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FIERCEST FIGHTING IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY CONTINUES IN FOURTH DAY

From Combined Tel Aviv and Jerusalem Dispatches By Yitzhak Shargil and David Landau

In what was conceded here to be the fiercest and most costly fighting in Israel's history, the nation's armed forces were heavily engaged on land, sea and in the air on the fourth day of the new Middle East war. Gen. (Res.) Chaim V. Herzog, a leading Israeli military commentator, said today that Israel was waging a "war of attrition" against the Egyptians and Syrians. Israeli troops and armor battled to stem a Syrian counter-attack on the Golan Heights and to contain Egyptian bridgeheads established on the east bank of the Suez Canal.

Israeli warplanes bombed Damascus today and Israeli fighter pilots shot down three Soviet-made Syrian Sukhoi-20 bombers attempting to bomb Kiryat Shemona on the Lebanese border. Israeli bombers also smashed a Syrian radar station on Djebel Bruk in Lebanon. The Israeli Navy claimed to have sunk three Egyptian gunboats of the Ossa type in a battle off the Nile delta and to have set afire an Egyptian minesweeper in the Gulf of Suez.

A military communique said Israeli planes attacked Syrian Army and Air Force headquarters in Damascus and also bombed oil refineries north of the Syrian capital. (Reports from Damascus claimed heavy civilian casualties from the Israeli air raid. The United Nations announced today that a UN observer, his wife, and daughter were killed in their home in the Ismaac quarter of Damascus during this morning's Israeli air raid. The observer was identified as Didrik Birger Tjorswaag, 40, of Norway. Israeli planes reportedly bombed Egyptian military targets at Port Said on the northern entrance to the Suez Canal. Unconfirmed reports said Israel bombed Cairo today.)

No Casualty Figures, Equipment Losses Given

Details of the fighting on the various fronts continued to be sketchy today. Casualties and loss of equipment was said to be very high on both sides. In keeping with past policy, the Israeli High Command has not announced casualty figures or materiel losses up to now.

(The UN Security Council resumed its session late this afternoon but there was no expectation that any concrete proposal would emerge from today's meeting. Prior to the session, intensive diplomatic activity and consultations among the various nations were reported. Differences have emerged between the U.S. on one hand and Britain and France on the other. The U.S. asked yesterday for an end to hostilities and a restoration of the cease-fire lines as they existed before war broke out last Saturday. Britain, reportedly backed by France, appeared to be seeking an in-place cease-fire. The consensus at the UN is that outcome of the current fighting will largely determine the nature of any resolution by the Security Council.)

(At the UN it was announced today that the UN military observers were evacuated yesterday to Cairo from seven observation points on the West Bank of the Suez Canal. Major Gen. Enso Sillanvuo, chief of staff of the UN Truce Super-

vision Organization said five observation points on the east bank were closed and three were still operating although contact had been lost with one of them. He said Egypt sent the truce observers a message on Sunday "requesting immediate evacuation of UN military observers to Cairo." Sillanvuo also reported that all observation posts on the Israel-Syrian border, except for three, were still operating.)

Developments On Golan Heights Front

Syrian forces stiffened their resistance and launched a counter-attack last night after what appeared to have been a rout by Israeli armor. The Syrians were driven back yesterday from all positions they had won in the initial surprise attack. The Syrians hit back, however, north of Kuneitra. Israeli forces were reportedly blocking their advance. A Syrian attempt to land airborne troops near El Rom on the Golan Heights was defeated. Four Syrian troop carrying helicopters were shot down, killing all aboard.

Syria continued to launch missile attacks on Israeli settlements employing the Soviet-made "Frog" missile, a deadly two-ton projectile with a 50-mile range and a half ton of explosives in its warhead. Last night one of them struck Kibbutz Gvat in the Jezreel Valley. No casualties were reported but 42 houses were destroyed and other buildings were damaged. Altogether, the Syrians have fired 20 of the missiles against civilian centers, the Israeli High Command announced. Targets included Migdal Haemek near Nazareth and points in the vicinity of Kfar Baruch and Nahlal. The High Command said the air raid on Damascus was in retaliation for these attacks.

Developments On The Suez Canal Front

Israeli Air Force planes staged a concentrated attack last night on Port Said. Missile sites around the city were hit and put out of action, according to an Israeli communique. Port Said was described as the center for Egyptian Army supplies and munitions depots.

