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Americans, Russian Meet in Washington to Discuss Mideast Settlement

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10, (JTA) — The State Department summoned Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin for a talk today that lasted more than an hour and constituted an "exploratory" sounding of a possible deal leading to an Arab-Israel settlement.

State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey later told a press briefing that the conference indicated "continuing hope" that the framework for a settlement could be worked out at the United Nations. But he said he could not state if new hope for an agreement had prompted the meeting of Mr. Dobrynin with Joseph Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizational Affairs, and Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.

Department sources later said the meeting was held in hopes of finding new thrust to revitalize lagging efforts at the U.N. to resolve the situation resulting from the Six-Day War. Officials said they were aware of reports that Egypt and perhaps other Arab states might be willing to make statements of non-belligerency in return for Israeli withdrawal of troops. Mr. McCloskey said, however, that "all the U.S. discussions of Middle East matters are conducted within the framework of the President's speech of June 19."

In a dispatch from the United Nations, the Washington Post asserted today that Jerusalem had become a "peace hurdle," that the "Israeli stand may prove difficult for the United States" and that pressures on Israel might be in the offing.

Robert H. Estabrook, the Post's U.N. correspondent, reported that "it is an unstated assumption on the part of many Western delegations that if the time does come when some sort of withdrawal and non-belligerency agreement appear possible, the United States may have to use some heavy persuasion on Israel to reconsider the status of Jerusalem." He said that Israel's insistence on retaining Arab Jerusalem may prove to be the most difficult aspect for the United States in any Middle East peace formula that may emerge here."

The Washington Evening Star said today in a dispatch from William Frye, its U.N. correspondent, that U.N. diplomats reported that Israel and Egypt have been in direct contact over possible reopening of the Suez Canal. The contacts were said to have been made within the last week, and to have reflected a new feeling of concern in Cairo over the waterway remaining closed.

Rumania Sees Israel Withdrawal and Security Guarantees Essential to Peace

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 10, (JTA) — Rumania, the only Soviet-bloc nation which refused to break off diplomatic relations with Israel last June when the Arab-Israeli war erupted, called today for an Israeli withdrawal from the territories it had occupied to the lines existing before the outbreak of hostilities. At the same time, however, the Rumanian spokesman stressed "the right of every state in the Middle East to see their independent and sovereign status secured and respected as well as their right to security and unimpaired peaceful development."

The Rumanian view was presented in the general debate in the United Nations General Assembly today by Deputy Foreign Minister Mircea Malitza. He told the Assembly that Rumania considered Israel's "annexationist" measures in Jerusalem unlawful, and that Rumania rejected all territorial claims based on force. He called for a political settlement and, in what was taken as recognition of Israel's insistence on direct negotiations, said that "the settlement of disputes between countries of the Middle East must be reached, not by way of military clashes, but by way of mutual understanding and the implementation of solutions consonant with the interests of all the peoples of the region."

He indicated that the United Nations would have to play a role in teaching this solution, stressing that "a political solution requires the use of the peaceful instruments produced by international practice and provided by the Charter." He called for "a constructive, calm and patient approach" to the problem.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Pirzada, addressing the Assembly, said he would welcome and support any constructive proposals for restoring peace with justice in the Middle East. He contended that "an injustice was done to the Arabs through the establishment of Israel and the expulsion of a million Palestinian Arabs." He said that the 1949 armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab states cannot be "repudiated unilaterally or in any way except with the consent of the parties to them."

Administration Urged to Reject Jordan's Bid for Arms Aid Unless It Breaks with Nasser

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10, (JTA) — The Administration should sever aid to Jordan until King Hussein makes peace with Israel and abrogates his military pact with Egypt, Rep. Edward J. Gurney, Florida Republican, said today in a House speech. Mr. Gurney, who served as a U.S. tank officer in the war against Nazi Germany, said that "Hussein has turned out to be a sort of Moslem Mussolini who is collaborating with Moscow instead of with Hitler, as the Italian dictator did."

