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CEASE-FIRE TALKS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY; ARTILLERY DUEL ERUPTS DURING TALKS By Yitzhak Shargil, JTA Tel Aviv Correspondent

KILOMETER 101, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Cease-fire talks at this site broke down today after another deadlocked meeting between Israeli and Egyptian negotiators. Today's meeting was interrupted by a 35-minute small arms and mortar duel between Israeli and Egyptian forces just a mile down the Suez-Cairo road from the UN tent where the Israeli and Egyptian generals were meeting. Gen. Ensis Sillasvuo, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) said "no concrete results were reached" at today's meeting and "no firm date was fixed for the next meeting." He said he would remain "in touch with both parties." The continuing impasse in the cease-fire stabilization talks has increased fear in Israel that warfare may be resumed by Egypt before the Middle East peace conference opens in Geneva Dec. 18. The Israeli Army has been placed on a full alert--including all reserve units--against that possibility, it was learned today.

(In Washington, George Vest, State Department spokesman, took a calm view today of the suspension of the talks and about the artillery duel. He said that "there have been ups and downs, including the Syrian refusal to exchange prisoners," but added, "I am not aware of any activity that would do anything to prevent a continuing positive" move toward the peace conference in Geneva.)

This morning's shooting outbreak was the latest in a series of incidents along the Suez cease-fire lines in which three Israeli soldiers were killed and six wounded since Sunday. UN Truce Supervision officers accompanied by an Israeli and Egyptian liaison officer were pinned down by the fire when they tried to halt the shooting. It was not immediately determined which side opened fire first. During the exchange, the Egyptian negotiator Gen. Mohammed Gemassi left the UN tent to watch the machinegun and mortar bursts only a short distance away. Israel's chief negotiator, Gen. Aharon Yariv, emerged later to attend memorial services for Israeli soldiers missing in action and presumed dead. Both negotiators later returned to the UN tent but soon adjourned their meeting. Both appeared grim. Gemassi was reported as saying after the talks that the situation was "very, very bad."

The somber mood of the deadlocked negotiations was reinforced by the short recess for a brief but solemn desert memorial service for fallen Israeli soldiers whose place of burial is not known. The Israeli flag near the tent was lowered to halfmast. The Israeli delegates at the talks left the tent and went to the Israeli mast where they saluted and stood at attention until the flag was again raised. The desert memorial service coincided with one held at the central military cemetery at Har Herzl in Jerusalem and at seven provisional military cemeteries.

Thousands of families came to Har Herzl. Army Chief Chaplain Mordechai Firon officiated. Gen. Yonah Efrath, the central command officer, said the dead soldiers had known what they were fighting for and what they were defending. He said that while they had fought against overwhelming force to contain the initial attack they knew that the Israeli defense forces would drive the enemy back. Other thousands of bereaved families came to the provisional military cemeteries at Beer Ygeba, Beerl, Mishmar Hanegav, Affulah, the Ghetto Fighters Cemetery and Kiryat Shaul. At each cemetery an army representative and an army chaplain led the service.

Sources here said the talks had shifted from technical means to bring about the disengagement of forces called for in the Kissinger six-point program which Israel and Egypt signed Nov. 11 to issues of principle and in that the two sides are totally incompatible. The Egyptians claim that the disengagement clause of the Kissinger formula is a preamble to implementation of Security Council Resolution 242 and demand a maximum Israeli pullback of its forces from the Suez Canal. Israel claims that the disengagement clause calls for a mutual pullback, not a one-sided withdrawal. Observers do not believe an agreement can be reached at Kilometer 101 and expect the issue to be referred to the Geneva peace conference. The big question here is whether the Egyptians will revert to warfare before the conference opens or after it has opened.

UPROAR OUTSIDE KNESSET AS FAMILIES OF MISSING PROTEST

By David Landau, JTA Jerusalem Bureau Chief

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Several score relatives of missing soldiers caused an uproar and broke windows in the Knesset precincts today in a heart-rending demonstration over the plight of their loved ones. They demanded to see Premier Golda Meir or Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, and since neither were available, turned half crazed with grief and anxiety and started heaving rocks and surging through the Knesset gates and up to the building itself. The Knesset guards corps refrained from using force although mightily provoked--because they seemed to sense the deep and tragic grief of the demonstrators. The Knesset was to have held--at opposition instigation--a debate today on the POWs and the MIAs. But it was deferred at the last moment when the opposition Knesseters were persuaded that it would not be useful at this time. One demonstrator was injured by broken glass. Ambulances and police stationed nearby were not needed.

