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## State Department Concedes Deployment Of SAMs After Cease-Fire Went Into Effect

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The State Department conceded today that there was an "over-deployment of surface-to-air missiles" on the Egyptian side of the Suez Canal as the standstill cease-fire went into effect at 1 a.m. Aug. 8, Cairo time. It also conceded that "there is some evidence that this was continued beyond the cease-fire deadline." But the Department said its evidence was "not conclusive" enough to term the missile activity an outright violation. Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey, who made the announcement, added that "with respect to additional information which the Israeli government has brought to our attention concerning possible violations of the cease-fire, we are examining it and in touch with the parties through diplomatic channels." In answer to a newsman's question, Mr. McCloskey explained that his statement covered only the first complaint made by Israel--missile advances the night the cease-fire took effect. He indicated that the subsequent complaints by Israel would be discussed with her "and other governments" on the basis of both Israeli and United States intelligence reports.

"We do not now anticipate making further public statements on this matter," Mr. McCloskey said in his statement, adding in answer to a question: "Our hope is that when such issues arise to communicate them through diplomatic channels for quiet diplomacy so that those who claim injury are satisfied. We are striving to get the matter into private channels and work out something that way. Our view is that we think the (peace) talks ought to get under way promptly." Mr. McCloskey noted in his statement that "Adherence to the cease-fire and standstill is of great importance to the success of current peace efforts. The main thing now is to concentrate all efforts on getting discussions going under Ambassador (Gunnar V.) Jarring's auspices. The United States believes these talks should begin promptly." Mr. McCloskey added, in answer to a question, that the U.S. will continue its Middle East aerial reconnaissance.

The spokesman said the question of the missile movement would be taken up with the Soviet Union for the first time on an unspecified date. It was presumed that Egypt and Jordan, representatives of which visited the State Department before Mr. McCloskey's briefing, had seen the text of his statement before he read it to reporters in the crowded newsroom. Asked whether the U.S. was sending additional military equipment to Israel, Mr. McCloskey replied: "We have talked in specifics." He would not elaborate on his remark, other than to reiterate several times the administration's determination to prevent a military imbalance in the Mideast. The spokesman said it was up to Dr. Jarring, the United Nations' special mediator, and not to the U.S., to determine the diplomatic level of the peace talks. Dr. Jarring prefers to meet with Foreign Ministers, Egypt and Jordan have designated their UN ambassadors and Israel has held off naming representatives because of the new missile issue.

## Foreign Ministry Asserts Its Information Is Accurate; Israel Anxious To Move On To Talks

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministry, reacting to the United States State Department's downplaying today of Israeli charges of Egyptian standstill violations said tonight that "We are certain of the accuracy and seriousness of our information." The Ministry spokesman continued: "We consider it our duty to add that we are continuing to explain to the public the data and the information in our possession on which we based our complaints to international bodies." It was also announced that Foreign Minister Abba Eban had met Monday and yesterday on the matter with U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour. Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, returning to Tel Aviv from Washington last night after reportedly being briefed on the State Department announcement by Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco, said the U.S. response was "incomplete" and that the U.S. was still studying the Israeli evidence. Ambassador Rabin, here on home leave, insisted there was no "credibility crisis" between the two countries, which he observed were still engaged in dialogue on several questions. "There are discussions, sometimes even differences of attitude or even opposite approaches to certain problems," he said, adding: "We must not forget that the U.S. is Israel's only friend in the world today."

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from well-informed sources today that the Israeli government will not make a crisis out of the missile controversy with the U.S. because it wants to move on to the next phase of the American peace initiative, which is the negotiating process. The high-level consensus here is that the U.S. clearly is unable to reverse the situation in the canal zone but that American "compensatory" action to strengthen Israel's position along the Suez Canal can be expected as a result of Israel's complaints. Israel is convinced the U.S. knows the violation charges are true but that it does not want to acknowledge the fact for fear of torpedoing Secretary of State William P. Rogers' entire peace plan, sources told the JTA. Israel will react, but the degree of vehemence will depend to some extent on American reassurances in other fields, they said. Gen. Rabin said last night that he had pointed out to the Americans that the situation on the Suez Canal would be far more serious than before if hostilities were to resume because of the Egyptian violations. He declined to comment on arms supplies from the U.S. or to say where the Americans were conducting truce surveillance flights. According to Gen. Rabin, the American peace initiative had its genesis in the worsening situation on the Suez Canal front, which convinced the U.S. that Israel could not hold its defense line long in face of increased Soviet intervention.

