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MOBILIZATION TERMED A SUCCESS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Israel's mobilization exercise ended today earlier than the 24 hours scheduled for the test as top officials called it a success. Defense Minister Shimon Peres, who visited the assembly points, decided to shorten the exercise in view of the excellent response by reservists.

Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur also said today that the exercise was a success. He said many units had 100 percent of their men reported while others came close to the target. He praised the public which helped transmit news of the call-up and helped those mobilized reach their posts. Israel's military command will now study the results of the mobilization.

The scene through Israel yesterday was reminiscent of war-time. Shops closed down in the main cities with the owners putting up notices "closed because of the exercise." Public transportation returned to normal today as the buses recruited for the mobilization were back on their regular routes.

BOMB WRECKS ISRAELI TOURIST BUREAU IN FRANKFURT; POLICE QUESTIONING ARABS IN THE AREA

BONN, Aug. 26 (JTA)--A time bomb exploded today at the office of the Israel Government Tourist Bureau in Frankfurt causing an estimated DM 60,000 in damage and slightly damaging three cars parked outside the office. There were no casualties.

German Federal police along with the local Frankfurt police department have joined together in the search for suspects. According to police spokesmen, there was no special guard at the tourist office. It was explained that special guards were put on only when the political situation demanded it. However, in the wake of the explosion, all other Israeli offices, banks and an Israeli exhibit at the Frankfurt Trade Fair were put under closer security.

The bomb had been attached to the front of the tourist bureau office located on the ground floor of a sky-rise office building. Police believe the attack was politically motivated and are closely questioning Arabs residing in the Frankfurt area. By late this evening police still had no leads in the bomb attack.

TERRORIST ALERT SOUNDED

By Yitzhak Shargil and Gili Sedan

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (JTA)--The Israeli public has been urged to double its alertness in the light of increasing sabotage attempts in the last several days. The latest incidents were reported yesterday when a bomb was discovered in Jerusalem and an attempt in Netanya was thwarted by alert lifeguards.

In Jerusalem a bomb was discovered under a fruit and vegetable stand in the Mahane Yehuda market only a few yards from where a booby-trapped baby carriage was found last week. The bomb, hidden in a bread loaf, was dismantled before it could cause harm.

According to police, a man described as an Arab bought fruit at the stand and asked the vendor, Avraham Yithya, if he could leave his shopping basket there. The man never returned

At 8:30 p.m. when he was closing the stand, the owner's son, Yitzhak, noticed the basket and discovered that the bread was booby-trapped. Four suspects were detained.

Last evening a bomb exploded in a house near the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, some 10 miles south of Jerusalem. No one was hurt and there was no damage. Police did not know whether terrorists were involved. In an earlier incident yesterday an explosion in Kfar Saba injured an old man and caused shock to two children. The explosive charge went off in a garbage container near a public bench in the township several miles northeast of Herzliya.

Increase, Not A Wave Of Terrorism

The incident in Netanya occurred when two lifeguards noticed that two well-dressed Arabs were on the beach carrying plastic bags that seemed heavier than if they had been filled with swimming togs. The lifeguards ordered the men to show them the bags and when they refused the guards overpowered the two Arabs. Inside the bag they found mortar shells with activating materials and explosive devices connected to a wristwatch, as well as nails and metal pieces. The two Arabs were turned over to police and the bags were placed in a hole in the sand to prevent casualties on the crowded beach.

Meanwhile, Meir Novik, Israel's Deputy Commander of Police, said he would not call the recent acts of terror "a new wave" of terrorism. He admitted there was an increase in the number of incidents after a short period of relative calm. He discounted speculation that the recent increase in sabotage acts resulted from the policy of allowing summer visitors from the Arab countries into the administered territories. Novik said the police force was being rearranged to combat terrorism. He said most of the police are now engaged in security work. But he stressed that the major means of preventing terrorism was public alertness.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, FLOORED

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (JTA)--The Chilean military government has banned showings of the movie, "Fiddler on the Roof," according to news reports reaching here from Santiago. Rear-Admiral Hugo Castro prohibited the release of the film after reportedly noting that the movie about the persecution of Jews in Czarist Russia contains "disruptive elements which assail harmony between Chileans." His ban came after censors had passed it.

