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## Intense Diplomatic Activity Fails to Break Through Mideast Stalemate

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 17 (JTA) — A flurry of diplomatic activity here, in Washington, London, Cairo and Jerusalem, gave rise to reports today that some new basis had been reached for negotiation of a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. These reports followed a two-hour meeting yesterday between Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad of Egypt, and a day of intense activity by Sir Harold Beeley, special representative of Foreign Secretary George Brown of Britain, in Cairo.

Mr. Goldberg met this morning with Secretary-General U Thant in the company of Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco and said later that he hoped to meet soon with Vasily Kuznetsov, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Soviet Union, who arrived here to take part in the Middle East talks. Mr. Kuznetsov conferred with Mr. Thant today and was to meet the Egyptian foreign minister later. Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Sisco had a meeting this afternoon with Ambassador Gideon Rafael of Israel.

Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel, left New York for Jerusalem yesterday and reported to the Israel Cabinet today. Some diplomatic sources here said that Mr. Eban was seeking Government agreement to modify its insistence on direct negotiations with the Arabs. These sources expressed belief that a proposal was being worked out that involved Arab-Israeli negotiations through a United Nations mediator or a special representative of the Secretary-General.

Mr. Goldberg, who declined to reveal the nature of his talks with the Egyptian foreign minister, stressed today that "the United States position remains consistent." In Washington, State Department sources were equally firm in insisting that they knew of no basis for improved hopes for an Arab-Israeli settlement and said the status quo remained in effect and no early "breakthrough" was envisaged.

## Security Council Will Meet Soon on Middle East Situation ; No Draft Resolution

Plans were nearing completion today for a Security Council meeting either on Friday or next Monday to resume consideration of the Middle East problem. Mr. Goldberg told newsmen today that the United States favored this move and held that the Council was the proper organ to discuss the Middle East question. The diplomat said he did not know of the existence of any new draft resolutions on the Middle East to be considered by the Council.

JTA dispatches from Jerusalem and London today indicated that the Israel Government had expressed displeasure to London over British attempts to find a compromise formula for the Middle East which, in Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's words, took no account of Israel's basic needs. Mr. Eshkol summoned Michael Hadow, the British Ambassador, to Jerusalem yesterday and warned him that the British initiative only served to bolster Arab intransigence. In London, the Daily Telegraph has been sharply critical of Foreign Secretary Brown and chided him for not making it clear that in seeking restoration of relations with Egypt, Britain was not offering a "package deal at the expense of others."

Jordan took reprisals today for the action by Israel yesterday in complaining to the Security Council that the Hashemite Kingdom was sparking a new wave of incidents and incitement in the West Bank areas occupied by Israel. The Jordanians, in turn, filed a complaint with the Security Council accusing Israel of a "campaign of terror, murder and torture" on the West Bank area as "an integral part of a sinister Israeli plan to force the inhabitants...to abandon their homes and property to make room for a new Jewish settlers."

## Israel Government Stands Firm in Insistence on Direct Talks With Arabs

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) — The Israel Government reaffirmed its position today that permanent peace between Israel and the Arab states can be achieved only by direct negotiations. Its stand was made clear after the Cabinet met in special session and heard a detailed report from Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban on developments affecting the situation at the United Nations.

While the Israeli press sought to read a crisis mood into today's Cabinet meeting, officials said Mr. Eban's return had been planned for some time and had taken place at the first possible moment following conclusion of the general debate in the UN General Assembly. Mr. Eban arrived here last night from New York and will return this weekend. He is to meet Secretary of State Dean Rusk in Washington next Monday.

An official spokesman indicated in response to questions that Israel would not oppose the appointment of a United Nations special representative in the Middle East whose function it would be to bring both sides to the negotiating table. But he made it clear that Israel would not accept appointment of a mediator as seems contemplated by some delegations at the United Nations.

Asked if the UN representative would participate in the negotiations, once they got under way, a spokesman replied that that question could be dealt with if and when the Arabs agreed to negotiate.

The official statement issued by the Prime Minister after the Cabinet meeting stated that Israel would continue to strengthen her position in accordance with the vital interests of her security and development.

### State Dept. Says Congress Must be Consulted on Sale of Arms to Israel

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (JTA) — State Department officials said today that detailed consultation with congressional leaders would have to precede any decision on Israel's desire to purchase military equipment in this country. The question of supply of weapons to Israel, they said, remained "under study" along with the question of supplying arms to the Kingdom of Jordan, despite the resupply of arms to the Arabs by the Soviet Union.

