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Egypt's Violation Of Standstill Accord Officially Acknowledged By State Department

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3 (JTA)--The State Department officially acknowledged today that Egypt violated the standstill cease-fire agreement in the Suez Canal zone, disclosed that the U.S. has made representations to both Egypt and the Soviet Union on the matter and urged that the peace talks under United Nations envoy Gunnar V. Jarring "proceed forthwith." It also re-iterated America's determination not to permit Israel's security to be "adversely affected." The statement issued this afternoon by State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey was the first public confirmation by the U.S. that Israel's charges of truce violations against Egypt were correct. Informed quarters here said that this was most likely to be the final public statement the U.S. will issue on the subject. Mr. McCloskey said: "Our latest evidence confirms that there have been violations of the cease-fire standstill agreement. We are not going into details. We are taking up this matter both with the UAR and the USSR through diplomatic channels. We are continuing to watch the balance closely and, as we have previously said, we have no intention of permitting Israel's security to be adversely affected. In the meantime, we believe it is of utmost importance that the talks between the parties under Ambassador Jarring's auspices proceed forthwith."

The Soviet government has been approached on the matter of the standstill violations by U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam. In Cairo, where the U.S. Embassy has been closed since the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli war, Minister Donald C. Bergus, the senior American diplomat there, made the first representations to Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad on Aug. 19, the sources said, and will meet with him again. Ambassador Beam brought the matter up with Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir M. Vinogradov and is understood to have received instructions to seek a meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. In none of the representations was there an American demand for a rollback of the missiles and missile sites which Israeli charges were installed in the truce zone after the cease-fire went into effect Aug. 7. According to sources here the U.S. is seeking, through "quiet diplomacy" to halt further Egyptian encroachments in the cease-fire zone. It hopes that this will satisfy Israel and that the stalled peace talks under United Nations envoy Gunnar V. Jarring can be resumed.

Israel has demanded a public confirmation by the U.S. that violations have taken place and strong U.S. action to rectify the situation. The official U.S. position as of Aug. 19 was that the evidence Israel presented was "not conclusive." Since then, however, American intelligence has amassed photographic and electronic evidence which reportedly confirms the Israeli charges beyond doubt. The evidence was reportedly presented to President Nixon at a meeting with his top foreign policy advisors at San Clemente on Tuesday. While American officials involved in compiling the evidence said that it was conclusive, there has been no public acknowledgement by the administration. However, sources here said that a public statement would probably be made, but only after diplomatic contacts in Moscow and Cairo. White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said yesterday, "We are watching the situation very carefully and we are in touch with all the parties involved through diplomatic channels." He added, "We are in a very delicate period, a very sensitive time. We are in a period that requires quiet diplomacy."

Dayan Says Truce Violations Pose, In Addition To Military, Political Threats

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan indicated today that he viewed Egypt's flouting of the Suez cease-fire as a political threat no less than a military one. He said for Israel to go on negotiating despite these circumstances, "would imply yielding to the dictate of others." Gen. Dayan spoke briefly to newsmen when he emerged from a meeting of the Cabinet's defense committee which reportedly discussed only military matters. He said the Egyptians had made "many very substantial changes" by moving missiles into the standstill cease-fire zone after the truce went into effect Aug. 7. He said the missiles were still only a potential threat that would materialize if the cease-fire ended.

Gen. Dayan said that a number of resolutions were adopted at the meeting, several of them unanimously, an indication that the Cabinet is not divided on all issues related to the cease-fire. He said none of the resolutions were such as to prompt him to resign but he conceded that there were "differences of principle" between himself and some of his ministerial colleagues. Meetings of the Cabinet defense committee usually are attended by all ministers who constitute themselves as the defense committee. This bars publication of any of their deliberations under penalty of law. The next regular Cabinet meeting is scheduled to be held next Sunday. The Cabinet is expected to continue debating what Israel's reaction should be to Egypt's truce violations. It is also expected to decide when Israel's UN Ambassador, Yosef Tekoah, will return to New York and if he should resume his role as Foreign Minister Eban's alternate at the Jarring peace talks.

