was apparently killed when his plane--now confirmed as being a Phantom--was shot down over Egypt Saturday. A Cairo communique quoted the plane's other pilot, Maj. Menahem Eini, who was captured, as saying that Capt. Hetz had been killed in the plane as it exploded, and had not bailed out, as earlier believed. In reporting this latest air tragedy, the Israeli press today said the nation's Air Force is in the vanguard of the fight against Soviet expansionism and bears the full burden of that fight on behalf of the free world. (In Washington, American intelligence sources said anti-aircraft missiles resembling the United States' Redeye have been fired by Egypt in attempts to repel Israeli attacks on SAM-2 sites. The sources said that so far, according to their information, the new missiles have not hit any Israeli jets.) Maj. Richard Fox, the United Nations observer who was injured by Egyptian fire last Thursday, is expected to be released from Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem within a few days. Doctors described his condition as satisfactory. He serves as operations officer at UN headquarters in Jerusalem.

Israel And British Government Deny Britain Would Sell Israel 400 Chieftain Tanks

LONDON, July 20 (JTA)--Israel and the British government both denied today reports that Britain would sell Israel 400 Chieftain tanks. The report was printed in the Cairo magazine "Rose El Youssef." The Israeli Embassy said no purchasing mission was in Britain. British officials said they knew nothing of the alleged negotiations. In the House of Commons, Labor MP Robert Brown asked Minister of State Joseph Godber whether the new deliveries of Soviet arms to Egypt have caused the Heath government to reverse the Wilson government's embargo on Chieftains to Israel. Minister Godber said he would stand by the government's statement of July 6. Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home said then, in response to a similar question, that "it is not our practice...to comment on the details of particular arms transactions," but that the government would "consider each application for arms sales carefully on its merits..." Minister Godber agreed with MP Brown, however, that the Chieftain decision was one of urgency and great importance. Pro-Arab MP Christopher Mayhew charged that Israeli policies were almost as unpopular in the United Nations as those of South Africa, but Mr. Godber replied: "I have heard similar arguments with regard to the Arab states." Mr. Mayhew recommended an arms embargo on any Mideast country that rejects unanimous Security Council peace resolutions, to which Mr. Godber replied: "There is no evidence that major suppliers would agree to that embargo." MP Gerald Kaufman sought assurances that no tanks would be sold to Libya, while being denied to Israel. Mr. Godber said the government had no desire to give either side in the Middle East an advantage.

Bartch Silent On Report That State Department Offering Israel F-8 Crusader Jets

WASHINGTON, July 20 (JTA)--State Department spokesman Carl E. Bartch declined comment today on published reports that the Department is seeking to replace lost Israeli F-4 Phantoms with

older and inferior F-8 Crusader jets. The Department was said to be urging LTV Vought Aeronautics, a division of Ling-Temco-Vought, Inc., to persuade Israel to accept Crusaders, which supposedly would not anger the Arab states as much as Phantom sales. The Crusaders are capable of intercepting MIG-21s, but do not have the Phantoms' range and overall usefulness. It is also reported that Israel has contracted for more American bombs for use against Egyptian positions on the Suez Canal. Mr. Bartch, asked to comment on the joint Egyptian-Soviet communique on the Middle East released last Friday in Moscow, replied: "There's nothing in there that is directly addressed to the (American) peace initiative." The spokesman said Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser had not yet reported his official reaction to the initiative, but "the sooner the better."

Massachusetts AFL-CIO Urges Administration To Sell Israel Planes, Weapons For Defense

BOSTON, July 20 (JTA)--The Executive Board of the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, representing over 500,000 trade unionists in the Bay State, voted at its monthly session to call on President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers "to allow Israel to purchase the necessary airplanes and weapons from us for her defense and survival." The resolution, which was passed unanimously, was introduced by Secretary-Treasurer James P. Loughlin at the request of the Boston office of the Jewish Labor Committee. Expressing "concern and alarm" over "the operational involvement of Soviet military personnel in the Middle East conflict," the message to administration officials expressed the belief that "it is vital that our government should utilize every available diplomatic means and channel to press for the withdrawal of all Soviet troops and military advisors from the Middle East as an essential first step toward world peace."