A delegation of the demonstrators met with six Knesset members of various factions at noon and complained of harsh and heartless treatment at the hands of army bureaucrats charged with dealing with them. It seemed nobody cared about or understood their feelings, they said. They felt they were being given a run-around, from office to army camp to another office in search of evidence or details about their missing loved ones. Another delegation met with Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu who promised that within 36 hours they would have a meeting with Mrs. Meir or Dayan. It was

learned meanwhile that Israel has rejected a request of the Egyptians to evacuate several sick Egyptians from the town of Suez because the Egyptians are preventing the search for Israeli soldiers that were killed in the war and may be in the area held by the Egyptians.

DINITZ: ARAB SUMMIT STATEMENT NOT AN IMPEDIMENT TO PEACE TALKS U.S. Sees Elements Of Flexibility

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz said here yesterday that he saw nothing new in the statement issued by Arab leaders attending the summit conference that a settlement would depend on Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories, especially Jerusalem, and the restoration of the rights of the Palestinian people. He told reporters that this declaration, issued yesterday at the end of the summit meeting, was not an impediment to peace talks since the Arabs did not make Israeli withdrawal a condition for negotiations. They had posed such a requirement before the Yom Kippur War erupted, he noted.

Meanwhile, elements of flexibility were seen today by senior United States officials here in the Arab summit conference statement. These officials pointed out nuances that lend encouragement towards maintenance of the momentum for a peace conference between the Arabs and Israelis. It was pointed out, for example, that while the Saudi Arabians had been saying, before the summit conference, that they would not modify their position on the oil embargo, the conference indicated that the embargo would depend on progress toward their goals at the Geneva conference.

In addition, the U.S. sources noted that the Arab summit could have established a Palestinian government in exile but this was not done. Jordan was left with room for maneuver in that the way was left open for King Hussein to participate in the Geneva conference. Hussein's government was severely criticized at the Arab summit both for the King's position towards the Yom Kippur War and his attitude towards the Palestinians and the West Bank.

LABOR PARTY COMPROMISE: A SLIGHT SOP TO THE DOVES

By David Landau, JTA Jerusalem Bureau Chief

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29 (JTA)--For all its vagueness and obvious attempts to blur rather than decide upon differences of outlook, the Labor Party policy document worked out yesterday by top leaders during their debate in Tel Aviv and presented by Party Secretary General Aharon Yadlin to the Central Committee for approval represents some concessions to the doves in the party. The doves--particularly since the war--have come to include the powerful Tel Aviv-based, "Gush" led by Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Knesseter Avaraham Ofer, and, ultimately, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

The document inclines to the doves more by omission than by explicit statement. Thus, there is no mention in it of the Galili document which the hawks forced upon the party earlier this year. There is no mention of the "oral law"--that unwritten understanding of Israel's territorial demands that led the party until now.

The oral law views Jordan as the security border and demands territorial contiguity with Sharm el-Sheikh and retention of the whole Golan Heights. The new document says none of this in so many words--although its stress on security considerations and defensible borders can be taken and construed in this way--by whoever so wishes.

While the document asserts briefly the need to

continue settlement it stipulates that these must accord with defense needs and does not indicate any particular part of the occupied areas as suitable for new settlement. Unlike the Galili document, the new program does not refer specifically to Pithat Rafah area in the Gaza Strip. And while it does not explicitly annul the Galili document it obviously supersedes it.

Nevertheless, despite the nuances and things unsaid, there is nothing here to which anyone save the most extreme hawk/dove can object. And herein lies the success of the document--it saves the party from split and crisis. The question is, of course--for how long?

URGE SANCTIONS AGAINST ARAB NATIONS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Rep. Lester L. Wolff (D.NY) today called on the United States to take immediate steps towards severing diplomatic relations with those Arab nations participating in the oil boycott and to embargo shipments of all American goods and materials to those countries.

