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## SYRIANS, ISRAELIS IN 2-HOUR DUEL

TEL AVIV, March 13 (JTA)--Syrian gunners laid down a barrage of shell fire on the northern front this morning and Israeli artillery responded in a duel that lasted two hours but caused no casualties on the Israeli side. It was the second consecutive day that the Syrians opened fire. Yesterday's three-hour artillery exchange was described by an Israeli military spokesman as the most serious in several weeks. Israeli forces employed their long-range 175 mm. cannon to shell Syrian artillery firing from the outskirts of Damascus.

Today's shooting was at shorter range but over a wide area of the front. The Syrians opened fire at 10:30 a.m. local time, on Israeli positions in the Mazraat Bet Jan area. Later they shifted to positions at Tel Shams, Tel Maraii, Tel Antar and east of Kuneitra. At one point a Syrian tank opened low trajectory fire on Israeli positions at short range, bringing a reply from Israeli artillery and tanks. Golan Heights settlers spent the afternoon and evening in bomb shelters. Settlement children spent the night in the shelters.

## GOREN DENOUNCES NRP FOR JOINING COALITION; BURG JEERED BY AUDIENCE

JERUSALEM, March 13 (JTA)--The National Religious Party is in serious trouble with the Orthodox Chief Rabbinate. Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren denounced it last night for failing to heed his injunction against joining the Labor-led coalition government. Goren's audience--300 delegates from 30 countries attending the opening session of the fourth international convention of Bnei Akiva, an Orthodox youth movement--roundly jeered NRP leader Yosef Burg who is Minister of Interior-designate in the new government.

Rabbi Goren accused the religious party of gravely injuring the prestige, authority and status of the Chief Rabbinate by entering a government that refuses to amend the Law of Return so as to invalidate conversions by non-Orthodox rabbis. "The integrity of the Torah is crucial," Rabbi Goren declared to thunderous applause from the delegates. "There is no room for compromise over the grafting of alien sprigs on to the trunk of the Jewish people." He said it was tragic that the very movement that had founded the Chief Rabbinate in Israel acted in violation of its authority.

In contrast to the standing ovation that greeted the Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi when he mounted the rostrum, Dr. Burg was the target of prolonged jeers and catcalls when he took his place on the dais. Two other NRP leaders, Welfare Minister-designate Michael Hazani and Religious Affairs Minister-designate Yitzhak Rafail chose not to risk the dais and remained in their seats on the convention floor. An attempt to prevent Dr. Burg from speaking by raising an uproar among the delegates led to the quiet but firm removal of one of the "jeer-leaders" from the hall-veteran NRP ideologist Yitzhak Riklin of the Etzion kibbutz bloc.

## POLICE SEIZE 800 COPIES OF MEIN KAMPF

AMSTERDAM, March 13 (JTA)--Police au-

thorities have seized 800 reprints of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" in Dutch about to be distributed in The Netherlands. The copies were confiscated from the small Dutch publishing house, "De Ridderhof," on the basis of a Dutch law prohibiting the stocking of works that incite racism. The publishers have promised to recall the 3000 copies of the book already distributed in Belgium.

In a recent statement in Parliament, Justice Minister Andries van Agt had said publication of the work could not be prohibited under the Dutch constitution which guarantees freedom of the press. The West German state of Bavaria which claims to be the legal heir to publication rights is opposing Dutch publication of the book. In the past, it has successfully opposed reprints of the work.

## S. AFRICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY PLEASED WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAELI EMBASSY

JOHANNESBURG, March 13 (JTA)--News that the Israel Foreign Ministry is raising the status of its representation in South Africa to that of an Embassy and is appointing Yitzhak Unna as the first Ambassador has been warmly welcomed here. Unna served with great success as Israel's Consul General in South Africa for three years, returning to Israel 18 months ago to take up a high post in the Foreign Ministry. Julius Weinstein, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, said: "The entire Jewish community in South Africa is delighted with the news and the appointment."

Orthodox Chief Rabbi Bernard Casper said: "People will welcome him back very happily. He was a popular person in his own right and in what he achieved here." He added that the upgrading of Israel's representation to an Embassy was most welcome. Reform Chief Minister Rabbi Arthur Super said: "Unna did a tremendous job in explaining Israel to South Africa, and the fact that he will return as Ambassador indicates that Israel officially recognizes the tremendous friendship which South Africa has always shown Israel in good times and in bad."