Report France Has Radar Station In Lebanon To Monitor Suez Canal Battles

PARIS, July 20 (JTA)--France has set up in Lebanon a huge, ultra-modern radar station capable of covering the entire eastern Mediterranean and as far south as the Sinai, the French weekly, "Nouvel Observateur" reported today. The publication said the station, which it said is staffed by French technicians, enables French officials to follow Suez Canal air battles daily. The technicians, the paper reported, claim that "the Israelis minimize their losses by 12 percent, the Egyptians by 60 (percent)." To date, the report continued, Lebanese officials have refused to divulge their new radar-gained data to other Arab armies, including those of Egypt and Syria, claiming malfunction of the machinery. French sources denied the "Nouvel Observateur" contentions, asserting that the French radar stations sold to Lebanon were short-range and capable of covering only part of the Galilee area. Even the larger "Thomson" radar station delivered last year falls short of the French weekly's claim, the sources said, adding that that station is manned by a largely Lebanese staff that includes only two French civilian technicians.

Report On Israel's Nuclear Capability Disparaged As Typical 'Seasonal Story'

WASHINGTON, July 20 (JTA)--The Israeli Embassy declined to comment officially today on last Saturday's New York Times report that Israel has had nuclear capability for more than two years. But an Israeli source disparaged the report, saying: "This is a seasonal story. It comes out twice a year when things are slow." Asked directly whether Israel has an atomic bomb, the source replied: "It's too expensive to make." Reminded that low-cost versions are feasible, the source said: "I don't know anything about those things." Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, Democrat of Montana, said today he was not surprised at the reports of Israeli nuclear capability, adding: "That's one of the possible dangers in that area."

Special Knesset Session Praises Keren Hayesod For Devotion To Jews, Israel

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA)--The Keren Hayesod has raised \$2 billion for the State of Israel and, previously, for the Jewish community in Palestine, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told a special session of the Knesset devoted to the 50th anniversary of the founding of Keren Hayesod at the London Zionist Conference of 1920. Calling it an "unprecedented event" that a "people dispersed all over the globe should tax itself voluntarily to see its dream come true," the Minister said two-thirds of the money raised was raised in the U.S. and 90 percent of the money raised was raised after the establishment of the State of Israel. The people's greatest response came during the Six-Day War when the Emergency Appeal was set up, he said, and within a few days \$300 million was collected. "Long lines of contributors lined up at UJA offices and Israeli embassies in many countries; parents donated their savings; communities and synagogues sold their property; housewives, children and pensioners gave us their savings and young boys and girls took on jobs and donated their earnings to the emergency fund." Mr. Sapir said there was not "a single development enterprise, not a single achievement in this country that has not benefitted from the Keren Hayesod."

Exploration Undertaken To Interest Japanese Investors In Building Railroad In Israel

TEL AVIV, July 20 (JTA)--The possibility of interesting Japanese investors in the construction of a railroad between Elath and Ashdod will be explored by Ramon Harel, general director of the Ministry of Transport, who left yesterday for Japan. Once before the idea had been explored without success. But it is felt that there may be greater interest now in view of the increasing trade between Europe and East Africa and the Far East.

Soviet Union Unwilling To Help Egyptian Troops Fight Way Across Suez Canal

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA)--The Soviet Union has refused to help Egyptian troops fight their way across the Suez Canal or supply President Nasser with modern long range offensive weapons according to reports reaching the evening paper Yediot Ahronot. But the paper's Jerusalem correspondent says the same sources report the Soviets will support the call for a limited cease fire along the Canal under international supervision.

AJCongress Charges Gross Libel That Jews Predominantly Are Landlords Of Slum Buildings

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress today charged that a "gross libel" had been perpetrated when a black militant student told delegates to the United Nations World Youth Assembly, on a tour of Harlem last Thursday, that "Jews, predominantly" were the exploiting landlords of slum buildings. In a letter to Neville Wade, the British youth delegate who asked about the ownership of the buildings he saw, the AJCongress said the answer that slum housing was owned predominantly by Jews "is entirely unwarranted." The letter, signed by Theodore J. Kolish, chairman of the executive board of Congress' New York Metropolitan Council, stated that "Undoubtedly, some of the slum property in New York is owned by Jews, just as some is owned by members of the many other groups that make up the population of New York. It is plain, however, that the statement that slum housing is owned predominantly by Jews is entirely unwarranted."

Continuing, Mr. Kolish stated: "I want you to know also that the organized Jewish community of New York has been among the leaders in the fight to correct the intolerable conditions in the city's ghettos." Asserting that he was writing only to correct "the gross libel" which was conveyed to members of the Assembly on their Harlem tour, Mr. Kolish declared: "It was entirely appropriate for you to see Harlem in its unrelieved horror. You would hardly have had a true picture of our city or of our country if our grave shortcomings were not revealed together with our assets. But it is irresponsible and outrageous to suggest that those shortcomings are the work of the Jewish community or of any other small minority of the population." The World Youth Assembly ended Friday night. Mr. Kolish's letter to Mr. Wade was delivered before the Assembly's closing session. Copies of this letter were distributed to the other delegates.

