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Officials Mum On Reports That U.S. Proposed Israel, Egypt Supervise Own Cease-Fire

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministry declined comment this morning on reports in yesterday evening's newspapers that the United States has privately proposed supervision of a Suez Canal cease-fire by Israeli and Egyptian aerial reconnaissance. The reports were similar to those carried by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency news service two days ago. A Ministry spokesman said only that "matters have not yet fully taken shape" and that "contacts with the United States are going on." (In Washington today, State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey described a similar report in today's New York Times as "imprudent, speculative and possibly misleading." The report, by correspondent Hedrick Smith, was the lead story in the Times and contended that "The United States is sounding out Israel and the United Arab Republic on arrangements for each side to police the other's observance of the proposed 90-day cease-fire in the Middle East, rather than rely primarily on United Nations truce observers." The Times story was understood to be based on a background, or no-attribution, session by a top administration official.) Informed Israeli sources said internal governmental discussions have turned up objections to inspection of the Israeli defense layout by "outsiders." Moreover, it was noted, Israeli reconnaissance planes can photograph the Egyptian side of the canal to a fair distance and with an efficiency adequate for the detection of military deployment. A press report contending that Israeli and Egyptian aircraft carrying out mutual inspection would fly into enemy airspace is discounted by informed sources.

Allon: Israel Accepted U.S. Plan Without Illusions: Peace May Require Yielding Land

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon said last night that Israel accepted the United States peace proposals "without any illusions as to its details" and that Israel is "quite prepared for the worst should the negotiations be broken off." Mr. Allon added that it is almost certain that in the peace negotiations "we shall have to accept painful decisions concerning areas that are part of the historical land of Israel." He observed that the decisions will be taken not because "we give up our historical rights to them but in spite of these rights if only we can get peace." Mr. Allon made these observations in the course of an address he was delivering to the ideological conference of the Labor Zionist movement attended by delegates from Israel and abroad. The Deputy Prime Minister said Israel will not go to the peace negotiations table with the conception of "not a single inch backwards."

At the same time he warned that the Arabs should not come to the negotiations with the view that no peace will be concluded unless Israel retreats from the last stretch of land taken during the Six-Day War. Mr. Allon declared that Israel will be ready to negotiate with any Arab country willing to negotiate. He noted that the government's policy is guided by four principles in an attempt to achieve peace: a map with safe borders guarding the historical rights of the Jewish people and the State of Israel; a Jewish State of Israel with a non-Jewish minority protected by law which takes into account the existing political possibilities. Mr. Allon stated that the situation in the Middle East has no military solution. Israel cannot enforce peace on her neighbors through military force, he said, and the Arabs cannot force Israel to accept peace on their terms by the force of arms. The solution can only be concluded by political means.

Thant To Tell Security Council Big Four See Basis For Resumption Of Jarring Mission

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Secretary General U Thant was preparing today to circulate among the members of the Security Council his report that the Big Four now view the developments in the Middle East as favorable for the resumption of Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring's peace mission. It was learned today that there is no desire for a formal Council meeting to receive Mr. Thant's report. United States Ambassador to the UN Charles W. Yost issued a statement last night after a three-hour meeting of the Big Four representatives noting they welcomed the Mideast developments and then delivered a communication from the Big Four to Mr. Thant. U.S. officials are hopeful of implementing the proposed 90-day cease-fire as quickly as possible, hopefully within a few days. They feel that delay could sabotage the peace mission of Dr. Jarring, the UN's special Mideast peace mediator. The Big Four representatives, who endorsed the U.S. initiative last night, will meet again Aug. 19. The Big Four deputies will continue to work on a memorandum on the positions of the four on the details of implementation of Security Council Resolution 242. Diplomatic sources said today that the Big Four role in the Mideast situation would not be downgraded by the shifting of attention to Dr. Jarring and the Mideast parties. The Secretary General and the Swedish negotiator are primarily responsible for implementation of the Council resolution, they noted, and the Big Four, not being a Council organ, will continue to be "helpful."