## MORGENTHAU ACCUSES KISSINGER OF TWO-FACED DIPLOMACY; SAYS U.S. SEEKING TO WOO ARAB WORLD

JERUSALEM, March 13 (JTA)--A prominent American political scientist accused Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger of two-faced diplomacy and warned here yesterday that the U.S. is moving from a position of unqualified support for Israel to one increasingly aimed at regaining its influence in the Arab world. Prof. Hans Morgenthau, of the University of Chicago and City University of New York, spoke at an international relations seminar marking the dedication of the Hebrew University's Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations. The same forum was addressed by Premier Golda Meir and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon.

Prof. Morgenthau, who has frequently expressed the view that the U.S. was giving up more than it gets for the sake of detente with the Soviet Union, characterized Kissinger as "a man of many faces" like Homer's Odysseus. He said Kissinger is able to transform himself in every capital into a friend of that country. But there is danger in such diplomacy "that it may collapse should the various countries ever compare notes," Prof. Morgenthau

said. Speaking at the same symposium earlier, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan described Kissinger as "the best diplomat in the world."

Allon referred to the tense situation on the Syrian front and took the occasion to warn Damascus that a resumption of hostilities on its part would not dislodge Israel or endanger Israel's security but "would jeopardize the efforts to reach a disengagement agreement." If Israel is faced with extreme demands, Syria will find it immovable and no solution will be advanced, he said.

#### Soviet Aim Is To Keep Mideast Hot

Premier Meir said earlier that Israel would part with the Syrian territory it captured in the Yom Kippur War as part of a disengagement accord but would never give up the Golan Heights captured in 1967. Israel's retention of the heights is its only security guarantee in the north, she said.

Discussing Soviet policy, Mrs. Meir contended that while Moscow did not want global war or even the destruction of Israel, its aim in the Middle East is a continuing state of no peace. Nothing is impossible in Soviet ideology, she said. "They are far from idealism." She did not think the Russians were encouraging Syria to reach a disengagement agreement with Israel along the Egyptian pattern. She expressed doubt that any accord could have been reached with Egypt if the Soviets had had a hand in it.

Leonard Davis, of New York, who contributed the funds for the new Hebrew University's Institute, said that while international relations might be largely an academic subject in most countries they were of vital concern in Israel and at Hebrew University. The Institute's director, University Prof. Saul Friedlander, stressed the policy-oriented programs of the Institute and the contributions it hoped to make towards government thinking and planning.

#### ZIONIST LEADER SAYS WAR HIGHLIGHTED APATHY OF MOST JEWISH YOUTH

JERUSALEM, March 13 (JTA)--Mordechai Bar-On, head of the World Zionist Organization's Youth and Halutz Department, said here the Yom Kippur War had revealed the apathy of the majority of Jewish youth abroad to Israel and their own Jewishness. At the same time, he stated, it had heightened the feeling of identity of the minority which had previously felt identified with Israel and their Jewishness--and it had heightened the hostility of another minority which had been previously hostile to Israel and Zionism.

Bar-On gave this appraisal of the war's effect on Jewish youth at a press conference here where he discussed the work of his department. Until now, most Zionist leaders have spoken in glowing terms of Jewish youths around the world rallying around Israel in Oct. Bar-On revealed that during the emergency period some 50,000 persons of all ages and all types had made some sort of offer by phone or in person to Israeli Embassies or Jewish Agency offices to come to Israel and help. Only 15,000 had actually filled out volunteer application forms, and 6000 had actually come as volunteers for three- or six-month periods.

The 6000 figure included those who came on their own and those who came through the WZO, Bar-On said. He recalled that the WZO had done careful screening to keep out undesirables and had stipulated that all would-be volunteers must pay their own fares (though not of course their

board in Israel)--and this had discouraged drifters. The result was that the 6000 who had come had been a boon to the kibbutzim, moshavim and factories where they had worked and Bar-On was very satisfied with them. He noted that 4000 of them were still in the country.

#### Plans To Aid Olim, Students

As an example of their usefulness he cited the case of 80 South African volunteers who had literally saved the young Negev moshavim of Hatzeva and Ein Yahav from economic disaster. The winter crops had had to be tended and practically all the men had been mobilized. The volunteers had saved the day, Bar-On reported. The Youth and Halutz Department was now preparing plans for semester-long programs for volunteers who would spend six or seven months here working, learning Hebrew, hearing lectures and seminars and seeing the country, he said.

