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PENTAGON SAYS U.S. NOT PREPARING MILITARY INTERVENTION IN MIDEAST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Algerian President Houari Boumedienne's allegation in a Paris newspaper that American military forces are training in a California desert in preparation for intervention in the Middle East was dismissed today in U.S. official quarters as a "confused misinterpretation of the facts."

Boumedienne, according to a story in Le Monde, said that reports in the American press about military maneuvers in California in conditions similar to those in the Middle East were political and psychological preparations for such an intervention. He told Le Monde that "I do not rule out the possibility of (U.S.) military intervention under the pretext of protecting a vital element" in the economy of the West, namely, oil. The statement was reported to have been made in an interview with the Algerian President at the current meeting in Algiers of more than 70 non-aligned countries.

Pentagon sources said that Boumedienne's assertions probably were wrongly based on the "routine exercise" of a regiment of U.S. Marine regulars and another of Marine reserves who worked out together a month ago at Twenty Nine Palms in California where the Marines have a base.

"It was nothing unusual," a Pentagon spokesman said. He pointed out that it was one of four or five exercises held each year by Marines in both cold and tropical weather and in deserts and other kinds of conditions as part of the continuing training of U.S. military forces. The exercise involving about 8000 men was well publicized in the media, he noted. "We are not preparing for war anywhere," he said.

U.S. TO SELL 48 PHANTOMS, 36 SKYHAWKS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Israel and the United States will sign an agreement sometime this month under which Israel will receive 48 F-4 Phantom jets and 36 A-4 Skyhawks at the rate of one plane of each category per month. The cost to Israel will be about \$122 million. This was indicated by knowledgeable American sources today after the Baltimore Sun reported the scheduled signing.

While Both the State Department and the Israel Embassy declined to discuss any aspect of military sales agreements, American sources understood that Premier Golda Meir, in her visit to Washington last March, had agreed to arrangements for deliveries of each category at the rate of two per month. But this schedule has since been modified. It was not clear which government altered the reported schedule. The signing was delayed pending the settlement of some technicalities but did not involve the numbers of planes or their cost.

ISRAELI DIPLOMATS SEEK TO BLUNT ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTIONS AT PARLEY OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Israeli diplomats assigned to those non-aligned nations with which Israel has diplomatic relations have been lobbying with some effect during the past two weeks to blunt extreme anti-

Israel resolutions the Arab states are expected to seek at the non-aligned summit meeting in Algiers. The presidents, premiers and foreign ministers of more than 70 states of Asia, Africa and Latin America are gathered in the Algerian capital where a preliminary foreign ministers' meeting opened yesterday. The Three-day summit conference of heads of states begins tomorrow.

According to informed sources, Israeli diplomats have received assurances in a number of capitals that the governments in question will try to block extreme Arab measures.

These reportedly include a diplomatic, economic, military, cultural and sea and air transport boycott of Israel, according to Arab foreign ministers sponsoring the measures. Most delegations are reportedly sympathetic to Arab demands for Israel's withdrawal from the Arab territories it won in 1967. But some are said to be reluctant to commit themselves to an all-out boycott of Israel because they have large Jewish communities at home.

Elijah Mudenda, of Zambia, the outgoing chairman of the foreign ministers' meeting, opened the session yesterday with a speech calling for support of liberation movements and joint action against Israel. The Algerian Foreign Minister, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, was elected to preside at the four-day session. Speakers represented the main regions of the non-aligned membership: Africa, Middle East, Asia and Latin America. There is also a strong contingent of observer delegates from liberation movements who have stressed support to "freedom fighters" and action against Israel.

Oil As Political Weapon Looms Large

The question of using Arab oil as a political weapon against the U.S. and European supporters of Israel is expected to come up during the summit. Libya is the most militant advocate of such a course. Libyan Premier Abdel Salam Jalloud told reporters in Tripoli yesterday that his country's take-over of 51 percent of the major foreign oil firms in Libya was directed primarily against Washington. But he promised that all customers who signed contracts and want Libyan oil will get it. "We hope we do not have to use the oil weapon, but America will force us to resort to this method," Jalloud said.