The immediate prospect, sources said, is for a continuation of "animated exchanges of views" and "constant back-and-forth." The aim is to "keep the momentum going." Meanwhile, Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah was to meet at noon today with Mr. Thant for what an Israeli Mission spokesman called "preliminary conversations." Mr. Thant was also scheduled to meet with the Soviet Union's ambassador. Sources said there are "a number of possibilities" regarding the implementation of a cease-fire. They include Israeli and Egyptian checks on each other's Suez Canal activities, an "open skies" plan, a "beefing up" of the UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), the creation of a new supervisory force, and policing by a "third party." There was no immediate indication of what "third parties" are being considered. Egypt has in the past rejected policing by a member of the North At-

lantic Treaty Organization. Before retiring as Chief of Staff of UNTSO last Saturday, Gen. Odd Bull favored providing the observation teams with additional aircraft. His successor, Maj. Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo of Finland, during his visit to the UN last week, opted for the beefing up of the present 94-member UNTSO force. The U.S., however, is said to have indicated to Israel, and possibly also to Egypt, that American and Soviet satellites can detect military buildups far beyond the cease-fire lines without having provocative aircraft monitoring the areas. A site for the negotiations under Dr. Jarring's auspices has not yet been chosen. The leading possibilities remain Geneva, Rhodes, Nicosia and New York, although Dr. Jarring reportedly does not favor the UN's home base.

(In Moscow yesterday, a First Deputy Premier said the Soviet Union "will do everything within its power to facilitate the attainment of a just political settlement of the Middle East conflict. But the official, Kiril T. Mazurov, also reiterated Soviet demands for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and "satisfaction of the just rights of the Arab people of Palestine," and laid to the U.S. and Israel "the entire responsibility for the dangerous situation that continues to exist in the Middle East." Mr. Mazurov, a member of the Politburo, addressed a luncheon for a delegation from Iraq, which has rejected the U.S. initiative and condemned Egypt for accepting it. His remarks were seen as an attempt to persuade Iraq to go along with the U.S. proposals.)

Israeli Planes Attack Egyptian, Jordanian Positions; Israeli Soldier Injured

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Israeli planes attacked Egyptian positions along the Suez Canal again today. The targets included artillery and mortar positions, infantry outposts and fortifications. Israeli planes also struck Jordanian positions for 20 minutes this afternoon in response to firings on El Hammam this morning. All planes returned safely. An Israeli soldier was injured this morning in Djabel Rous, on the slopes of Mount Hermon, by mortar fire from Lebanese territory. The fire was returned. A number of hen-filled sheds in Alkosh settlement near the Lebanese border were damaged last night by explosions. An investigation is under way. Eleven Arab residents of Judea and Samaria were turned over to Jordan at al-Safi, near the southern tip of the Dead Sea, after being detained on charges of collaborating with the enemy. (Reports from Amman last night said some guerrilla forces have declared their intention of firing on United Nations forces attempting to enforce a cease-fire.)

Mrs. Meir Not Going On Vacation After Hectic Past Few Days, Will Just Relax

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Government Secretary Michael Arnon today denied reports that Premier Golda Meir was going on vacation. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency "she is taking it easy for a little while after the great political efforts of the past few days, but that is all." Mrs. Meir, who holds the four portfolios vacated by the Gahal ministers, is expected to redistribute them among the parties in her coalition government shortly.

Symposium Told Soviet Jews Along With U.S., Israeli Jews Form Triangle Of Jewish Life

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The Israel-American dialogue held at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, turned yesterday into a triangle with Russian Jewry as the third dimension. Dr. Benjamin Eliyav said that the dialogue here between American Jews and Israeli Jews has a third partner - the Russian Jews - which he said is just a third centre to Jewish life. The basis for Jewish life is focused on three centres--Israel, American and Russian Jewries. "And when we are speaking about the mutual obligations of American and Israeli Jews we have to remember the third centre out of which the two other centres were formed - the Russian centre," Dr. Eliyav said.

Interior Ministry Orders Expulsion Of Britisher Charged With Possession Of Drugs

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The Ministry of Interior today issued an expulsion order against a British subject, John Norris, who was found to be in possession of drugs. The man was in Israel for the last six months. He was found guilty on charges of possessing drugs and was sentenced to six months imprisonment. The action against Mr. Norris was taken as the Israeli authorities started enforcing the rigid instructions according which every foreign citizen found to be dealing with, in possession of, or using drugs of any sort would be expelled.

