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President Johnson Offers Five-Point Program as Basis for Arab-Israel Peace

WASHINGTON, June 19. (JTA) -- President Johnson today outlined a five-point program for Middle East peace based on the recognized right of national life, innocent maritime passage, justice for the Arab refugees, limits to the arms race, and "political independence and territorial integrity for all."

Addressing the Foreign Policy Conference for Educators, President Johnson stressed that the main responsibility for a settlement rested upon the Arab states and Israel. He said that "clearly the parties to the conflict must be the parties to the peace. Sooner or later it is they who must make a settlement in the area. It is hard to see how it is possible for nations to live together in peace if they cannot learn to reason together."

He said America had supported the peacekeeping role of the United Nations and also recognized the value of mediation. The President stressed that in pursuing peace America was ready to see any method tried and believed that "none should be excluded altogether. Perhaps all of them will be useful and all will be needed."

President Johnson said that in working for a peaceful settlement he appealed to all "to adopt no rigid view on these matters." He said that the United States would "do its part for peace in every forum, at every level, at every hour." But "the main responsibility for the peace of the region depends upon its own peoples and its own leaders of that region," he declared. "What will be truly decisive in the Middle East will be what is said and what is done by those who live in the Middle East."

President Johnson said that "certainly troops must be withdrawn, but there must also be recognized rights of national life -- progress in solving the refugee problem -- freedom of innocent maritime passage -- limitation of the arms race -- and respect for political independence and territorial integrity."

Blames Nasser for the War; Says Closing of Tiran Caused the 'Explosion'

The President stated that "if a single act of folly was more responsible for this explosion than any other, I think it was the arbitrary and dangerous announced decision that the Strait of Tiran would be closed." He pointed out that "our nation has long been committed to free maritime passage through international waterways, and we, along with other nations, were taking necessary steps to implement this principle when hostilities exploded." President Johnson listed "justice for the refugees" as a "basic requirement for settlement."

"A new conflict has brought new homelessness," he stated. "In the past, both sides have resisted the best efforts of outside mediators to restore the victims of conflict to their homes, or to find them other places to live and work. There will be no peace for any party in the Middle East unless this problem is attacked with new energy by all, and, certainly, primarily by those who are immediately concerned."

Emphasis was made by President Johnson on a conviction that "the first and greatest principle is that every nation in the area has a fundamental right to live, and to have this right respected by its neighbors." He said that "for the people of the Middle East, the path to hope does not lie in threats to end the life of any nation. Such threats have become a burden to the peace, not only of that region but a burden to the peace of the entire world."

"In the same way," he added, "no nation would be true to the United Nations Charter, or to its own true interests, if it should permit military success to blind it to the fact that its neighbors have rights and its neighbors have interests of their own. Each national, therefore, must accept the right of others to live."

The President said that "in a climate of peace, we here will do our full share to help with a solution for the refugees. We here will do our full share in support of regional cooperation. We here will do our share, and do more, to see that the peaceful promise of nuclear energy is applied to the critical problem of desalting water and helping to make the deserts bloom."

Kosygin Reiterates Soviet 'Charges' Against Israel at U.N. General Assembly

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 19. (JTA) -- Reiterating the usual Soviet charges against Israel, as well as the accusations that the United States and Britain "promoted" Israel's "aggression" against the Arab states, Soviet Premier Aleksei N. Kosygin, in his address today at the emergency special session of the U.N. General Assembly -- which was called upon the insistence of the Soviet Union -- demanded the withdrawal of Israel's forces from the "occupied" Arab territories, the reimbursement of "the full cost of all it has destroyed" in Arab lands, and "the return of the captured property within the shortest possible time."