KISSINGER'S POPULARITY IN ISRAEL DROPS 15.5 PERCENT SINCE JUNE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA)--According to a public opinion poll, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's popularity has dropped 15.5 percent since June. A group of some 1200 Israelis were asked by the Public Opinion Research Institute if they thought Kissinger was doing a good job. Two months ago 63.8 percent said they thought he was, compared with 48.3 percent who said yes in the latest poll. The Secretary and the United States government have come under increasing criticism in the Israeli press over fears that the U.S. is taking a more pro-Arab position on the Middle East.

Another public opinion poll conducted by Research Services reported today that a majority of Israelis felt that Golda Meir's government was

more capable of facing pressures than the government of Yitzhak Rabin. Of those polled, 64 percent felt the previous government was stronger in the face of pressure, while 17 percent viewed the present government as the stronger one. The poll also showed that 47 percent believed that Golda Meir, Moshe Dayan and Abba Eban could have handled better the Sabastia affair compared with the way it was handled by Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres and Yigal Allon. Only 34 percent felt that Rabin, Peres and Allon handled it better than the former government officials would have done.

CAPUCCI WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO HAVE FOREIGN DEFENSE LAWYER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Archbishop Hillarion Capucci, accused of smuggling arms to terrorists as the envoy of the Fatah organization, will not be able to hire a foreign lawyer to defend him. Israeli law does not permit foreigners to appear as lawyers in a court trial except for cases in which the defendant may be facing a death sentence, such as was the case in the Eichmann trial when a German lawyer was permitted to defend him.

Capucci, head of the Greek Catholic Church in Jerusalem and the West Bank, admitted over the weekend that he acted as a courier for the terrorist group, according to government sources. The Archbishop made his admission not only to his Israeli interrogators but also to the Apostolic delegate in Jerusalem and to the three Greek Catholic prelates who arrived last Wednesday in Israel from Lebanon. The prelates were representing the head of the Greek Catholic Church, Patriarch Maximus V who resides in Beirut. The Greek Catholic Church nominally accepts the Pope's authority and is not part of the larger Greek Orthodox Church.

Patriarch Maximus announced over the weekend in Beirut that he intends to hire a foreign lawyer to defend his colleague. If he does so in spite of Israeli law, the foreign lawyer will be able to act only as an assistant to Israeli lawyers who will appear in court, according to authoritative sources.

Police, who arrested Capucci Aug. 18, are completing their investigation of the Archbishop. In broadcasts over Israeli radio and television, the police disclosed some of the evidence of Capucci's guilt. They took this extraordinary measure of presenting evidence to the public before presenting it to the court in order to counter anti-Israel propaganda abroad and to confirm that Capucci was not arrested without cause.

The three Greek Catholic prelates met last Thursday evening for more than an hour with Capucci in the Beith Shemesh prison where he is being held. The three emerged from the meeting expressing anger and refusing to talk to journalists. Their anger was attributed to the fact that police attended the meeting despite their request that they meet privately with Capucci. Police brought Capucci clothes, prayer books and candles.

ISAAC A. STONE DEAD AT 67

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Isaac A. Stone, 67, a former U.S. foreign service officer who headed the Berlin Documents Center containing archives of the German Foreign Office and the Nazi Party after World War II, died last Thursday in Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem after a stroke, friends reported here today. He had been living in Israel since 1970.

Mr. Stone, while in a U.S. army uniform as an

intelligence analyst, was assigned to the staff of Justice Robert H. Jackson, U.S. chief counsel at the Nuremberg war crimes trials. Jackson awarded him a special citation for his services. While aiding in the trial he also conducted a one-man relief project for hundreds of persons in the DP camps in Germany. Soliciting food and clothing in the United States, he personally distributed them with the aid of U.S. army volunteers. He also helped locate relatives in the United States for many of the DPs.

For this service he was named "the tsaddik (righteous one) of Nuremberg." That name was used in NBC's "Eternal Light" program broadcast March 23, 1947. While in the State Department, Mr. Stone prepared a confidential three-volume history of U.S. relations with Bulgaria and also what is considered the most thorough analysis ever made of the forced repatriation of Russian prisoners of war to the Soviet Union.

Following his retirement from the foreign service, Mr. Stone served as associate professor of history at the University of Washington, Arizona State University and the City University of New York. For a number of years he also had been a researcher and teacher at the Library of Congress. Mr. Stone was born in Estonia and emigrated to Boston as a teenager. He worked his way through Boston University and Boston Hebrew College and received his Ph.D. in history from Harvard in 1935.