Archaeological Team Uncovers What May Have Been Jewish Settlement From Talmudic Era

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The American Inter-University Archaeological Expedition, digging at the Hirbet Shama, on Mount Meron near Safad, today announced it has uncovered what is believed to have been a Jewish settlement dating back to Talmudic times. Several buildings, including one believed to have been a synagogue, coins and artifacts were uncovered. The 80-man expedition, financed by the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D.C., is headed by Professor Robert Bull of the Albright Institute of Jerusalem and Dr. Eric Meiers of Duke University, Durham, N.C. There was one confrontation between members of the expedition and religious zealots who believe burial caves in the area are sacred--the daughter-in-law of the Sage Shammai is believed to have been buried in one of them. After being reassured that the caves would not be desecrated by use as storage areas for tools and supplies, the zealots, led by Rabbi Amram Bloy of the Neturei Karta group, left and the excavations continued. In the south of Israel, the Hebrew University Archaeological Department announced excavations in Beersheba have uncovered pots on which receipts for goods are inscribed. In ancient times, Beersheba was a district capital and trade center.

Jewish Agency's Immigration Department Sends Emissaries To U.S., Britain, France, Iran

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department has sent six additional representatives to the U.S., Great Britain, France and Iran. Three of the emissaries were sent to the U.S. where the Agency last week opened a new aliyah office in St. Louis. The new office is headed by Uri Broides. Two of the new representatives went to Great Britain and one each to France and Iran.

Report 100 Soviet Military Advisors Killed In Egypt; Israel To Receive Jets From U.S.

PARIS, Aug. 6 (JTA)--A hundred Soviet military advisers, including a major general and a colonel, have been killed in Egypt in the past 12 months, Le Figaro said today. The two top officers, the daily said, were crushed to death in their car last Sept. 9 by an Israeli tank during an Israeli reprisal raid on western (Egyptian) side of the Suez Canal. Le Figaro also asserted that Israel has received 10 United States Phantom jets in recent weeks, plus pledges from President Nixon that the U.S. will deliver Israel's full requested complement of 125 Phantoms and Skyhawks should Egypt or the Soviet Union break a cease-fire agreement. Le Figaro also reported further details on the July 30 dogfight between Israeli jets and Egyptian planes piloted by Soviet airmen in which four MIG-21s were downed. When the Russian-piloted MIGs sought to intercept Israeli planes attacking canal targets, the paper said, Israeli Air Force Commander Gen. Mordecai Hod ordered additional Mirage jets to join the battle. The four MIGs were shot down within two minutes, according to the report. Before the Russian pilots activated their ejection seats, the paper said, their squadleader shouted over his radio in Russian: "The dirty Jews!" That exclamation was said to have been intercepted by Israeli radar stations. The MIGs crashed on the western side of the canal, in Egyptian territory.

Soviet Jewish Family Asks Thant To Help Relieve 'Immeasurable Suffering'

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--A Soviet Jewish family of three in Riga has written to United Nations Secretary General U Thant to help relieve the "immeasurable suffering" that has befallen them and their relatives as a result of "unmotivated" refusals by Soviet authorities to let them emigrate to Israel. A copy of the letter was released here. The pleaders--Rakhil, Benno and Josif Shetsen--wrote: "For all these torturing long years the three of us have been applying with requests for emigration permits to the proper Soviet organ, the Ovir. However, in all the past years we invariably received the same unmotivated answer, a refusal." They said they had concluded that "unfortunately nobody is interested in the fact that every refusal causes immeasurable suffering to the three of us and to our relations in Israel." As a result of a petition filed by them last year, they wrote, "our only son was expelled from the Riga Polytechnical Institute because of the serious nervous shocks that were the consequences of the refusal. His health has greatly deteriorated..." (In London, the publication "Focus on Soviet Jewry" has put out a special issue containing the full text of the recent appeal to the Seventh International Symposium on the Chemistry of Natural Sciences by 28 Jewish Riga scientists. The appeal urged the conferants to raise their voices in support of Soviet Jewish rights.)

