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EGYPT FIRES SAM MISSILE AT ISRAELI PLANE; ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO UNEF

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA)—Egypt fired a SAM-7 anti-aircraft missile at an Israeli fighter plane yesterday while it was on a routine mission along the Sinai disengagement line. The plane was not hit. The incident was disclosed last night after the Israeli liaison officer with the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) lodged a complaint, Israel said its plane was on a routine patrol flight and had not crossed the disengagement line.

According to the Israeli complaint, the Russian-made missile, known as the "Strella," was fired from the direction of Egyptian forces on the east bank of the Suez Canal. Under the term of the Israeli-Egyptian disengagement agreement signed last Jan., Egypt is not supposed to have missiles on the east bank of the canal.

TURKISH MEDICS ASK ISRAELI MEDICS TO INTERVENE WITH INTERNATIONAL GROUPS OVER ATROCITIES IN CYPRUS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA).—The Israeli Medical Association has been asked by the Turkish Medical Association to intervene with international organizations over alleged Greek-Cypriot atrocities against the Turkish minority on Cyprus. A letter from the Turkish group received by the IMA charged that Greek-Cypriot physicians were refusing to treat Turkish Cypriots in violation of their medical oath and that the Greeks were preventing the Red Cross from attending to the medical needs of the Turkish minority on the island.

Dilemma For Israel

The Turkish request remains under consideration, a source said today, but it has created a dilemma for the IMA inasmuch as Israel is trying to remain neutral in the Greek-Turkish conflict over Cyprus. It was noted on the other, hand that the Greek Medical Association never responded to a letter from the IMA describing the mistreatment of Israell prisoners of war in Syria after the Yom Kippur War.

REPORT THAT ARABS ARE WILLING TO PAY \$400 M TO DENY U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT LANDING RIGHTS ON AZORES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (JTA)—The State Department skirted outright confirmation or denial today of press reports that un-named Arab governments have offered Portugal \$400 million to deny landing rights to U.S. military atreraft on the Azores and offered to lift the oil embargo on Portugal in return, for such a move. The press reports were attributed to Pentagon intelligence sources. State Department apokesman Robert Anderson said the Department had "independent" and "official" reports on the press report and said it was awaiting further information from the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon.

During the Yom Kippur War, the Americanbuilt and leased air base at Lajes in the Azores was a stop-over and refueling station for giant C-5 military transports air lifting military equipment to Israel. The use of Portuguese soil for that purpose precipitated the Arab oil embar

go against Portugal. The lease on Lajes expired last Feb, and negotiations for its renewal are to begin here Sept. 3. Anderson said today, ""We're going forward with those negotiations."

ANTI-ISRAEL, ANTI-SEMITIC CLIMATE IN GREECE AS RESULT OF CYPRUS WAR

LONDON, Aug. 22 (JTA)—A climate hostile to Israel with clear anti-Semitic overtones has developed in Greece as a result of the Cypt¹⁰³ crisis and the feeling in Athens that U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's policies have betrayed Greece. The anti-American resentment throughout Greece has a Jewish edge to it and at least one leading Athens daily repeatedly refers to Kissinger as "the German Jew Kissinger."

These developments were described to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today by a Jewish reporter who is a specialist on Greek affairs and has just returned here from a prolonged wisit to Greece. The reporter, who asked to remain anonymous, said a barometer of the prevailing mood was provided in an editorial published in the Aug. 16 edition of the daily, "Athenaiki," which accused the U.S. of having treated the Greek government and people as "Merfs."

The editorial declared, "We want to stop being tiny pawns in the hands of ruthless Metternichs," a reference to Kissinger, and, "We no longer want to be the 'sole means of survival' for any more Israels." The latter, the reporter pointed out, was a reference to former President Nixon's comment last year on the role played by the U.S. naval bases in Greece in the American arms airlift to Israel during the Yom Kippur War.

Factors In Anti-Jewish Feelings

The reporter noted that "Athenaiki" was one of the newspapers forced to suspend publication during the seven-year regime of Greece's military junta which was overthrown last month. He said the paper represented the Greek Center Union Party, one of whose leaders is the current Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Greece, George Mavros.

