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13 SYRIAN MIG-21S DOWNED

ISRAELI PLANE DOWNED IN BIGGEST AIR CLASH SINCE THE SIX-DAY WAR

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Israeli Air Force jets today shot down 13 Syrian MIG-21s in the biggest air clash between the two countries since the Six-Day War, a military spokesman announced here. One Israeli plane was hit. Its pilot parachuted safely and was picked up by a rescue helicopter. One downed Syrian pilot was reported rescued by the Israelis and taken to Israel where he is being treated.

According to an Israeli Army spokesman, the battle occurred over the Mediterranean Sea at about noon when an Israeli air patrol encountered Syrian interceptors off the Syrian coast. A report from Beirut said the dogfight took place over the Syrian port of Tartous, about 200 kilometers from the Israeli border. (Damascus acknowledged the fight today and admitted the loss of eight Syrian planes but claimed to have shot down five Israeli jets.)

Israeli spokesmen claimed that the outcome was "a heavy blow" to the Syrian Air Force which includes some 200 MIG-21 fighters. According to Israeli sources, today's score by Israeli fighters brought to 60 the number of Syrian aircraft downed by Israel since the Six-Day War.

These include 48 MIG-21s, nine MIG-17 interceptors and three Sukhoi-7 fighter bombers. The most recent air battle between Israel and Syria occurred last Jan. 8 when Israeli planes attacking radar and military installations in Syria, shot down six MIG-21s. Israel lost three planes in all of its clashes with Syria since 1967.

OFFICIALS SKEPTICAL ABOUT REVIVAL OF 'EASTERN FRONT'

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Israeli officials expressed skepticism today over the possible revival of the "Eastern Front" against Israel by Egypt, Syria and Jordan. They said despite the fact that Cairo and Damascus have announced their resumption of diplomatic relations with Jordan, there were no indications that the three countries reached any military agreement.

The announcement of renewed diplomatic ties was made Tuesday following a meeting in Cairo between President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad and King Hussein of Jordan. Israeli officials said there were no grounds to believe that Hussein agreed to open his territory once more to Palestinian guerrillas. If any of the parties made concessions, it was the Syrians and Egyptians, the Israeli sources said.

Egypt broke relations with Jordan last April when Hussein announced a plan for the federation of the West Bank with Jordan. Syria broke with Amman after Jordanian forces decimated the guerrillas in a series of bloody battles two years ago. Israeli sources said that Cairo was smoothing its relations with Hussein because of pressure from King Faisal of Saudi Arabia who has been striving to end Jordan's isolation from the rest of the Arab world.

According to the Cairo communiqué, the three Arab leaders resolved to continue their contacts to achieve agreement on some sort of unified action against Israel. But nothing concrete emerged, the Israeli officials said. One source

here cautioned, however, that "none of us knows what the secret agreement is, and Hussein has surprised us in the past."

NO CONFIRMATION THAT TOGO IS TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Official sources said today they had no information to confirm reports from Togo that it was about to break diplomatic relations with Israel. According to reports from Lome, capital of the West African republic, the Israeli Ambassador Yehoshua Rush, was summoned by the President, Gen. Etienne Eyadema.

Yesterday, Eyadema was reported to have expressed "grave concern" over "the continued occupation of Arab territories" by Israel. This apparently gave rise to rumors that Togo would follow the lead taken by Cuba at last week's non-aligned nations summit conference in Algiers and break ties with Israel. Togo was one of the 76 nations attending the non-aligned conference which adopted resolutions condemning Israel.

Official sources here said all they knew was that the Israeli Ambassador in Lome was having a routine scheduled meeting with Togo's Foreign Minister. They said reports he was summoned by the President could turn out to be unreliable. President Eyadema was reported to have expressed his concern over the territories to the Ambassadors of the major powers, including the People's Republic of China. According to one observer here, that indicated his remarks were merely a propaganda move.

BEN AHARON PONDERING FUTURE IN AFTERMATH OF HISTADRUT ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Histadrut secretary general Itzhak Ben Aharon retired to his Kibbutz Givat Haim home last night for what was announced as a few days' rest to mull over his future plans in the aftermath of Tuesday's Histadrut elections. Premier Golda Meir's Labor Alignment won the election handily. But its 58.28 percent was almost four points below its 1969 victory margin, and Ben Aharon has not concealed his disappointment with the results.