(A Beirut dispatch received in London today by The Telegraph reported that Hussein, who is to visit Washington soon, will ask President Johnson for large-scale military aid for re-equipment of his army. Hussein, the dispatch stated, is expected also to ask for general U.S. aid in the economic field, and to inform the President of Soviet offers for military and economic assistance made to him last week when he visited Moscow. The London newspaper said it believed that Russia had offered to re-equip Jordan's army completely, freeing it from reliance on American and British weapons.)

Rep. Gurney told the House that he had just asked Secretary of State Dean Rusk to stop all forms of aid to Hussein unless the latter meets preconditions that include avoidance of military supply arrangements with Russia. He said "there is really no difference between aiding Jordan or Egypt. Hussein should sever all military ties with Egypt to qualify for our aid." He served notice that he would not only fight any additional aid but oppose the Administration for "again subsidizing the Jordanian economy to the tune of at least \$1 million every fortnight." He added that Hussein has received about \$6 million to \$7 million from America since the June war, and is scheduled to get over \$27 million this year.

Rep. Joel T. Broyhill, Virginia Republican, warned an Alexandria, Va., B'nai B'rith Lodge today that the Administration was delaying delivery of Douglas Skyhawk jet bombers purchased by Israel "to obtain bargaining leverage to force Israeli concessions."

Urging a firm stand against Communist and Arab pressures in the Middle East, Rep. Broyhill termed Israel a "buffer against Communism" and said "her fate is our fate." He said that "if the Skyhawks are good for freedom in Southeast Asia, they are maybe even more valuable in a closer area, the Middle East."

The Virginian asserted that with resumption of aid to Jordan, after Hussein's "jumping like a jackal" into the June war and his recent deals with Moscow, American policy showed aspects of appeasement. He said Washington, by simultaneously "reneging on a contract with Israel (for Skyhawks) is undermining our friends and rewarding our enemies."

Jordanian Forces on Jordan's East Bank Fought Off in Ambush of Israeli Traffic

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10, (JTA) — Jordanian forces located on the east bank of the Jordan River provided covering fire last night for a terrorist band attempting to ambush Israeli motor traffic on the road north from Jericho, parallel to and not far distant from the river.

The incident occurred about 5 P.M. when the Arab band, concealed on the east side of the road, opened fire on a military vehicle proceeding north from Jericho. Occupants of the vehicle returned the fire and gave the alarm by radio. Military forces, engaged in hot pursuit of the Arab assailants, found themselves under machinegun fire from across the river as the Jordanians sought to provide cover to permit the terrorists to escape. The Israeli unit returned the fire in a 20-minute exchange. There were no Israeli casualties.

Israelis Warned Against Anti-Arab Reprisals for Jerusalem Cinema Outrage

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10, (JTA) — Would-be rioters among Jews who might seek to take personal reprisals against Arabs for the Zion Cinema bomb incident in Jerusalem Sunday night were sharply warned by a Cabinet Minister that such acts would be severely punished.

Israel Galili, Minister Without Portfolio, speaking on the radio last night, declared that "attacking others indiscriminately for their religion or race is not the Jewish way." He said that security authorities are well able to deal with acts of terrorism although he could not guarantee that such acts can be eliminated entirely.

Mr. Galili spoke following the arrest in Jerusalem last night of about a dozen Jewish youths for picking fights with Arabs and smashing the windshields of Arab-owned taxis. One group of youths was stopped on its way to the Old City shouting insults. They will be brought to trial. Authorities said the incidents did not take the character of riots, and that the police had matters well in hand.

Meanwhile, the intensive investigation of the cinema bombing attempt continued, with scores of people questioned, and an undisclosed number detained by police.

All of East Jerusalem's 24 Elementary Schools Now Open; Attendance Near 50%

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10, (JTA) — The last two of East Jerusalem's 24 elementary schools opened yesterday with attendance just under 50 percent, officials reported today. Other schools reported that attendance was continuing to rise with an overall average of 80 percent attendance.

That total is only slightly less than was averaged when the area was under Jordanian control before the June war. The Jordanians have a compulsory schooling law, but it was largely unenforced in East Jerusalem.

Israel's 30,000 Druze Lifted from 'Minority' Status, Eshkol Announces

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10. (JTA) — The affairs of Israel's 30,000 Druze, an Arabic speaking, non-Moslem religious community, have been removed from the minorities departments of the various Government ministries, and will hereafter be directed through the same channels used by Israel's Jewish citizens, it was announced today by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. He made the announcement at a special meeting with Druze leaders, at which he hailed the community's loyalty to Israel during 19 years of statehood.

