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Arab Attacks Increase

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) In the last three weeks there have been "no less" than twenty-five attacks on Israeli villages and forces from military positions in Jordan, including use of artillery, mortar fire and other heavy weapons. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel told the Security Council as the acrimonious debate between Israel's defenders and her detractors showed no sign of abating.

The Arab bloc, particularly Jordan's spokesmen, continued charging that Israel was persecuting and harassing the Arab residents of Jerusalem, but Mr. Tekoah hurled back the accusations, declaring that the situation today, for Jews and Arabs alike, was "better than in the years of division and Jordanian occupation in Eastern Jerusalem." He called Jerusalem today "a venture in coexistence, a trial of faith," adding that "for the first time in nineteen years, Israelis and Arabs talk to each other, shake hands and sometimes even smile at each other -- if, at long last, agreement and peace will come to the area, it will have drawn much of its inspiration from united Jerusalem".

Referring to the recent spate of attacks by Jordanian regulars and by commando units, Ambassador Tekoah told the Security Council that Israel's plea to the international body was "not to allow this warfare to continue."

Earlier Ambassador Yosef Yekoah of Israel and Ambassador Yakov Malik of the Soviet Union, clashed sharply when the Soviet diplomat demurred to the injection by the Israeli spokesman of the issue of the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union.

The Soviet delegate questioned Israel's treatment of Arabs in Jerusalem, meeting a retort by Mr. Tekoah that he who seeks equity must do equity and that no man can come pleading for equity with dirty hands. By what right, asked Mr. Tekoah, can a country that mistreats its Jews question the treatment of Arabs in Jerusalem? How, he questioned, can the Council "allow the Soviet representative to speak about the continuation of Arab cultural, religious and public life in Jerusalem when the Jewish citizens of the Soviet Union were deprived of these rights?"

At the same time Ambassador Tekoah told the Council that the Moslems in Jerusalem were enjoying full religious and cultural freedom, adding that "when the Soviet government will grant equal rights to its Jewish citizens, we will consider the Soviet Union justified in speaking about Arab rights in Jerusalem."

Ruling on Mr. Malik's objection, Lord Caradon of Britain, this month's Council president, foreclosed the Israeli Ambassador from pursuing the issue.

JERUSALEM (WNS) The Soviet Union since last June's war between Israel and Egypt has supplied the Egyptian army with sufficient military equipment to restore it to its pre-war strength. Minister of Defense Moshe Dayan told Knesset amidst growing indications of burgeoning Soviet supplies to Cairo. What is creating concern in Israel is not only Soviet shipment of a massive and modern array of weapons to Egypt, but the reported presence in that country of as many as 100, if not more, Russian pilots in the Egyptian airforce apart from some 2,500 officers and non-commissioned men who are shorting up the deficiencies in the Cairo forces.

don, who is becoming a key figure in American life. As lifetime executive vice-president of the New York Board of Rabbis, he is in the midst of many crucial activities and projects that bring uplift and aid to all of us.

When pope, potentate, or prime minister come to New York, Rabbi Gordon gets involved, because a representative of the New York Board of Rabbis is de rigueur at all state occasions. The Board is the largest metropolitan rabbinic society in the world, numbering over 900 men. With the aid of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the Board ministers to thousands of residents of hundreds of institutions. An army of rabbis is maneuvered by the Board to interpret Judaism against bigotry. It is liaison on worthy endeavors with the Christian clergy. The Board created the Jewish chapel at Kennedy airport.

The presidents of the Board in almost 90 years have been among the most illustrious of rabbis. They rotate among the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform movements. And choreographer of this C-O-R routine is Rabbi Gordon, a scion of the famous Minneapolis Gordons (who produced Cyrus Gordon, the great Bible man now at Brandeis, and Rabbi Theodore Gordon of Philadelphia among others). Dr. Gordon was once known as the flying chaplain, because of his trips in uniform to serve World War II GIs. He was ordained by the great Palestinian Chief Rabbi Abraham Kook, and has frequently gone on missions to strengthen the ties between American and overseas Jewries.

Soft-spoken but vigorous, learned but modest, sweet but firm in his championship of decency. Rabbi Gordon started out by being a servant of an organization but has become a leader of our people. Although a bachelor, he is wed to a sacred cause and in his unique post he has placed all of us in his debt. Although occasionally at the end of the dais, he is in the center of American-Jewish life.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth
 Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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monster was ready to strike.

Before we explain the logic of our reasoning that brings us to this sad conclusion, let us analyze the content of exactly what was stated in the SMALL print of the story, which carried the screaming headline showing Egypt as a beneficent, noble, champion of peace.

All we want, said the dispatch from Cairo, is that Israel withdraw her troops from Arab territory conquered during last June's six-day war.

It is all so reminiscent of Hitler screaming to the world (as his armies and airforce moved) "All I want is peace." The peace he meant, of course, was a piece of Poland, and a piece of Czechoslovakia, and a piece of Belgium, France, etc.

Egypt, not being in the same position of international power as Germany, when the comparative statements were made, Dr. Mohammed H. El Zayyat, spokesman for the Arab country, added insult to insult by proposing: "stages for an eventual phased peace settlement with hopes that non-Arab powers, notably Britain and the United States will eventually pressure Israel into agreeing to terms that are acceptable to the Arabs." How do you like that for gall?