Another department plan envisaged two-year "working groups" intended for would-be olim from the West who wished to try out Israel "in depth" before making their final decision to settle. People of similar backgrounds and interests would be organized into groups and would be helped to work together in agriculture or industry, in kibbutzim, moshavim or villages as they preferred, enjoying the department's help and support for up to two years.

Bar-On outlined two more plans of his department: Bringing to Israel for 10-day refresher tours Jewish youths and student leaders who had made their marks as leaders in campuses and movements and had not been to Israel since Yom Kippur. Bar-On said it was important for them to see the post-war reality here now; "Zionist Training for Israeli Youth"--the department is running four-day lecture and discussion courses for Israeli 12th graders to bolster their Zionist awareness and ideological identity before they are enlisted in the army. In the course of the school year the department hopes to cover all 12th graders.

#### 2 ARAB LIFERS ESCAPE FROM TOP SECURITY PRISON

TEL AVIV, March 13 (JTA)--Two Arab prisoners serving life terms escaped from the top security prison at Ramleh two days ago and still have not been apprehended, it was disclosed to the Knesset Interior Committee last night by Police Minister Shlomo Hillel. He reported that a third prisoner involved in the break was captured in the prison yard. Hillel also disclosed that five Arab terrorists were murdered inside the Ramleh jail by fellow inmates who are serving life sentences.

The Police Minister said the escaped convicts were from an Arab village in northern Israel and had been sentenced to life imprisonment for security-related crimes--apparently spying. They used a saw to cut through their cell bars and managed to scale several barbed wire fences and a concrete wall to reach a car waiting for them on a road near the prison, Hillel reported. He said their photographs have been distributed to police all over the country but so far they have eluded the manhunt.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Ten Nabulus Arabs went before a military tribunal today on charges of espionage. They were arrested after they delivered photographs of an Israeli army camp to Jordan by way of one of the bridges. According to Israeli authorities it was the first and only act accomplished by the spy ring that was organized in Nabulus to serve Palestinian terrorist organizations.

# DATE FOR SYRIAN-ISRAELI TALKS IN WASHINGTON AGAIN PLACED IN LIMBO

WASHINGTON, March 13 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is apparently no longer so sure that disengagement talks between Israel and Syria will get underway next week in Washington as he originally predicted. This emerged today after Kissinger briefed the Senate Armed Forces Committee on the Middle East situation behind closed doors.

Sen. John Stennis (D.Miss.), committee chairman, described Kissinger as "still very hopeful" that the talks would move forward. But he said Kissinger was reluctant to be pinned down on the actual dates. On Mar. 6 Kissinger said he expected the talks to begin in Washington in about two weeks.

Meanwhile, Kissinger refused to make any comments about reports that the Soviet Union in Arab-language broadcasts is urging that the oil embargo against the United States be maintained. "I don't want to make any comments on the basis of radio broadcasts," he said upon leaving the committee meeting. "I am not familiar with any official moves by the Soviet Union."

## Detente Policy Challenged

But two conservative Senators, Harry F. Byrd (D.Va.) and James L. Buckley (C/R NY) used the broadcasts today to challenge the Nixon Administration's detente policy. "There seems little doubt that the Soviets influenced recent Arab actions in establishing oil embargoes and drastically and repeatedly raising the price of oil," Byrd said. He said that while "Russian leaders have signed agreements with the U.S. we must remember they have received far more than they have given. This is true both in trade and arms. Our representatives are so anxious to get agreements that they are too willing to make unmatched concessions."

Buckley said that President Nixon and Kissinger were "so concerned with preserving the appearance of detente that it will result in making 'the world considerably less safe than we now find it.'" Buckley introduced amendments that would deny most favored nation trade benefits and credits to any country that jams international broadcasts that were supported by U.S. tax dollars. This would include the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

## TWO ARRAIGNED IN CONNECTION WITH MISSING ARAB PUBLISHER

JERUSALEM, March 13 (JTA)--Two close friends of missing publisher Yussef Nassri Nassr were arraigned in a Jerusalem magistrates court today in connection with his mysterious disappearance a month ago. They are Jamil Hammad, editor of the East Jerusalem Arabic newspaper Al Fajr which Nassr published, and Bassin Hananya, a local pharmacist. Police who suspect foul play, believe the two know more about Nassr's disappearance than they disclosed in previous interrogations. Police have questioned several dozen persons in the case and detained nine.

Five of the latter have been released and two others are expected to be released but the remaining two may be arraigned. The fact that all were close associates or friends of the publisher indicate that the police are still in the dark.