Peres: Israel's Present Task Is To Contain Soviet Penetration In The Mideast

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Israeli Minister of Immigration and Absorption, Simon Peres, who arrived here today, held a press conference stating that Israel's task presently consists in containing Soviet penetration in the Mideast and putting a final stop to the pro-Arab military threat, especially Egypt's. He said a cease-fire should include all forces including United States and Soviet forces. Asked how Arabs in the occupied territories cooperate with Israeli authorities, Mr. Peres said that on the practical level there exists collaboration but not on a political level. He added that Israel's basic administrative policy in its dealings with the Arabs is firstly not to interfere in their villages and secondly to maintain the Jordan River bridges. To another question he replied: "I think the Soviet Union has no intention to destroy Israel, but to paint it red, the reddest possible." The Israeli Minister was received in audience by the Subsecretary for Foreign Relations, Doctor Jose Maria Ruda.

Anonymous Donor Provides Israel Museum With Valuable Collection Of Modern Art

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--An anonymous donor has provided the Israel Museum here with a valuable collection of modern art and will provide funds for a new wing to house the collection, it was announced here. The donor was described as a widow living in America. She and her husband started their collection in London in the 1930s and later moved to the United States.

Wiesenthal Charges 5 Austrian Ministers Have Nazi Past; Kreisky To Address UN

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Simon Wiesenthal, whose Nazi-hunting Documentation Center in Vienna is under fire from Austrian officials and who has charged that government with being sympathetic to neo-Nazi pressures, now reports that "five of the 11 Austrian Ministers had a Nazi past." He did not elaborate on his assertion, contained in an Aug. 4 letter to Harry Evans, a New York friend of the center. Mr. Wiesenthal also indicated that Chancellor Bruno Kreisky will fly to New York in late October to address the 25th anniversary session of the United Nations General Assembly. A spokesman for the Austrian Mission said that Chancellor Kreisky was scheduled to be here Oct. 20-22, but that his schedule could change.

Weizman In No Hurry To Return To Work; After Resting Will Return To Politics

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Former Minister of Transport Ezer Weizman has been showered with job offers since he resigned from the government with Gahal, but he is in no hurry to return to work. First, he has told friends, he will go home to rest and spend some time with his son, Saul, who was wounded on the Suez Canal Front and was released from the hospital just in time to attend the Knesset debate on the American peace proposal which ended with Gahal's withdrawal from the government. After his rest, he has said, regardless of what the future holds for Gahal, he will return to politics.

Branch Of Yeshiva University To Be Built On Five-Acre Tract In Bayit Vagan Quarter

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA)--A contract has been signed for the purchase of a five-acre tract of land in the Bayit Vagan quarter of Jerusalem on which the local branch of the Yeshiva University of New York will be built. Construction will begin as soon as the building plans are approved. Land acquisition and building of the university complex are being handled by the Caroline and Joseph Gross Centre of Yeshiva University.

AJCommittee Undertaking Decade-Long Educational Program To Counteract Passion Play

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee announced today that it will embark on a systematic, decade-long educational program to counteract the anti-Semitic effects of the Oberammergau Passion Play. Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of AJC's Interreligious Affairs Department, made the announcement in connection with the publication of the findings of AJC's line-by-line comparison of the 1960 and 1970 versions of the text of the play. This analysis revealed that, despite some minor changes, the Oberammergau Passion Play remains "fundamentally hostile to Jews and Judaism." Copies of the study were distributed last spring to thousands of scholars, clergymen and travel agencies in the United States, Canada and Europe. Since that time, Rabbi Tanenbaum declared, thousands of tourists have bypassed the play. He cited, among others, a Catholic priest in Cleveland who is conducting a tour of Europe this summer and who has cancelled his group's reservations at Oberammergau and is taking them to visit Dachau instead. The study is now in booklet form and titled "Oberammergau, 1960 and 1970: A Study in Religious Anti-Semitism."

