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GUR WARNS THAT ARAB ARMIES ARE BUILDING UP THEIR MILITARY STRENGTH By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The Israeli Chief of Staff, Gen. Mordechai Gur, believes that Israel and its Arab adversaries have become so powerful militarily that either side could go to war on its own initiative regardless of restraining influences by the major powers. If the Arabs decide to go to war against Israel they will not ask permission of the superpowers, Gur said in a Rosh Hashanah eve address on Kol Israel radio.

He said the Arab armies were building themselves up to launch an attack at a moment's notice. Israel's strength must be such as to frighten them out of making such an attack, he said. Gur noted that Israel was maintaining careful surveillance of growing Arab armed strength. It is watching their preparations, the nature of their military units, their doctrines of warfare and the types of weapons in their arsenal.

If a war should come, Israel would do everything in its power to make it a short war that would end decisively not only in a victory for Israel's army but with geo-political changes in Israel's favor, Gur said.

Assessing the position of the superpowers in the Middle East, Gur claimed the Soviets were in retreat. He noted that Iraq, in which the USSR has its last foothold in the region, is beginning to turn to the West.

56 HOUSE MEMBERS URGE ARGENTINE PRESIDENT TO END ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Fifty-six members of the House representing both the Democratic and Republican parties have signed a letter calling on President Jorge Rafael Videla of Argentina "to make every effort to end anti-Semitic terrorism in your country." The letter, initiated by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D,NY), was signed by 49 Democrats and six Republicans and others may sign it before it is actually transmitted, probably tomorrow, to Buenos Aires.

Expressing their "deep concern" about the "shootings and bombings of Jewish institutions and businesses in Argentina" and the kidnapping of several prominent Jews, the letter says that these "Incidents of violent anti-Semitism" are "repugnant to Americans and people of good will everywhere." It noted that Videla himself had "expressed opposition to these actions."

In their letter, the legislators said the attacks "have reportedly been condoned and even encouraged by some groups within the Argentine military and police forces." It also stated that "the distribution of Nazi literature within Argentina has increased sharply in recent months."

Lodge Protest With Argentine Envoy

In a related action, a group of prominent Americans concerned with civil liberties in Latin America lodged a protest last Friday in New York with the Argentine Ambassador to the United Nations against what they termed the Argentine government's inaction in countering anti-Semitic assaults. The delegation was led by Prof. Richard

Falk of the Institute of International Affairs at Princeton University, and Peter Weiss, a New York civil liberties attorney.

Argentine Ambassador Carlos Ortiz de Rozas told the delegation that his government deplored anti-Semitism and denied that the government had an official or unofficial policy tolerating the attacks although he did not indicate what steps had been taken to apprehend those responsible. A group calling itself the Argentine National Socialist Front has taken public responsibility for the anti-Semitic assaults as part of a campaign of extermination against "the Jewish-Bolshevik plutocracy" which it holds responsible for Argentina's current economic and political difficulties.

Other members of the delegation included: Dore Ashton, professor of art history at Cooper Union; Bernard Rifkin, vice-president of the Distributive Workers of North America, District 65; Don Luce, director of Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC); and Elizabeth Lang, an aide to Congresswoman Holtzman.

Following the meeting with the Argentine Ambassador, the delegation met with Marc Schreiber, director of the Human Rights Division of the UN Secretariat. Schreiber asked the delegation to submit a detailed brief concerning the violations of the Declaration of Human Rights of the UN Charter involved in the Argentine incidents and promised to initiate inquiries into the situation.

NURSES END 2-WEEK STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Israel's two-week-old nurses' strike ended on Rosh Hashanah eve with a clear-cut victory for the nurses who were promised additional compensation. The government claimed, however, that wage limits have not been violated. Nurses were back on duty at hospitals and clinics Friday night. But physicians are persisting in their work slowdown with the result that health services have not entirely returned to normal.

Under a three-year agreement reached with the government, hospital nurses will receive an additional IL 9000 in the first year, IL 9600 the second and IL 11,400 in the third year. Non-hospital nurses will also receive extra pay for any additional duties they are required to perform. The payments are not linked to the cost of living allowance.