Government Willing To Give U.S. Little More Time To Act On Cease-Fire Violations

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--In an apparent effort to mollify growing dissatisfaction among Israeli citizens and in the hope of preventing a split in the Cabinet, government circles indicated today that Israel would give the United States a little more time - possibly up to two weeks - to rectify truce violations before deciding to take action on its own. Israel's United Nations Ambassador Yosef Tekoah is expected to return to New York next week. However, the Middle East peace talks, conducted by UN envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, are expected to mark time until the cease-fire crisis is settled. Officials here said that even with Mr. Tekoah's return to New York there would still be no substantive discussions

with Dr. Jarring until Foreign Minister Abba Eban arrives Sept. 15. According to an unofficial version, Mr. Tekoah may return to New York only in his capacity as Israeli ambassador to the UN but not as Mr. Eban's alternate at the peace talks. On Sept. 15, when the UN General Assembly convenes for its 25th anniversary session, Arab foreign ministers are also scheduled to return to the UN. The issue of Egypt's truce violations is expected to be settled one way or another by then.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet continues to be divided over Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's insistence that Israel take action quickly to nullify the military advantage Egypt gained since the cease-fire began Aug. 7. Gen. Dayan maintains that the U.S. has had sufficient time to study the evidence and act decisively to back up its assurances to Israel that no military advantages would accrue to either side during the 90-day cease-fire. According to sources here, government leaders have decided to wait at least one more week. This was proposed yesterday by Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, Minister of Religious Affairs whose National Religious Party itself is split over whether to leave the coalition should Gen. Dayan resign. The NRP's younger element has been urging such a course. At a meeting in Tel Aviv last night they were addressed by Gen. Ezer Weizman, former Minister of Transport who resigned when his Gahal faction quit the Cabinet in protest against the government's acceptance of the case-fire. Gen. Weizman said that if Defense Minister Dayan resigned the government would fall and new elections would be held. He said the outcome might very well see Gen. Dayan become Premier. Yesterday Israel lodged its ninth complaint of Egyptian truce violations with the UN-Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). It charged that the Egyptians have begun work on still more missile sites in the standstill cease-fire zone. The charge was based on Israeli intelligence dated Sept. 2.

(The cease-fire problem was reportedly alluded to at yesterday's Big Four meeting in New York by U.S. Ambassador Charles Yost. He is said to have indicated America's concern about general problems in the Mideast. Soviet Ambassador Aleksei Zakharov was said to have avoided a direct response. He reportedly indicated that Russia does not want the Four Powers burdened with issues arising from the cease-fire.) Beyond the cease-fire issue there is reportedly no agreement within the government on the position Israel will take at the Jarring peace talks. The crucial issue is withdrawal from occupied territories. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon indicated that there were certain territories Israel considers absolutely essential to its security and would not give up no matter what political solutions were arrived at. He said Israel will not give up the West Bank of the Jordan River or the central mountain chain stretching from Mt. Gilboa in the north to the Arad region south of the Dead Sea. Nor, he said, will Israel evacuate the Raffah salient in the Sinai, the Sharm el-Sheikh strongpoint, or the Golan Heights. Mr. Allon spoke to settlers at para-military settlements in the Jordan Valley. He said Israel would have to retain those territories as a solid security belt, even though they include such towns as Nablus and Hebron with heavy Arab populations.

Tourism Minister Calls On Lebanon To Exchange Tourists Not Shells

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol last night called upon Lebanon to "exchange tourists not shells." Mr. Kol was speaking at ceremonies marking the opening of "Art Week" in Safad during which painters and sculptors living in that ancient community's "Painters Quarter" exhibit their works. Safad has become a major tourist attraction. Since it is located near the Lebanese border, Mr. Kol called upon Lebanon to open the Ral El Nakoura border crossing for tourists and to cooperate in spurring tourism between Lebanon and Israel.