He has taken the slight drop as a personal defeat and has talked of resigning. Labor Party leaders, including Premier Meir, are trying to persuade him not to quit, at least not before the Oct. 29 Knesset elections. The Mapam wing of the Alignment has announced its full support for Ben Aharon.

The Histadrut elections are regarded by many as a preview of the parliamentary elections. The Labor Party's problem during the next six weeks of campaigning is to try to recoup the small losses sustained in the Histadrut election and to prevent further erosion. Only 65 percent of the eligible voters participated in the Histadrut balloting. Knesset elections usually bring out more than 80 percent of the electorate.

Likud Now A Powerful Factor

Labor Alignment strategy shaped up today. Mapam will concentrate on winning back defectors who switched in Tuesday's voting to the far-left Moked faction and the Black Panthers. The Labor Party will concentrate on Likud, the new National Liberal Front comprised of Gahal, the State List and Free Center. Likud polled 153,534 votes in the

Histadrut elections, about 23 percent, against 398,508 for the Labor Alignment.

Meanwhile, the Free Center this morning added its signature to the agreements setting up Likud. Gahal and the State List signed last Friday. The Greater Israel Movement also signed, thus establishing the first non-Labor political alignment in Israel's history. Likud is the second largest faction in the Knesset.

ISRAEL TO MAKE MORE 'ARAVA' PLANES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Israel will manufacture an additional series of the local 'short-take-off-and-landing' aircraft "Arava," it was decided today by the Ministerial Economic Committee headed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. The decision followed a recommendation by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. The committee also decided to continue manufacturing the "Westwing" plane.

The decision followed recent expressions of doubt as to financing and the feasibility of manufacturing of such planes due to drops in sales abroad. But recent agreements with Latin American countries, such as Mexico, for cooperation in the manufacture and export of the aircraft encouraged the committee to adopt Dayan's suggestion to go ahead with the project.

SENTIMENT IN CONGRESS STRONGER TO DENY USSR MFN TRADE STATUS

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Senator Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) has informed the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry that sentiment in Congress "is stronger than ever" in support of legislation to deny the USSR trade concessions unless it lifts all barriers to emigration. He emphasized that the growing oppression in the Soviet Union--of intellectuals as well as of Soviet Jews--"underscores the importance of pushing harder for legislation to deny 'most favored nation' status to the USSR."

Jackson said the 77 Senator sponsors of the Jackson-Mills-Vanik bills "will not budge" from their position, particularly in light of the worsening plight of Soviet Jewry. If there is going to be a trade bill in this session of Congress, Jackson said, "I will insist that it include the Jackson-Mills-Vanik amendment. The safety and the human dignity of three million Soviet Jews demands that we continue on this course of action. Trade between nations is important, but first there must be a movement of ideas and people."

*80% OF IMMIGRANT PARENTS SATISFIED WITH SCHOOL STANDARDS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 13 (JTA)--About 80 percent of immigrant parents in new development towns have expressed satisfaction with the schools and standard of teaching their children receive. But only 70 percent were content with the rate of their children's progress in class.

This was indicated by the results of a recent survey by the Institute for Applied Social Sciences and the Central Bureau of Statistics among immigrants who arrived in Israel in the last three years. Most of the parents indicated their children received the necessary help to catch up in their studies with native-born students.

They added, however, that contact between teachers and parents in the development towns was lacking compared to their relations in the cities. They also complained that their children did not have the proper facilities to make use of their leisure time. While 40 percent of immigrant parents living in cities were satisfied with the way their children spend their free time, only

25 percent in the development towns were satisfied.

The survey concluded that there was no reason for the fears expressed by some immigrants that educational absorption in the development towns would be more difficult than in the cities. The survey found no significant differences.

USSR ENDS JAMMING OF VOA, BBC, DW, BUT STILL JAMS RADIO ISRAEL, RADIO FREE EUROPE, RADIO LIBERTY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The Soviet government has ceased jamming the broadcasts to the Soviet Union of the Voice of America, the British Broadcasting Corporation and the West German Radio (Deutschwelle) but is continuing to drown the programs from Radio Israel, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, the State Department said today.