## Kremlin Terms Israeli Cease-Fire Violation Charges As 'Fabrication,' 'Noise'

LONDON, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The Kremlin said yesterday in Moscow that the Israeli charges of enemy violations of the standstill cease-fire were "fabrications" and "noise" that demonstrate "how some circles in Tel Aviv fear a peaceful settlement that must put an end to the consequences of the Israeli aggression."

The Kremlin's comments, made through the government newspaper, Izvestia, constituted Moscow's first major statement on the issue of Israel's claims that Egyptians and Soviets advanced SAM missiles toward the cease-fire line after the standstill went into effect. "The Israeli lies," Izvestia said, "have short legs. The UAR has officially refuted the Israeli assertions." The paper added that "The aims of the clamor are so obvious that even (Defense) Secretary (Melvin R.) Laird found it necessary, in substance, to disavow its authors." Mr. Laird said Sunday that it was difficult to determine exactly when the missiles were moved and that in any case the issue should not be allowed to sabotage peace talks. Izvestia added that the Soviet military presence in Egypt had offset Israeli military superiority. Reports from Moscow said the Kremlin is taking advantage of the new disagreements between the United States and Israel by pledging Egyptian recognition of Israeli security in return for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory.

### Goldberg Says Administration Wrong In Disregarding Or Minimizing Standstill Violations

BUFFALO, N.Y., Aug. 19 (JTA)--Arthur J. Goldberg, the Democratic-Liberal candidate for Governor, said yesterday that it was "a very bad mistake" for Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird to play down Israel's charges of Soviet and Egyptian standstill violations along the Suez Canal. Mr. Goldberg, taking his campaign to North Tonawanda north of here, agreed that initiation of the peace talks was "very important," but said "it would be very ill-advised for our government to disregard and brush aside that initiation of the cease-fire by the United Arab Republic and its Soviet mentor." The former Supreme Court Justice and United Nations ambassador said "The talks cannot succeed if the cease-fire is not scrupulously observed." He called the Israeli apprehension "well-grounded" and said it "cannot be brushed aside as cavalierly as it was on Sunday by Secretary Laird." Mr. Goldberg called on the Nixon administration to act in the matter. He said it was the administration's "responsibility" to "use its great influence to insure the strict observance of the cease-fire, so no one will gain a military advantage by changing the status quo at the Suez Canal during the cease-fire."

### Rockefeller Calls On Government To Assure Compliance On Cease-Fire

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller met with six Jewish leaders yesterday and issued a statement declaring he was "deeply concerned regarding the future security of the State of Israel and the United States' position in the Middle East." The Republican Governor, a candidate for a fourth term, said that while the "cease-fire and the proposed peace negotiations are important steps," two steps were "essential" to make those developments "meaningful." He recommended, first, "A clarification by the United States" of Israeli reports of Egyptian missile deployment in the cease-fire zone and U.S. "assurances that the conditions of the 90-day cease-fire agreement will be complied with," and second, "Immediate availability of the Phantom and Skyhawk planes and other essential military equipment which Israel has asked the United States to sell them." Mr. Rockefeller has consistently favored the jet sales. "Without compliance with the conditions of the cease-fire agreement and the availability of planes and materiel to Israel," the Governor concluded, "meaningful negotiations could well be undermined. Israel must be in a position to negotiate at least from a parity of strength and a feeling of security. The Jewish leaders who met with the Governor were Rabbi Harold I. Saperstein, president of the New York Board of Rabbis; Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Herman Weisman, president of the Jewish National Fund; Samuel Hausman, honorary chairman, and Morris Levinson, president of the New York United Jewish Appeal, and Jack Weiler, chairman of the U.J.A. 1970 Israel Emergency Fund.