The Soviet Premier, who was the first speaker before the Assembly this morning, also voiced a direct threat against Israel by stressing that early this month, leaders of the seven Communist countries had declared that their governments "would do everything necessary in order to aid the peoples of the Arab countries to deal a firm rebuff to the aggressor, to safeguard their legitimate rights, to quench the hotbed of war in the Middle East and to restore peace in that region." Mr. Kosygin then introduced a draft resolution under which the General Assembly would:

"1. Resolutely condemn the aggressive actions of Israel and the continuing occupation by Israel and the continuing occupation by Israel of a part of the territory of the U.A.R., Syria and Jordan, which constitutes an act of aggression;

"2. Demand that Israel should immediately and without any condition withdraw all its forces from the territory of those states to positions beyond the armistice demarcation lines, as stipulated in the general armistice agreements, and should respect the status of the demilitarized zones as prescribed in those armistice agreements;

"3. Also demand that Israel should restitute in full and within the shortest possible period of time all the damage inflicted by its aggression upon the United Arab Republic, Syria and Jordan, and their nationals and should return to them all seized property and other material assets;

"4. Appeal to the Security Council to undertake on its part immediate effective measures in order to eliminate all consequences of the aggression committed by Israel."

Mr. Kosygin charged Israel with committing "violence" in seized territories. "In the same way as Hitler's Germany used to appoint gauleiters in the occupied regions, the Israeli Government is establishing an occupation administration on the seized territories and appointing its military governors there," he said.

Eban Castigates Moscow; Rejects Proposals Voiced by Kosygin

Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who was the second speaker at the Assembly today, harshly castigated the Soviet Union following Mr. Kosygin's address. He said that the Soviet Union cannot be "the judge" of the present Arab-Israel crisis, and had come here only to aggravate the situation instead of seeking peace. Telling the General Assembly that he would show how the Soviet Union has been aggravating the Arab-Israel situation for 15 years, Mr. Eban said that the facts he would cite would disprove "today's intemperate utterances" by the USSR.

Mr. Eban rejected completely the USSR's proposals as voiced by Mr. Kosygin, for condemnation of Israel, for calling Israel the aggressor in this month's war, and for an Assembly demand that Israel withdraw its forces to the 1949 armistice lines between Israel on the one hand and Egypt, Jordan and Syria on the other. After detailing the Arab open declarations of intentions to destroy Israel by warfare, Mr. Eban told the Assembly that the Soviet Union initiative for the convening of the current Assembly session must be judged in the context of a "sad and shocking" series of events.

Recalling that in 1948, when Israel was attacked by the massed strength of the Arab countries, the Soviet Union voted in the Security Council to condemn "Arab aggression," Mr. Eban told the Assembly that, since 1955, it was the Soviet Union that had enlarged and escalated the arms race in the Middle East. He gave the figures of the number of tanks, planes, guns, mortars, rocket launchers, ground-to-ground missiles and torpedo boats sent by the Soviet Union to the Arab states since 1955, most of them to Egypt.

Mr. Eban told the Assembly, that in the Sinai Peninsula alone, Israel found \$2,000,000,000 worth of abandoned Soviet arms left there when Israel defeated the Egyptian forces this month. The consequences of the USSR's exercise of its veto in the Security Council, Mr. Eban charged, were the denial of all rights to Israel, leading to the Arab determination to strangle Israel and to wipe it off the map.

Calls Soviet Comparison Between Israel's Forces and Hitler 'Obscene'

Mr. Eban then told the Assembly that the Soviet Union's "obscene comparison between Israel's defense forces and Hitler Germany is odious and violates every canon of truth and taste." Taking up the Soviet Union's specific points in the resolution introduced by Mr. Kosygin, Mr.

Eban said that condemnation should be voted not against Israel but against those who have come here as a judge without "any claim to objectivity." On the point of declaring Israel the aggressor, Mr. Eban told the Council that Israel had only resisted aggression when "we have reached the lowest point of our history and were forced to resist aggression."