The State Department, in stressing the need for consultations, argued that Congress was opposed to further arms sales to Israel and quoted complaints about American shipment of weapons to both sides in the Indian-Pakistani and Arab-Israeli conflicts. Consequently, Department officials said, they must consult with ranking members of the Senate and House committees on foreign affairs, appropriations and armed services before any decisions are reached.

(In Jerusalem, reports circulated that the Soviet Union had supplied Egypt with ground-to-ground missiles which, one military source said, could revolutionize military strategy in the Middle East.)

The State Department position was vehemently challenged today in a House speech by Rep. Seymour Halpern, N.Y. Rep., who charged that the State Department was using Congress "as an excuse for failing to meet the Administration's commitment of the Spring of 1966 to sell two squadrons of the Douglas A-4 Skyhawk jet bombers to Israel." He said Israel needed the craft to offset losses it incurred in the Six-Day War and he noted that France refused to supply replacements.

The New Yorker said that "some concern was expressed in the Congress that the Administration secretly financed arms sales to the Arabs through the U.S. Export-Import Bank. The State Department has seized on this to misinterpret the concern of the Congress and to use it as a pretext for holding back on the promised shipment of the jets. It was never the intention of the Congress to obstruct the arming of Israel."

### School Children Greet UJA Study Mission on Arrival in Israel

TEL AVIV, Oct. 17 (JTA) — School children carrying bouquets of flowers and a youth orchestra welcomed 400 American members of a United Jewish Appeal special study mission when they arrived at Lod Airport yesterday. The group, which filled three planes, will join 150 other delegates already in Israel in a first-hand study of immigrant needs and problems in the aftermath of the Six-Day War.

### Histadrut Seeks \$20 Million Investment Capital From World Labor

TEL AVIV, Oct. 17 (JTA) — A drive to raise 60 million Israeli pounds (\$20 million) in investment capital from friendly labor movements in Europe and the U.S.A. was disclosed last night at a meeting of the Histadrut Executive here.

Secretary General Aharon Becker reported that half the amount — \$10 million — was expected to come from the AFL-CIO in the U.S.A. through AMPAL, American-Israel Trading Corp. Of the balance, 250,000 pounds sterling (\$700,000) would be in the form of an investment by the British Transport and General Workers Union over a 15-year period in the Histadrut Investment Corporation. A special drive will be made in Israel to raise 1 million Israeli pounds, (\$330,000) from a quarter of a million workers in Histadrut enterprises in Israel who would invest their savings.

### West Bank Arab Farmers Given Demonstration in Modern Methods

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) — More than 4,000 Arab farmers from the West Bank area were given a demonstration of modern farming methods and machinery organized for their benefit by the military government and the Israel Ministry of Agriculture.

The demonstration, held at the village of Kabatiya in the Samaria district, was assisted by former officials of the Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture who participated along with Israeli agricultural experts. The farmers inspected models of agricultural equipment and were instructed in the use of insecticide and fertilizers. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, they were most impressed by the new methods of ploughing and olive cultivation. The insecticides were reportedly sold out on the spot.

### Minister of Information, Israeli Press Condemn Attack on Communist Deputy

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) — The Sunday night knife attack on Meir Wilner, Communist member of the Knesset and head of Israel's New Communist Party, was officially condemned today in a statement issued by Minister of Information I. Galili. The incident was also generally deplored in the local press, with Haaretz pointing out in an editorial that "knives aren't a political weapon."

### Herut to Remain in Cabinet to Oppose Territorial Concessions

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) — The Herut party, which joined the broadened coalition government just before the Six-Day War, announced its intention of remaining in the Government to counter the influence of several Cabinet ministers it said favored a general withdrawal by Israel from occupied Arab territories.

Aryeh Ben Eliezer, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, told a meeting of the Gahal (the Herut and Liberal Party coalition,) that it was the party's policy to exclude East Jerusalem, the West Bank of the Jordan, the Gaza Strip and the Golan heights in Syria from peace negotiations. The only negotiable items are the Suez Canal and Sinai peninsula, he said.