5 PALESTINIAN ARABS, WHO LANDED ON TEL AVIV BEACH IN MOTORBOAT, DETAINED AS SUSPECTED TERRORISTS By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA)--A Tel Aviv magistrate issued a 15-day detention order today for five Palestinian Arabs who startled throngs of bathers here Saturday morning when they landed on the beach in an outboard motorboat. The men, who claimed they came from Alexandria and professed peaceful intentions, have been under interrogation as suspected terrorists.

Police believe they may have abandoned a terrorist mission at the last minute and decided to surrender. The bizarre incident has resulted

Increased security measures along the miles of Tel Aviv's beaches which were shown not to be invulnerable to invasion by sea.

According to eye-witnesses, the boat, about 15 feet long, driven by a powerful Chrysler outboard motor, came out of the west at high speed heading directly for the shore at about 9 a.m. local time. It made its way between scores of pleasure boats and swimmers enjoying the warm, sunny weather of the Rosh Hashanah weekend. It was not until the craft beached itself opposite the Plaza Hotel in the heart of Tel Aviv's fashionable seashore district that spectators noticed Arabic inscriptions on the hull.

Some people on the beach panicked and ran. Others summoned police. The five occupants of the boat shouted "Salam" (peace) and in an apparently jolly mood began distributing bottles of whiskey and cigarettes from a suitcase to the crowd that gathered around the boat. Police appeared promptly but their inspection of the craft yielded neither arms, explosives nor narcotics. Some eye-witnesses claimed they saw the men throw something into the sea before they landed. A Tel Aviv couple aboard a pleasure boat claimed the speedboat had tried to ram their yacht but was driven off by a flare-gun.

Change Their Stories

The surprise visitors, all of dark complexion and seemingly in good humor, aroused suspicion as to their intentions when they changed the story given to police. They said at first that they were Palestinian seamen living in Alexandria who stole a motorboat in order to escape induction into the PLO forces fighting in Lebanon. They said they ran out of fuel on the high seas but were taken in tow by a Turkish vessel which sold them sufficient petrol to reach Tel Aviv.

Later on, however, they said they were on their way to visit relatives in the Gaza Strip. Three of the men said they were originally from Gaza and the others claimed to be from El Arish in northern Sinai.

Although both stories seemed credible, police suspect that the men may have had a sinister purpose and used the Turkish vessel as a shield to avoid detection by Israeli radar. The Turkish ship was slow, causing the motorboat to reach Tel Aviv in broad daylight, thus aborting a possible terrorist mission, some authorities believe. The boat itself had a very low freeboard--about 15 inches--and could easily have slipped under the radar screen. Moreover, it would have aroused no suspicion among the many other motorboats and yachts cruising off the Tel Aviv beach Saturday.

Some political circles have theorized that the incident was timed to coincide with the Palestinian terrorist attack on a Damascus hotel Saturday during which 90 persons were held hostage. It was intended to demonstrate the ability of the Palestinians to strike at two distant targets at the same time or, in some bizarre fashion, to show alleged Israeli-Syrian collusion against the Palestinians, the circles said.

KISSINGER TO HOST ARAB LEAGUE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The State Department has announced that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger will host a reception Wednesday in New York for the Arab League in connection with his visit to the United Nations General Assembly. Kissinger is due to address the Assembly Thursday.

FORD URGED TO ASSURE PASSAGE OF ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations urged President Ford today to use his "personal intervention" to assure passage of anti-boycott legislation now pending before Congress. A telegram to the President, signed by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, chairman of the Presidents Conference, said:

"The organized Jewish community urgently requests your Administration to take all possible measures to assure the final adoption of the anti-boycott legislation now before Congress. Economic blackmail must be resisted; America cannot sell its principles for oil money. It must not become the instrument for the foreign policies of nations whose purposes are inimical to ours. The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations asks your personal intervention to that end."