"It was a great power that increased and escalated the arms in the Middle East," Mr. Eban said. "We and others have asked the Soviet Union to halt the arms race. We should have liked to see the arms race slowed down, relieving us from the necessity of expending our resources for deterrents. The situation that developed finally was the direct result of the Soviet efforts,"

Mr. Eban then went on to show how through five vetoes cast by the Soviet Union in the Security Council between 1954 and 1966, the Soviet Union had "paralyzed" the Council by preventing the Council from taking action regarding Jordan River waters, freedom of passage through the Suez Canal, and condemning or even expressing "regret" over terrorist murder and sabotage in Israel. The consequences of the USSR's exercise of its veto in the Security Council, Mr. Eban charged, were the denial of all rights to Israel, leading to the Arab determination to strangle Israel and to wipe it off the map.

Secret Document on U.N. Forces in Egypt Reveals Withdrawal Was Premature

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- The current issue of the documentary publication of the American Society of International Law contains the text of a secret memorandum from the files of Dag Hammarskjöld, the late United Nations Secretary-General, contending that President Nasser of Egypt agreed to limit the use of his right to expell U.N. peacekeeping troops from Egypt.

The memorandum outlined a private agreement between Mr. Hammarskjöld and Nasser that the U.N. would not withdraw the Emergency Force troops from the Egyptian-Israeli border, and that Nasser would not order their withdrawal until there was joint agreement that the UNEF troops had completed their assignment.

The memorandum is in flat contradiction to the policies of the present Secretary-General U Thant, who decided last May that Nasser had an unlimited right to demand withdrawal of UNEF troops and that the Secretary-General had no choice but to comply with the demand without any reference to the General Assembly, which established UNEF. Withdrawal of the UNEF troops is believed to have been one of the major factors leading to the outbreak of the third Arab-Israel war on June 5.

The memorandum was written August 5, 1957, seven months after UNEF forces took up positions. The late U.N. official reportedly told friends he was dissatisfied with the public legal arrangements for UNEF and felt obligated to deposit in the U.N. files some of the history of his negotiations with Nasser leading to the UNEF stationing agreement. He also gave a copy of the memorandum to his then consultant, Ernest A. Gross, who also was later a United States Deputy Representative to the U.N.

Last month, when the controversy which Mr. Hammarskjöld had foreseen actually developed. Mr. Gross gave a copy to Stephen M. Schwebel, executive vice-president of the American Society of International Law, for publication in its "International Legal Materials."

Thant Mum on the Document; Egyptians Claim Lack of Knowledge

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 19. (JTA) -- U.N. Secretary-General U Thant, who ordered the withdrawal of the U.N. Emergency Force troops from the Gaza area and Egyptian territory at the request of President Nasser of Egypt -- without consulting either the General Assembly or the Security Council -- was silent today on the document published in the organ of the American Society of International Law indicating that the withdrawal of the UNEF troops could have been postponed or prevented.

The Egyptian delegation at the United Nations issued a statement today declaring that "at no time was the Government of Egypt, later the United Arab Republic, aware of the existence of the so-called memorandum by the late Mr. Hammarskjöld of August 5, 1957; and consequently such a paper would have no legal or political binding on the Government of the United Arab Republic."

The delegation's statement declared that Egypt's position regarding the establishment, functions and continuation of UNEF "has always been well-known." The delegation stated that Egypt's position regarding unef was regulated by an agreement the Egyptian Government had signed with the late Mr. Hammarskjöld and that "this position was most clearly and formally expressed in the General Assembly, maintaining the entirety of Egypt's rights."

Italy to Vote Against Soviet Proposals at U.N. Assembly, Cabinet Decides

ROME, June 19. (JTA) -- Italy will vote against the Soviet anti-Israel proposals at the current emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Cabinet decided in a lively five-hour meeting. The delegation to the Assembly session is being headed by Italian Premier. Aldo Moro and includes Foreign Minister Amintore Fanfani.

Jewish Organizations Assail Soviet for Comparing Israel to Nazi Germany

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations issued today a statement sharply assailing the Soviet Government for its repeated comparisons at the United Nations of Israel's victory in the six-day Arab-Israeli war and the Nazi atrocities. The text reads:

"In statement after statement since the collapse of Russia's Arab allies in the Middle East, the Soviet Union has repeatedly charged Israel with Hitlerite atrocities and war crimes at the United Nations. The Soviet representatives and their supporters have indulged in an orgy of vilification and abuse in order to represent as Nazi aggression Israel's successful defense against an enemy which has sworn to destroy her in a 'Holy War.'