Israeli and Egyptian ground forces clashed throughout the day on the east bank of the Suez Canal. Fighting was taking place at a distance of 5-7 kilometers from the canal's banks. Israel, with apparently complete mastery of the air, was aiming at Egyptian missile sites and at bridges across the canal over which Egyptian troops and armor continue to pour.

An Israeli military correspondent reported today seeing "piles upon piles" of Egyptian dead on the battle field. There was no Israeli confirmation of an Egyptian claim last night to have captured Kantara, provincial capital of western Sinai. There was no confirmation of persistent reports that Israeli forces had crossed the Suez Canal and were racing toward Cairo.

Full Israeli Strength Not Yet Exerted

Israel's goal seems not to be just the return to the cease-fire lines but to ensure that Israel shall not face in the future a similar situation as on Yom Kippur, according to military commentators. It is for this reason, they note, that Israel is now staging what may be described as a war of attrition against the Egyptians and Syrians. The Egyptians, especially, are still enjoying the fruits of their initial success and preliminary

gains. Israel is now concentrating its efforts to biting into the Egyptian force on the eastern banks of the Canal. By this Israel is saving its strength for the major effort which is still to come, commentators say.

Israel has not yet exerted her full strength, according to Herzog. He stressed that the Egyptian command now has quite a number of problems facing it following the Israeli initiative. It has to look into its West Bank positions and the Port Said area following the "visit" there by the Israeli Air Force. Syrians seem to have put their last reserve armor into battle and they have to concentrate on the area of Damascus.

NEW SOVIET OLIM ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; ASK TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTION

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9 (JTA)--Another group of 150 immigrants from the Soviet Union arrived today in Israel via Vienna. Among them was Shlomo Dresner, one of the Kishinev trial defendants who was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. After his release he received his exit visa.

Many of the newcomers demanded to be sent anywhere to help the fighting boys. But they were sent by the Absorption Ministry and Jewish Agency officials to absorption centers throughout the country.

The arrivals today indicated that the Jewish Agency was stepping up the pace of its airlifts from Vienna. On Sunday, the day after the outbreak of the new Middle East war, a total of 420 Russian-Jewish emigres landed on a single El Al jumbo jet. Jews continue to leave the Soviet Union for Israel despite the war. According to unconfirmed reports, 83 crossed into Austria yesterday by train and two train loads of emigrants reportedly reached Czechoslovakia.

Meanwhile, a cable was received from 45 Soviet Jews addressed "to the government and people of Israel." It said: "Beloved brothers and sisters. Another tragic military adventure by the Arab rulers who are war-crazed began on Yom Kippur and is due to end in annihilation for their people. Both sides involved, Arabs and Jews, will suffer bloodshed. We cannot describe in words how shocked we are by these events and how much we identify with the people of Israel. Let us just say that we have no shadow of doubt in the bravery and heroism of our people and of their ability to withstand aggression as has already been proven in other cases. We are with you in these fateful days."

MRS. MEIR, KISSINGER IN CONTACT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (JTA)--The State Department disclosed today that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has been in contact with Premier Golda Meir of Israel since the new Middle East war broke out last Saturday but declined to say when their contact took place or the nature of their discussion. According to Department spokesman Robert McCloskey the contact was at the initiative of Premier Meir.

McCloskey declined to comment "at the present time" when asked if the U.S. had urged Israel last Friday night not to carry out a pre-emptive strike against Egypt and Syria. Commenting on the military situation, he said all indications were that the fighting is escalating. Another State Department source observed, "It is fair to say that as it stands at present, no decisive turns in favor of one side or the other have been reached."

Department sources, asked if Israel's position has weakened in the last 24 hours, said that was difficult to answer at this time. McCloskey de-

clined to comment when asked if the U.S. would replace Israeli aircraft losses. The State Department spokesman also said he had "no wish to comment" on Israel's bombing of Damascus today. He said reports he had seen were that the targets were military but there have been press accounts that civilians were hurt and killed. He said he hoped that both sides would refrain from attacking civilian centers.

McCloskey commented on the difficulties encountered in convening the UN Security Council on the Mideast war. He said there was an evident lack of interest among other countries to join the debate in important ways. He said that neither Israel nor Egypt is opposing the Security Council meeting but no one has introduced any proposals, as yet.