## French Chief Rabbi Appeals for Aid for Tunisian, Moroccan Refugees

PARIS, Oct. 17 (JTA) — An appeal for aid on behalf of more than 10,000 recently arrived Jews from Tunisia and Morocco was issued here today by Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan. Many of the newcomers left their homes in fear of Arab reprisals following the Six-Day War. Rabbi Kaplan called on the French Jewish Community to respond to the needs of these fellow Jews. "I am sure that those who did not respond to the separate appeals of the Jewish Welfare fund and for aid to Israel at the beginning of 1967 will subscribe to this joint campaign," he said.

Grand Rabbi Simon Cohen, head of the rabbinical court in Rabat, has left Morocco for Israel, thereby terminating the functions of the Jewish tribunal in Morocco's capital city.

Earlier, the Rabbinical court in Casablanca, Morocco's largest city, was suspended following the emigration of its head. Rabbi Cohen was the sixth rabbinical jurist to leave Morocco since the Six-Day War.

(Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said yesterday on his arrival in Jerusalem from Zurich that the WJC was maintaining constant contact with governments which had some influence in Arab capitals on behalf of Jews living in Arab countries. Special attention is being given to the plight of Jews in Egypt, Dr. Goldmann said.)

## Former Bonn Aide Accused of Perjury in Concealing Nazi Past

BONN, Oct. 17 (JTA) — Fridrich Karl Vialon, former State Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Aid, has been charged with perjury and is expected to be put on trial. Vialon swore under oath during a Nazi trial that he knew nothing of the killing of Jews. It has since been discovered that he gave orders to assemble Jews from ghettos and concentration camps. Vialon is today a professor at the University of Saarbruecken.

## Belgian King Honors Brussels Jewish Philanthropist

BRUSSELS, Oct. 17 (JTA) — King Baudouin of Belgium today conferred the distinction of Grand Officer of the Order of Couronne on Leo Maersdorf, a prominent member of the Brussels Jewish Community. The award was granted on the recommendations of the Belgian Government. It was presented to Mr. Maersdorf at a special function by Prime Minister P. Vanden Boeynants who paid tribute to the Jewish leader's social and communal activities.

## New York Drive for Israel Bonds Opens With Sale of \$3.25 Million

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (JTA) — The Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds opened its 1967 Fall campaign tonight at a dinner at which sale of \$3,250,000 in bonds was announced. The Israel Bond Organization's Herbert H. Lehman Award was presented to Surrogate Edward S. Silver and, posthumously, to the late Benjamin Abrams, first chairman of the Greater New York committee. Max Abrams, campaign chairman, told the 750 attending the dinner that the citywide objective was to mobilize \$25 million this Fall through sale of bonds.

Ambassador Gideon Rafael, permanent representative of Israel to the United Nations, Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization and William Goldfine, honorary chairman of the Greater New York Committee, addressed the assembly.

## Anti-Defamation League Honors Banker at Dinner Launching New York Drive

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (JTA) — A drive to raise \$2,650,000 toward a national goal of \$5,523,900 to fight bigotry and improve human relations was launched by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at a dinner here tonight. The event was highlighted by the presentation of the ADL's 1967 Man of Achievement Award to Thomas W. McMahon, executive vice president of the metropolitan department of the Chase Manhattan Bank. The award, a silver representation of a megillah (Purim scroll), was presented to Mr. McMahon by Dore Schary, national chairman of the ADL. Senator Gale McGee, Democrat of Wyoming, was the principal speaker of the evening.

## Israeli News Briefs

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) — A group of 850 Egyptian civilians were repatriated yesterday. They were taken by bus and truck from El Arish to Kantara where they made the Suez Canal crossing by boat.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) — The Israel Government announced a gift of 30 tons of wheat to the monks of the Santa Katerina monastery on the isolated heights of Mt. Sinai.

TEL AVIV, Oct. 17 (JTA) — The Israel Lawn Tennis Association cabled a protest to the chairman of the Asian Tennis Federation in Manila against the refusal of Malaya to grant visas permitting an Israeli team to enter the second Asian junior tennis championships at Kuala Lumpur Oct. 21.

TEL AVIV, Oct. 17 (JTA) — El Al Israel National Airlines announced it had placed an order for one of the huge new Boeing Jumbo jet passenger liners for delivery in 1971, and for two Boeing 707 jet liners to be delivered next year.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17 (JTA) — Arab villagers of Assira and Ashamliya in the Nablus area responded to a warning by Israel Army authorities and turned over 28 rifles, machine guns and other weapons that had been overlooked in a search of the villages last week.