Man Who Set Fire To Aksa Mosque Escapes From Mental Hospital, Captured By Police

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Michael Denis William Rohan, the 29-year-old Australian who set fire to the El Aksa mosque in East Jerusalem on Aug. 21, 1969, will be transferred to a mental hospital inside the old Crusader's fortress at Acre on Haifa Bay. The transfer was announced today by Health Minister Victor Shemtov following Rohan's escape yesterday from a mental institution at Beer Yaacov. He was picked up by police several hours later. Rohan was found to be mentally ill at his trial in Jerusalem last year and was ordered confined to a mental hospital for an indeterminate period. He has been in three different institutions since then. Mr. Shemtov said a court of inquiry would be set up to determine how he managed to escape from Beer Yaacov. The former shepherd was found by police at Mishmar Hasharon, a kibbutz near Nathanya where he formerly lived and studied Hebrew. Rohan had a long history of mental illness in his homeland. He confessed to setting fire to the Moslem shrine, claiming that he was ordered to do so by God as a first step toward rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem.

Dr. Reuben Mayer, director of the Beer Yaacov mental home, said yesterday that the patient's mental condition had deteriorated since his trial. He said Rohan had hallucinations and was convinced that he was the Messiah. He told police that he escaped in order to see his girl friend, Tzipora who, he claimed, God ordained to be his "Queen" when he became "King of the world." Rohan's crime created an international sensation and aroused cries for a holy war against Israel in Arab and other Moslem states. The Arabs sought to implicate the Israel government in the mosque fire. Rohan's confession and the testimony of psychiatrists at the trial made it clear that the arson was the act of a demented individual. Testimony also showed that Rohan was able to gain access to the mosque because of the laxity of Arab security guards.

Israel, West Germany Agree On Joint Program To Aid Tourism Between Two Countries

BONN, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Israel and West Germany agreed yesterday on a joint promotion program to stimulate tourist traffic between the two countries. Hanoch Givton, director general of the Israeli Ministry of Tourism now visiting Germany, told the JTA that the campaign will be financed by the Israel government tourist office in Bonn, El Al airlines and Lufthansa, the German airline. He said Israel hoped to double the number of German visitors in the next three years.

Health Official Says Israel's Policy On Cholera Endorsed By WHO

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--The director of Israel's public health services, Dr. David Berachott, explained today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there are cogent medical reasons why the government has not ordered mass inoculations in view of the rising incidence of cholera cases in the country. He said the government's policy has been endorsed by the World Health Organization in Geneva with which Israel is in constant communication on the subject. Meanwhile, two new cholera cases were diagnosed today bringing the total to 42. The latest victims were a Jewish boy from Jerusalem and an Arab woman from a nearby refugee camp. There have been some questions raised as to why there have been no mass inoculations, particularly of Israel's 800,000 grade school and high school students who returned to classes yesterday. One Knesset member has accused the Health Ministry of being remiss. Dr. Berachott said mass inoculations would be administered only if an epidemic threatened. Israeli health authorities are convinced this cannot happen because of the country's very high standards of hygiene, the doctor said. He explained that cholera is communicable only through the intake of water or food polluted by contact with the excrement of cholera patients.

Furthermore, according to Dr. Berachott, modern medical treatment invariably effects a complete cure if begun at an early stage of the disease. He said Israel's one cholera fatality so far, a seven-year-old Arab girl was already in her death throes when she was brought to a hospital for treatment. Dr. Berachott said that inoculations are only 50 percent effective as a preventive and retain their effects for only a few months. He said a person who is inoculated can still be a carrier of the disease without developing symptoms and in that respect mass inoculations would make it almost impossible for health authorities to trace the source of the disease and eliminate it. Itzhak Raphael, leader of the Mizrahi (Orthodox) faction in the Knesset has been critical of the government's handling of the matter. He has collected 22 signatures from Knesset members calling for a special session of parliament to discuss the cholera outbreak. Thirty signatures are needed. The Health Ministry has launched a nationwide sanitation campaign. School kitchens have been disinfected and the Ministry issues daily hygiene bulletins.

