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Second Anniversary

Two years ago, the skies over the Holy Land burst into martial flame. When it was over, six days late, there had been a terrible loss in men and material. According to a special work published by the Library For Contemporary History in Stuttgart (Germany), the Arabs lost two billion nine hundred million dollars in all kinds of material. This assessment was made by a Soviet Investigatory Commission under a Marshal Sacharow. In addition, and not included in the total, Egypt lost harbors, oil fields, ships and boats. According to the same study, Israel lost between fifty and sixty million dollars in the war material and about fifty million dollars in civilian property. A good lot of the Arab loss was Soviet-donated.

It is a certain fact that the Arab population does not know the extent of its losses. If the Arab people, whose ancestors were famous mathematicians, could figure out the true meaning of this loss, than their fury could be turned against their own corrupt leadership. Even if only a part of the loss was Arab, they would well be within the frame of indignation to demonstrate for the application of such money to their own advancement and progress. It would be just as well for them to consider the money being wasted now in preparation for what leading Arab spokesmen call "another round."

The Israelis could certainly accomodate both points of view but would be willing to fashion the cost of swords into paying for ploughshares, not only for themselves but for the whole Middle East. They are on record for this and the chance should be given them to prove the sincerity of their words.

Israel Confident

JERUSLAEM (WNS) -- Sporadic incidents of Arab terrorist attacks on the second anniversary of Israel's lightening Six-Day War victory failed to mar the nation's feeling of confidence in its ability to hold the present armistice lines until some peaceful solution to the Mid-east crisis is found.

Arab terrorists killed three Israeli soldiers and wounded two others in a Gaza Strip ambush while incidents in other parts of the nation resulted in a number of injuries to soldiers and civilians.

An Arab general strike in the new territories met with limited success as businesses in East Jerusalem and Nablus shut down for a short time. But shops in other cities were mainly opened.

Summing up the military situation, observers noted that Israelis killed and wounded by Arab terrorists during the two years since June, 1967 are reportedly less than such losses suffered during Arab riots under the British mandate or through vehicular and other civilian accidents.

In addition, the nation now has to defend a border shortened from 500 miles to 390 miles and, more important, the population centers are far removed from Arab artillery. Bombers attacks by Arab jets would have to run the gamut of strengthened Israeli defenses. The Arab capitals and population centers on the other hand, are now minutes away from Israeli forces.

While both sides have materially strengthened their



armed forces, Israeli superiority in training, tactics, and more important, motivation and spirit continues to be overwhelming. The major area of Israeli concern--modern jet fighter-bombers--should be quieted with the arrival of American - made F-4 Phantom jets within a few months.

The country politically is united behind the 71-year-old Premier, Mrs. Golda Meir and there are indications she will stand for re-election in the upcoming national balloting. She is expected to win and continue as Prime Minister for several more years.

What is more surprising to observers in the continued moratorium on politics is that there is little, if any, bickering between the members of the coalition. Even the expected battle between Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon has failed to materialize.

Israel does not expect any concrete results from the Big Four talks at the United Nations. Instead, Israelis are resigned to an indefinite period of no-war and no-peace.

The long-range outlook, barring an unexpected change in the position of the Arab states and the Soviet Union in which there would be direct negotiations, is for continued border incidents and terrorist bombings. And, more depressing to Israelis, is the expectation that they probably will have to fight in another war even if it is only a brief battle in Arab territory that brings home to Arabs in all walks of life the realization that they cannot win the long proclaimed third-round and direct negotiations in the only way to peace.

Murder in Israel

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

From an unexpected source the State of Israel is charged with murder.

The charge had nothing to do with the killing of people, but with the killing of a language.

Writing in a publication put out by a temple men's club in Great Neck, New York, Fred Kogos says that he wrote to the government of Israel and asked them whether Yiddish is included in the schools of the Jewish State.

Kogos wrote two letters. In answer to the first one, an assistant to the Prime Minister stated that Yiddish is not included in the curriculum of the public schools.

In answer to a second inquiry, "Well, then what foreign language is included in the curriculum?" Kogos got a letter from the Israeli Ministry of Education that English and French are taught. But no Yiddish.