Tekoah: Jordanian Guerrillas Committed 114 Aggressive Acts Against Israel Since July 7

UNITED NATIONS, July 20 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah today advised the president of the Security Council, Dr. Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa of Nicaragua, that Jordanian guerrillas had committed 114 aggressive acts against Israel from July 7 through today. These "incessant cease-fire violations" have once again "compelled Israel to act in self-defense, Mr. Tekoah wrote in his letter to the Council president. The ambassador noted that on July 7 the Jordanian government signed a pact with the guerrillas, promising them "close coordination" and "freedom of action." He said the pact was "obviously designed to serve as a smokescreen to conceal Jordan's heavy responsibility for the continued bloodshed and suffering on both sides."

Former High Ranking SS Officer Now Working In East Germany's Council Of Ministers

BONN, July 20 (JTA)--A former Soviet spy, who was a high ranking SS officer until the end of World War II, is now working in the Council of Ministers of the East German government, informed sources said today. Heinz Felfe, who started his SS career under the personal protection of SS Reich-leader Heinrich Himmler, was cleared in a de-Nazification investigation by the British at the end of the war. Until his arrest as a Soviet spy, Felfe had infiltrated the West German government's counter-espionage organization. Felfe's role as a Soviet spy was revealed in 1961 by KGB Major Anatol Golzyn after Golzyn defected to the West and was interrogated by the CIA. In 1963, Felfe was convicted of espionage and sentenced to 13 years imprisonment. He was later exchanged for a Western spy and returned to the Soviet Union. Felfe began his SS career at the age of 25 under the personal protection of Heinrich Himmler and quickly rose to the position of SS major in the notorious Security Head Bureau where Adolf Eichmann devised and carried out his plans for the extermination of Europe's Jews.

Maddox, 25 Candidates, 250 Spectators, Leave Rally When Jews, Negroes Are Denounced

AYNESBORO, Ga., July 20 (JTA)--Gov. Lester G. Maddox led 25 political candidates and 250 spectators from a weekend rally when speakers denounced Jews, Negroes and Yankees. "I'm for segregation and I'll always take my stand for neighborhood schools and freedom of choice," Gov. Maddox said after the exodus, "but I can't be a part of any program that wants to wipe out any race." Those joining him included the state's first black gubernatorial candidate, C.B. King of Albany. Mr. Maddox, who cannot succeed himself and is running for Lieutenant Governor, said he would not participate in any events that included "racists" on the podium. The Governor said that in the speech he walked out on, gubernatorial candidate J.B. Stoner "was calling people savages and making attacks on what he called blue-bellied Yankees and Jewish-Americans and black Americans." The segregationist Governor added: "You can't take people's color or race and denounce it. You can denounce an individual, but not a group. A man can't help the way he's born, any more than I can help being born Lester Maddox."

New Ambassador From Ghana Expresses Belief That Israel Passionately Yearns For Peace

JERUSALEM, July 20 (JTA)--The new ambassador from Ghana, Maj. Gen. S.J.A. Otu, invoked his Christian background today as he presented his credentials to President Zalman Shazar. "To those of us in Ghana who have been brought up within the folds of Christianity," he said in a ceremonial address, "the name 'Jerusalem' is a source of inspiration for all those ideas which make for the continued existence of mankind. Peace is one of those ideas. Therefore, the prophets of Israel, who in their supreme wisdom envisioned peace, never ceased to instill the consciousness of peace in their pupils." The African diplomat said he believed in "Israel's passionate yearning for peace" and said he hoped to "contribute to the achievement of lasting peace in the Middle East."

Gen. Odd Bull Reported To Have Resigned; UN Has No Official Comment

UNITED NATIONS, July 20 (JTA)--Gen. Odd Bull, the Swedish officer who serves as Chief of Staff of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East, has submitted his resignation, according to Jordanian sources. A UN spokesman declined official comment. Gen. Bull was reported last month to have returned to Sweden for vacation.