Describing the American Jewish Committee's plans for a continuing effort to change the Oberammergau Passion Play, Rabbi Tanenbaum stated: "We are now making available our analysis of the Oberammergau play as an educational document to as large an audience of potential tourists as we can possibly reach. If the present response of thousands of Christians is a fair indication, we will carry out this education program on a continuous basis during the next decade." Rabbi Tanenbaum said he was hopeful that by 1980, as a result of the mounting Christian protest against the play, Oberammergau officials will find the theatrical exploitation of anti-Semitism no longer commercially profitable. "In our projected decade-long education program," he continued, "we will continue to look forward to the close cooperation and sympathetic understanding of Christians and other men of good will who take seriously the conclusions of recent Biblical and theological scholarship, as well as the emerging humanistic sentiment, who increasingly insist that these insights and convictions become translated into the real world of Jewish-Christian relationships."

Rabbi Tanenbaum also reported that the German airline Lufthansa, has discontinued advertising the Oberammergau Passion Play as a tourist attraction, and that a number of priests, ministers and Christian educators who lead overseas tours of Europe have declined to attend the 1970 play. A professor of Biblical Studies at Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C. sent a copy of the original AJC critique to 70 members of the Lenoir Rhyne College choir, who will tour Europe this summer. He attached a memorandum in which he wrote: "You will bear in mind that, at the direction of the elected leaders of the delightful country which you will be visiting, no more than 25 years ago six million Jews --brothers of Christ according to the flesh--were systematically slaughtered. Remembering this, you will want to ask yourself whether passion plays, such as Oberammergau, and all that was said and preached about Jews crucifying Christ and bearing the guilt of his death upon their heads, did not contribute toward that tragedy."

Business 'Marriage' Between Jewish Merchant And Black Worker Aided By JCRC

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6 (JTA)--A "business marriage" was arranged this week by the Jewish Community Relations Council when a kosher meat and grocery business was sold by its Jewish owner to a black meat cutter. The "marriage" was an accommodation for both parties. This was the second such sale arranged by JCRC since the release of its survey "Jewish Businessmen Operating in Selected Inner City Areas of Philadelphia." Three more sales are pending. The former owner, Harry Band, and his father had come to America in 1949; the sole survivors of a Polish-Jewish family that had been exterminated by the Nazis in World War II. Because of his father's ill health and the changing neighborhood, Mr. Band had decided to sell and approached JCRC for help. Wilbert G. Saunders, the black meat cutter, was interested in buying but needed help in securing the necessary financing. Mr. Band referred him to JCRC. A loan was secured through the Job Loan Corp. with the aid of the Small Business Administration. Mr. Band will work with Saunders for six weeks until he becomes accustomed to the store operation. Mr. Saunders said he would continue the line of kosher foods now carried in the store since there was a lot of demand for Jewish rye, bagels, smoked fish and kosher salami even though the neighborhood was now 90 percent black.

Canadian Protestant Leaders Visit Middle East To Encourage Israeli-Arab Friendship

TORONTO, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Three leading members of the United Church of Canada left this week for the Middle East, sent by the Toronto Conference of the United Church, in an effort to encourage reconciliation between Arabs and Jews. They are Moderator Dr. R.B. McClure, Rev. Bruce N. McLeod and Rev. Donald Sterling, chairman of the United Church's Toronto Conference on international affairs. They have been asked to consult with Arab and Israeli leaders and Middle East churchmen in an attempt to contribute to a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli problem, the United Church Observer reported. Dr. McClure worked in the Gaza Strip for almost five years after 1948 as a medical man. The United Church Observer which has in the past carried numerous editorials and articles by its editor Rev. Al Forrest, regarded as anti-Israel in nature, carries several articles of a pro-Israel nature in its current issue by Aba Gefen, Israeli consul general in Toronto; Alan Davies, professor at Victoria College (a United Church institution); and Simcha Flapan, editor of "New Outlook" in Tel Aviv.

Hospital Playroom Named After 11-Year-Old-Girl Who Was Killed In Bus Crash

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA)--Peninsula General Hospital in Rockaway Beach has named a new playroom in its pediatric unit after Randi Press, an 11-year-old girl who was one of seven children killed in the bus crash near Allentown, Pa., on July 15. The bus was taking 52 youngsters and adults of the Hillel School, Lawrence, Long Island, on an outing. Joseph L. Bock, executive director of the hospital, said Randi's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Press, were "strong contributors" to the institution through the Humanities Club of Brooklyn.