Here are some more words to the trash, called a story filed by the Times' correspondent in Cairo, and relayed to Times' subscribing publications across the nation: "Cairo's desire to stress conciliatory aspects of its position publicly and privately appears to reflect a conviction that a peaceful end to the impasse is in its best interests."

How could any decent, honest reporter accept and write this rot, without asking the question: "What does Egypt propose to give in this peace proposal?" For instance, there is no mention of Arab demilitarization, or sending home the Iron Curtain troops, or dismissing the Red pilots and the "scientists" assigned to Arab armed camps. Nor is there talk of de-escalating the infiltrating, sneaky attacks from Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Instead, they opened a new front, across the usually quiet Lebanese borders.

Practically, within days after the six day war ended last June, Israel proposed direct negotiations for peace with the Arab nations. Since, the offer has been repeated more than a hundred times. Direct negotiations, that's the answer to the complex problem. So what does Egypt magnanimously propose -- indirect negotiations -- with the United Nations, no less, as the site. The UN, now wholly and undisputedly dominated by Russia. That's where Egypt wants to bring Israel to terms. Hogwash.

The UN peace envoy, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, spent the past five months making 41 trips from his headquarters in Cyprus to Cairo, Amman and Jerusalem, being refused admittance to Syria, only to come up with the insolent proposal from Egypt.

This is like North Vietnam proposing peace terms to end the war in South Asia: American troops leave; all anti-Commy South Vietnamese turn themselves in to be executed, etc. Germany proposing peace terms during the Battle of the Bulge near the close of WW 2: Allied troops leave Europe; deliver all remaining Jews to the gates of the gas chambers, etc.

Now we'll tell you a little story, which makes us contend the Russian-duped Arabs are about to strike. It will be history repeating.

Back in 1950, when we were working at The New York Times, we were surprised to be greeted by Bill Johnston, the foreign correspondent. He told us he had been assigned to Seoul since the end of World War 2, in 1946. Each day Bill had visited with Sigmund Rhee, then president of democratic South Korea. Many times the correspondent rode the short distance to the 38th Parallel, the demarcation line between No. and So. Korea, to converse with guards on both sides of the border. All was peaceful and calm. So peaceful, in fact, more often than not Bill's daily report to the home office was: "All quiet, no story." At the height of this serenity, Bill was recalled to the main office.

Two days later, 60,000 North Korean troops, spear-headed by more than 100 Russian-built tanks, attacked practically without opposition. Four days later they had captured Seoul. U. S. ground forces entered the conflict June 30. Johnston returned within a week.

The point we are making with the story about Bill Johnston was that a trained correspondent had spent five years in what his bosses believed to be a trouble spot, and had developed into probably the world's greatest newspaper authority on the locale. He, whose job it was to know what was happening and brewing, had been lulled completely into a false sense of security, so effective was the Russian deception.

Note the comparable situation in the Mideast? 'Nuff said.

A Year Later

It is almost a year ago that President Nasser of Egypt began a war of nerves against Israel preparatory to an onslaught he said would throw all Jews into the sea.

The tale, as the world now well knows, had a sad ending for Nasser. Egypt was defeated, its armies humiliated and its hopes dashed in six days.

Now, a year later, President Nasser again is blowing the war bubble, displaying a degree of truculence and recklessness that could prove tragic for the region, for his country and for his people. Almost alone among the Arab leaders, Nasser is stubbornly opposed to any accommodation with Israel, whether through direct talks or through international efforts.

Nasser in 1967 relied on Soviet weapons to bring him speedy victory, but he encountered instead speedy defeat. Now that he has obviously replenished his depleted arsenal of weapons with the aid of Moscow, he seemingly is preparing for another round with Israel, however, since the chairman of Israel neither sleeps nor slumberseth-- as we have it from Sinai -- there is good reason to believe he will meet more than his match in a new encounter with Israel.

Israel won the war of June 1967, on the battlefield and it need not apologize for the triumph either by surrendering its gains or by submitting to the blackmail from the Arablands, or from the chancelleries of the communist countries that are hopeful of filling the inevitable political vacuum in the Middle East with the event of another confrontation with Israel.

If war comes again, the Arabs stand to lose not alone to Israel but to the sword of doom, a tragedy from which, as many nations have learned only too late, there is no redemption.

When Nasser brandished his sword in May of 1967, the nations of the world stood mute, believing, or pretending to believe, it was an act of showmanship designed only for internal consumption. His current threats, ominous for the peace of the Middle East and for the world, are quite reminiscent of the May days preceding the June war.

Hopefully, the big powers and the family of nations will take the moral courage and the political wisdom to avert this calamity.

Rabbi Harold Gordon

By Dr. Samuel Silver

The auditorium was packed. Nelson Rockefeller was the announced speaker. The audience included legislators and judges. Distinguished rabbis were at the head table.

At the far end of the dais sits a calm, mustachioed, solidly built man. While the speakers are holding forth, he watches occasionally to a photographer. He holds a whispered conference with an aide. He moves back and forth every once in a while. Svcncah-line a part of the program.

The man on the far end of the dais is Rabbi Harold Gor-

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