Asked if the U.S. position was for the parties to return to the cease-fire lines, McCloskey said that UN Ambassador John Scali's statement to the Security Council last night "was carefully drafted." He said "We recognized in doing so certain questions might arise. Our approach is more general than specific. We won't offer any specific resolution that might be vetoed or fail to gain a majority in the Security Council."

U.S. SEEKS SWIFT END TO WAR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (JTA)--Congress and the Nixon Administration appeared today to share the feeling that the new Middle East war must be ended swiftly and the cease-fire lines restored to what they were before the Yom Kippur attack by Egypt and Syria. That was the gist of a resolution adopted yesterday by the Senate and the proposal voiced in the UN Security Council last night by the U.S. Ambassador John Scali.

"Military operations must be halted...conditions must be restored in the area that would be conducive to a settlement of the long-standing differences in the Middle East," Scali said in the course of the first Security Council session on the war which lasted 87 minutes and adjourned until today.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger referred only briefly to the Middle East fighting in a speech here last night. But his address, to the Conference on International Relations and World Peace, contained an oblique warning to the Soviet Union not to take any action that could escalate the Mideast fighting. The U.S., said Kissinger, will resist aggressive foreign policies. He warned that "detente cannot survive irresponsibility in any area, including the Middle East."

Sentiments expressed by key Congressmen since the fighting began indicated support in the legislative branch for the Administration's position. There was also strong support for Israel. Sen. George McGovern (D.S.D.) in a special statement, praised Israel for showing "remarkable restraint" in withholding pre-emptive military action despite prior knowledge that an Arab attack was imminent. This policy entailed "the risk of greater casualties (for Israel) in order to continue observing the 1970 cease-fire," McGovern said.

A similar view was expressed by former Sen. Eugene McCarthy who suggested that Israel refrain from pre-emptive response "to the tremendous build-up it observed on the cease-fire lines largely because our government assured it that the Arabs did not intend war." This, he said, "imposes a further moral obligation on the U.S. to sustain Israel's strength in its efforts to reverse the present perils and defend itself against aggression."

LATE NEWS BULLETIN: This is not going to be a short war, Gen. Aharon Yariv said tonight in Tel Aviv. Deaving the initiative to the enemy permitted them to score some achievements, he said.

MASSIVE SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL CONTINUES

From Combined National
And International JTA Dispatches

A groundswell of support for Israel's defense against the attack by Egyptian and Syrian armed forces on Yom Kippur was expressed by Jewish and non-Jewish leaders throughout the world. The theme running through all the messages and statements was that the two Arab countries had crossed the cease-fire lines in an unprovoked and premeditated assault on the Jewish state.

At the same time, huge rallies continued in various major cities where waves upon waves of demonstrators expressed their solidarity with Israel. In many cities, too, police authorities took extra precautions to guard Israeli and Jewish and Arab installations against attacks.

Throughout the United States there were reports of unprecedented responses today and yesterday as donations poured in to meet the call for \$100 million in cash in the next few days. Switchboards were jammed in the offices of the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bond Organization almost around the clock. A UJA spokesman said donations were pouring into the national office at a greater rate than expected. He termed the response unprecedented. A Bonds spokesman termed the response fantastic.

Warning Against Unauthorized Fund-Raising

Meanwhile, a warning against giving to unauthorized fund-raising efforts for Israel being conducted on the streets of New York was issued by the National Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns of the Jewish Agency for Israel by its co-chairmen, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson and Jack Weiler.

"Our committee," they said, "is receiving information at its headquarters at 515 Park Avenue of such unauthorized campaigns. We want to warn the Jewish public that street collections by individuals and by organizations have not been authorized or sanctioned by our committee or any authorized body. We urge those who seek to aid Israel by immediate cash gifts to channel them through the United Jewish Appeal. We stress the importance and high priority for the emergency cash collection campaign of the UJA and urge the Jewish community to give all-out support for this high priority effort."

Solidarity With Israel Expressed By Thousands

Throughout this country and abroad Jews and non-Jews continued to express solidarity with the Jewish state. The Jewish communities of Denmark and Sweden have rallied massively in support of Israel. Thousands of Danish and Swedish Kroners have been flowing into special funds established throughout the two countries. Many Danish citizens and soldiers have been coming to the Israeli Embassy offering to serve as volunteers. Israeli citizens have been trying to get back home to join the fighting.

