

New Army Attacks Threaten Jordan-Guerilla Peace Pact

Word of the reported Jordanian offensive in the northern cities near Irbid and Ramtha, both near the Syrian border, came from the Damascus-based guerrilla radio, and from El Fatah spokesmen in Beirut.

The size of the reported government attack was not known but resumption of major fighting in the north obviously could imperil the truce that ended more than a week of civil war. In Amman, however, all was calm and the government lifted the curfew for the first time for a 12-hour period.

Thousands of residents held prisoner in their homes for two weeks poured out of houses to search for food, medicine, lanterns, fuel and other necessities and to see what had happened to the city.

Crowds collected in the center of the city around the wreckage of an army tank and men demanded to be photographed while striking heroic poses atop the twisted metal. A 10-year-old boy was handed up and posed with a machinegun in his left hand and a knife in his right.

Streets were littered with rubble, trash and burned out vehicles. Most of the

metal shutters in front of shops had been riddled by machinegun bullets and every block in the center of the city contained damaged or destroyed houses. Boys made swings of dangling electrical power lines.

Palestinian guerrillas said the Jordanian army launched heavy attacks Wednesday against guerrilla positions in northern Jordan under cover of mortar and machineguns and that the guerrillas were fighting back to repel what they called a serious breach of the cease-fire.

Peace returned to Amman and Arab truce officials began moving Jordanian army and guerrilla troops out of the capital city as part of a three-stage agreement signed in Cairo by King Hussein and guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat.

Israel watched developments closely. The third stage of the peace plan calls for the guerrillas to take up positions along the border with Israel and Premier Golda Meir said such a plan was unacceptable.

The implied threat was an Israeli strike at the new guerrilla bases.

Stage one was the removal of the armed forces of each side from Amman and stage two was the disarming of the guerrillas. Already the arms collection had begun, although guerrilla militiamen armed with rifles, machineguns and grenade launchers and wearing belts laden with hand grenades and knives still walked the streets.



Obscenity Report Faces Challenge

WASHINGTON—Disavowed in advance by the Nixon Administration and disputed by three of its own members, the Commission on Obscenity and Pornography Wednesday recommended repeal of all laws against distributing explicit sexual material to consenting adults.

"There is no warrant for continued governmental interference with the full freedom of adults to read, obtain or view whatever such material they wish," the commission said.

The 17-man panel, created by Congress in 1967, said laws against the distribution of pornography to young persons should include only pictorial material, because the risk of harm to juveniles from written matter does not justify its prohibition.

In a minority report, two clergymen and an attorney charged the American Civil Liberties Union, which they said advocated free distribution of pornography, had gained control of the commission through its chairman, William Lockhart, dean of the University of Minnesota law school, and its general counsel, Paul Bender, both of whom are ACLU members. The ACLU denied it.

But the commission recommended enactment of state and local laws forbidding public displays of sexually explicit pictorial materials and approved in principle the provision of the 1970 Postal Reorganization Act outlawing the mailing of unsolicited advertisements of a sexually explicit nature to those who object to receiving them.

Agnew To Speak At Raleigh Rally

RALEIGH, N.C.—Vice President Spiro Agnew will speak to a rally here Oct. 26 to boost North Carolina's Republican congressional candidates, GOP leaders announced Wednesday.

State Republican Chairman Jim Holshouser said the visit will be significant because "North Carolina is the only state in which he will campaign in which there is not a statewide race."

The GOP chairman said Agnew is tentatively set to speak to a public rally at 8 p.m. Oct. 26 at Needham-Broughton High School. He said the rally would be free.

Holshouser said Agnew, whom he called "America's greatest campaigner," is making the visit to support all five Republican congressional candidates.

Holshouser said he did not know how long Agnew will be in the state, but he expected at least an overnight visit.

Arabs Mourn Nasser Millions Expected At Funeral

CAIRO—They came in the millions Wednesday—the mighty and the Egyptian peasant stock into which he was born—to pay tribute to Gamal Abdel Nasser.

His body lay in a wooden coffin encased in ice, as it will be until the state funeral Thursday.

Swathed in black and near collapse, Mrs. Tahia Nasser visited the tiny clinic at the Kubbeh palace, where her husband lay. With her were her three sons, two daughters and their husbands.

She conferred for 11 minutes with Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, who headed the list of foreign dignitaries. They were banned from viewing the body, under Moslem law, but signed a special book.

Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian guerrilla leader, arrived and wept throughout a meeting with Aly Sabry, a member of the higher executive committee of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political party. Sabry is a leading contender for the Egyptian presidency.

Government officials said 17 heads of state, nine prime ministers, two vice presidents and scores of other ministers and official envoys would take part in the funeral.

The semi-official Middle East News Agency estimated as many as five million persons would take part in the funeral.

President Nixon, who cannot by protocol attend the funeral, flew into Yugoslavia Wednesday for his scheduled meeting with Yugoslav President Tito. A friendly but restrained crowd of 200,000 persons lined a 15-mile motorcade route to welcome the American president.

The President arrived from Naples,

Italy, where he presided earlier in the day over a high-level review of the post-Nasser outlook in the Middle East and warned of the "very great danger" that could result from the uncertain changeover in Egyptian leadership.

The subject was expected to dominate Nixon's formal talks with Tito, a close friend of Nasser and other Arab leaders, who now emerges as the undisputed leader of the nonaligned nations.

Tito, a stocky, bespectacled man with wavy gray hair, still vigorous at 78, chose to pass up Nasser's funeral in Cairo on Thursday so the Nixon visit, long sought by Yugoslavia, could go ahead.

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