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Britain Reported Ready to Offer U.N. Draft Calling for Israel's Troop Withdrawal

LONDON, Nov. 14 (JTA)—The British Government is set to launch a Middle East "peace offer" of its own at the United Nations Security Council, it was reported here today.

According to the reports, Foreign Secretary George Brown has instructed Britain's chief representative at the U.N., Lord Caradon, to present a "compromise" resolution which would have support of the Arab states, the Soviet Union and France. The so-called compromise, it was said, would order Israel to withdraw its troops from the occupied Arab areas — without, however, ensuring the of Arab-Israel settlement that would provide security for Israel's borders.

Security Council Resumes Mideast Debate Today; General Assembly Suspension Deplored

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 14 (JTA)—The Security Council will reconvene on the Middle East problem tomorrow morning with Syria and Britain scheduled to speak. The British delegation disclosed that it is preparing a "compromise" text for presentation to the Security Council, designed to secure maximum agreement. A spokesman for the British delegation noted that Britain has not committed itself to any of the draft resolutions submitted to the Council so far. Lord Caradon, head of the Brit U.N. Mission, met in the last few days with Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Mahmoud Riad, Foreign Minister of Egypt. This morning, he conferred with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vassily V. Kuznetsov.

The entire United Nations showed restiveness over the Middle East crisis today, now that both Israel and the Arab states have taken Security Council positions deemed firmer and more antagonistic than ever. Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban asserted firmly in the Council yesterday that Israel never return to the old, 1949 armistice regime, no matter what the consequences. Jordan's Foreign Minister Abdul Monem Rifai hinted that, if Israel does not withdraw its troops occupying areas taken from the Arab states in the June war, the Arabs may be "compelled" to resume the war.

Thus, with the chips down, there was much uncertainty whether the Council would be able to adopt either of the two principal resolutions before it, one a Soviet-Arab document co-sponsored by India, Mali and Nigeria; the other a United States draft which falls short of acceptance by the Arabs and may not please Israel either.

In the background, in addition to the British plan, there is another move, by Japan, a member of the Council, to work out a resolution, which, it has been indicated, would displease Israel. And the Latin American bloc is hoping to get passage for a defeated resolution submitted by the South Americans last summer, tying Israel's troop withdrawal to Arab renunciation of belligerence.

While all this was going on, however, the General Assembly was in recess, a hiatus called over a month ago by the Assembly's president, Corneliu Manescu, of Rumania, to give the Security Council another chance to reach accord on a Mideast resolution acceptable to all concerned. The Assembly's has much business to do. More than half of its lengthy agenda has not even been debated during the period since October, when no plenary sessions could be held. Delegates, almost all 122 of them, want to get back to "regular business," and feel stymied by the Security Council's failure to reach any agreement.

For example, one issue that always generates much heat in the Assembly — and is sure to raise a storm again this year — is the admission of Communist China to U.N. membership. As long as the Mideast crisis continues to tie up the Assembly, as a result of the Security Council's failure to act, this issue — among many others deemed of great importance to the world community — cannot even be touched.

London Hears 2,500 Russians Now Train Egyptians; More MIGs Hidden by Cairo

LONDON, Nov. 14 (JTA)—Members of the Soviet Military mission in Egypt admit that there are some 2,500 Russian instructors, engineers and technicians now working with Egyptian armed forces whose morale has "improved greatly" as a result of the new weapons received from the USSR, and new training methods. This was reported today by Clare Hollingworth, Daily Telegraph correspondent in Cairo, who observed that Nasser has "regained faith in himself" and believes that he can continue to lead Egypt and force an Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

Hollingworth reported that Russian experts have concluded that it is impossible to train Egypt's illiterate peasantry in the use of highly sophisticated Soviet weapons and equipment. As a result, all of the new weapons shipped by Russia to Egypt since last June's war are far more simple to operate.

Egypt has also received new Soviet MIGs "which are hidden away in upper Egypt in areas forbidden to civilians," Hollingworth reported. "The jets will soon be moved to underground shelters which can already be seen when flying in or out of Cairo," his dispatch stated.

Israeli Probe Says Command Was Not to Blame for the Elath Disaster

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14 (JTA)—Deputy Chief of Staff Chaim Bar-Lev announced here that his official investigation of the sinking of the Israeli destroyer Elath by Egyptian missile craft in international waters off Sinai, on October 21, indicates that "no one in a command position" was to blame. General Bar-Lev, who served as a one-man investigating committee into the disaster, stressed, however, that the Elath's patrol should have been placed on a combat rather than a "routine" basis.

Israeli newspapers, and some of their readers, greeted the findings with skepticism today. Several editorials confessed "perplexity" over the verdict. Letters to the editors of various newspapers have raised the question of why no action was taken in the two hours that elapsed from the time the Elath was crippled by the first missile barrage and the second attack that sank her in a few minutes.

Bomb Damages Auto Assembly Plant in Haifa; Israel Army Camp Attacked Near Hebron

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14 (JTA)—The Dodge Motor Company's auto assembly plant in Nazareth was damaged early this morning by a bomb that went off in a car parked near the building. The automobile was wrecked and part of the wall of the assembly plant was damaged, but there were no casualties among the workers present at the time. An unexploded bomb was found nearby and dismantled. The footprints of five men were found leading from the area.

Meanwhile, several Arab villages in the West Bank area were placed under curfew today, following the firing of a bazooka shell into an Army camp near Hebron last night. No casualties were reported.