### Big Four Meeting Reaffirms Support Of Jarring Peace Mission

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The Big Four ambassadors met for nearly two hours today at the residence of French Ambassador Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet and decided "nothing important," according to the French Mission. The spokesman said the four had exhibited "a large measure of agreement on the substance" of their deliberations on Middle East matters, and had reaffirmed their support of the Gunnar V. Jarring peace mission. There was no disclosure of the specifics of the conference, and no statement was issued. One diplomatic source observed: "They went in impassively and they came out impassively." The ambassadors will meet again next on Sept. 2, at the Soviet Mission. Their deputies, who are still working on a memorandum on the specifics of a peace settlement, will meet again tomorrow. M. Morizet, as the host, briefed Secretary General U Thant on the substance of the Big Four conference. Earlier, UN spokesmen reported that Dr. Jarring was "still consulting and still awaiting replies." They declined to say what replies Dr. Jarring was awaiting or with whom, other than the representatives of Israel, Egypt and Jordan, he was consulting. The spokesmen said that Secretary General U Thant had no comment regarding Israel's charges that Egypt was violating the cease-fire agreement.

### Israeli Army Patrols Attacked In Beisan Valley; Jets Blast Terrorist Bases

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Four Israeli army patrols were attacked in the Beisan Valley area this morning by mortar shells and small arms fire from across the Jordan River. The fire was returned and no casualties were reported. Also this morning Air Force jets attacked terrorist bases on the western slopes of Mount Hermon east of the Hatzbani River for 30 minutes. All planes returned to base. Two Arabs were injured in the Gaza Strip when grenades were tossed at Israeli civilian cars. In the first incident, a grenade tossed at a car in Gaza missed the car and injured an Arab bystander. In a similar incident in Jebaliya Refugee Camp, a local woman was hurt. The Israeli drivers of both cars were uninjured. Twelve Arabs, suspected of cooperating with Arab terrorists, were deported yesterday to Jordan. The prisoners were transferred to Jordan near the Gharandal police station in the Arava region under terms of emergency regulations that have been in force since 1945.

### Eban To Address 25th Anniversary Session Of UN General Assembly

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban will fly here in late October or early November to address the 25th anniversary session of the UN General Assembly, the Israeli mission confirmed today. Mr. Eban will also address an American Committee for the Weizmann Institute dinner Nov. 9.

### Israel Under Fire By Egyptian Delegate To UN Subcommittee on Human Rights

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Israel's "tantalizing victory" in the Six-Day War has "proved to be a complete miscarriage," with the country left "almost naked, without a cause, without a case," according to the Egyptian delegate to the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The subcommittee met this morning to consider a rapporteur's report on a study of racial discrimination. The Egyptian, Mohamed A. Khalifa, stated that Jewish and Israeli youth were now "liberating themselves from dogmas and were more aware of capitalist, imperialist maneuvers," and would, eventually, in conjunction with other youth movements, "reject Zionist conspiracy." Mr. Khalifa stated that this new trend had become quite common, even in America, despite the fact that it was a subject of concern for Zionists. These Jewish youth, he continued, were capable of perceiving far beyond the "foggy horizons of present Israeli authorities" and appeared to be aware that the international community would "not tolerate the supremacy of a state based on one race and on one people."

Israel, he said, is, like the Third Reich, "founded first and foremost on some kind of racial premise." He further said that these "young progressive Jews" were, therefore, working for the real interest of their own people. Mr. Khalifa said Israel was "aggressive, expansionist and irrevocably racist," and that it had "the warmest ties" with South Africa and Southern Rhodesia. Many African countries, he said, had cut off their political and economic ties with it. Nobody, he said, could be a true friend of Africa and South Africa at the same time. He said the United States was becoming "more even-handed" and had found it "imperative to work out a peace plan." He commended the "noble and righteous attitude of France" and the "noble and staunch support of the Soviet Union to the just cause of the Arab States. Yugoslavian delegate Branimir Jankovic, stressing that Nazism, Fascism and related ideologies represent "permanent danger to human rights and fundamental freedoms," said the rapporteur's report had made only "some reference" to them. He called for a "thorough analysis" perhaps in another study.