The Libyan oil take-over is on the agenda of a ministerial council session of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) that opened today in the Persian Gulf principality of Qatar. The gathering is primarily of oil ministers. Informed sources did not anticipate a discussion of the recent moves toward a joint Arab strategy to use oil as a political weapon against Israel's Western supporters. It was pointed out that decisions on such matters are made by heads of state, not oil ministers. Most Arab heads of state are at the non-aligned meeting in Algiers.

LABOR PARTY SECRETARIAT OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVES DAYAN PLAN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (JTA)--The Labor Party Secretariat gave overwhelming approval yesterday to a series of proposals by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan that will open the way to private land purchases by Jews in the administered territories, increase Jewish settlement in the territories and reduce the Arab labor force presently working in Israel.

The plan, which is bitterly opposed by Labor's alignment partner, Mapam and by a minority with-

in the Labor Party itself, will be incorporated in the Alignment's election platform. (See separate story for plan details.)

The various facets of the plan originated with Dayan and were drafted into document form by Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili. It has the full blessing of Premier Golda Meir, but Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir is known to be opposed to parts of it. Aryeh Eliav, the Labor Party's former Secretary General, an outspoken "dove," declared that he could not support the Dayan plan in any forum. But he did not vote against it.

Plan Approved By 78 Votes

The document was approved a week ago by the Party's Executive and its endorsement yesterday by the Secretariat was considered a mere formality. Approval was by 78 votes. There were several abstentions but no hands were raised against it. Mapam leaders were furious that they were excluded from the discussions of the plan held by the Labor Party leadership during the past few weeks. Mapam is expected to have a platform document of its own to submit to the Alignment Secretariat at a later stage but no alterations of the Dayan plan are expected.

The temper of the Labor Party majority was manifested in the crushing 65-13 defeat yesterday of a suggestion by former Transport Minister Moshe Carmel that the question of land purchases in the territories undergo further discussion. The issue is probably the most controversial aspect of the Dayan plan with far-ranging implications for the future of the administered territories.

Only three months ago, the government upheld the current ban on purchases of land in the territories by individual Jews and private corporations. Dayan adamantly refused to accept this and threatened to leave the Labor Party before election day if its platform failed to satisfy his approval.

Cabinet Acts On Arab Workers

In a related move, the Cabinet agreed Sunday to give the military governors control over how long and how many Arab workers may be employed in Jewish agricultural settlements in the administered territories. A resolution to that effect was submitted jointly by Dayan, Galili and Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro. It followed recent visits to the Pithat Rafiah area by Dayan and Premier Meir. Both expressed opposition to the employment in local settlements of the same Bedouins evacuated from the area for security reasons.

At the Cabinet meeting, Mrs. Meir and Dayan argued that employment of the Bedouin evacuees by Jewish settlements in the region not only defeated security purposes but had an adverse effect on Jewish settlers who would become used to Arab labor. Under the Cabinet decision different limits will be set in different regions to determine if and how long Arab workers may be employed in Jewish settlements in the administered territories.

The Cabinet voted down protests by two Mapam ministers and Moshe Kol of the Independent Liberals who agreed in principle to the idea of limiting Arab labor but objected to placing control in the hands of the military governors. The Cabinet agreed unanimously to call on the Agriculture Ministry and the Jewish Agency's settlement department to take all possible measures to ensure self-labor in Jewish settlements.

ELEMENTS IN THE DAYAN PLAN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (JTA)--The Dayan plan would rescind the current ban on land purchases in the administered Arab territories by individual Jews and private corporations. In order to avoid "speculative purchases," the plan would require corporations to do their buying through the Israel Land Authority. If the Land Authority is not able to make the purchase, individuals would be permitted to do so subject to confirmation by a special ministerial committee. There are no geographic limits to the purchase of such lands.

The plan calls for the establishment of a buffer zone in the Rafiah area between the Gaza Strip and Sinai. And for the construction of a coastal city, Yamit, in northern Sinai. At the meeting of the Secretariat, Dayan did not insist on financial commitments for Yamit this year. His chief concern was its security aspects and he agreed that for the time being Yamit would serve as an urban center for Jewish settlements in Pithat Rafiah and may only eventually become a harbor town.