## Serious Repercussions On West Bank

Nassr disappeared shortly after arriving at his home a month ago and has not been heard

from since. He has not been seen by anyone known to the police. The case has the potential for serious political repercussions on the West Bank. Nassr was bitterly anti-Husseini and strongly favored the creation of a Palestinian entity on the West Bank independent of both Israel and Jordan. Israeli authorities suspect that he was kidnapped for political reasons. But the political issue he posed is an explosive one on the West Bank where the populace is growing restive because of the uncertainty of their future status.

With the Middle East appearing to be on the threshold of a period of disengagement and negotiation, the pro and anti-Husseini forces on the West Bank are mustering their strength. While both elements desire some sort of autonomy for the region in which over a million Palestinian Arabs live, politicians like Hebron's influential Mayor Mohammed Ali al-Jaabari believe any settlement has to be worked out between Israel and Jordan. His is a view shared by the Israeli government:

Mayor al-Jaabari, who may be the strongest politician on the West Bank, apparently hopes that when peace talks with Jordan start, the traditional leadership on the West Bank will be invited to participate as an equal partner. Recent reports from Jordan indicated that King Hussein intends to include the West Bank leadership in the Jordanian delegation to the Middle East peace conference in Geneva--if and when the conference resumes.

## RABBI YEHEZKEEL LEWENSTEIN DEAD AT 90

TEL AVIV, March 13 (JTA)--Thousands of Hasidim, yeshiva students and rabbis from all over Israel attended the funeral today of Rabbi Yehezkeel Lewenstein who died at the age of 90. He was spiritual head of the Foneivecz Yeshiva at Bnei Brak where he taught for over 20 years. Prior to World War II, Rabbi Lewenstein was associated with the late Rabbi Kahaneman at the original Foneivecz Yeshiva in Lithuania. When the yeshiva was reestablished in Israel he helped found it.

## RACIAL QUOTAS PROPOSAL BLASTED

NEW YORK, March 13 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress took sharp issue today with a report by the civil rights committee of the New York Bar Association supporting voluntary racial quotas by employers, college admissions officers and housing developers. Voicing "profound concern" over the report "emanating from such a prestigious source," the AJCongress contended that the quota plan would be counter-productive because it would turn private citizens into "racial Robin Hoods" engaged "in the same kind of discrimination against innocent individuals which created the situation they seek to remedy."

The Bar Association's report declared that "voluntary programs using quotas for ameliorative purposes to correct the effects of substantial prior discrimination are legally permissible in such areas as employment, education and housing."

The AJCongress' reply, written by Lois Waldman, associate director of its Commission on Law, Social Action and Urban Affairs, described the report as support for "do-it-yourself quotas--that is quotas instituted by private parties or institutions on their own initiative and not as part of a remedial order imposed by a court or administrative agency." It called the Bar Association recommendations an "ill conceived proposal, justified neither by the cases nor by wise demands of social policy."

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BRUSSELS (JTA)--Belgium has awarded violinist Isaac Stern the Cross of the Commander of the Order of the Crown, its highest honor.

### BROTHERHOOD SYNAGOGUE FINDS NEW TEMPORARY FACILITIES

NEW YORK, March 13 (JTA)--The Brotherhood Synagogue in Manhattan's Greenwich Village which last Nov. ended its 19-year-old sharing of facilities with a Presbyterian church, has found temporary facilities with two Orthodox congregations in the Village. Rabbi Irving J. Block, the Reform rabbi of the liberal 600-member congregation, said it had accepted offers from Congregation Derech Amuna and Congregation Emunath Israel until it finds a permanent home.

Rabbi Block said his congregation will take formal leave with a Torah procession March 19 from the building it has shared with the Village Presbyterian Church since 1954. He said the Brotherhood congregants will attend Friday night services, with an Oneg Shabbat to follow, after the early evening services at Derech Amuna, which is six blocks from the building the congregation is leaving. Starting March 23, the congregation will worship with Emunath Israel members at the regular Sabbath morning services, followed by a kiddish by both congregations, Rabbi Block said. Emunath Israel is about 10 blocks away.

The rabbi said that both congregations offered their facilities without charge but that the Brotherhood Congregation would make a contribution toward maintenance costs to both congregations for the four or five months that it expects to share facilities. Rabbi Block said that while no permanent home had yet been found, the search was expected to find one in that period. He said temporary offices and classrooms have been set up in rented quarters near the Village.