The jamming which was ended Sept. 10 had been in effect with one exception since June 21, 1968 when Soviet military forces entered Czechoslovakia. The exception was the VOA's broadcast of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's speech while he was visiting the United States last June.

Observers here felt the cessation of jamming was a sop to mollify Senate Foreign Relations Committee members who had criticized the Soviet internal system during their questioning of Secretary of State-designate Dr. Henry A. Kissinger. Use of RFE and Radio Liberty was defended by Dr. Kissinger in his testimony but he said that U.S. foreign trade should not be tied to "transforming" the Soviet Union's domestic policy.

A German observer saw the Soviet end of jamming as "an inexpensive way" of meeting the challenge from Western critics at the European Security Conference reopening Sept. 18 in Helsinki. "The West wants a free flow of ideas and of the movement of peoples," he noted. "The Russians can now say, we are allowing the free flow of ideas, why keep talking about people which is an internal matter."

JEWISH YOUTH ASKED NOT TO JUDGE ISRAEL BY CONVENTIONAL YARDSTICKS

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 13 (JTA)--An Israeli diplomat urged Jews here, especially the youth, not to measure Israel by conventional yardsticks. Itzhak Harkavi, until recently Israel's Ambassador to Brazil, said that his country faced such challenges that it was forced to absorb criticism without offering explanations in many cases.

Harkavi, invited by the Jewish Community Council here to attend the opening of the Jewish Book Fair, was the luncheon guest today of the Latin American Jewish Congress. He and his wife lived in Argentina before going to Israel 19 years ago. Harkavi expressed regret over the closing down last month of the Yiddish daily, Yiddische Zeitung. He said the demise of the paper was symptomatic of the times. New answers must be found to the present Jewish problems which are superimposed on the general problems of the continent, he said.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren ruled yesterday in Jerusalem that milk may be delivered to the processing plants on the second day of Rosh Hashana, if it is done by non-Jews. He also said the milk may be separated, pasteurized and weighed if Jewish labor is not involved. The ruling came after consultations with dairy scientists, and was made because the two days of Rosh Hashana occur on Thursday and Friday, making three consecutive non-working days with the Sabbath.

PELED DESCRIBES AIR CLASH

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Today's Israeli-Syrian air battle in which 13 Syrian MIG-21s and one Israeli Mirage were downed was a two phase battle, Israeli Air Commander Gen. Benyamin Peled disclosed tonight. He said the first phase occurred when 16 Syrian MIGs attacked an Israeli patrol over international waters. Nine MIGs were shot down and one Israeli Mirage was hit and its pilot bailed out.

The second phase occurred when four Syrian MIGs tried to interfere with the rescue operation and were shot down, Peled said. In all, more than 30 Israeli and Syrian aircraft were engaged in the battle. The Israeli planes were Phantoms and Mirages.

The rescued Israeli pilot, whose name and rank were withheld for security reasons, told reporters that he was hit by either a rocket or cannon after he shot down one MIG. He said he didn't see the plane that hit him. He shut off his engine, glided to a lower altitude and ejected at about 10,000 feet. The pilot spent two hours in a rubber dinghy until he was rescued by an Israeli helicopter.

The helicopter also rescued a downed Syrian pilot who was floating in his own dinghy not far from the Israeli. He was hospitalized and reported in good condition.

MINYAN EQUALITY HAILED AS REFLECTION OF CHANGING TIMES

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The Conservative Judaism Movement's decision to count women in a minyan was hailed today by Mrs. Henry Rappaport, president of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America. She noted that the move reflected the current thinking of the Women's League. She cited an opinion poll taken at its 1972 convention in which 54 percent favored counting women with 34 percent opposed and 12 percent undecided.

"The thinking which impelled the Rabbinical Assembly's committee (on Jewish Law and Standards) to take this action is based, I believe, in part on the experience of some of our deeply committed and devoted women congregants," Mrs. Rappaport said. "Many have told us of the shattering feelings they have experienced when, as mourners for a beloved departed relative, they have come into the synagogue to say the Kaddish, the traditional prayer of mourning which may be recited only when there are ten present for a public service." Many times, she noted, they have found on a weekday that there were only nine males present.