In Brussels a delegation of 45 representatives of the Belgian Jewish community and the rabbinical corps went to the Israeli Embassy to "express its identification with Israel" and its "unconditional support." More than 500 Belgian Jews have volunteered for the Israeli army, joined by some non-Jews. Blood transfusion centers have been opened in Brussels and Antwerp. The Israeli Embassy has received many messages of sympathy from Belgian and foreign personalities, including several members of Parliament.

In Amsterdam the three Dutch trade union organizations expressed their solidarity with Israel as they welcomed the European representative of the Histadrut. More than 2000 persons attended a solidarity meeting with Israel at the Jewish Cultural Center which was addressed by Parliamentary, Labor Party and Roman Catholic spokesmen.

In Paris strong French police concentrations have been massed in the Belleville area of the city to prevent possible Arab-Jewish fighting. Police have also increased their guards at Jewish and Israeli installations in the French capital. The Israeli Consulate in Paris reported that hundreds of volunteers have been streaming in asking to enlist in the Israeli army and hundreds of others have phoned offering financial contributions to Israel's armed forces. In Bonn security measures have been tightened up still further at the Israeli Embassy and other Israeli installations in West Germany. Extra armored police patrols have been ordered out. Stricter security has also been placed on Arab missions in Bonn.

Jews, Non-Jews Issue Statements

In New York the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith called upon the U.S. and the international community "to support Israel's efforts at repulsing the treacherous aggression and restoring peace in the area." The American Zionist Federation termed the attack against Israel "a new low in Arab treachery." The Labor Zionist Alliance declared that "the free world must insist on upholding the basic principle of negotiation between the parties involved in the conflict in the Middle East."

In Jerusalem Raymond Epstein of Chicago, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and a vice-president of the JTA, said he could only marvel at the spirit of the Israeli people. He noted that staffers in his firm received their call-ups with a smile and a joke and the man on the street seemed supremely confident.

In Boston more than 7000 persons, including many college youth from surrounding areas held a demonstration sponsored by the Crisis Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston which was addressed by representatives of the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant communities.

In this country and Canada an estimated one million Jews participated in emergency meetings in 1000 synagogues last night to express their solidarity with Israel and to pledge maximum support of the Israel Bond campaign.

In London Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, sent a message to Premier Golda Meir stating: "On behalf of the entire World Jewish Congress and its affiliated communities, as well as for myself personally, I convey to you and to the people of Israel assurances of fullest solidarity in your just and valiant fight against an attack by enemy forces." The Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, Dr. Immanuel Jacobovits, has instructed rabbis and ministers of synagogues to arrange for the recital of special psalms after every service during the present time of crisis caused by the renewed Middle East war.

In Chicago some 5000 persons attended a noon rally at the Civic Center Plaza sponsored by the public affairs committee of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago. Speakers included Illinois Gov. Dan Walker; Mayor Richard Daley and Maynard I. Wishner, chairman and Robert Adler, president of JUF.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

MOOD OF PEOPLE IS PENSIVE

By David Landau, JTA Jerusalem Correspondent

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9 (JTA)--The atmosphere, the mood of the people in the towns of Israel, has changed sharply these past 24 hours. From near elation yesterday noon when--to judge by the radio--the tide of battle was turning, and turning fast, the feeling of the people has become one of uneasy concern as the expected sweeping victories are not yet announced. Because the elation was premature and overdone, so therefore is the current worried, pensive mood which grips the nation overdone.

The reason is not far to seek--many observers have noted it: the average Israeli is still thinking in terms of the Six-Day War, when the initiative was Zahal's, the battles were fought on each front consecutively and not concurrently, and the enemy was not nearly so powerful, so well-trained or so prepared to give battle.

Editorial writers in the daily papers, aware of the hard struggle which still lies before Zahal, warned the people not to be over-exhilarated--and their articles contributed to the flat feeling which many Israelis felt when they awoke today to hear that the Egyptians are still there, and had poured more men and equipment in during the night, and that the Syrians, though slowly being ousted from the Golan Heights, had mounted a large-scale counter-attack during the night (which was repulsed).