### Differences Erupted During War

A difference stemming from the Yom Kippur War was the culminating factor in the decision of the Brotherhood Congregation to end its formal covenant with the church and to seek facilities somewhere else in the Village. After the war broke out, Rabbi Block posted a notice on the outdoor synagogue bulletin board which read: "May there be victory and peace for Israel."

The following Sunday, Rev. William Glenesk, who had been named to the church pulpit two years ago, put a notice in the church bulletin reading: "To our friends, Arabs, non-Zionist Jews and all others who are offended by the arrogant, self-righteous sign posted outside our sanctuary by the synagogue re victory for Israel, we offer our regrets and prayers for peace."

Rabbi Block said Rev. Glenesk had been consistently "abrasive and insulting" as successor to Rev. Jesse Stitt with whom the Jewish congregation had started its covenant of sharing and who died two years ago. The rabbi told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his congregants would use the Orthodox prayerbooks of the host congregations. He said he did not expect any problems from the differences in Jewish religious philosophies.

### CONGRESSWOMEN URGE SOVIET GOV'T TO LET PANOVs LEAVE TOGETHER

WASHINGTON, March 13 (JTA)--A plea to the Soviet government to allow Valery and Galina Panov to emigrate to Israel was issued here today by eight Congresswomen led by Elizabeth Holtzman (D.N.Y.). The plea, in the form of a joint letter to Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev, stated that "as members of the U.S. Congress and as women we urge the Soviet government to grant immediate permission

to Galina Panov to emigrate with her husband." Valery Panov has been told that he may leave the USSR but that Galina, who is not Jewish, cannot accompany him.

The Congresswomen's letter also stated: "We deplore this effort by the Soviet government to separate the Panov family. We must protest the unjust decision that a husband must leave the country and his wife must remain." The signers of the letter included Bella Abzug (NY), Cardiss Collins (Ill.), Bella Grasso (Conn.), Margaret Heckler (Mass.), Barbara Jordan (Texas), Patsy Mink (Hawaii) and Patricia Schroeder (Colo.). All are Democrats except Mrs. Heckler who is a Republican.

### 'J'--DESIGNATING JEWISH-- REMOVED FROM MONTREAL TAX FORMS

MONTREAL, March 13 (JTA)--The letter J--designating Jewish--has been eliminated from the 1974 tax assessment notices sent to Jewish property-owners in Montreal and suburbs, thereby ending a long-standing controversy that drew bitter protests from the Jewish community. The removal of the offending designation which had appeared on the tax bills for 1973 and earlier years--along with the designations "C" for Catholic and "P" for Protestant--was announced by Victor Goldbloom, the Municipal Affairs Minister.

He made the announcement as plans were under way for mass protests by Jews if the J appeared on this year's tax notices. The notices are prepared by the Montreal Urban Council and mailed to property owners in Montreal proper and its suburbs including the mostly Jewish suburbs of Cote-St. Luc, Hampstead and Westmount. Just a year ago, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported that Jewish taxpayers of Cote-St. Luc were protesting that the "J" revived bitter memories of the letter J many of them were forced to wear while inmates of Nazi concentration camps during World War II.

Goldbloom explained at the time that the Real Estate Assessment Act required identification for school tax purposes and that Art. 93 of the British North America Act required the protection of Catholic and Protestant identity. But he noted that all that was really required on the tax invoices was a C, P or N for neutral, implying that the classification code need not include the grouping J.

### JEWISH ACTIVIST RELEASED FROM JAIL

NEW YORK, March 13 (JTA)--Yankel Khantsis, a Jewish activist from Kishinev, was released from prison in Omutninsk this week, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today. The 45-year-old activist was originally sentenced to one-and-a-half years in August 1970 and released from jail in May 1971. He was resentenced in March 1972 to a two-year jail term. His wife, Lisa, recently emigrated to Israel. The NCSJ also reported that Mikhail and Adela Kerdel, who for a long time had been denied exit visas by Soviet authorities, have arrived in Israel with their baby. Mrs. Kerdel, the NCSJ said is crippled.

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LONDON (JTA)--A grove of 1000 trees in memory of Nicholas Tomalin, the British journalist who was killed while reporting the Yom Kippur War on the Golan Heights for the Sunday Times, was planted by the Jewish National Fund of Great Britain and Ireland. A plaque on the site of the grove will serve as a memorial to Tomalin. A replica of the plaque and a certificate were presented to the widow, Claire Tomalin, by Cecil Bianco and Dr. Isaac Levy, president and director of the JNF, respectively.