"The woman, though she might be learned and was certainly of deep commitment, became to all purposes a 'non-person' who could not be counted in the minyan of ten," Mrs. Rappaport said. "The congregation awaited the arrival of a male minor or even a totally unlearned and non-committed male passerby to 'make the minyan'--or, many times, the mourner could not recite a public kaddish because no tenth male could be reached."

Mrs. Rappaport noted that the term minyan (numbers) was derived from the Biblical "edah" (congregation) and the term congregation was understood to mean 10 men. This interpretation was, she added, solidified by Rabbi Joseph Karo in the 16th century. "When a great scholar interpreted for his time in history four centuries ago, would it not be acceptable for great scholars of our own time and place to interpret for the needs of our time?" she asked.

Many of today's women are seeking equality of opportunity, Mrs. Rappaport said, "and we are encouraging them to pursue the fullest possible secular and religious education. It is particularly appropriate to examine our procedures which have been 'time-hallowed' only since the 16th century, not for the entirety of Jewish history."

AJCOMMITTEE CHARGES ACME IS BIASED; WILL SOON FILE COMPLAINT

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The Philadelphia chapter of the American Jewish Committee charged the Acme supermarket chain today with discrimination against hiring Jews in executive positions. Michael Steinig, chairman of the Executive Advisory Program, a joint endeavor of the AJCommittee chapter and the Jewish Employment and Vocational Service, said that Acme, the fourth largest food chain in the U.S., had no Jews in the top 30 executive positions in the fall of 1970.

"Since Jews account for almost 30 percent of college graduates in the Philadelphia area, something is clearly wrong," he said.

Steinig said that in meetings with Acme officials, the company either refused to provide data about its employees or gave information that "could only be described as misleading or even frivolous." He said his chapter would soon file a complaint against the Acme chain with the district office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

According to Steinig, the AJCommittee and the JEVS have been attempting for more than eight years to effect changes in Acme's hiring and promotional policies. The Philadelphia-based chain operates more than 500 supermarkets, warehouses, packaging plants and food processing centers in eight states. "A company that operates in this many states must be considered a national operation," Steinig said.

"What we are asking for is adoption by Acme of programs that will help open doors of opportunity for Jews and other minority group members who are qualified to do a job." He stressed that the AJCommittee was not asking for a quota system to which the organization is strongly opposed.

Steinig noted that the complaint to be filed with the EEOC will be the first by the AJCommittee against an individual company in the organization's "executive suite" program. The program began in the 1960s after a study by the Harvard Business School and other academic institutions showed that very few Jews were part of the management personnel in most of the country's major industrial and financial institutions.

Steinig said that in recent months Acme has shown continued indifference to the problem. He said company executives have failed to respond to letters and telephone calls from the AJCommittee. He said Acme's attitude was that since the company did not have federal contracts it did not need to comply with federal guidelines intended to remedy discrimination based on religion and national origin.

A 20-member delegation of communal leaders, officers and board members of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, at the invitation of Baron Guy de Rothschild, president of the Fonds Sociale Juif Unifié, will meet with leaders of French Jewry during a 10-day mission beginning tomorrow in Paris. The delegation, led by CJF president Raymond Epstein, and CJF overseas services chairman Harold Friedman, will conduct in-depth consultations and visits with the major organizations and institutions serving French communal Jewish life. The mission will also spend two days in Toulouse for discussions and study.

COMMUNAL LEADERS ENDORSE NEW LEVEL OF CAPABILITY TO MEET HUMAN NEEDS AT HOME, IN ISRAEL; SEEK \$475 MILLION

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds of the United States and Canada will undertake to meet local, national and overseas needs in 1974 at least \$85 million greater than the record sum of \$390 million raised this year. The needs and the basic fund-raising required to meet them were projected by the Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds following discussions last weekend in New York by more than 200 presidents, campaign chairmen, and executive directors of the community organizations.

The needs in Israel were analyzed by Leon Dulzin, acting chairman and treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel. Requirements of national services were outlined by Lawrence Williams of Cleveland, chairman of the Large City Budgeting Conference. Local obligations were defined by Joseph Manello, leader of the Boston Combined Jewish Philanthropies.