Israeli Fighter Pilots Termed Probably Best In World By British Fighter Pilot

LIVERPOOL, Eng., Sept. 3 (JTA)--Israel's fighter pilots are "superbly trained," "immensely efficient" and "probably the best fighter pilots in the world today," according to Capt. Peter Townshend, a British fighter pilot who fought in the battle of Britain in World War II. Capt. Townshend's assessment was made in an interview published in the Liverpool Post in connection with a review of his book, "Duel of Eagles," an account of how the RAF defeated the Nazi Luftwaffe 30 years ago. Capt. Townshend said his most recent flight in a fighter plane was in Israel a few months ago. "I was reminded that the days of aerial dogfight are not over. Remember, during the Six-Day War, out of 106 Arab aircraft downed, 84 were shot down by Israeli planes, not by missile fire," he said. According to Capt. Townshend, Israeli pilots do not conform to the image of easy-going informality that characterizes the rest of Israel's armed forces. "They are very uniform conscious," he said. "They are highly technical in their approach. The romantic side of it all is absent."

Young Israeli Victim Of Dystonia Aided By Two Egyptian Doctors

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Eli Samet, 15, an Orthodox Jew from Holon, Israel, was discharged today from St. Barnabas Hospital for chronic diseases in The Bronx, after successful surgery for dystonia by an operating team that included two Egyptian neurosurgeons. Doctors describe dystonia as similar to Parkinson's disease. Eli, described as an excellent student who aspires to be a physician, arrived in New York on July 30 in search of a cure and on Aug. 10 entered Albert Einstein Hospital here. He came to the attention of Dr. Stanley Mandell, who is on the staff of both Einstein and St. Barnabas. At St. Barnabas, Dr. Mandell is an associate of Dr. Irving S. Cooper, the pioneer cryosurgeon who developed the operation for dystonia and other neurological disorders. Dr. Mandell recommended that Eli be transferred to St. Barnabas. He introduced the case to Dr. Cooper who volunteered his own services and those of his staff, including two Egyptian neurosurgical fellows, Drs. Ismael Amin of Cairo, and H.N. Hashem of Alexandria. Eli was admitted to St. Barnabas on Aug. 17 and was operated on three days later.

Physicians have termed the result "very good," saying the two-hour operation on the right side of the brain "totally relieved" the symptoms on the left side of the body. In about six months, according to the hospital, Eli will come back for a repeat of the operation, this time on the left side of the brain, and for completion of the surgical cure. In April, 1967, he was first beset by the rigidity and tremors of dystonia, which became increasingly violent, leading to total incapacitation by the time he was brought to this country seeking help. Eli's parents are here with him and have been overwhelmed by the kindness and friendship they have encountered. His father, a civil service clerk, said, "I am a religious man, so I not only hope Eli will be well, but I have faith it will turn out so." He added, "How can we ever thank all these fine people--the hospital, Dr. Cooper and, of course, my good friends, Dr. Amin and Dr. Hashem?"

Diplomat Says Israel Enjoys Good Will Of Latin American Governments

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Israel enjoys the good will and sympathy of Latin American governments, Ambassador Nathaniel Lorch, head of the Latin American desk of the Israeli Foreign Ministry said yesterday after a conference here with seven Israeli ambassadors accredited to Latin American governments. Ambassador Lorch said "reports from our ambassadors show that our relations with Latin America are cordial and if there are divergencies, they are among friends." He stressed the importance of Argentina's pro-Israel stance since Argentina will "probably" be elected to the Security Council as a non-permanent member this year. In response to questions Mr. Lorch said there had been "massive" Egyptian violations of the cease-fire standstill agreement in the Suez Canal zone. He said that in spite of these cease-fire violations, Israel would continue to search all possibilities to reach a peace which "all peoples of our area need so much."

ZOA Conclave Told U.S. Must Help Israel's Security; Anti-Semitism Growing In New Guise

NEW YORK, Sept. 3, (JTA)--Declaring that American Jews must not be "guilty of silence," Jacques Torczyner, President of the American Zionist Organization, asked American Jews and Americans to call on the United States government to demand that the Egyptians and Russians remove the missiles in the Suez Canal zone and that the United States "supply Israel immediately with all the weapons that will enable it to maintain its air superiority over the Suez Canal battle zone." In his keynote address opening the 73rd National Convention of the ZOA, Mr. Torczyner also called on American Jewry "to state now and firmly that we will fight every effort of the United States government to impose an unjust peace on Israel and that we will stand by Israel because if we abandon Israel we weaken the moral position of the United States in the world." Mr. Torczyner told the 1000 delegates he was making his call to American Jewry because "today there is a tendency in the State Department to impose a peace in the Middle East. This same tendency was recently expressed by Senator J. William Fulbright."

