Hussein Rules Out Direct Talks With Israel Now After Meeting Rusk

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6, (JTA) — King Hussein of Jordan today indicated to newsmen, following a lengthy luncheon meeting with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, that Israeli Troops must be withdrawn before intermediaries could discuss an Arab-Israeli settlement, Hussein seemingly ruled out direct negotiations, and referred to "intermediaries" seeking a solution after Israeli troop withdrawal.

The King said that Jordan would recognize the right of every state to exist, It was phrased in such manner as to suggest that Israel was included. He revealed that his visit might include negotiations jointly for himself and the Nasser regime. He stressed that he was in "extremely close touch" with the current position of Egypt on Israel, and referred to the Arab Summit conference at Khartoum as a "turning point. He pointed out that the Soviet Union was interested in Jordanian efforts at the United Nations.

Hussein declined to comment directly on his talks with Mr. Rusk. He stated only that he was afforded an opportunity to present the Arab position. While referring repeatedly to "chances for a just peace," Hussein made clear that he thought in terms of Israeli troop withdrawal and negotiations through intermediaries, rather than direct negotiations.

Asked pointblank if Jordan would enter direct talks with Israel, Hussein said "at the moment, and for the time being, the position is that we will not." When asked whether he was simultaneously speaking for Nasser, Hussein said that "at the moment we are very close." He added "there are no differences" between himself and Nasser. He said the Arab case was "an extremely reasonable one," and would gain acceptance. While he could not discuss details of the Arab willingness to compromise, he said, he could state that "we are willing to give a great deal."

Hussein said the Israeli problem was "born" in the United Nations and that it is where discussions would be held and he hoped a solution acceptable to the Arabs would be found.

An unusually large crowd greeted the Jordanian king as he came to the State Department for his noon-hour meeting with Mr. Rusk. The greeters, in the Department building diplomatic lobby, included diplomats and departmental desk officers, as well as secretaries and other Government employees.

U.S. Administration Encouraged; Sees Change in Arab Position

United States officials said after the Hussein-Rusk talks that the Administration was encouraged by Hussein's "moderation."

Earlier today, the State Department said that it regarded yesterday's television statement by King Hussein on peace with Israel as a "tremendous and welcome change in the Arab position," and that it attached great significance to his statement on conditions that would restore peace to the Middle East.

King Hussein said yesterday, on the TV show "Face the Nation," that he was prepared to "recognize the right of all to live in peace and security in the Middle East area and this represents a very vast and tremendous change from earlier positions." Asked if he meant "all states\" in the region, Hussein replied "all who live in it. And I think that if we do manage to find the right formula then it would mean all states." He did not mention Israel by name in this context. After the broadcast he told newsmen that Israel's right to exist in peace and security would depend on the boundaries Israel negotiated with her Arab neighbors.

The king is scheduled to meet with President Johnson Wednesday, and will probably address the United Nations Security Council later this week, if the Council meets to continue debate on the Middle East crisis.

U.S. Reported Ready With Council Resolution Upholding LBJ's Mideast Principles

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 6, (JTA) — Highly qualified sources reported here today that the United States has drafted a Security Council resolution calling for the dispatch of a special representative of Secretary-General U Thant to the Middle East, to assist the Arabs and Israelis in solving their dispute according to principles based on President Johnson's statement of last June 19th.

These principles, contained in the preamble to the draft resolution, deal with the withdrawal of Israeli forces, and end to belligerence, free passage through international waterways, and the solution of the Arab refugee problem. The resolution will be submitted to the Security Council when it reconvenes, presumably later this week.
Becker, Histadrut Head, Visits Mexico; Israel, Jews Attacked by Pro-Arabs

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 6, (JTA) — Aharon Becker, secretary-general of the Histadrut, Israel’s Labor Federation, arrived here today from Bogota on his tour of Latin America which will include a visit to the United States.

He visited Bogota on a special invitation from President Restrepo of Colombia and met for several hours with union leaders of Colombia. In Peru officials of the Labor Ministry expressed appreciation for Israel’s assistance in technical programs which Mr. Becker indicated would be increased. He participated in the inauguration of a large new transport cooperative for which Israel trained young Peruvians.