WOMAN GOES TO MIDEAST TO LEARN ABOUT PALESTINIANS; RETURNS DEPLORING SYRIAN JEWRY'S PLIGHT

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 26 (JTA)--An Amsterdam woman who traveled to the Middle East with the intention of gaining a better understanding of the Palestinians told a Dutch weekly she returned with the desire to alert public opinion to the deplorable situation of Jews living in Syria.

The woman, a pharmacy assistant, who wished to remain anonymous, said in the current issue of the Dutch Reformed Church weekly, "Hervormd Nederland," that she was appalled by the oppression and horrible conditions in which Syrian Jews live in Damascus. She said she was allowed to visit the Jewish quarter in the Syrian capital under a Syrian police guard.

MATHEMATICIANS EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH JEWISH COLLEAGUES IN USSR

VANCOUVER, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Solidarity with Jewish mathematicians in the Soviet Union was expressed by delegates attending the International Congress of Mathematicians recently held at the University of British Columbia. Hundreds of the more than 5500 delegates attending the conference, who also represent 150 major universities and institutions around the world, signed a petition addressed to Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev deploring the harassment and dismissal from their professional posts of Jewish mathematicians who applied to emigrate to Israel. During the course of the nine-day congress, members of the Vancouver Soviet Jewry Committee met with recent emigrants now working at universities in Israel and also handed letters of protest to members of the Soviet delegation.

PARIS (JTA)--The Union of French and Arab Banks (UFAB) announced Monday the grant of \$100 million loan to the Central Bank of Egypt to promote industrial development in that country. The Union is the central organization of an international consortium of 32 banks from Western Europe, the U.S., Hong Kong and the Arab countries organized to finance this loan.

WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES RABIN'S VISIT NEXT MONTH

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (JTA)--The White House officially announced today that Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin will come to Washington in Sept. to confer with President Ford on the Middle East. Officials said that although there is no firm date as yet Rabin would probably arrive on Sept. 10. The Israeli Cabinet in Jerusalem yesterday approved Rabin's trip to the U.S. Meanwhile, it was reported here that Richard W. Murphy, the new U.S. Ambassador to Syria, has arrived in Damascus. Dr. Sabah Qabbani, the new Syrian Ambassador to Washington, presented his credentials to President Ford last week. Upon arrival tonight, Murphy reportedly said that the possibilities of developing bilateral relations between Syria and the U.S. are good. He said the talks Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khadam held in Washington have led to fruitful results.

LOWELL HOPEFUL THAT ZALMANSON'S RELEASE WILL RAVE WAY FOR THE RELEASE OF OTHER SOVIET POCs

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Stanley H. Lowell, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, hailed the release of Silva Zalmanson.

Lowell said today that "it is hard to express the tilt of pleasure on hearing of Silva Zalmanson's release. She has been the symbol of all the Jewish Prisoners of Conscience who are serving harsh sentences in Soviet labor camps only because of their desire to emigrate to Israel. Seriously ill as she has been, we are pleased that Soviet officials have chosen finally to release her, an action which the American Jewish community has repeatedly urged in the past. We hope that this is an omen of future positive action and that other Prisoners of Conscience will be joining Silva in freedom in the days ahead."

Ms. Zalmanson, who was originally sentenced to 10 years in the first Leningrad trial of Dec. 1970, was released last Thursday after serving five of the 10 years. Her rapidly deteriorating health and the severity of her sentence was the focus of many protests in the West. It is believed that her release was granted purely for humanitarian reasons, Lowell said.

He added that "Soviet treatment of the other prisoners will be an index of their adherence to the general principals of detente and to their more specific interest in the Jackson legislation." In an unrelated action, Shimon Grillus, also a POC, was released upon completion of his five-year sentence.

ALONI SAYS NATION HAS RIGHT TO PLAN IMMIGRATION IN A WAY TO PRESERVE ITS NATIONAL CHARACTER

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Israeli Minister-Without-Portfolio Shulamit Aloni told the United Nations World Population Conference in Bucharest that the sovereignty of a nation implied the right to plan immigration in a way to preserve the special national character of its people. Ms. Aloni, who represented Israel at the conference, said migration of groups could take place only in a framework of the national desires of the newcomers and those receiving them.