### Supreme Court Refuses To Issue Injunction Forbidding Government To Release Algerians

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The Supreme Court yesterday refused to issue an injunction forbidding the government to release the two Algerian government officials who had been removed for questioning from a BOAC plane which had landed at Lydda Airport last Friday. In refusing the injunction, the Court held that "the government acts on the basis of political and other considerations which cannot be measured by juridical yardsticks." The public and government differ over the question of releasing the two men, Major Khatib Jaloul, secretary of the Algerian government and Ali Bel Aziz, a senior ministerial secretary. A minority in the government and among the people is urging that the men be held and traded for Israelis held by the Arabs. Following reports on Monday that the two Algerians would be released "in a few days" upon the completion of questioning, the newspaper Maariv claimed that Major Jaloul was the head of the Algerian secret police. Continuing revelations of Major Jaloul's role may have caused a delay in his release and that of Mr. Aziz. Last night the two men were removed from the hotel where they had been lodged since their removal from the BOAC plane and taken to a new, unknown destination. Meanwhile, relatives of Israeli pilots held in Arab prisons have gathered to consider ways of compelling the government not to release the Algerians except in exchange for Israeli prisoners-of-war.

### Iraqi Ambassador To UN Affirms Support For Guerrilla Movement Against Israel

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Tabib Shihib, Iraq Ambassador to the United Nations, today openly encouraged and supported the Palestinian guerrilla movement against Israel. Interviewed by Columbia Broadcasting Company United Nations correspondent Richard B. Hottel over the CBS radio network this morning, Mr. Shihib warned that the "half-measured" solutions proposed to bring peace to the Middle East would not achieve a just peace for the area, but would result in war and suffering not only continuing to engulf the Middle East but spreading and threatening the entire world. "We are not trouble makers, nor war mongers," Mr. Shihib said. "We are after peace, but a lasting, permanent and just peace, and we feel that all the plans that so far have been advocated will not bring peace to the area." Warning that Iraq would not stand by and see the Palestinian resistance movement liquidated, the Ambassador said, sometimes, a just peace can be achieved as the result of a limited war. But, he added, "If the only alternative left to the Palestinians is to raise arms in order to regain their rights, then I feel that it is a legitimate right which has been exercised by people all over the world when the need has risen." (The Iraq government has denounced the United States peace initiative in the Middle East as an "imperialist plot" and called for an Arab united front to oppose it.)

### Druze Appointed To Newly Created Post; Highest Ever Held By Druze In Israel

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Druze writer, journalist and 20-year civil servant Kamal Mansour has been appointed to the newly created post of Presidential Advisor on Minority Affairs. This is the highest appointive post ever held by a Druze in Israel. Mr. Mansour will be the first non-Jewish official of the President's office. He has represented Israel on missions to Europe and the United States in the past.

### Death Sentences For Two Convicted Terrorists Commuted To Life Imprisonment

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19 (JTA)--General Raphael Vardi, commander of military district of Samaria and Judea, this afternoon commuted to life imprisonment at hard labor the death sentences imposed on two convicted terrorists by a military court in Nablus this morning. The military court had sentenced the two Arabs to death for the murder of three Nablus residents suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities. This was the first death sentence issued by a military tribunal in the West Bank territory. Mahnoud Alfi, 19, and Assam Elshayib, 21, were found guilty of murder, sabotage, membership in a hostile organization, and of throwing hand grenades at the military government and labor exchange buildings in Nablus. They pleaded guilty to the charges of murder and sabotage.

#### 14 Black Students in Israel For 17 Days To Study Life Styles, Social Institutions

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Fourteen local Negro students are spending 17 days in Israel studying its kibbutzim and its educational and political systems. Their tour was organized and sponsored by Howard B. Woods, editor and publisher of the Negro-oriented newspaper, the St. Louis Sentinel, who last year spent 10 days in Israel conferring with government leaders, speaking to "plain" Israelis and interviewing Arab citizens. The tour is co-sponsored by the Urban League of St. Louis and the St. Louis World Affairs Council. The 14 students were selected from a group of more than 60 who had been recommended by school counselors and deans after being interviewed by a special committee of educators and community leaders. Dr. John Ervin, dean of the Washington University School of Continuing Education here, is the tour escort.

The purpose of the tour, according to Mr. Woods, is to focus on the young people's "seeing, experiencing and learning from this important area in world culture, and hopefully to share what they learn with their fellow students." They will live in Israeli homes, meet with Arab and Jewish youths, visit the various programs involving African students and observe the social development of the country. Student reactions to the tour were expressed by Barbara Stewart, a graduate student in library science at the University of Missouri: "I feel Israel's system is the best of all possible systems. It's eclectic and exists now, incessantly striving to improve." Seventeen-year-old Monica McKinnie of Nerinx Hall said, "According to what I've read and heard, there is a certain unity between the Israelis, something I wish blacks could have. In going there, I hope to find the key to unity in 17 short days and bring back the answer." Parents seem as excited about the tour as their children. One parent, Kenneth Billups, said he believed the tour could help eliminate what anti-Semitism exists among blacks.