The General Confederation of Labor of Peru sponsored a meeting of confederation technical representatives attended by 200 Peruvian leaders. Later the Israeli labor leader took part in a reunion of the Club Shalom, formed by young Peruvians trained in Israel for social welfare projects in Peru. At a huge rally organized by the Peruvian Association of Jewish communities, participants pledged to support Israel with all their strength.

A vicious attack against Israel and against Jewry in Mexico was published here today in a special bulletin issued by an organization called Mexico-Arabic Alliance, Israel was accused in the bulletin of “torturing and murdering Arabs.” Mexican Jews were charged with owing their loyalty to Israel rather than to Mexico.

An investigation showed several other falsehoods in the pro-Arab paper. It charged, without foundation, that its information had been obtained from the Mexican Foreign Ministry. It also listed among its members a number of well-known Mexicans who denied affiliation with the group.

Jewish Congress Unit in Paris Hits Soviet Anti-Semitism, German Neo-Nazi

PARIS, Nov. 6, (JTA) — The French section of the World Jewish Congress, in a series of resolutions adopted today, condemned the anti-Semitic propaganda campaign now being conducted in the controlled press of the Soviet Union. The group also expressed alarm over the resurgence of Nazism, particularly the recent electoral success of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NDP) in West Germany.

The Congress also called attention to the plight of Jews in Arab countries, many of whom have been imprisoned, and urged the French Government and international agencies to take measures for their liberation. The Congress also asked the French Government to live up to its commitments to Israel and affirmed, in a resolution on the Middle East, the “total solidarity of the World Jewish Congress with Israel.”

Last Jew To Leave Aden Reports Demise of Ancient Community There

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6, (JTA) — The Jewish community in the British protectorate of Aden, where Jews have lived for perhaps 2,000 years, as far back as the destruction of the Second Temple, has ceased to exist, according to a Jew who arrived at Lod Airport last night.

He said he was the last Jew to leave the protectorate. In recent months, the Jews in Aden, who were believed to have already dwindled to no more than about 400, have suffered severe persecutions at the hands of Aden nationalists. The Jews have had to crowd into one narrow quarter of the city, living under protection of the British army.

Aden became a British possession in 1839, but will soon become independent within the framework of the South Arabian Federation. There were about 250 Jewish families in 1850, plus about 300 members of the Beni Israel, the so-called “brown” Jews of Bombay. By 1937, there were about 740 Jews there, almost all Arabian. The Jews had their own synagogue and a printing plant for the issuance of prayer books and other Hebrew works. But the community has been decreasing in size since many Jews started to emigrate to Israel after the State was established. The recent exodus was speedier, since the Jews were being heavily persecuted. Now, according to yesterday’s arrival, no Jews are left in this ancient community.

Rabbis Go to Germany to Seek Payments for Destroyed Jewish Cemeteries

NEW YORK, Nov. 6, (JTA) — Three rabbis armed with a petition bearing one million signatures left for West Germany yesterday to seek identification from the Bonn Government to restore 2,000 Jewish cemeteries all over Europe desecrated and destroyed by Nazis during World War II. The delegation representing the World Center of European Rabbis, with headquarters in Brooklyn, consisted of Rabbi Moses J. Rubin, president of the Center and head of the Union of Rabbis in Bremen during the second world war; Rabbi Pinchas M. Teitz, a member of the presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada; and Rabbi David Holland, president of the Board of Orthodox Rabbis of Metropolitan New York.

Rabbi Rubin, who will act as spokesman for the delegation, noted that the chairman of the reparations committee of the West German Bundestag (lower house of parliament), had approved in principle the Center’s claims for indemnification, and said the Bundestag would be asked to appropriate the necessary funds. Nevertheless, Rabbi Rubin said, “our many appeals to the West German Federal Republic continue to go unheeded, despite declarations of interest and concern on the part of responsible...
A spokesman for the British delegation here said today that "it is a fair bet that the Security Council will meet this week, despite the lack of progress among the 10 non-permanent members on a resolution for the Middle East." He said that intense negotiations took place this weekend, including meetings between the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Vasily Kuzevetov, and Lord Caredon, the British representative, as well as with Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, chairman of the United States delegation.

In a related development, today, Pakistan, Algeria, Senegal, Hungary and Paraguay were elected as non-permanent members of the Security Council for two-year terms, commencing on January 1, 1968. They will replace Argentina, Bulgaria, Japan, Mali and Nigeria.