Her remarks Saturday were in response to a statement by the International Youth Population Conference denouncing Israel for allegedly forcing the expulsion of the Palestinian people "at the call of Zionist expansionism."

Ms. Aloni, leader of the Civil Rights Party,

said that Zionism is "the liberation movement of the Jewish people" and noted that Israel has absorbed over a million refugees from countries where they had faced discrimination. She said that countries rich in water and fuel should share their wealth with others. Israel would be glad to share her experiences in demographic standardization with others, Ms. Aloni said.

LIKUD SENDING DELEGATION TO U.S. TO ASSAIL KISSINGER'S POLICIES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Charging that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is "selling Israel down the river," Likud MK Haim Landau announced Likud will send a delegation to the United States to "tell Americans the truth about Kissinger." Landau, a leader of the Herut section of Likud, said on Israel Radio that Kissinger is endangering Israel's basic security.

Likud charged that the recent U.S.-Jordanian and U.S.-Egyptian communiques in Washington indicated Kissinger has adapted the viewpoint of the two Arab states. Landau told a Likud Executive meeting that Kissinger has broken all his promises to Foreign Minister Yigal Allon regarding prior consultations on the next diplomatic move for a Middle East peace settlement. He said the U.S. also promised that there would be no concrete proposals agreed to with Egypt and Jordan. Landau also scored Kissinger for announcing that Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin would come to Washington in Sept. without first getting Rabin's consent.

Likud will get some competition in denouncing Kissinger in the U.S. Rabbi Meir Kahane, the former leader of the Jewish Defense League, returned to the U.S. two weeks ago to organize demonstrations against Kissinger, according to a statement he issued on his arrival.

AGUDA DENIES DEAL WITH GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (JTA)--The Aguda Executive has categorically denied that the party intends to seal a deal with Labor as has been reported in the Israeli press. The deal would purportedly have entailed Aguda undertaking to support the Rabin government on defense and foreign policy in return for a government undertaking to maintain the religious status quo.

That would mean the continued exemption of yeshiva students from army service--a subject which Mapam and Independent Liberal politicians are currently pressing to be reviewed. Army circles, too, are known to favor some new arrangement where the yeshiva students would do their national service. Some 10,000 such exemptions are issued each year.

The Aguda Executive announced that the recent convention of Aguda's World Executive in Jerusalem had taken no political decisions--hence there had been no decision to forge a deal with Labor. The World Executive had concerned itself with "spiritual, organizational and social" matters, the local Executive spokesman said. He implied that political questions had come up, too, and the consensus was to turn over such matters to Aguda's "Council of Sages" for their binding ruling.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Chief Rabbinate has declared the 40-day period from the first of Elul (last Monday), till Yom Kippur (Sept. 26), road safety days, "in view of the terrible slaughter on the roads." The rabbis called for an "awakening" among drivers and pedestrians to the rules of the road during the period when every Jew is meant to account for his deeds and those of his people.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**ISRAELI TEAM LEAVING FOR TEHRAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 7TH ASIAN GAMES**

By Haskell Cohen, JTA Sports Columnist

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA)—The largest Israeli team ever to participate in international sports leaves this week for Teheran for participation in the Seventh Asian Games which will take place from Sept. 1 to 16. While there is no fear, there is a bit of apprehension concerning the safety of the competitors, and the delegation, consequently, will include a large number of security people. The total number in the Israeli party comes to 91 people. Yosef Inbar, president of the Israeli Olympic Committee, and Haim Glovinsky, executive secretary of the Committee, left for Teheran last Friday in order to finalize all arrangements for the entertainment of the Israeli contingent.

It is interesting to note that among the 26 countries involved in the Games will be four Arab states: Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Bahrain. Shmuel Lalkin, chef d'mission for the Israelis, who was in Teheran a week ago, indicated, "I do not know if the Arabs will compete against us, but Israeli sportsmen will not withdraw from any event because Arab athletes are lined up against them." Lalkin indicated that the facilities for the Games are among the finest in the world, and the central stadium will seat 100,000 spectators. Built at a phenomenal expense, the indoor stadiums and swimming pools are air conditioned.