BERTIE SCHWARTZ DEAD AT 75

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Bertie G. Schwartz, author and Jewish bibliophile, who died here last Wednesday after having suffered a heart attack. She was 75 years old. A New York communal leader, she was the first woman president of the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Mrs. Schwartz, who devoted more than 20 years to promoting an interest in Jewish books and was committed to the idea that Jewish institutions should have reading rooms where persons of all ages could come to read Jewish magazines, newspapers and books, served for many years with the American Jewish Congress, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and was a vice-president of the New York chapter of Hadasah and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and membership chairman of the Association of Jewish Libraries.

She and her late husband, Charles Schwartz, an attorney, were donors of the Charles and Bertie G. Schwartz Reading Room and Library at the Steinberg Center of the AJCongress. Together with her husband, she wrote "A Modern Interpretation of Judaism: Faith Through Reason," a widely used textbook for Jewish educators published in 1946. The book was reissued this year as a paperback by Schocken Books and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

FATHER OF BOMBING VICTIM BLAMES UN LEGITIMIZATION OF ARAFAT AND THE PLO FOR DAUGHTER'S DEATH

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA)--"If I had to make a point about this I would say when the United Nations made heroes out of Yasir Arafat and the PLO, they legitimized this kind of terror."

This was the expression today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency of Murray Karpen, father of Ronnie Karpen Moffitt, the unintended victim of a terrorist bombing in Washington last week which also killed Orlando Letelier, a former Ambassador of Chile to the United States. Letelier also was a Cabinet member in the government of the late President Salvador Allende and is believed to have been the target of the bombing.

Mrs. Moffitt was buried in her family's plot in King Solomon's Cemetery in Clifton, N.J. on

the eve of Rosh Hashanah after a funeral service attended by about 400 relatives and friends in the Passaic Memorial Jewish Chapel. Among them were 28 of her colleagues at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington where Mrs. Moffitt, her husband Michael and Letellier worked.

Rabbi Harold White, director of the Hillel Foundation of American University, and Marcus Raskin, a former White House aide in the Kennedy Administration and co-director of the Institute, delivered eulogies. Rabbi White married Ronnie and Michael Moffitt, who is not Jewish, at the Karpen home last May.

Murray Karpen and his wife, Hilda, are both natives of Passaic where he is in the catering business. Their parents came to the United States at the turn of the century from Galicia when it was part of the Austro-Hungarian empire and is now in the Soviet Union.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AGAINST PROPOSED MISSILE SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA ENCOUNTERS SERIES OF DELAYS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Congressional action against the proposed sale of 650 TV-guided "Maverick" missiles to Saudi Arabia encountered a series of delays over the weekend, at least some of them thought to be the result of stalling tactics inspired by the Ford Administration which supports the sale. There are only four days left before Congress adjourns for its election recess. Unless both houses vote to shelve the missile deal, the sale will be consummated.

On Friday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 8-6 in favor of a motion by Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D.Wis.) to bar the sale of the Mavericks. But Sen. John Sparkman (D.Ala.), committee chairman, who voted against the Nelson motion, acted without notice to have it referred back to committee. He obtained unanimous consent for this from a handful of Senators present shortly after Vice-President Nelson A. Rockefeller had telephoned to tell him that the Administration was "greatly disturbed" by the motion.

Sen. Clifford Case (R.N.J.), an opponent of the missile sale, demanded unanimous consent on the Senate floor to reverse the recommitment on grounds he had not been informed of it in advance. Case was supported by Sens. Sparkman, Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.) and Robert Griffin (R.Mich.). But Sen. James Abourezk (D.S.D.) refused and consideration was put off until tomorrow.

Phony Story From Mideast Causes Flurry

The flurry of activity at the Capitol was preceded Friday by what was described here by some as a phony report by the Middle East News Agency that Saudi Arabia had threatened a new oil embargo against the United States if the missile sales were killed and if the anti-boycott measures pending before Congress and in the Oval Office become law. According to the report, which gained wide attention over the weekend in the American media, that warning was conveyed to U.S. officials by the Saudian Foreign Minister, Prince Saud bin Faisal, who is attending the UN General Assembly.