Eban Sees British Leaders; Sees Possible New Basis for Middle East Peace

LONDON, Nov. 6, (JTA) — Abba Eban, Israel’s Foreign Minister, said here at a press conference tonight, after talks with Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Foreign Secretary George Brown, that he had received the "impression" that Britain wants "a new peace structure and not the old structure" which existed in the Middle East before the June war.

Observing that no plans had been made for a formal communique on the talks, Mr. Eban said that he was not authorized to reveal details but that "the talks were useful, particularly the examination of the positions. We are not so far apart on policies on the Middle East as some published comment, particularly in Israel, seemed to imply." British efforts to obtain renewal of relations with Egypt were criticized in Israel as being allegedly based on commitments to Egypt to pressure Israel to withdraw from occupied Arab territories.

Mr. Eban said that "we do not want to negotiate with the Arab countries "on the basis of victor and vanquished, but as neighbors." He also said he hoped the "mutual shock" of the June war would impel talks for Middle East Peace. He added that the main goal of Israeli foreign policy was to bar any return "to the vulnerable position of the pre-June period."

Mr. Eban, who also met with opposition Conservative leader Edward Heath, reported last night on recent Middle East developments to the Board of Deputies of British Jews and representatives of 23 associated Jewish organizations.

Israel Tells Security Council Jordan Supports Armed Marauders

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 6, (JTA) — Israel accused Jordan today of encouraging incidents against Israel "perpetrated by persons coming from Jordan." In a letter to this month’s President of the Security Council, M. B. Kante, of Mali, Ambassador Gideon Rafael listed eight incidents which took place between October 24 and yesterday.

"These incidents indicate beyond doubt that the Government of Jordan is going further and is giving active support and succor to armed marauders using its territory as their base of operations," Mr. Rafael said. "The Government of Israel views with grave concern the continuation of the encouragement and assistance given by the Jordanian authorities to the perpetrators of these armed attacks. This is a flagrant violation of the obligations Jordan has undertaken by accepting cease-fire resolutions." Mr. Rafael reiterated, in the letter, the policy of Israel "to observe the cease-fire resolutions on the basis of complete reciprocity."

In describing yesterday’s incident, Mr. Rafael charged that Jordanian military forces deployed along the east bank of the River Jordan and gave covering fire to their retreating marauders. He also accused the Jordanians of shelling which resulted in the wounding of one Israeli, and in severe damage to the cultural center and the infirmary of the village of Macc Chayim.

Mr. Rafael did not ask for a Security Council meeting. He requested only that his letter be distributed to all Security Council members.

Klutznick, at Hebrew University, Calls for Continuance of Jewish Unity

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6, (JTA) — A distinguished audience representing some of the leading Jewish service and cultural organizations of Europe and the western hemisphere heard a call here today for Israelis and outside Israel Jewry to strive to strengthen and preserve the "spirit of oneness" that prevailed during the trying period of crisis last May and June, when Israel faced a threat to her existence.

The speaker was Philip M. Klutznick, former international president of B’nai B’rith and U.S. delegate to the United Nations. He addressed the opening of the second annual meeting of the Hebrew University’s Institute of Contemporary Jewry, a body which he helped found a year ago in London.

Among the organizations represented were the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Publication Society of America, Ponds Social Juif Unifie de France, the Institute of Jewish Affairs of Britain, the American Jewish Historical Society, B’nai B’rith, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Federation de Comunidades Israelitas of Argentina.

The meeting, held on the Hebrew University’s new campus, was attended by President Zalman Shazar of Israel, President Eliahu Elat of the Hebrew University greeted the assemblage, which included scholars and community leaders from all continents. Prof. Moshe Davis, head of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, reported on its research program of the past year, which includes 19 projects and 17 publications in preparation. The meeting will continue tomorrow, after which the participants will go on a two-day tour of the country.
N.Y. Event Raises $1 Million for Israel Bonds; Dr. Schwartz in Israel

NEW YORK, Nov. 6, (JTA) — More than $1,000,000 was raised to help the reconstruction of Israel's economy at a dinner held here last night honoring Dr. Julius Mark, senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of New York. The dinner was a highlight of a major campaign being conducted in Greater New York to mobilize $25,000,000 this fall through the sale of Israel Bonds, to help in the rebuilding of Israel's economy, dislocated during the six-day war.