The continuing immigration of Soviet Jews and those from other areas expected to total 70,000, and the unmet backlog of problems in Israel's social gap, with overcrowded housing, youth dropouts, social deprivation, and other ills; distress and persecution of Jews in other areas of the world; and here at home, mounting problems of the Jewish aged and poor and sick, will be in the forefront of the needs to be met in next year's community campaigns, joined with the programs to enlarge Jewish education and enhance its quality, to involve and serve Jewish youth, enrich cultural services, and strengthen Jewish life here.

Capacity To Meet Requirements

"No one doubts our capacity to meet these requirements," the CJF Board declared. The real issue is how to help contributors determine their responses at the imperative levels, to apply in practice the tested knowledge of effective campaigning, the Board stated.

Starting with their own commitments to set the example of utmost generous giving and energetic working, the community leaders will stress personal recruitment of many more volunteer solicitors as the prime necessity for success. The aim is to have every contributor seen personally for his gift. Emphasis will also be on training of solicitors to enable them to present the gravity and depth of problems, and manifold needs of the scores of agencies whose services are combined in the federated drives.

To avoid competitive efforts "that distract funds and energy," the resolution further calls for "recognition and reinforcement" by Jewish organizations and leaders of "the primacy of the responsibilities we must meet at home and abroad."

Planning for the 1974 campaigns was carried forward under the chairmanship of Edward Sanders, president of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation Council, and chairman of the CJF national Campaign Services Committee. Further national preparation will be carried forward at the CJF annual Assembly, November 7-11, in New Orleans. More than 2500 community leaders will take part.

HOLOCAUST MONUMENT VANDALIZED

LONDON, Ontario, Sept. 13 (JTA)--A monument to the Jewish victims of the holocaust in the

cemetery of the Or Shalom Synagogue here was vandalized this week. Smeared across the surface of the monument were the slogans, "Juden raus" and "Lies, lies." Another slogan, which seemed incongruous, was, "Never again." This slogan is identified with the Jewish Defense League.

Harold Vaisler, chairman of the local Jewish community relations committee, Rabbi Emeritus David Kirshenbaum and Rabbi Jacob Rone expressed dismay and shock at this outrage. The Jewish Community Council scheduled a meeting to determine whether to offer a reward for the apprehension of the vandal or vandals. The London Free Press, the leading local daily, issued an editorial deploring the act as an expression of a sick mind. London is in west-central Ontario with a Jewish population of about 1200.

LEVICH INVITED TO SPEAK IN BOSTON

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The renowned Soviet Jewish scientist Benjamin Levich has finally received the invitation extended to him by the American Electro-Chemical Society to participate in ceremonies at which he is to be awarded the Palladium Medal, it was learned by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry. Levich attributed the change in Soviet policy to allow the invitation to reach him, to the publication of a letter from him in the New York Times on Aug. 17, 1973. The meeting is scheduled for Oct. 9 in Boston.

Levich also reported that he met with members of the Ministry of Defense last week and they again denied that anything was medically wrong with his son Evgeny. This despite Evgeny's recent hospitalization and medical reports confirming that he is in very poor health. The Leviches expressed great fears for their son should he be forced to continue to serve in the Siberian army camp to which he was taken by force.

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 12 issue of the News Bulletin, Menachem Beigin and Dr. Elimelech Rimalt were inadvertently identified as Herut leaders in a story on Page 3. Dr. Rimalt is chairman of the Liberal Party and Beigin is the chairman of Herut. Both are leaders of Likud.

SEPHARDIC YOUTH TO HOLD FIRST CONCLAVE

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (JTA)--The first national conference of the Youth Division of the American Sephardi Federation will be held Nov. 20-23, Mati Ronen, the executive director of the American Sephardi Federation, said today. "The convention," said Ronen, "will be devoted to defining the ways in which we can best implement the objective of the Youth Division." These objectives, according to Ronen, include strengthening the unity of Sephardic Jewry in America and Israel, and strengthening and preserving the Sephardic heritage, tradition and culture here and throughout the world.

The Executive of the Youth Division, which reached the decision to hold this convention, agreed that the conclave will aim at the broadest participation on the part of the youth throughout the U.S. All Sephardic youth, Ronen said, will be welcome to attend and participate in the discussions. The three-day convention will be held at Congregation Or VeShalom in Atlanta, Ga. According to Ronen, the convention will have to reach a decision concerning the Youth Division and its work in the future, activities in Israel with Sephardic youth, and activities among the Sephardic youth in the U.S.