The plan also calls for extensive efforts to improve living conditions of Arab refugees, particularly in the Gaza Strip. It would encourage industrialization in the territories through loans and technical assistance, one of the objectives being to create employment opportunities locally so that Arabs would not be attracted to jobs in Israel. The plan at the moment is an election document. Before it is implemented it will have to be approved by the new government created after the Oct. elections.

RABBI YOSEF SAYS ABORTIONS FOR ECONOMIC REASONS ARE FORBIDDEN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Abortions performed for economic reasons are absolutely forbidden according to the Jewish law, Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef declared here yesterday. He said the State should help large families become even larger by giving them necessary economic aid.

Rabbi Yosef said that abortions performed to save the mother's life are permissible only if two doctors agree that it is necessary. Abortions aimed at preventing the birth of deformed children are permissible if performed during the first three months of the pregnancy, he said.

Rabbi Yosef spoke at Shaarei Zedek Hospital where he was presented with the Falk Schlesinger Prize in appreciation of the series of lectures he has given to the hospital's doctors over the last few years.

KIEV JEWISH ACTIVISTS WARNED

LONDON, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that the seven Kiev Jewish activists, who were on a hunger strike last week outside the International Telephone Exchange No. 1 in Kiev, were warned by the police that they would be charged with "vagrancy" unless they took jobs within seven days. The activists had all been dismissed from their jobs because of their applications for exit visas. They had been on a hunger strike in protest against the refusal of the local ovir to give them exit visas or to explain the reasons why exit visas are denied them.

Two Israeli officials accused of taking bribes from Jordanian visitors to the West Bank were released today on IL 5000 bail each by a Jerusalem district court. Moshe Lévi, a civilian employee of the military government in Judaea, and Yitzhak Tzemah, an Interior Ministry official in Hebron, face trial for allegedly registering the visitors as West Bank residents so that they could remain with their families.

SPIRALING COST OF IMMIGRATION ABSORPTION TAKES BITE OUT OF 1973 JEWISH AGENCY BUDGET

LONDON, Sept. 4 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency, with a 1973 budget of \$470 million, may find itself \$60 million short by the end of this year due to the spiraling cost of immigrant absorption, Leon Dulzin, acting chairman and treasurer of the Jewish Agency, said here. He addressed a press conference following a meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive yesterday. "We shall make a great effort to mobilize the money and to avoid cuts," he said, adding that the Agency's 1974 budget will have to be larger.

Max Fisher, chairman of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors, told the press conference: "We have not yet reached our potential in fund-raising, even though the United States yielded in 1973 the best results ever, in spite of a business recession--\$260 million."

Dulzin said he was confident that 70,000 new immigrants would arrive in Israel in 1974: 40,000 from the Soviet Union and 10,000 from other countries of distress. He said the absorption of a new immigrant now costs \$10,000 but will cost \$12,000 next year because of inflation.

He stated that in compliance with a Board of Governors resolution, the London meeting set up a committee of experts on rural industrialization along the lines of the successful housing committee of experts under the direction of Jack D. Weiler, prominent New York realtor and outstanding leader in Jewish communal affairs. Dulzin said he was leaving for New York to attend the conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which he will address next Friday. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that while in the U.S. he would try to persuade the Zionist Organization of America to re-join the American Zionist Federation.

Others attending the Jewish Agency Executive meeting here included Paul Zuckerman, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Edward Ginsberg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, Rabbi Mordechai Kirshblum and Joseph Klarman, members of the Jewish Agency Executive; Michael Sacher, chairman of the Joint Palestine Appeal; and Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Jewish Agency.

WALDHEIM SAYS MIDEAST TOUR HAS GIVEN HIM BASIS FOR DETERMINING HOW BEST TO PROCEED TO FIND SOLUTION

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Secretary General Kurt Waldheim arrived in Algiers today for the summit conference of non-aligned nations. He will address the gathering tomorrow, a UN spokesman said. The spokesman added that Waldheim is not expected to return to New York until next week. Sources here pointed out that his attendance at the non-aligned conference was in line with a pattern established by previous secretaries generals.