#### Research Program At Aliya Centers In Israel Receives \$400,000 From U.S. Agency

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (JTA)--A four-year research program at several youth aliya centers in Israel is being funded by the National Institutes of Health with \$400,000 for the four year period, it was announced here today by Mrs. High Salpeter, chairman of Hadassah's National Youth Aliya Committee. The aim of the program, Mrs. Salpeter told the more than 2500 delegates attending the Hadassah annual convention, will be to study the mental processes of educationally retarded youths and to determine what is required in the way of environmental enrichment and educational devices that can help improve their social integration, self-acceptance and level of functioning. This is a new investigation in the field of educational deprivation. "It has generally been assumed," Mrs. Salpeter explained, "that the effects of early cultural deprivation are irreversible. However, Youth Aliyah's experimental programs in Israel have shown that intelligence quotient levels of deprived children can be raised by an average of 20 points during pre-school years and about 10 points in adolescence." Although the problems of socially deprived and educationally retarded adolescents loom ever larger in our increasingly sophisticated technological society, "only cursory attempts at reversal, based often on low expectation of success, have been made at this age level as compared with the variety of compensatory programs for younger children," Mrs. Salpeter said.

The U.S. grant for this project in Israel was made to Youth Aliyah because it has been involved with child rescue, rehabilitation, education and training since 1935. It maintains children's villages and day-care centers for normal children, as well as several special institutions for the study and treatment of the culturally and/or socially deprived. Approximately 10,000 wards are educated annually--8,000 in residential settings and 2,000 in day centers. The investigation is following 300 boys and girls, 12-15 years old, half of whom will live in Ramat Hadassah Szold and Kiryat Yearim, children's villages, and the control group will live at home and attend day centers. Each group, in turn, will be divided into deeply retarded--a knowledge of letters but no reading ability--who can add and subtract; and significantly retarded--ability to read at 2-3rd grade level, and can multiply and divide, Mrs. Salpeter stated. Some of the students will be given special enrichments in the residential and the day-care centers, others will not. Only the research staff will know what level of child is assigned to each group, so that the teacher will not be influenced in his expectation or judgment. "These children are chronologically on the threshold of adulthood but emotionally they are like crippled children with a stunted capacity to grow," Mrs. Salpeter said.

#### Rabbi Ask Austria Keep Documentation Center Open

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (JTA)--The New York Board of Rabbis, in a letter to the Austrian Ambassador to the U.S., today appealed to the Austrian government not to close the anti-Nazi Documentation Center in Vienna headed by Simon Wiesenthal. According to information reaching the U.S., there was a strong likelihood that this center, which is responsible for hunting down over 1000 World War II criminals, would be closed by the Austrian government. In their letter to the Ambassador, the rabbis stated that they were "appalled" at the prospect of the center's closing. "It seems incredible to us," said the rabbis, "that your government should take steps to close down an instrumentality whose function it is to trace Nazi war criminals whose acts of destruction of millions of people represents the most heinous crime of all time. Mr. Wiesenthal has made this his life work, in a singular dedication which is the admiration of the entire world and should be encouraged rather than discouraged by your own government." Should the proposal to close this documentation office be carried out, it would be "construed by all humanity as an endorsement by your government of a period in world history which is considered the most shameful in the story of man," the rabbis stated. They closed their appeal to the Ambassador with the hope that "Mr. Wiesenthal's office be allowed to continue its sacred task of eradicating evil from the earth." Last week a government official said there is no intention to shut down the center.

#### Israeli Computers To Be On Display At First Major European Computer Show

LONDON, Aug. 19 (JTA)--Israeli computers will be on exhibit in "Computer 70," the first major European computer exhibition from Oct. 5-9. Other countries participating will be Britain, the United States, Belgium, Canada, Italy, France, West Germany, Poland and Hungary. Most of the exhibits will be computers for industry and administration.