Unlike Israel's Arab population, Druze serve in the armed forces and form a high percentage of Israel's border police, which is responsible for combating infiltration and sabotage. During Israel's War for Independence, 1948-1949, the Sinai Campaign of 1956 and the Six-Day War last June, Druze have identified themselves with the Jewish majority, and their soldiers and policemen have a high record of bravery in the field.

Israelis, Arabs Engage in Dialogue in Unit Formed by World Labor Group

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10. (JTA) — An Israeli-Arab committee has been established within the framework of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions during its sessions at Brussels which concluded yesterday. The five-member committee will be composed of two Israelis, the secretary of the Tunisian branch of the confederation, the vice-president of the confederation in Lebanon, and the chairman of the international organization.

Z. Hering, head of the foreign relations department of Histadrut, the Israel labor federation, who was one of the two Israeli representatives at the Brussels parley, reported to Histadrut today that Arab-Israeli dialogues, commenced at Brussels, would continue in several meetings prior to the plenary session of the Confederation next February. The Confederation's executive committee earlier this week called for bilateral negotiations between Israel and the Arab states to settle the Middle East conflict.

Israel Bans Celebration of Egyptian National Holidays in Sinai and Gaza Strip

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10. (JTA) — A ban on the celebration of Egyptian national holidays in the Gaza Strip and Sinai was issued today by the Israeli military governor of the area. The order prohibits the observance of such holidays as July 23, Egypt's "Revolution Day," July 26, marking nationalization of the Suez Canal; and March 19, the date of the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai in 1957 after the first Sinai campaign.

Hebrew U. Research & Development Projects Reported Getting \$6.7 Million in 2 Years

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10. (JTA) — Research and development projects at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem have received \$6.7 million in overseas and local grants over a two-year period, it was announced today by Prof. Jack Gross, outgoing chairman of the U.S.A. Research and Development Authority at the university. Prof. Gross has been succeeded in the post by Dr. Alex Kenyan.

Research projects undertaken by the university range from Bible studies to the development of new food grains to aid in the world struggle against hunger, and specialized instruments for space research. Nearly half of all sponsored research in Israel is conducted by the Hebrew University. All told, there are 10,103 scientists engaged in some 2,500 research projects at the university. More than 4,600 publications by staff members have appeared in world scientific literature during the past two years.

Conference on Soviet Jewry Calls for USSR Reversal of Oppressive Policies

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 10. (JTA) — The presidents of 25 national organizations comprising the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, and key leaders representing 125 Jewish communities in 30 states, gathered here tonight to demand that Soviet authorities end their policy of denying religious, cultural and communal rights to the nearly three million Jewish citizens of the USSR. In an address before the group, at the Shoreham Hotel tonight, Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference, declared: "The sparks of hope that we were beginning to discern in token concessions to Soviet Jews have all but disappeared. The hysterical and vicious anti-Jewish, anti-Israel and anti-Zionist campaign which the Soviet authorities have unleashed is indicative of the further deterioration of an already difficult situation."

Rabbi Miller noted that "Jews are the last major minority group in the Soviet Union still subjected to a policy of deprivation, discrimination and depression." "On the eve of the 50th anniversary of the October Revolution, is it too much to expect that Jews will have restored to them the full rights guaranteed by the Soviet Constitution?" he asked.

The Jewish organizational leaders are meeting tomorrow at the White House with Presidential Assistant Walt Rostow and at the State Department with Walt Stoessel, acting Assistant Secretary of State for East European Affairs. The Jewish communal leaders also have meetings scheduled with their individual senators and congressmen. Rabbi Miller will kindle an Eternal Light for Soviet Jewry on the steps of the Senate Office Building.

In his address, Rabbi Miller called upon the Soviet leaders to "eradicate the irrational factors that have determined their policy toward their Jewish citizens and to allow the reestablishment of communal institutions which will assure the continuity and secure the future of Soviet Jewry and permit them self-realization as Jews, as citizens and as human beings."