The reporter noted further that Greece traditionally has had friendly relations with the Arab countries which even the Athens Airport massacre by Arab terrorists falled to shake. Expressions of sympathy for Turkey in the Israeli press after the Greek junta coup that deposed Arabhishop Makarios' regime in Cyprus were seized upon by pro-Arab papers in Greece to generate hostility toward Israel. This was further exacerbated by the arrest of the Greek Catholic Archbishop Hillarion Capucci in Jerusalem on suspicion of espionage and aiding terrorist activities, the reporter said.

May Revive Blood Libels'

According to the reporter, the anti-Israel sentiments in Greece may bring about a revival of latent anti-Semitism which has deep roots dating back to the early 19th century when it was alleged that the Jews were allied with Turkey during Greece's struggle for independence. Such allegations were widespread during the Greec-Turkish war in 1821 when it was claimed that the Turks, after hanging the Greek Patriarch, handed over his body to the "Jewish nob" in Constantinople which

desecrated it dragging it through the streets.

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That tale, and other fabrications, resulted in the murder of hundreds of Jews by Greek rebels under the command of the Greek national hero Kolokotronis. There are already indications of an attempt to revive these ancient "blood libels" using Kissinger as a symbol for the Jewish people and describing U.S., policy as serving Jewish interests, the reporter said. He added, however, that at the moment there is no cause for panic inasmuch as Greece has more urgent matters to attend to than its relations with Israel or a quarrel with Jews.

IDF MOBILIZATION DUE IN A FEW DAYS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA)—The Israel Defense Forces will hold a 24-hour mobilization test within the next few days.—The exercise will involve several thousand men. The call-up will be conducted through special codes that will be amounced over radio and television and through newspapers and placards. Special measures will also be taken should a real emergency ariseduring the exercise.

Israelis have been asked to give reserve soldiers lifts to their units. Civilian vehicles will also be called up during the exercise and their owners will drive them to the assembly point, register them and the vehicles will then be released. Should the car of a reserve soldier who is being mobilized also be called up, he will take the car to the assembly point and then go to his

STUDY SHOWS ISRAEL IS COMMITTED TO HUMAN VALUES DESPITE ITS FREQUENT INVOLVEMENT IN WARFARE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (JTA)—A summary of a 160-page study on Israel by a 29-member mission sponsored by George Washington University emphasized that "despite Israel's frequent involvement in warfare, its institutions exhibit a unique commitment to humane educational values."

"Such is a major theme and conclusion" of the study conducted last Nov., according to its edtiors, Ms. Sharon Enright, assistant director of the university's Educational Staff Seminar, and John Shultz, editor of the Public Law Education Institute.

The mission, entitled "Impression of Education in Israel," was prepared by federal government education aides and others under the university's Educational Seminar. The mission was headed by Dr. Samuel Halperin, director of the university's Institute for Educational Leadershin

"Even the paramilitary Gadna, responsible for readying israeli youth for military service, spends much of its time working with street corner gangs and delinquent youths trying to insure that they make a positive contribution to society," the study summary said,

It quoted one observer as reporting: "Widely acknowledged as Israel's paramount concern after national security, education is viewed as the human path to a secure national future." This observer was identified as George Kaplan, assistant to the director for the Center for Career Education of the U.S. Office of Education. (By Joseph Polakoff)

EXCAVATIONS UNEARTH RICH FINDS By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA)—Tel Aviv University's Institute of Archaeology has announced the results of its third season of excavations at Tel Aphek—also known as Antipatris—and they

are truly impressive. The rich discoveries include rare cuneiform tablets, remains of fortifications and settlements and a wealth of artifacts that confirm that Tel Aphek and the city built on the site much later by King Herod (37 to 4 BCE) was a key junction on an international highway of commerce in ancient times.

Tel Aphek is located east of the Israeli town of Petach Tikva, near the first ridge of the low mountains through which early roads linked the coastal plain with Jerusalem. The latest digs were carried out by some 150 archaeologists, including students and volunteers, under the leadership of Dr. Moshe Kochavi of Tel Aviv University, Dr. George L. Kelm of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Dr. Bruce Cresson of Baylor University West Terms of Theorem.

sity, Waco, Texas.

The earliest remains they unearthed were of a settlement dating back to the early bronze age, its walls and streets indicated an early effort at urban planning. On top of that were the remains of middle bronze age settlements—about 2000 BCE—with fortified walls, and late bronze age settlements of the Cananite era. Also discovered in various parts of the Tel were the remains of the Herodian fortress destroyed during the conquest by the Roman General Vespasian in 67 CE.