Waldheim ended his nine-day Mideast tour in Amman, Jordan, today. He said his visits to five nations in the region gave him an "excellent insight" into the problems they faced. "I am now in a better position to decide, after my return to New York, how to proceed further and how we in the United Nations can help in order to find a satisfactory solution" to the Middle East conflict, he said.

Waldheim said that the next steps will be "decided" in the light of the information and positions I got explained by the different governments. The forthcoming General Assembly meeting which will start in two weeks will give me that opportunity to continue the contacts I have started here in the area and to decide then how to proceed further." He stressed that the UN has a clear mandate to seek a Middle East settlement based on Security Council Resolution 242.

In the Jordanian capital, Waldheim met with King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan and Premier Zeid al-Rifai. He also visited a Palestinian refugee camp. He remarked afterward that the visit had convinced him of the importance of finding a "real solution" to the Middle East problem. "I could see in my own eyes how tragic the situation of the refugees is," Waldheim said.

MRS. MEIR: THE LONGER THE ARABS WAIT TO MAKE PEACE WITH ISRAEL THE LESS THEY ARE GOING TO GET

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir has warned the Arab states that the longer they refuse to make peace with Israel the less of their lost territories Israel will return to them. If the Arab leaders had turned to Israel for peace right after the Six-Day War they would have received much more than Israel is prepared to give them today. She added that in the future they will get even less. Mrs. Meir made these remarks in an address to the Kibbutz Hameuchad movement convention in Bet Yaacov.

The Premier said that many important world figures had offered to act as go-betweens to create contacts between the Arab states and Israel, but that "all of these attempts came to naught." She said that President Anwar Sadat still lacks the courage to tell his people that Egypt cannot defeat Israel on the battlefield "and that it is therefore necessary to make peace with us."

Referring to the issue of Arab labor in Israeli agricultural settlements, Mrs. Meir said, "rather than resign ourselves to the spread of Arab labor, I would return territories to stop it."

ARABS IN E. JERUSALEM BENEFITTING FROM NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--East Jerusalem Arabs are benefitting substantially from national health insurance, old age pensions and accident compensation programs in the city, Labor Minister Yosef Almogi reported today. He said that figures available for the past four years showed a sharp increase in the benefits paid.

Almogi reported that 4006 birth benefits were paid in 1972 compared to 2172 in 1968 in East Jerusalem. Arab mothers have become accustomed to giving birth in hospitals, he said. The number of large families covered by health subsidies rose from 1465 in 1968 to 7121 in 1973, he reported. These families received more than IL 17 million in one year for more than 40,000 children. The subsidies are paid directly to the mothers, thus elevating the woman's status in the family, Almogi said.

He reported that more than 2000 elderly persons and 250 widows and orphans receive old age and survivors benefits in East Jerusalem. In the past year, 1368 Arab employees there received accident payments compared to 96 in 1968, Almogi said.

Israel will be among the 25 countries participating in the 1973 food fair in Copenhagen from Oct. 12-21. About 30 Israeli food industries will be represented. 100,000 visitors are expected.

NAZI MEMENTOS SOLD BY MAIL ORDER HOUSES IN ILL., CALIF.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Forty years after the rise of Nazism, mementos of the Third Reich—including photographs of Hitler, Goering and Goebbels and belt buckles worn by concentration camp guards—are being sold by mail order houses in Illinois and California, the American Jewish Congress reported.

A circular from Hutchinson House in Chicago offers "a rare find" of wallet-size pictures of Nazi leaders, along with enamel swastika rings and SS service badges. "All orders are shipped in plain wrappers," recipients are advised.

War memorabilia from Britain, Japan, Poland and the U.S.S.R. are also offered as part of the "Hutchinson Collection." However, a brochure from Delta International in Lafayette, California is devoted entirely to Nazi mementos, except for a Japanese Imperial battle flag and "old Ku Klux Klan membership tokens" the AJCongress said.

Desecration Of The Memory Of Millions

Rabbi Yaacov Rosenberg of Philadelphia, chairman of the Commission on Jewish Affairs of the AJCongress, called the catalogues "a shocking desecration of the memory of the millions of men and women of every race and religion who died at Nazi hands. There was nothing romantic about Nazism. The only 'souvenirs' it left were the skeletons of its victims, the smoke from the mass crematoria in which they died and the tortured bodies and minds of those who survived."