"The Congress must act to express the determination of this country that we will not be held hostage nor dictated to by nations who resort to criminal activities to get their way," Wolff told the House. His recommendations were incorporated in a resolution which was referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee. In a letter to Rep. Thomas E. Morgan (D.Pa.) the committee chairman, Wolff asked for early hearings on his measures.

Noting that some argue an embargo would be ineffective, Wolff said that it would serve to convince the Arab states that the U.S. is not weak and can deal firmly with those who "resort to blackmail and threaten our security."

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, scheduled to be here next week, is reportedly to meet with Defense Secretary James Schlesinger and may see other U.S. officials, too. On Dec. 8 Dayan will be the keynote speaker at the banquet of the 1974 Annual National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal in New York.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The Labor Party Central Committee voted 302-87 last night to reject proposals to postpone the elections now scheduled for Dec. 31. There were 19 abstentions. The Party rejected by a smaller majority proposals to reopen the election lists.

LONDON (JTA)--Questions in the House of Commons about Holland sparked off an angry row with Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home. When Laborite Gerald Kaufman, who is Jewish, asked if Sir Alec would visit Holland "to tell its citizens that Britain was its loyal and steadfast ally," Sir Alec retorted: "I am not sure the words loyalty and steadfastness can come very well from you."

An uproar ensued and Laborite Eric Heffer shouted at Sir Alec: "That comes from a man who should sit this country out at Munich, and who is at the present moment selling our country out to the Arabs." After Labor demands that the remark be withdrawn, Sir Alec said: "I did not mean to question Mr. Kaufman's loyalty to this country. If he interpreted it in that way, I will withdraw it."

PARIS (JTA)--Special prayers were recited Wednesday night in all French synagogues to the memory of Israel's fallen soldiers. The special commemorative services were held on the personal instructions of French Chief Rabbi Joseph Kaplan.

ANTI-ZIONISM SEEN AS MASK FOR ANTI-SEMITISM; BERRIGAN RAPPED AS ANTI-SEMITE

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Leading Jewish and Christian theologians declared today that "anti-Zionism is a guise for anti-Semitism" and one of them, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, assailed Father Daniel Berrigan who had recently castigated Israel. The comments were made at an all-day Conference on Anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism sponsored by the Commission on Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Zionist Federation. In assailing Berrigan, Rabbi Hertzberg told the more than 100 Christian and Jewish leaders attending the convocation that he was referring to a speech by Berrigan delivered at a meeting of the Association of Arab University Graduates on Oct. 19 in Washington when the anti-Vietnam War priest castigated Israel for "domestic repression, deception, cruelty, militarism," for having turned the "settler ethos" into the "imperial adventure," for having failed "to create new forms of political life for her own citizens" for having created "one and a half million refugees."

Rabbi Hertzberg said that "Berrigan would have us believe as he wrote that 'many American Jewish leaders were capable of ignoring the Asian holocaust in favor of economic and military aid to Israel. Those of us who had resisted the war had to live with that fact. The fate of the Vietnamese was as unimportant to the Zionists in our midst as was the fate of the Palestinians.' After this ringing denunciation, Berrigan asserts that the great majority of the American Jewish community 'refused the bait offered by Nixon and peddled by their own leaders'--that is, they resisted Zionism."

Rabbi Hertzberg said that "this distinction of his has absolutely nothing to do with the truth. Israel is supported by the overwhelming majority of the American Jews; that includes the majority which Berrigan praises as remaining firmly on the side of the angels and uninfluenced by the Zionists. More of the major organizations of the American Jewish community pronounced formally against the Vietnam War than were to be found anywhere else in America. This included not only such bodies as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the American Jewish Congress, but also the Labor Zionist Alliance, the group in America closest to the Labor Zionist Party in Israel, the essence of the governing coalition that Daniel Berrigan denounces so assiduously." Rabbi Hertzberg termed Berrigan's views "old-fashioned theological anti-Semitism."