## Jewish Organizations Split on Adoption of New York State Charter

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (JTA) — The New York Metropolitan Region of the United Synagogue of America recommended to its affiliated congregations today that the proposed New York State Constitution be defeated. Dr. Morris Fond, regional president of the conservative organization, noting that the Constitution Convention had left no alternative when it chose to present to the voters a single "take it or leave it package," pointed out that the decision was reached after study of the implications of elimination of the Blaine Amendment barring state financial support of church schools. He said that "the underlying issues in our stand are the preservation of the cherished principle of separation of church and state and the preservation of the public school system."

The New York Federation of Reform Synagogues, a branch of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, adopted a resolution calling for defeat of the proposed new charter in the November elections and calling on Reform synagogues in the state to oppose it actively. Rabbi Daniel L. Davis, director of the federation, warned that the use of public funds for parochial schools "will catapult organized religion into the political arena, pitting one faith against another in a bitter, no-holds barred struggle for power, money and the minds of America's children."

Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, urged voters to ratify the proposed new charter. It termed repeal of the Blaine Amendment a major achievement and asserted that "we are now able to enfranchise nearly one million children in our state." It said that New York "will now be in a position to finally grant quality secular education to all its children without any restrictive amendment and without the noose of religious discrimination."

Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, national director of the organization, said that "the entire Orthodox Jewish community" supported it in this stand.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, who announced opposition to the new constitution because the method of presentation did not permit voters to accept or reject controversial parts of the charter, stressed that he supported the elimination of the Blaine Amendment. He said in a statement yesterday that he was convinced that "the manner in which the new constitution handles the Blaine Amendment issue is reasonable and sound and fully consistent with Federal actions of recent years."

Press reports indicated today that the Catholic Church establishment in New York was making preparations for a massive campaign to secure ratification of the new charter and the elimination of the restrictive Blaine Amendment.

The New York Metropolitan Region of the United Synagogue of America published a five-page "Fact Sheet" on Article XI, Section 3 — the Blaine Amendment — and what would be the results of its elimination.

### Izler Solomon Tells Community he Could not Avoid Yom Kippur Eve Concert

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 17 (JTA) — Dr. Izler Solomon, the noted conductor, expressed regrets to a delegation representing the Indianapolis Jewish community that it had not been possible for him to avoid conducting the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in a concert on the eve of Yom Kippur. He said that he realized that there would be a reaction in the community but that the exigencies of scheduling concerts far in advance, the economic aspects and the need to fill booked engagements had made it impossible to change the date.

The request to cancel the performance was made to the conductor, one of three in this country publicly identified as Jewish, by a delegation composed of Rabbis Sidney Steiman of Temple Beth-El Zedeck and Murray Saltzman of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation; Philip Pecar, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council, and Frank Newman, director of the Jewish Welfare Federation. According to Mr. Pecar, Dr. Solomon stressed his identification with the Jewish community and noted that he had been in Israel during the War of Independence.

Dr. Solomon readily agreed, Mr. Pecar said, that Jewish members of the orchestra would be excused from appearing that evening if they requested it.

## Establish Sol Satinsky Memorial Lectures, Awards, At Dropsie College

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17 (JTA) — Establishment of an annual Sol Satinsky Memorial Lecture at Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning was announced today by Dr. Abraham I. Katch, president of Dropsie. The memorial lecture has been established by the Satinsky family and will be delivered each November. In addition to the lecture, Dr. Katch announced establishment of the Sol Satinsky Award by the college's board of governors. It will be given each year at commencement exercises to an outstanding graduate.

The lecture series and awards commemorate a personality active on the national scene as well as in his native Philadelphia. His national activities included leadership in the United Jewish Appeal, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, Joint Distribution Committee, American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the Jewish Theological Seminary. In Philadelphia, he had served as president of the Allied Jewish Appeal, vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Agencies, president of the Jewish Publication Society, and vice-president of the Albert Einstein Medical Center. He died last November.

## Ralph E. Samuel, Philanthropist, Dies on Visit to Israel

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (JTA) — Funeral arrangements were being made today for Ralph E. Samuel, banker and philanthropist, who died suddenly in Israel on Monday while on vacation. He was 75. A prominent figure in Jewish life here for a half-century, Mr. Samuel was president of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies from 1949 to 1951 after having given nearly 30 years of service to that agency.