"The Soviet Government has sent insulting and threatening notes to the Government of Israel, which it insists on describing as 'the Tel Aviv authorities.' Now the Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia has made the lying charge that Israeli troops have shot down women and children in Hitlerite public executions in occupied Arab territories.

"This is vicious, unscrupulous and politically explosive propaganda warfare. Under Soviet incitement the Arabs fought and lost the hot war for Soviet influence in the Middle East. Now the USSR has taken upon itself the full responsibility of verbal aggression.

"This powerful country, which has never published a word of criticism of the fact that Nazi war criminals are actively mobilized in Cairo and Damascus in the war against the Jews, which has given unstinting support to the Arab states which disseminate the crude anti-Semitism of the Protocols of Zion, this country which is preventing the development of Jewish life within its own borders, does not hesitate to fasten the hideous label of Nazism on the survivors of a small Jewish nation which lost a third of its members in Nazi atrocities.

"The accent of present Soviet propaganda is the accent of the Stalinist doctors' plot and the destruction of Soviet Jewish society; it is the accent of Soviet anti-Semitic propaganda against Judaism, of the fever of Jew-Hatred that periodically seizes the Soviet press. It means that the incorrigible anti-Semites who infest Russian society are again being given their hour.

"It is not the first time in this century that a Great Power has accused Jews of sub-human crimes and threatened dire punishment for these imaginary evils. The world knows the terrible price the Jewish people have paid for such monstrous accusations. The Soviet Union should think again before it follows the appalling example of the power whose pathological hatred of Jews was the beginning of a process that brought death and destruction to many nations."

Reform Rabbis Alarmed Over Moscow's Comparing Israelis with Nazis

LOS ANGELES, June 19. (JTA) -- Grave concern at Soviet charges against Israel of using "Nazi-like tactics" and "atrocities" against the Arabs was expressed here today at the opening session of the 78th annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, central body of the Reform rabbinate.

Several members of the CCAR felt particularly that the charges, published in the Soviet press, might have grave consequences for the Jews in the Soviet Union. Rabbi Albert Lewis of Los Angeles said that last summer during his visit to the Soviet Union, he spoke to many young Soviet Jews who, he said, expressed to him their "deep-rooted identity with the people of Israel." "Don't let Russia turn the United Nations into a political Babi Yar," he declared.

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, president of the CCAR, appealed to the Johnson Administration today not to engage in "package deals" or "covert power politics" to solve the war in Viet Nam at the expense of the State of Israel.

He told the 500 Reform rabbis that there was a wide difference between the two wars. "Israel," he said, "is a country created by the United Nations. It has had our moral commitment through Presidential and Congressional pledges since its inception while on the other hand, we are engaged in an undeclared civil war in Viet Nam." He said he felt that the Soviet Union would insist on being intransigent on the Middle East as a lever for concessions on settling the Viet Nam war.

Jewish Students Picket Soviet Embassy and Tourist Office in London

LONDON, June 19. (JTA) -- The Inter-University Jewish Federation today picketed the Soviet Embassy, the Russian Tourist Office and the Communist Party paper, Morning Star, in protest against the Soviet anti-Israel policy at the United Nations. The pickets carried banners expressing "deep apprehension" of both Jewish and non-Jewish students throughout Great Britain concerning the rearming by the Russians of the Arab countries.

Most of World Church Leaders Cool to Pope Paul's Proposal on Jerusalem

NEW YORK, June 19, (JTA) -- Pope Paul's proposal for international controls over all of Jerusalem and its religious shrines has drawn a negative reaction from most world church leaders. Israel controls both New and Old Jerusalem after its victories in the recent war.