Rabbi Rosenberg said it is "outrageous that these symbols of murder and hatred should be offered for sale as souvenirs. And it is obscene that profit should be made through the glorification of one of history's darkest chapters."

The Delta catalogue contains photographs and descriptions of such items as a "Deutschland Erwache" (Germany Awake) banner "exactly as carried by the SS and SA political troops... at the Nuremberg party rallies"; the Nazi prison officer belt buckles "including 'SS' marks"; "Sieg Heil!" a stereo record of "the original spirit-stirring military music of the Third Reich," including such songs as "Adolf Hitler's very own personal march: 'From Finland to the Black Sea'"; Brown Shirt storm trooper armbands; and gestapo identification tags in "excellent" condition.

In his statement, Rabbi Rosenberg said: "The catalogues suggest the existence of a significant market for this kind of material—quite possibly of organized Nazi groups. While certainly of no immediate danger, the fact that this kind of poison continues to circulate nevertheless poses the threat of serious infection if the basic health of our society should deteriorate."

LENINGRAD SYNAGOGUE SCROLLS STOLEN

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today that 11 of the 12 Torah scrolls in the Leningrad synagogue have been "stolen," the twelfth scroll desecrated, and the ark van-

dalized. "All indications are that this 'robbery' was in fact a deliberate removal by Soviet authorities of the most sacred object and strongest symbol just before the High Holy Days," the SSSJ stated. This, combined with the recent death of the venerable and sainted Rabbi Chaim Lubanov (the Rabbi of Leningrad) is indeed a serious blow to Soviet Jews. "The SSSJ called on all 'fairminded people to demand of Soviet authorities the immediate return of the scrolls before they are damaged or destroyed." Rabbi Lubanov, Leningrad's only rabbi, died Aug. 20 at the age of 95.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM TO REMAIN

TORONTO, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Leaders of the Canadian Jewish Congress have expressed disappointment over their failure to win a commitment from Ontario Education Minister Thomas Wells to abolish religious education in the province's public school system. A 22-member CJC deputation that visited Wells was told by the minister that he was still trying to make up his own mind on the question.

Abolition was recommended in 1969 by a special provincial commission headed by Justice Keiller Mackay. But Wells told the Jewish group that he was not yet convinced that the religious courses introduced in the public schools in 1944 were harmful, despite various statements to that effect and the Mackay report. If the courses were removed a "vacuum" would be created in the curriculum, he said, and a large element of the population prefers the courses as they are to none at all.

The CJC leaders pointed out that the question was no longer one of a certain religious minority asking for change. They said there was a consensus in the province that agreed with the Mackay report. J. S. Midanik, chairman of the CJC delegation, told Wells that he had the "helpless feeling one gets when attempting to nail jelly to the wall."

President Luis Echeverria Alvarez of Mexico participated in a ceremony presenting three annual awards bearing the name of Elia Sourasky, prominent Jewish philanthropist and banker. The awards for literature, science and arts of 50,000 pesos each were presented at the Presidential Palace to Andres Henestrosa, a liberal writer and contributor to Jewish-Spanish publications; Dr. Rudolfo Stavenhagen, a scientist and member of well-known German-Jewish family; and architect Enrique de la Mora.

The following quotations from the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange are provided to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by Leumi Securities, 18 E. 48 St., New York, N.Y. 10017. This is a selected list of the most active stocks.

	Closing Prices	
	8/27	9/4
Africa Israel	\$ 7.00	\$ 6.83
Alliance 'B'	12.52	12.31
ATA 'C'	.291/2	.27-1/2
Bank Leumi	.73	.71
Bank Leumi Investment	.52	.51 1/2
Delek	.46	.41 1/2
Discount Bank Investment	3.14	3.07
Electra	2.92	2.95
Electric Wire & Cable	1.27	1.25
General Mortgage Bank	2.82	2.74
Hassneh Insurance	5.80	5.71
Mehadrin Citrus	.52	.51
Shemen	1.38	1.40
Taal Plywood	1.44	1.40