Dr. King Repudiates Anti-Semitic, Anti-Israel Black Power Stand

NEW YORK, Oct. 10. (JTA) — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, denounced black separatism and anti-Semitism Tuesday and repudiated the anti-Israel position taken by the New Politics Convention in Chicago last month. The Negro leader said anti-Semitism was "immoral" and was being used to divide Negro and Jew "who have collectively collaborated in the struggle for justice."

Dr. King's statement came in reply to a letter from Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, and the presidents of nine national Jewish organizations affiliated in the National Community Relations Advisory Council. They had drawn his attention to the anti-Israel declaration adopted at the Chicago convention at which Dr. King had been the opening speaker, and had asked him to dissociate himself from the convention stand.

In his reply, Dr. King noted that he had left the convention early and pointed out that the SCLC statements there had been "the most vigorous and articulate opponents of the simplistic resolution on the Middle East question." He said that, if he had been there during the discussion, "I would have made it crystal clear that I could not have supported any resolution calling for black separatism or calling for a condemnation of Israel and an unqualified endorsement of the policy of the Arab powers."

Dr. King declared: "Israel's right to exist as a state in security is incontestable. At the same time the great powers have the obligation to recognize that the Arab world is in a state of imposed poverty and backwardness that must threaten peace and harmony. Until a concerted and democratic program of assistance is affected, tensions cannot be relieved. Neither Israel nor its neighbors can live in peace without an underlying basis of economic and social development."

Dr. King stated that the SCLC had "expressly, frequently, and vigorously denounced anti-Semitism and will continue to do so." He pointed out that anti-Semitism was "immoral," and was used to divide Negro and Jew, "who have effectively collaborated in the struggle for justice." Anti-Semitism "injures Negroes," he said, "because it upholds the doctrine of racism, which they have the greatest stake in destroying."

The letter to Dr. King was also signed by the chairman of the NCRAC and the presidents of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the American Jewish Congress, the United Synagogue of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Milwaukee Jewish Women Urge City Council to Enact Open Housing Law

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 10. (JTA) — The Milwaukee section of the National Council of Jewish Women called on the city government today to enact a strong open housing ordinance "which will guarantee the right of all citizens in our community to buy, rent or lease property, without fear of discrimination because of color, race or creed."

The organization, which has 1,600 members, voiced objections to proposals for a citywide referendum on the housing situation, "because it is a vehicle whereby the City of Milwaukee public officials are abdicating their clear duty to uphold minority rights."

Agudath Israel to Campaign for Adoption of New York Constitution

NEW YORK, Oct. 10. (JTA) — Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive vice-president of the Agudath Israel of America, urged today that "every citizen should put aside consideration of other aspects" of the proposed New York State Constitution and support the new charter because it "represents a historic forward step in eliminating the discrimination that children attending non-public schools have suffered for many years."

The proposed constitution, which drops a 73 year-old provision banning use of public funds for religiously controlled schools — the Blaine Amendment — has been supported by the Agudath Israel and other Orthodox Jewish groups as well as by the Catholic Church. It is opposed by such Jewish organizations as the American Jewish Congress and American Jewish Committee and by various non-Catholic church groups.

Rabbi Sherer said that his organization is launching a statewide drive for approval of the Constitution.

Emory University Receives \$150,000 Gift for Chair of Judaic Studies

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 10. (JTA) — Emory University, which announced recently that it would establish a chair of Judaic studies in its department of religion, has received a gift of \$150,000 toward support of that chair. The contribution was made by Mr. and Mrs. I.T. Cohen, of this city, in memory of their son, Jay Cohen, a law graduate of Emory Law School, and the latter's wife, Jay and his wife, Leslie, perished in a disastrous hotel fire in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1963.

Sanford S. Atwood, president of the university, announced that a drive for \$500,000 to establish the chair of Judaic studies will be started under the chairmanship of William R. Bowdoin, chairman of Emory's program for mobilizing educational resources and ideas "for tomorrow." Co-chairmen of the campaign are Dr. Irving N. Goldstein and Max Rittenbaum. Dr. Jack Boozer, chairman of the university department of religion, said a noted Jewish scholar will be added to the faculty, making available "a rich religious and cultural heritage."