A survey of Protestant and Orthodox clerical leaders by The New York Times indicated that while most churchmen did not oppose the papal idea in principle, most of them also felt that it was inappropriate for religious groups to endorse a specific plan at this time.

The Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, one of these interviewed, said in Geneva that the status of Jerusalem and the holy places was basically a political question and that religious interests could be raised only after there was "political agreement." Other prelates interviewed included Archbishop Ieronymos, the new Archbishop of Athens; the Rev. Constantine Koser; Archbishop Iskovos, the Greek Orthodox Primate of North and South America; and Archbishop Athenagoras, the Ecumenical Patriarch in Istanbul.

The religious leaders indicated concern that all faiths have access to the holy places. Some indicated that any practical means of reaching this goal, including firm guarantees already offered by the Israeli Government, would probably be acceptable. Archbishop Ieronymos said he would welcome "any solution which would absolutely insure a peaceful atmosphere around the holy places and their removal from national antagonism."

The Rev. Koser, Brazilian Minister-General of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor, which looks after Christian shrines in the Holy Land, endorsed the papal appeal but stressed he would be satisfied with adequate Israeli guarantees of access for all faiths. Archbishop Iskovos said he favored international control, arranged "with the Israeli Government's consent and cooperation." Last June 9 he sent a telegram to U.N. Secretary-General U Thant asking the United Nations to consider such control.

Dr. Blake, speaking for 223 Protestant and Orthodox denominations, said he favored some kind of supervisory committees "of all the religious interests" for the holy sites but he said that eliminating "the human suffering resulting from the refugee situation" in the Middle East was a more important problem at the present time. A representative of the Anglican church in London said the church did not have any official opinion on the question.

Non-Jews in Toronto Issue Appeal for Aid to Israel; Back Israel's Demands

TORONTO, June 19, (JTA) -- Two groups of Christians concerned for Israel have been formed here, it was announced today. One group, made up of businessmen belonging to the Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Church congregations, has announced a program calling for emergency aid to Israel and the support of political demands stating that Israel has a right to exist, urging direct peace talks between the Arab states and Israel, and condemning those Arab leaders who have declared a "holy war" against Israel. The group calls itself Christian Action for Israel.

Another group, under the title of the Ad Hoc Committee of Christian Concern, including the above-listed faiths as well as Baptists, has been formed here and plans to issue a plea to the Canadian Government, at Ottawa, to assume a creative role in seeking a solution to the Middle Eastern problems. This group plans to stress particularly the need to resettle the Arab refugees.

20,000 Attend Pro-Israel Rally in Chicago; Direct Arab-Israel Talks Urged

CHICAGO, June 19, (JTA) -- To a crowd of more than 20,000 people here yesterday, in a demonstration of solidarity with Israel, Sen. Charles E. Percy, Rep., Ill., proclaimed that he would not give up a square inch of the territory so hard-won by the people of Israel, unless and until a settlement guaranteed the peace of the Middle East, and guaranteed Israel's new borders which he said were more geographically defensible.

"This settlement," he said, "must guarantee Israel the full use of the Suez Canal. This settlement must guarantee Israel the full use of the Gulf of Akaba and the Strait of Tiran. Above all, this settlement must gain for Israel, the recognition by the Arab states of Israel's sovereignty. Any settlement which does not include Arab recognition of the existence and sovereignty of Israel will be worthless in the long run," the Senator said.

The rally was sponsored by the Illinois Conference of Jewish Organizations, representing 60 of the major national and local Jewish organizations. A resolution drafted by the Illinois Conference called on "the President and the Government of the United States, in the interests of the United States and peace in the Middle East, to encourage face-to-face talks between Israel and the Arab states."

The resolution also called on the President and the Government to "reject any plans for a truce, armistice or other temporary arrangement which would prevent attainment of a just and durable peace. Israel must not be forced to abandon its positions." The resolution also urged the United States Government to remove immediately any restrictions on travel of American citizens to Israel.