But State Department officials promptly scotched the report. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton told the House international Relations Committee that while the Congressional actions would give a negative signal to the Saudis, he had checked with the Saudis and learned that they had not threatened to use the oil weapon in retaliation for either the anti-boycott measures

or rejection of the missile sales. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed at the State Department that the Saudi government itself had "confirmed" that the news agency report was incorrect.

Consideration of the missiles deal by the House International Relations Committee was postponed because the committee lacked a quorum to act on a companion measure to the motion in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Congressional sources said that committee members favoring the sale had found ways of being absent.

Senate sources believe, however, that the Foreign Relations Committee would re-adopt the Nelson motion by the same vote. Supporters of the motion, in addition to Case were Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey (D.Minn.); Claiborne Pell (D.RI); James Pearson (R.Kans.); Charles Percy (R.Ill); Joseph Biden (D.Del.); Frank Church (D.Idaho) and Gale McGee (D.Wyo.).

Opposed were Sparkman, Javits, Griffin and Sens. Hugh Scott (R.Pa.); Dick Clark (D.Iowa); and George McGovern (D.S.D.). Sen. Stuart Symington (D.Mo.) was absent and Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D.Mont.) is abroad.

COSTA RICA PRAISES ISRAEL'S ENTEBBE MISSION. URGES UN ASSEMBLY TO ACT IMMEDIATELY AGAINST TERRORISM

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Costa Rica today praised Israel for its rescue of hostages at Uganda's Entebbe Airport and urged the United Nations General Assembly to act immediately to end international terrorism.

"Enough of words, enough of hesitation," Costa Rican Foreign Minister Gonzalo J. Facio told the Assembly. "What is needed is glorious acts such as Entebbe." He said Israel should feel "proud in setting a precedent in acting against terrorism."

Facio said the attack on Israel in the Security Council after the Entebbe rescue was reminiscent of the hatred that led to the murder of six million Jews by the Nazis. He praised Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog as a "new Emile Zola" for his "J'Accuse" at the Council meeting last July in which he attacked those who support terrorism or close their eyes to it.

Noting that there was no UN when Hitler murdered the Jews and many were able to justify inaction, Facio declared that this is no longer possible. He said action against terrorism should know no political boundaries and there is "no excuse for this Assembly" not to act or to "attempt to justify what is not justifiable." He said the Assembly must condemn terrorism "whatever the motive" and act to end it.

BUENOS AIRES (JTA)--President Jorge Rafael Videla sent a Rosh Hashanah message to Dr. Nehemias Resnizky, president of the DAIA, stating, in part: "I send you and the religious community you represent my warmest congratulations and wishes for prosperity on this Jewish New Year, with special wishes for peace and well-being in this noble Argentine land."

JERUSALEM (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir received the credentials of the new Argentine Ambassador, Enrique Jorge Ros, last week. Senior Foreign Ministry officials were present at the ceremony. An Israel Defense Force guard of honor presented arms, and a police band played the national anthems of the two nations.

3 MAJOR U.S. JEWISH GROUPS RAP MOBIL OIL FOR SCARE TACTICS

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Three major American Jewish organizations have denounced the Mobil Oil Corp. for an advertisement opposing the proposals in Congress for combatting the Arab boycott. In separate statements, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of America accused Mobil of trying to frighten the American public.

The Mobil advertisement, which appeared in 100 daily newspapers across the country, said that "legislation now being considered by the U.S. Congress...in effect would either penalize American companies or prohibit them from doing business with and/or in Arab countries."

Alvin Gray, of Cleveland, co-chairman of the AJCongress national governing council, called this "scare tactics" in an address last week to the annual meeting of the AJCongress. He said the bills in Congress "bar American companies from complying with demands by Arab countries that they boycott Israel and boycott other companies that deal with Israel."

"This is considerably different from prohibiting American companies from doing business with the Arab-states," Gray said. "Indeed, the simplest answer to the Mobil advertisement is that many American companies continue to deal with the Arabs while defying their boycott demands."