Continuing, he declared: "Israel is the touchstone and the symbol of what America will do in the world. If after all the promises that were made, all the statements, all the letters that were written, America should abandon Israel, we are back where we were in 1968, the era of appeasement." He hailed the vote of the Senate which on Tuesday overwhelmingly authorized President Nixon to provide Israel with nearly unlimited military aid on highly favorable terms to counter "past, present or future Soviet arms deliveries to the Arab countries." The Convention opened tonight and continues through Sunday. The theme of the conclave is "Security and Peace for Israel." The opening session also featured an address by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York. Other speakers scheduled to address the convention include Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's ambassador to the U.S.; Arthur J. Goldberg, Democratic-Liberal candidate for governor of New York; George Romney, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Shimon Peres, Israeli Minister-Without-Portfolio; Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican and Dr. Elimelech S. Rimalt, member of Israel's Parliament and former Israeli Cabinet member.

Mr. Torczyner also declared there is a strengthening of anti-Jewish feeling in the United States. Jews, he stated, are "over-represented and too visible in movements (New Left) that have gone against the mainstream of the American way of life. The silent majority of American Jews is forgotten by the silent majority of Americans because of the loud voices of the small vocal element of Jews in the New Left and other Left Wing movements. Feelings of anti-Semitism have been intensified by the militant anti-Zionist, anti-Israel attitude of the militant American Negro symbolized by the Black Panthers." Mr. Torczyner warned that anti-Semitism now has gained vigor and strength. "It has only," he said, "changed its name. It is now called anti-Zionism. Jews are nice people when they give cocktail parties for the Black Panthers, and large sums of money for the New Left. But when they fight for Jewish rights and support the State of Israel they are Zionists and must be attacked."

Mrs. Meir Sends Telegram Greeting ZOA Convention, Praising Its Efforts

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir sent today a telegram to the Zionist Organization of America convention in New York expressing the gratitude of her government and people for the role the ZOA plays in the struggle for peace in the Middle East. The telegram, which was read to the 1000 delegates, stated: "We know that your hearts are with us in our struggle for a peace which will spell the opening of a new epoch of cooperation in the Middle East marking the unqualified liquidation of the conflict which over decades has caused so much suffering and led to squandering of such vast resources. It is our historic obligation to our and future generations to insure that the nature and frontiers of peace be such as to indeed insure that never again will the tragic experiences of the past recur. In these days of peril and hope we know that ZOA will continue with its great tradition of seeking the welfare of Zion and the peace of Jerusalem. Warm greetings to the outgoing President Jacques Torczyner who has rendered such significant service and good wishes to his successor."

In Cuba's Press The X In Nixon Replaced With Swastika

NEW YORK, Sept. 3 (JTA)--In Castro's Cuba, President Nixon is a Nazi; at least that is how the controlled Cuban press seeks to identify him to the masses, reports CBS Radio Network news correspondent Mike Wallace who just returned from an assignment in Cuba. In all Cuban newspapers, the X in the name Nixon is replaced by a swastika, Mr. Wallace said. The inference the Cuban government hopes will be drawn from this apparently is similar to that sought by the Black Panther's newspaper when it spells America, "AmerIKKKa."

Gen. Pierre Koenig, One Of France's Outspoken Supporters Of Israel, Dies At 72

PARIS, Sept. 3 (JTA)--Gen. Pierre Koenig, a Minister of War in the Fourth Republic and one of France's most outspoken supporters of Israel, died today at the age of 72. Gen. Koenig headed the France-Israel Friendship Alliance. He broke with former President Charles deGaulle, his wartime friend and leader, over the latter's pro-Arab Middle East policies. It was during his tenure as War Minister that France became Israel's chief supplier of military equipment and aircraft and that country's closest European ally. Gen. Koenig headed a long list of prominent French politicians and military men who opposed President deGaulle's arms embargo against Israel and fought to have it rescinded. During the 1969 election campaign he sought promises to lift the embargo from the two candidates, Georges Pompidou and Alain Poher. Until shortly before his death he was a familiar figure at public rallies in support of Israel's right to exist.