A large amount of pottery, both commercial and household, was found, including jars, jugs and cooking pots and chalices identified with various historical ages, including the first Egyptian dynasty. The most impressive find was two clay tablet fragments inscribed in cuneiform script. Ten lines of inscription on one seem to be a fragment of a Sumerian-Acadian lexicon containing such agricultural terms as "plow," "wheat" and "hoe," and the name of the Sum God, "Shamash." The second tablet was an administrative table with numerals.

BONN GOVERNMENT REJECTS EL AL PLAN

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA)—A German Embassy spokesman in Tel Aviv has confirmed reports that the Bonn government turned down an El Al plan to operate a flight from West Germany directly to the Jerusalem airport at Atarot (Kalandia). The German decision, only two weeks before the scheduled inaugural flight to Jerusalem was based on political reasons.

Bonn adhered, it was claimed, to the United Nations' decision that there would be no change in the attitude towards the administered territories. The Jerusalem airport is in administered territory and was not included in the Israeli-West German aviation agreement.

Atarot Airport had been enlarged to handle jet planes in anticipation of the scheduled flights of German pilgrims to Israel. El Al made tests and found the airport adequate for use by international airlines.

COPENHAGEN (JTA)—Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Sheik Omar Sakaf said in a newspaper Interview here that Israel must withdraw to the pre-1967 borders if a peace settlement is to be reached in the Middle East. When asked whether Saudi Arabia would recognize the Jewish State if it agreed to withdraw to these borders, he replied: "There are many countries existing today without our recognition." Sakaf, currently on a tour of the Scandinavian countries, made these statements to the Danish daily, "Berlingske Tidende," before leaving Denmark for Sweden.

FLASH! Hetnrich Spetter, sentenced to death in Bulgaria for spying, arrived in Israel Thursday night. The Foreign Ministry said Israel's efforts to secure his release on humanitarian grounds had proven successful. KISSINGER SAYS U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO HELP ISRAEL, ARABS TO RESOLVE CONFLICT AND ACHIEVE A LASTING PEACE BY JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (JTA)—Secretary of State Henry A, Kissinger told the American Legion Convention in Miami Beach that the United States will continue to help Arabs and Israelis toward a resolution of their conflict and the achievement of a lasting peace in the Middle Eart.

According to the official text of his remarks made available here, Kissinger said, "For the Arabs there can be no peace without a recovery of territory and the redress of grievances of a displaced people. For Israel, peace requires both security and recognition by its neighbors of its legitimacy as a nation." He added: "Our Arab and Israeli friends have, with our help over the past six months, taken the first difficult steps down the road toward fulfillment of these aspirations. We have a long distance yet to travel, but with patience and hard work we will complete the journey. The people of the Middle East deserve it and the peace of the world demands it."

While no new elements were contained in Kissinger's remarks, some observers here questioned whether his juxtaposition of Araband Israeli claims indicated that the U.S. believes that Israel must return territory and redress the grievances of the Palestinians if it hopes to obtain security and recognition from the Arabs,

Will Not Yield To Pressure Group

"We must create in the Middle East a lasting peace, not just a cease-fire," the Secretary said "My trips throughout that tragically torn area have convinced me of one essential fact above all tothers: The people of the Middle East, be they Arab or Jew, have had enough of bloodshed, They cry out for peace and peace can be theirs if they and we have the will and patience to achieve it."

In his 3800-word text which referred to turnoil in many parts of the world, such as the current situation in Cyprus, Kissinger said the American attitude would be "that we cannot be the world's policeman but that we will always use our influence for peace and conciliation. We will not yield to pressure groups but we will always listen to reason. We will act in foreign policy as trustee of the future, conscious that we will be judged on how well we built an enduring peace and not how often we bowed to the emotional demands of the moment."

His latter remark was interpreted here as a reference to the demonstration by more than 20,000 Greek Americans at the White House last Sunday and the assassination Monday of U.S. Ambassador Rodger Davies in Cyprus. It was also seen as a further indication of Kissinger's opposition to popular demand in Congress that the U.S. insist that the Soviet government changes its emigration policies before granting trade concessions to the Soviet Union.

Kissinger, who addressed the American Legion Tuesday night, was presented with the Legion's Distinguished Public Service Award.