Jewish Center Firebombed; Latest In Series Of 10 Firebombings; Lindsay Calls For Probe

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA)--The Crown Heights Jewish Community Council - a storefront operation in this Brooklyn area - and a nearby two-family residence were fire bombed early this morning. There were no injuries but the interior of the store was heavily damaged according to a Jewish community spokesman. Mayor John V. Lindsay sped to the scene and conferred with community leaders. He ordered intensive police and fire department investigations to determine who was responsible. A spokesman for the Jewish community, who requested anonymity, said this was the latest in a series of about 10 fire bombings in the past two weeks. According to witnesses, a car containing three Negro teenagers pulled up in front of the Council headquarters about 5:35 a.m. One got out and tossed a home-made bomb through the window, then got back in the car which sped off. The landlord, who lives above the store, called in the alarm. The private residence, which has no Jewish occupants, was fire bombed at 6:05 a.m. Damage was slight. Mayor Lindsay met with Jewish and non-Jewish community leaders and police and fire department representatives at the nearby office of the local Urban Task Force.

Community leaders, black and white, who have been attempting to stabilize the area--once almost entirely Jewish--and prevent the flight of Jewish families from Crown Heights, said this latest in a series of "harassment" fire bombings might undermine their efforts of the past few years and cause a renewed flight of Jewish families from Crown Heights thereby turning the area into a new Negro ghetto. The Mayor, who called the stabilization effort a model for both the city and the entire country as evidence that different groups can live together in harmony, directed the police and fire departments to conduct "thorough investigations" to determine who was responsible for the harassment which might jeopardize the stability of the area. Among community leaders meeting with the Mayor was Sid Davidoff, an assistant to the Mayor and chairman of the Crown Heights Urban Task Force; Rabbi Samuel Schrage, administrator of the city's Neighborhood Youth Corps and director of the Neighborhood Action Program and a founder of The Maccabees, a Crown Heights self-defense organization; Rabbi Sholom Gorodetsky of the Crown Heights Stabilization Committee; and Rabbi Sol Eisner, vice chairman of the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council.

B'nai B'rith Young Adults Call For More Youth On Jewish Decision-Making Boards

STARLIGHT, Penn., July 20 (JTA)--Characterizing present-day Jewish community leadership as "mostly middle-aged," the B'nai B'rith Young Adults' international convention called for "more balanced and more democratic representation on Jewish decision-making bodies in the United States and Canada." B'nai B'rith Young Adults is the 18-to-29-year-old membership component of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. The statement, approved by the delegates to the 25th annual meeting praised the "priceless contributions of older leaders," but contended that rapid social and cultural change now requires greatly accelerated admission of youth to councils and committees of the Jewish community "from top to bottom." It noted that, "Over-representation of business and professional leaders of deservedly high repute produces too many programs that lack basic appeal to the largest segment of the population--the youth."

The Young Adults also urged "trans-generational communication" as a theme for the Jewish year of 5731. Noting that the High Holy Days are "traditionally a time for spiritual reflection," the statement proposed they be devoted this year to "extensive analysis and discussion of the possibility of reshaping Jewish institutions in harmony with contemporary social developments, especially with regard to a new, more active community role of Jewish youth." In a message to the convention, Dr. Max F. Baer, national director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, called for efforts to foster recognition of the link between contemporary social action and the Jewish religious and cultural tradition. The convention concluded this weekend by urging President Nixon and Congress to act swiftly to make military material available to Israel to counteract the new threat of Soviet missile bases in Egypt. Other resolutions advocated liberalization of abortion laws and of birth control laws in the United States and Canada.

Two Jewish Organizations Praise Catholic Bishop's Group For Condemning Passion Play

NEW YORK, July 20 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Congress today praised a Catholic Bishops' organization for declaring the 1970 Oberammergau Passion Play "offensive" to both Christians and Jews and a "purveyor of hatred and injustice." The declaration was issued by the Rev. Edward H. Flannery, executive secretary of the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the U.S. Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. The ADL and the AJCongress, in a joint statement, called it "a sensitive and objective analysis of a long-standing vehicle of injustice not only to Jews but to Christian scripture as well." Dr. Joseph L. Lichten, national director of the ADL's Intercultural Affairs Department, additionally called the Flannery statement "a straightforward stand against an unhappy source of anti-Jewish bias," and said he hoped it would expedite "long-called-for changes not only in the Oberammergau play but in others like it produced in this country."

Phil Baum, assistant director of the AJCongress, said, "The statement will caution potential audiences to view such plays in the spirit of Vatican II. We are aware that there already have been hundreds of cancellations to the Oberammergau performances from all over the world. We are confident that the Secretariat statement will induce many more Americans to reconsider their attendance at a spectacle that is so dubious morally, artistically and religiously." The two Jewish organizations said the Oberammergau play, despite revisions and a disclaimer of anti-Jewish intent, "remains deeply hostile to Jews and Judaism." The Rev. Flannery, who is also co-chairman of the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., issued his statement over the weekend.