What Mobil Really Fears

The ADL, in a newspaper advertisement today accused Mobil of "pitting Americans against Americans to achieve Arab goals" and of "pitting American companies against the best interests of the American people."

Rejecting the claim by Mobil that opposition to the boycott could reduce the United States "to a second-rate power," the ADL advertisement charged that "What Mobil really fears is this: that if Mobil stands up with the United States against the boycott, something might happen to Mobil's profits from Arab oil."

The ADL said this "makes it pretty apparent that profit is more important to Mobil than American principles are. No American company's bankbook should become more important than its own conscience. Or its own country."

Irrational Propaganda

Dr. Joseph Sternstein, president of the ZOA, in a letter to Mobil president W.P. Tavoulares, accused Mobil of engaging in "fear propaganda" by stating that the legislation would deprive the U.S. of the ability to import Arab oil and sell goods to the Arabs. "The propaganda is not supported by reason" and this is proven by "the fact that the Arabs are trading with opponents of the boycott elsewhere," Sternstein said.

He noted that the Mobil advertisement ignored the "indisputable fact that the Arabs are boycotting American firms which employ Jewish personnel or have Jewish directors." He said Mobil ignored the threat of the boycott to the unity of the American people "composed of so many ethnic and religious groups. Religious and ethnic divisiveness is bound to shake the very foundation of American life with dire consequences to the country's existence."

There will be no Bulletins dated Oct. 4 and 5 due to the Yom Kippur holiday.

MOVE TO ELIMINATE SEXIST LANGUAGE FROM REFORM PRAYER BOOKS, LITURGY

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The New York Federation of Reform Synagogues has taken measures to eliminate sexist language from the prayer books and liturgy used by Reform congregations. The Federation's Task Force on Equality of Women in Judaism released a glossary it prepared which marks a departure from the masculine-oriented tradition of prayer, the authors say.

The glossary, recommended for incorporation in the official liturgy prepared by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinical branch of Reform Judaism, would substitute the words "God," "Almighty," "Blessed One," "The Eternal" or "Creator" for such traditional terms as "Lord," "Father," "King," "Master" and "His."

Similarly, it would replace such terms as "House of Jacob" by "House of Israel" and "Shield of Abraham" by "Shield of our ancestors." In naming the Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in course of prayers, it would add references to the Matriarchs, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel. The latter change has been made in the CCAR's new High Holiday Prayer Book to be released in 1978. It also uses the word "humanity" instead of "men."

Disregarded Role Of Women

At a symposium sponsored by the Federation's Task Force here last week, Edith J. Miller, assistant to the president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, observed that present prayers created "by men and for men" disregarded the changing role of women in society and religious practices.

She referred to the special meditation service for the aged, young people, children and women. "You have but to read the meditation for women, replete with references to domestic relations and particular tasks as mothers, wives and daughters." As human beings we are left out in left field; we are placed in the same category as slaves and minors, in accordance with more traditional Judaism, without religious obligations," Ms. Miller said.

Cecille Fallon, chairperson of the Task Force, declared, "We ask for the development of prayers and liturgy that allows full participation. We ask not for charity but righteousness." Annette Daum, Task Force coordinator, observed that "The language of prayer has a profound impact on people. The proposed substitute language requires a reorientation away from the male-dominated tradition and a change in men's attitudes toward women and women's attitudes toward themselves."

The New York Federation represents 102 Reform congregations in the New York metropolitan area. . . .

NEW YORK (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported Monday that Dr. Alexander Mizrukhnin, a Kiev psychiatrist who now works as a general practitioner in a Kiev hospital, had his schedule changed to make it impossible for him to attend a memorial ceremony Wednesday marking the 35th anniversary of the massacre of Jews at Babi Yar. Mizrukhnin, a Jewish activist, was told he must work a double shift that day and cannot leave the hospital. The NCSJ said this was another example of the Soviet authorities attempts to prevent the ceremony from being held.