PARTIAL PLANT SHUTDOWN CAUSES DISPUTE BETWEEN ARAB, JEWISH WORKERS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA)—The Labor Relations Mediation Office will try to settle a dispute between Jewish and Arab workers at the Dimona fibers plant. The dispute arose after the shutdown of several departments in the plant. The Jewish workers demanded that the 150 Arabs from the administered territories working in the plant be dismissed and replaced by the Jewish workers. This morning when the Arab workers arrived they were prevented from entering the plant by pickets representing the dismissed Jewish workers.

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The police were called, but meanwhile Histadrut officials intervened, explaining to the Arabs that the reason for the demands by the Jewish workers were not political or the result of prejudice but due to the professional rule that the last hired is the first dismissed in case of a layoff. The Arabs then decided they would not resume work until a settlement is reached between the Jewish workers and the management of the plant. "We do not want to be a side in the conflict." the Arabs said.

CONFERENCE OF YOUNG JEWISH LEADERS

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 22 (JTA)—A special conference of young Jewish leaders from east and west Europe will open in Stockholm tomorrow. The 25 young leaders assembling in the Swedish capital will study ways of improving the dissemination of information about Israel and discuss the situation of Jews throughout the world, especially those living in the Soviet Union and Arab countries. They will also direct their attention to the problem of intensifying the Jewish education of diaspora Jews. The three-day meeting is sponsored by the World Zionist Organization.

SYRIAN LEADER CONFERS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS

wASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (JTA).—Vice-Presidentdesignate Nelson A. Rockefeller will participate in a meeting at the State Department tonight between Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and the Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khadam, the State Department disclosed today. Khadam, who arrived here last night, met with Kissinger today in the Secretary's continuing round of consultations with Middle East leaders aimed at a peace settlement in that region.

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said that Kissinger's purpose in inviting Rockefeller to tonight's meeting was to introduce him to Khadam. He said the former New York governor would be present at the meeting for about a half-hour. Asked if it was entirely proper for a private citizen to sit in on high level diplomatic discussions, Anderson stressed that this was "just an introduction." Rockefeller's nomination must be confirmed by the Senate and House after hearings which will begin next month.

RABIN VISITS DISENGAGEMENT LINE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22 (JTA)—Premier Yitzhak Rabin visited the Israeli-Egyptian disengagement line in Sinai today, accompanied by Defense Minister Shimon Peres, Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur and senior army officers. They visited army units and installations and talked with soldiers and officers. Rabin and his group also inspected the Israeli deployment along the time. In their talks with soldiers and officers the question of volunteering and recruitment in the armed services was discussed. An effort is under way to persuade officers and non-coms to extend their duty beyond the prescribed three years service or other periods agreed upon in contracts with officers.

TEL AVIV (JTA).—Four units established the nucleus Wednesday of new Nahal settlements in the Raffah approaches and Raffah salient of the Gaza Strip.

AJCONGRESS ASSAILS FILM FEST HONORING NAZI PROPAGANDIST

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 (JTA)—Plans to honor Nazi propagandist Leni Riefenstahl Sept. 1 and 2 at the first film festival in Telluride, Colorado, came under sharp attack today by the American Jewish Congress, which called the project "morally indefensible" and urged that others being honored—including Francis Ford Coppola and Glorta Swanson—withdraw from participation.

"With all the extraordinary film directors in the world, the decision to spotlight Leni Riefenstahl strikes us as crudely insensitive." Rabi Yaakov Rosenberg, chairman of the Congress' Commission on Jewish Affairs, said in a statement. "Miss Riefenstahl put her talents as a propagandist at the service of a monster, helping thereby to seduce the German people and hypnotize an unsuspecting world," Rabbi Rosenberg declared, adding: "Any award to such a film maker is morally indefensible."

Rabbi Rosenberg said that Miss Riefenstahl's most famous film—the Nazi propaganda epte Triumph of the Will—"could only have been created by a Nazi fanatic. It has rightly been called a profoundly subversive work and its creator Nazism's most effective film propagandist, It is perhaps understandable that Miss Riefenstahl in recent years has sought to absolve herself of personal culpability for the horrors of Nazism. What is incredible is that she has so many defenders and willing listeners, including the sponsors of the Colorado festival."