Dr. Franklin H. Littell, of the Department of Religion of Temple University in Philadelphia, a well-known theologian and professor of religion, said that "anti-Zionism is an easy way of self-deception; you can no more by an anti-Zionist and a friend of the Jewish people than you can be a constant and carping enemy of Christianity and be a friend of the Christians." Anti-Zionism is, he added, "the new form of anti-Semitism." Abraham H. Foxman, an attorney and director of leadership development for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, declared that "more recently the enemies and opponents of Israel and the Jewish people have adopted anti-Zionism as a leitmotif of their ideological and propaganda attacks on Israel. The anti-Zionism of Arab propaganda is simply a mask for anti-Israelism and for anti-Semitism."

HUSSEIN SORRY HE SENT TROOPS

LONDON, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Information reaching here from Amman indicates that the recognition by the Algiers summit meeting of Arab rulers of Yassir Arafat as the sole spokesman for the Palestinians has caused King Hussein to re-evaluate his position. He held a meeting with his close advisors after which one of them stated that it might have been an error to send a brigade of Jordanian troops to fight in Syria during the Yom Kippur War.

Now, the spokesman said, we find ourselves in the position of having a man whose avowed aim is to depose the King of Jordan. He hinted that Palestinian Arabs on the West Bank may organize a petition to disavow Arafat as their spokesman. It appears from his remarks that Hussein's emissaries are busy among the Arabs of the West Bank, especially the "notables"--the professional people are mostly with Arafat--discussing the future of the area in the context of the Geneva conference.

SOVIET JEWS ON HUNGER STRIKE

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Leonid Feldman, brother of Aleksandr Feldman who was sentenced to 3 1/2 years last week, and five of his friends have gone on a hunger strike in Kiev to protest the sentence, according to reports received today by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry here. The NCSJ also reported that Miron Dorfman of Kishinev is continuing a week-long hunger strike to protest the continued refusal of authorities to approve his application for emigration. Meanwhile in Moscow, five Soviet Jewish activists were called in by the KGB for questioning. They are: Eva Butman,

Leonid Tsypin, Aleksandr Raiselv, Arkady Lourie and Lev Ginden.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Japan is planning to send a special envoy to the Middle East in December to explain Japan's new pro-Arab policy to Arab leaders, it was reported here Thursday. According to informed sources, Deputy Prime Minister Takeo Miki has been chosen as the envoy and will visit five Arab countries. The Japanese shift to a pro-Arab stance was made in response to Arab oil shipment cuts to Japan, which is dependent for most of its energy on Mideast oil.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--A bulletin issued Thursday by the Tel Hashomer-Sheba Medical Center reported that there was no change in David Ben Gurion's condition. He was reported in serious condition last Friday and since then his condition during the week was defined as "static."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--About 250 relatives of men reported missing in the war and of men believed to be POWs in Syria, scuffled with guards outside the Knesset Thursday. Several demonstrators suffered minor injuries in scuffles with guards and police but no arrests were made. Windows of a Knesset gatehouse were smashed. The demonstrators demanded a halt to supplies for the Egyptian Third Army until Israeli POWs in Syria were freed and the bodies of Israeli soldiers were returned by the Egyptians.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Six more letter bombs were discovered Thursday at the central postal sorting office here, post office sources said. They had all been air-mailed from Holland and were addressed to various towns throughout Israel.

5 SYNAGOGUES, 1 JEWISH CENTER HIT BY ARSON SINCE YOM KIPPUR WAR Police Protection, Surveillance Demanded

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Two major Jewish organizations, the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council and Brith Abraham, a national fraternal order, strongly protested yesterday to Police Commissioner Donald Cawley and Mayor John V. Lindsay over the wanton attacks and destruction of five synagogues by fire in Brooklyn in recent months, all in the predominately white middle class Flatbush section.

Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman, president of the Community Council, and Leo S. Spooner, grand master of Brith Abraham, called for intensive police protection. They noted that the five synagogues have been burned since the start of the Yom Kippur War. Rabbi Kreitman wrote in part:

"The Brooklyn Jewish Community Council, which represents all the major Jewish organizations and synagogues in the Brooklyn area, protests these wanton attacks and destruction of our sacred places. We insist upon a more proper police protection and police surveillance of our houses of worship and study. We are cognizant that we have entered a period of great tension and friction within our community. It is at this particular moment that we need intensive police protection of our Jewish institutions within our community."