So far as Israel's chances are concerned, the indications here in Tel Aviv are that the team will return with several gold and silver medals. They are given a good chance for the soccer title, playing in the same bracket as South Korea and the Philippines. Israel's premier long distance runner, Yuval Vishnitzer, had been performing excellently in Sweden recently and was accorded an excellent chance for medals in both the 5000 and 10,000-meter runs.

Top Women Athletes To Participate

The top woman athlete in the nation, Esther Shachamov-Roth, who performed outstandingly at Munich prior to the massacre of the Israeli athletes at the Olympic Games, has not regained her Olympic Games form as yet, but is expected to have a chance to cop a medal in the hurdles. In addition, she will compete in both the 100 and 200-meter sprints. Possibly the most likely female candidate for a gold medal is Israel's 17-year-old Orit Abramowitz, who jumps a la Fosbury going over the barrier with back to the timber.

Another woman contender, who already has a gold medal in the 800-meters to her credit in the Asian Games, is 29-year-old Hannah Shisfi, who will likewise compete in the 1500 meters, together with 19-year-old Rachel Hella. If Paulina Peisachov, the number one woman tennis performer, returns from her North American tour in time, she should provide strong opposition to the best in Asia, particularly if she shows the form that won her the Beckenham and Chichester championships in England last month.

In order to qualify for the Teheran Games, all athletes selected bettered the "minimums" established by the Israel Sports Federation. These "minimums" are predicated on the third best performances produced last year in Asia. Four years ago in Bangkok, Israel won gold medals in track and field and shooting, as well as taking silver medals both in basketball and soccer.

300 U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS IN ISRAEL ON UJA MISSION

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA)—A three-week-old baby boy was among 150 Soviet immigrants who arrived at Ben Gurion Airport today at the same time that a group of 300 American Jewish community leaders participating in the 1974 United Jewish Appeal Prime Minister's Mission also arrived. The UJA mission, the largest in UJA history, and led by Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman, arrived first to be welcomed by a Tel Aviv school band while other children presented the women with white flowers. When the plane carrying the Soviet immigrants landed, the UJA group went over to welcome them. The new baby won a kiss from Zuckerman. The baby's father said he wanted his son to be circumcized in Israel.

Zuckerman said it is important that UJA leaders and contributors learn first-hand the situation, problems and aspirations of Israelis. He said in this way they can return to their homes and tell others what are the needs in Israel. Jewish Agency Director General Moshe Rivlin welcomed the UJA mission saying their example will set the tone for the 1975 UJA campaign in the United States.

The mission is scheduled to host former Premier Golda Meir at a dinner tonight. Their schedule also includes visits to the sites of recent tragedy in the development towns of Kiryat Shmona and Ma'alot, meetings with new members of the Israeli government, and a panel discussion with recent newcomers, including the former Soviet ballet stars Valery and Galina Panov. The mission will close with a reception and dinner with Premier Yitzhak Rabin, who knows many of the mission members personally due to his service as Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.

Before leaving for Israel, Zuckerman said: "The size of this year's mission is a direct indication of the new level of awareness and concern on the part of American Jewish leadership. We are going to witness for ourselves those areas where our aid can be of real benefit in achieving solutions of human needs. Nearly a year following Yom Kippur 1973, the war has left its mark on all aspects of life in Israel. And we are charged with the task of studying, and meeting the humanitarian needs of a people beset by enormous social and economic problems."

CONVERSION BY ALL MEANS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (JTA)—There is apparently no limit to the do-it-yourself principle. Kozo Okamoto, who is serving a life sentence for his role in the mass murder at Lod Airport two years ago, tried to circumcize himself in jail. As a direct consequence of his efforts to learn more about Judaism, he decided some time ago (Maariv, which reported the story Friday did not have the exact time), to find out how it was to be Jewish—from the very beginning. He took a pair of nail clippers and tried to operate on himself in a kind of do-it-yourself circumcision. The operation apparently did not quite prove as successful as he wanted it to be. The Japanese terrorist who had come to Israel to kill Jews was hospitalized. His wounds are healing.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Some 35,000 delegates from abroad have already registered for participation in 47 international congresses scheduled to be held in Israel in 1975, the Tourism Ministry has announced. Outstanding for its size will be the 25th International Congress for Pure and Applied Chemistry in early July with about 3500 delegates participating; 2000 delegates are expected for the 10th International Congress of Gerontology in June.