Jewish Students and Faculty Members in U.S. Colleges Back Israel

WASHINGTON, June 19, (JTA) -- Jewish college students and faculty reacted strongly and demonstratively during the Mideast crisis, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations reported today. "The spirited concerns, emotional shock waves and eagerness for positive action that swept across the adult Jewish community also captured the campus," the report stated.

Preliminary reports received here from Hillel directors throughout the country showed that students and faculty -- many of whom had been nominal or non-participants in regular Jewish campus activities -- responded speedily to the political tensions and the brief war. They organized rallies, teach-ins and mass letter-writing campaigns to The White House and Congress, circulated fact sheets and petitions, initiated fund-raising campaigns, and volunteered to replace Israeli workers who had been mobilized into the country's defense force.

"The fact that it was final exam week at most schools didn't dampen the outpouring of campus activity," the report said. "Hillel directors were flooded with thousands of inquiries from students asking how they could replace Israeli workers called into the army. At a rally in Cleveland attended by 500 Western Reserve University students more than 200 applications for summer work in Israel were filled out within 15 minutes."

"The response among Jewish faculty members was equally striking as Hillel became the central fund-collection agency for faculty groups," the report continued. "Rabbi Max Ticktin, Hillel director at the University of Chicago, reported that a voluntary assessment undertaken by the school's 300 Jewish faculty members quickly brought in \$13,000. At Northwestern University, two faculty members began a fund-raising campaign that raised \$10,000 as a starter. At Yale it was \$16,000. Thousands of faculty signatures to statements of support for Israel were gathered in dozens of universities and were published in national and local publications.

Response of South African Jews to Israel's New Needs Termed 'Fantastic'

JOHANNESBURG, June 19, (JTA) -- The response by South African Jewry to Israel's sharply increased needs during the recent crisis and hostilities was called "fantastic" here today by E.J. Horwitz, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, in a report on the community's contributions to the Israel Emergency Campaign and on the widespread offers of manpower by individuals throughout the country.

Typical among the South African Jewish groups who immediately responded to the call for funds were Johannesburg's United Hebrew Congregation, the main Orthodox body, which pledged 100,000 Rand (\$140,000), the United Progressive Jewish Congregation (Reform) which pledged 25,000 Rand (\$35,000). A single meeting of parents of pupils at Johannesburg's Jewish day schools raised 230,000 Rand (\$322,000) with other similar meetings scheduled to follow.

In Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, campaign meetings have drawn responses 10 times greater than any drives ever recorded there. Special women's meetings here reported that several of those attending gave their fur coats and diamond rings for the campaign.

Much of the support for Israel has come from non-Jewish quarters with many non-Jews contributing funds to Israel through their Jewish friends. Three major church groups -- Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian -- have issued a joint statement condemning Arab aggression and calling for "a just and permanent settlement of the dispute" between Israel and the Arab states.

In a joint statement issued here, the South African Zionist Federation and the South African Jewish Board of Deputies expressed their gratitude to the South African Government for the special permission granted for the transfer of funds to Israel.

Large numbers of volunteers including some non-Jews from all parts of the country have registered for non-combatant service in Israel with a considerable number reportedly already there. The volunteers will replace Israelis who had to leave civilian jobs to serve in the armed forces. Some of the volunteers are nurses and doctors who will carry out essential medical services in Israel.

Rabbi Joseph Miller, Former President of N.Y. Board of Rabbis, Dead; Was 72

NEW YORK, June 19, (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today at Shaare Torah synagogue for Rabbi Joseph Miller, former president of the New York Board of Rabbis who served his entire professional career of 45 years in the rabbinate as spiritual leader of Shaare Torah. Rabbi Miller died in the hospital yesterday at the age of 72. Rabbi Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, delivered one of the eulogies.

Born in Grodno, Poland, the rabbi was brought to the United States by his rabbinical father in 1904. He attended public school here and was graduated from New York University and the Jewish Theological Seminary. He also served as president of the World Jewish Bible Association and as honorary president of the Brandeis Zionist District 27.