Seems To Be Anti-Semitic In Nature

He concluded by stating that the Council is ready to be of assistance "to you and your department to work out ways and means of affording this community its needed protection thereby allaying its mounting fears." Spooner, as grand master, represents more than 200 lodges, stated in part: "In view of all these five fires in synagogues, which strikes us as being anti-Semitic in nature, we urge you to take strong measures in providing additional police protection against these hoodlums."

The institutions struck by fire are: Sephardic Institute For Advanced Learning which houses a synagogue and yeshiva; Shaare Zion; B'nai Akiva; Ahavath Achim and Mirrer Yeshiva.

The fire at the Sephardic Institute on Nov. 21, the latest in the arson incidents in the Flatbush area, caused damages of close to \$1 million according to synagogue officials. In addition, the fire killed a painter working in the building at the time of the blaze. Rabbi Moshe Shama, chief rabbi of the yeshiva, said the institute began receiving telephone threats last month when it started a fund-raising campaign for Israel. He said some police protection had been provided for a short time but it had been withdrawn. He reported that the callers spoke in what he described as unintelligible English and in Arabic.

Meanwhile, a two-alarm fire yesterday gutted the Fort Greene Jewish Center in the racially mixed Fort Greene section of Brooklyn. Fire marshalls have launched an investigation but said that so far they have not found anything suspicious in the building. Yesterday's fire, the second in a month, caused extensive damage to the building which was leased as a classroom annex to a public school across the street. The annex housed five elementary school classrooms for kindergarten through second grade students. No one was reported injured in the blaze.

NAZI AIDE LIVES IN CALIFORNIA

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (JTA)--The former Min-

ister of Justice of the Nazi-controlled puppet state of Croatia during World War II - one Andrija Artukovic - is alive and living freely in Surfside, California. According to a secret file, under lock and key at the Los Angeles office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Artukovic entered the United States under an assumed name in July 1948 - in flight to avoid the Nuremberg War Trials. This disclosure is reported in the Dec. issue of Reader's Digest.

Witnesses and war crimes investigators, relates Nathan M. Adams in "Our Mounting Wave of Illegal Immigrants," claim that he was "instrumental in the systematic massacre of nearly one million Jews and Serbians." And a wartime U.S. intelligence chief in the Balkans section further swears that Artukovic also approved orders that sent dozens of captured American pilots to their deaths.

Yet for years he managed to avoid deportation by a steady barrage of legal appeals to Congress, which took the form of so-called private bills introduced in his behalf by the late James R. Utt (R, Calif.). Each time it appeared Artukovic might be deported, a new bill was introduced, according to Adams. Then, in 1959, a court-appointed U.S. commissioner held that the crimes charged against Artukovic were "political" in nature. Accordingly, INS found that he was not extraditable to his native Yugoslavia, because he would be subject there to "persecution," Adams reported.

CHURCH RESOLUTION REJECTS DEMAND FOR RESTORING PRE-1967 BORDERS

TORONTO, Nov. 29 (JTA)--Members of the General Board of the Canadian Council of Churches approved a statement this week on the Middle East after two days of vigorous debate and re-writing. The council endorsed the resolution in the last hour of a three-day conference in Windsor. The motion calls for a peace conference to be held at the earliest possible date which would provide for the security and integrity of Israeli and Arab lands and a just settlement of the Palestinian refugee problem.

An attempt to pass the Middle East resolution earlier in the conference failed because of disagreements in its sense and wording. The Canadian Council of Churches is a coordinating organization of the major Protestant churches in Canada. Among its constituents--in fact the largest--is the United Church of Canada, a section of which, typified by its former Moderator, the Rev. Ernest Howse, and the editor of the United Church Observer, Rev. A.C. Forrest, is regarded as pro-Arab in its views.

The most serious dispute over the Mideast statement involved a section that recommended the peace settlement be based on "secure and defensible borders to guarantee the safety and integrity of the Arab nations." The final resolution omitted any reference to enforcing a United Nations proposal that Israel withdraw.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Several groups of Arab terrorists have been uncovered on the Jordanian west bank and 44 suspects have been arrested, an Israeli army spokesman said here today. In several cases, weapons and explosive materials were found and seized, the spokesman said. A number of explosive charges went off in towns in the west bank area during and after the Yom Kippur War, but no casualties and little damage were reported.