"Indeed we have been spoiled," wrote Yediot Acharonot in its lead article. "Spoiled a little by the army which has got us used to giddy victories after only hours of warfare.... But it is not always possible to repeat giddy victories...." The Jerusalem Post was sober, too: "Despite the advances on the ground yesterday, and the supremacy in the skies which Israel has enjoyed throughout, there is every reason to believe that stiff fighting lies ahead. What we have succeeded in doing is to stunt the enemy's advance and push him back. But the main offensive push still lies ahead. And here Israel's armed forces will be facing an enemy that has been preparing for war for many months...."

These objective words came as a shock to most Israelis because the radio yesterday had been painting throughout the late hours a rosy picture. Repeatedly its reporters in Sinai reported the "annihilation" of Egyptian armor which they saw proceeding before their eyes. It was therefore a rude awakening to learn that new armor had crossed the water overnight.

How Soon? At What Cost?

While there is no doubt in anyone's mind at all about the eventual victor in this war, the questions are only, how soon, at what cost--and above all--how will it end? In other words, will Israel, when it has cleared the invaders, go across the lines--extending the campaign into a full-blown war against the enemy countries themselves? It has been reported widely and reliably that the decision, when the hostilities commenced, was to smash the Arab armies without paying heed to the artificial discrimination between those parts of them that had crossed the lines and those parts that had not.

Now, as the war proceeds and it becomes clear that it will take some days to clear the invading forces, the government--for the decision is fin-

ally the government's, not the army's--is being pressed by commentators in the press to carry the war into enemy territory and not be satisfied with repulsing the invaders. This approach was developed in an article in today's issue of the influential daily Haaretz by its noted Arab affairs expert Dan Shifman of the Shiloah Institute.

He argued that anything less than the most serious and crushing defeat for the Arabs will be taken by them as a victory--and in the final analysis the deterrent effect for the future of Israel's ultimate victory will depend on the way it is subjectively judged by the Arab peoples involved. Thus merely destroying the invading armies, or even destroying those parts of the armies too which did not cross the lines, would not be in Arab eyes an Israeli victory of the monumental proportions necessary to deter the Arabs from military adventurism for many years to come--which is, after all, Israel's aim.

HADASSAH HOSPITAL MOBILIZED

NEW YORK, Oct. 9 (JTA)--A telephone call from Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem to Hadassah headquarters here reports: the hospital and the city are calm; morale is extremely high; all doctors of military age have been called up, but no medical aid is requested at this time; all ambulatory patients have been evacuated and 320 beds are available for casualties; emergency rooms are fully mobilized; as of today the hospital has received 50 casualties. The first wounded arrived from the southern front early Sunday morning. During the day others arrived by ambulance.

Rose E. Matzkin, national president of Hadassah, explained that war casualties would be taken to the hospitals in Israel nearest the fighting but that special cases requiring sophisticated care would be sent directly to Hadassah. She also reported that Gadna Youth Corps volunteers are serving as stretcher-bearers; American year-course students in Israel in Hadassah's Hashachar program are either working on kibbutzim or volunteering in hospitals; an emergency crech for children of hospital personnel staffed by American students at Hadassah has been set up; 10 new immigrant doctors are working at Hadassah; and emergency stockpiling of medical and hospital supplies is adequate.

JEWISH PROFESSOR RELEASED BY JUNTA

BRUSSELS, Oct. 9 (JTA)--Dr. Jacques Zylberberg, a Belgian Jewish professor who was arrested by the military junta in Chile, returned to Belgium today after three weeks' imprisonment. Dr. Zylberberg, who taught sociology at the University of Concepcion under the Allende Administration, said the junta reproached him for being "Jewish and an intellectual." He said that having been imprisoned at the Kuiri-Kuina naval base off the Chilean coast of Talcahuana, he was relatively privileged as compared to the 20,000 other political prisoners held elsewhere in Chile. He said he did not have many complaints about the conditions of his detention.

Former Soviet master spy Leopold Trepper has been granted permission to leave Poland for the West, according to reports reaching Copenhagen today. Trepper learned the news Sunday night when representatives of the Polish Ministry of Health and Interior called at the sanatorium where he is hospitalized. The operation he requires cannot be performed in Poland. He is awaiting receipt of his passport and visa.