Avraham Herman, Ambassador of Israel to the United States, and Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court, were the principal speakers, Jack D. Weiler, secretary-treasurer of the Israel Bond Organization, who served as dinner chairman, told the more than 400 business, communal, civic and religious leaders who attended the dinner that the event resulted in the sale of more than $1,000,000 worth of Israel Fourth Development Issue Bonds.

Dr. Mark, a leader of Reform Jewry, was accorded a special tribute for his achievements as a spiritual leader and for leadership in the Israel Bond program. Ambassador Harman presented a bronze plaque to Dr. Mark which bore a representation of the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Honorary chairmen of the dinner included Senators Jacob K. Javits and Robert F. Kennedy, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, Attorney General Louis K. Lefkowitz, New York State Comptroller Arthur Levitt, and New York Mayor John V. Lindsay.

Israel Bonds headquarters here announced today that Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the organization, arrived in Israel today, after conferring with leaders of West European Jewry in Paris for two days. In Israel, Dr. Schwartz is to meet with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, and other leaders, to explore the Jewish State's economic guidelines for further development, which he hopes will witness "the fulfillment of Israel's hopes for economic independence."


CHICAGO, Nov. 6, (JTA) — An airborne United Nations peacekeeping force to block further Middle East warfare was proposed here last night by Sen. Thomas B. Kuchel, California Republican. He also reiterated a proposal for a Mideast observation satellite to give the UN advanced knowledge of military maneuvers in the region.

Sen. Kuchel, who was guest of honor at an Israel Bonds meeting in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration, said such a force should be based on such neutral ground as Cyprus, to be available "to put itself between opposing forces without delay."

Golda Meir Says Increased Immigration to Israel Can Avert More Warfare

NEW YORK, Nov. 6, (JTA) — Mrs. Golda Meir, former Foreign Minister of Israel, declared at a Balfour Day celebration here yesterday that, "if there had been 1.5 million Jews in Palestine in 1947, instead of 600,000, the hostilities of 1948, 1956 and 1967 might have been avoided. She called on American Jewry to fill the vast space which exists between Israeli settlements with Jews of all ages, in order that the recurrent crises which exist primarily because of Israel's small population may be averted."

Mrs. Meir, who is secretary-general of the dominant Mapal Party in Israel, addressed a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration sponsored by the American Zionist Council and the Theodor Herzl Institute. She said Israel now had the opportunity to live in security and avoid future bloodshed "if Jews from America will come in large numbers, an opportunity not to be missed."

Histadrut Drive Sets $600,000 Goal for 1968; Labor Leaders Honored

CHICAGO, Nov. 6, (JTA) — One thousand trade unionists, attending a dinner on behalf of Histadrut, Israel's labor federation here, paid tribute to S. Frank Raftery, international president of the AFL-CIO Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America and contributed $450,000 to establish an Israeli rest home in his name at Kfar Blum, in upper Galilee, Senator Ernest Gruening, of Alaska, was the principal speaker. Other speakers were Joseph D. Keenan, secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and a vice-president of the AFL-CIO, Israel Consul Avraham Avidar and Zeev Barash, American representative of Histadrut.

At a session here yesterday, the 44th annual conference of the Israel Histadrut campaign adopted a $600,000 goal for 1968. The 550 delegates undertook to raise $400,000 in cash and $200,000 in long-term commitments for the American Histadrut Foundation. Harry Lasky, head of a special committee, proposed sponsorship of 1,000 scholarships for Israeli students in agricultural and technical schools under Histadrut auspices. Mr. Lasky pledged $30,000 for this purpose. Dr. Sol Stein, national director of the National Committee for Labor Israel, was the principal speaker at the conference.

Midwest Hebrew U. Group Announces Avraham-Zena Harman Scholarships

CHICAGO, Nov. 6, (JTA) — The Midwest Region of the American Friends of The Hebrew University said today that it is establishing an Avraham and Zena Harman Scholarship endowment fund for Hebrew University students who interrupted their studies to fight for Israel in the June war. The region is giving a farewell dinner for the Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Harman in Chicago on Nov. 18.