The AJ Congress strongly urged the sponsors to reconsider their decision. "To honor Leni Riefenstahl is to insult all those who suffered at the hands of the Nazi tyranny she so effectively promoted," the statement said. "If the decision stands, we urge others scheduled to be honored to withdraw from participation in the festival."

The film festival at the Colorado aki resort is scheduled to begin Aug. 30 with tributes to Miss Swanson and Coppola. The Riefenstahl tribute—in which the controversial director is scheduled to participate—is planned for Sept; 1 and 2. Miss Riefenstahl now lives in Munich. Triumph of the Will allegedly records the 1934 Naži party convention in Nuremberg. In fact, the convention was staged for the filming, with thousands of "extras" brought to Nuremberg by Hitler, who commissioned Miss Riefenstahl to direct the movie. The film, enormously successful, is generally regarded as a classic glorification of Nazism.

ROCKEFELLER HAS SUPPORTED SOVIET JEWRY EMIGRATION RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (1TA)--Vice-President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller, when governor of New York, backed efforts to advance opportunities for Jews in the Soviet Union to emigrate. Just before leaving the governorship last Dec, he proclaimed "Jewish Prisoners of Conscience Month" in New York State. In 1972 and 1973 he issued proclamations in support of "Solidarity Day" for Soviet Jewry.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Greater New York Conference of the National Conference for Soviet Jewry, pointed out in a telephone interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that in his 1973 proclamation Rockefeller referred to the New York Assembly and Senate as being the nation's first legislature to adopt a resolution calling on Congress and the President to consider the plight of Soviet Jews before granting U.S. governmental trade concessions to the Soviet Union.

TRIAL OF 4 SYRIANS BEGINS AUG. 25

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 (JTA)—Sources in the Syrian Jewish community here said today that the Damascus authoriftee have dropped murder charges against Yussuf Shaluh and Azuf Zalta in Jewish women last March. Shaluh and Zalta and two Syrian non-Jews were accused originally of murder and of attempting to smuggle Syrian nationals to a foreign country. The smuggling charges have been continued, however, against the two Jews. The four suspects go on trial Aug. 25.

Israeli Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen told the International Conference for the Deliverance of Jews in the Middle East in Paris last July 3 that the Syrian authorities had decided to cancel the murder charges against Shaluh and Zalta but would try them for attempting to help the four victims leave Syria, a "or'ime" that could carry a five-year prison sentence, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported at the time.

The comment today from the Syrian Jewish sources was made in reference to an announcement here yesterday that 30 district attorneys from throughout the United States had sent a letter to President Hafez Assad of Syria on the case. The letter asked that a delegation from the National District Attorneys Association be permitted to attend the trial of the four men accused of murdering, or involvement in the murder of, the four Syrian Jewish women. Preliminary hearings for the trial were held in Damascus in May and June, the NDAA said.

KHADAM, ENNALS DISCUSS SYRIAN JEWS

LONDON, Aug. 22 (JTA)—Informed sources said today that the subject of Syrian Jews was "touched on" at a meeting here yesterday between the Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khadam and David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, but that "there were no developments." Earlier reports of the meeting had claimed the subject was not broached, Observers noted that if the government is still willing to intercede with the Syrians on behalf of that country's Jews, it appears anxious to avoid over-publicizing the fact.

Ennals' meeting with Khadam was seen as an indication that relations with Damascus have returned to normal. Last month Syria warned Britain that its "interference" in Syrian affairs could endanger bilateral relations. The warning came after British diplomats conveyed to the Syrians Whitehall's concern over the persecution and harassment of Syria's Jewish community.

Yesterday's meeting, described as "friendly and cordial" also took up the Middle East situation. According to Foreign Office sources, Khadam stressed the need to maintain the momentum of peace negotiations and said his government would welcome British participation in the Geneva peace conference. The sources said that possible British arms sales to Syria was also "briefly mentioned" and that Ennals explained that Britain was prepared to consider such requests "so long as the arms would not endanger the achievement of a just solution of the Middle East conflict."

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Mrs. Golda Meir sent a cable Wednesday to Vice-President-designate Nelson A. Rockefeller, stating: "In offering you my warmest personal congrabulations for your nomination to the vice-presidency, I rejoice to think that an admired friend will now be given the opportunity to cap his many years of outstanding leadership of a great American state, by further distinguished service on national and international scale."