Gevalt, cries out Kogos, how can a Jewish state keep from its children a knowledge of Yiddish, the language in which Israel was "founded, fostered, fought and even financed?" Yiddish, he tells his readers of the magazine, "Man about Town," isn't even an optional subject.

Writing with "bitterness and anger," Kogos goes on to say that sharing the guilt for the murder of Yiddish with the State of Israel are the synagogue of this nation. Most teach Hebrew, but, complains, the children "forget it as soon as they leave school. Who are they going to talk Hebrew with?"

We get indignant when we read about the ban on Yiddish schools in Communist Russia. Kogos gets indignant because of the same ban in the classrooms of Israel and the American shuls.

If you want to savor the flavor of this indictment, write for a copy of the Kogos arraignment to the Men's Club of Temple Beth El, Old Mill Rd., Great Neck, N. Y. and as for the October 1968 issue of "Man about Town," the article's a scorcher.

TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



LETTERS

Dear Mr. Tell,

I learned recently of an excellent editorial which your paper carried some time ago regarding LIFE magazine's treatment of the Israeli problem. If possible could you please mail me a copy of this particular issue as well as place my name on your good list to receive regularly future issues of your LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE. If you are out of that particular issue could you perhaps mail me a photo copy of this particular article regarding LIFE and the state of Israel so that I may post it on my Temple's bulletin board.

With every cordial prayerful good wish for you and yours I remain ever ready to return your goodness many fold.

Thankfully and faithfully,
 Dr. Ben Rosavn
 Cong. Children of Israel,
 Augusta, Ga.

Bea & Jack Tell

I read the tidings (anniversary) in Helene Stadler's column. So mazeltov! Zol zine mit glick.

My gratefulness to you for the Israelite. Keep up the good words, Jack.

Most sincerely,
 Harold & Florence Moore
 (Los Angeles)

Dear Mr. Tell:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and cooperation in promoting our 'Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking' at the Spa some weeks ago.

We had approximately 200 people attend the first night. The fifth night we still had 116 in attendance. Of these,

many quit the habit, some cut back and all of them gained a better knowledge of the tobacco habit.

Thanks again to you and anyone else involved in your organization.

Very sincerely yours,
 H.G. Eichman
 Administrator
 (Paradise Spa)

Dear Jack:

It may seem inconceivable that a chap in North Bergen, N. J. would find a local weekly, like yours, Las Vegas Israelite, of great interest via its columns, pix and news stories.

I must say I enjoy your column, the columns of your contributors, the up to the minute pictures and the news in general. In brief, it strikes me as an enterprising, well written and solidly put together newspaper.

Also, in taking a firm editorial stand, as with Mirabelli verses Coblenz, you have provided readers with widely diversified reasons for your selection.

Keep up the all around good work and best of luck.

Sincerely,
 George Schreier
 (No. Bergen, N. J.)

(Ed. NOTE: We could say, "Thanks cousin" but he isn't, J. T.)

Dear Mr. Tell,

I hope you are well and that the Shmura Matzos arrive in good condition.

Best wishes to you and all yours.

Very sincerely,
 Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky
 (Lubavitch Rabbi)

ISRAELITE ADS PAY

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Premier Golda Meir said that Israel's discussions with the United States over the future of the Middle East would be "serious and difficult" but noted there was a vast difference between friends and differences with Israel's enemies who refuse any form of discussions.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- In a move which aims to halt the drop in the nation's foreign currency reserve, Israel has increased the travel tax and the purchase tax on a number of durable goods. The purchase tax applies to both imported and domestically produced goods.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- An agreement reached between the Israeli Ministry of Tourism and the Hotel Owners Association provides for the current rates to remain in effect until at least February, 1971.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- The United Nations Economic and Social Council has voted to continue to Coordinating Board of Jewish Organization.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The American Association for Jewish Education is now developing curricula and courses on teaching about Israel, a three-year effort.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- Jerusalem's popular mayor Teddy Kollek said he plans to run for re-election so that he can finish unifying the city with its eastern section. His decision was made despite the fact that legislative reforms he deemed essential have not yet been made. Mr. Kollek said he would continue to fight for them.

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