Brazil's Communists Split on USSR's Anti-Israel Stand; Some Leaders Suspended

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 14 (JTA)—Brazil's Communist Party which, while officially illegal, is very active and is believed to be the strongest Communist organization in Latin America, is widely split on the Soviet Union's stand against Israel, it was learned here today.

Several party leaders in some of the country's largest centers, including members of the organization's country-wide central committee as well as regional heads, have been expelled for refusing to circulate a central committee resolution staunchly upholding the Soviet Government's stand against Israel. The central committee announced the suspension of four of its members, identifying them only by their party names — Silveira, Rodrigo, Lima and Toledo. Three others are identified by pseudonyms as the heads of regional committees. All had apparently refused to distribute the central committee's directives on support of the Soviet Union in its anti-Israel policies.

Meanwhile, the Confederation of Jewish Communities in Brazil today petitioned Nikolai Podgorny, president of the USSR, to end anti-Jewish discriminations in the USSR. The Soviet Ambassador here issued a statement denying there was anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. The Confederation also sent a memorandum to the Brazilian Foreign Ministry, asking the Government to intervene on behalf of Jews being persecuted and harassed in the Arab countries.

Red Cross To Accept Limited Funds to Aid Jewish Prisoners in Egypt

GENEVA, Nov. 14 (JTA)—The International Red Cross has advised the Standing Conference of European Jewish Community Services here that it can accept funds in amounts up to 1,000 Swiss francs (\$250) for remittance to Jewish prisoners in Egypt and their families. The IRC estimated that remittances of 70 Swiss francs (\$23) per month would enable prisoners to purchase food and other amenities in the prison canteens. The Red Cross said, however, that owing to the difficulty in customs clearance it could not handle packages sent to the prisoners from abroad.

European Rabbis Urge Increased Religious Teaching for Refugees on Continent

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 14 (JTA)—The Standing Committee of the Conference of European Rabbis agreed at a meeting here today that it was urgent for Europe's Jewish spiritual leaders to direct Jewish religious feeling, awakened by the May-June crisis and war in the Middle East, "into an active appreciation of Jewish belief and practice, and a wider diffusion of Jewish knowledge among young and old alike."

The rabbis reviewed the religious and educational situations in Jewish religious communities in Europe and expressed concern about the problems of a large number of Sephardic Jews who migrated to France in recent years and whose numbers have been increased by the flight of large numbers of Jews from Arab countries since last June. The rabbis noted that there had been similar influxes into Italy, Belgium, Spain and Britain.

The spiritual leaders declared that, in addition to provision for the physical and social needs of those newcomers, there was also a "vital need" to meet their religious and educational requirements to prevent "their disintegration" as Jews and "eventual disappearance from the Jewish scene." They urged increased educational activities through creation of a network of Jewish day schools.

Reform Leaders Decry Cut in Anti-Poverty Funds; Forum Discusses Jewish 'Ecumenism'

MONTREAL, Nov. 14 (JTA)—Prompt passage of an effective anti-poverty bill with funding of at least \$2 billion and no "weakening and crippling amendments" was urged in a telegram today to President Johnson and 11 key members of the House of Representatives, sent on behalf of the 3,000 delegates attending the 49th Biennial General Assembly here of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the congregational movement of Reform Jewry in the United States and Canada.

The telegram, which also went to Vice-President Humphrey and Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity was the result of a UAHC resolution adopted here, opposing a proposed slash in funds for the war on poverty, now under consideration by Congress.

In another action, the delegates overwhelmingly approved a resolution calling for the liberalization of existing abortion laws in the United States and Canada. It urged "humane legislation" to permit abortion "in such circumstances as rape and incest, threatened disease or deformity of the embryo or fetus, the physical and mental health of the mother, and social, economic and psychological factors that might warrant therapeutic termination of pregnancy."

Earlier, at the UAHC conclave, three rabbis representing the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox branches of Jewry explored the reasons for the existence of creedal differences among Jews in an age of ecumenism which has seen the narrowing of such differences among Christians. Comprising the forum were Rabbi Walter Wurtzburger, member of the faculty of Yeshiva University in New York, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Conservative rabbi and a member of the Columbia University faculty; and Rabbi Joseph Klein, Reform rabbi of Temple Emanuel, Worcester, Mass.

Rabbi Hertzberg suggested that adult education, education of children and the furthering of synagogue membership among non-affiliated Jews were areas in which the three branches of Judaism could cooperate rather than compete. Rabbi Wurtzburger held, however, that these matters are fundamentally religious and must be pursued by each of the three branches separately in the context of Jewish pluralism. According to Rabbi Klein, there is an "amazing" degree of unity within the secular stream of Jewish life, but "real and growing differences among the three branches of the rabbinate, especially in the area of intermarriage and divorce." Rabbi Hertzberg suggested that there was no such thing as a secular Jew. He said "we are all part of the mystic body of Israel regardless of affiliation."

Conservatives Complain of Community Neglect of Jewish Education; Urge Revised Policies

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 14 (JTA)—Jewish community welfare funds were urged today by leaders of Conservative Judaism to "radically revise" their allocations, to provide greater support for religiously-oriented Jewish education.

The 3,000 delegates at the biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America, the association of Conservative congregations, were told that only an intensified and comprehensive program of Jewish education on all levels could stem the tide of rising intermarriage rates, apathy of college youth and a "growing assimilation" of America's Jewish community.

Jewish education officials told a panel discussion that hospitals, homes for the aged and Jewish centers getting Jewish federation support were currently receiving large grants from Federal and state governments, and that therefore many of the Jewish communal grants to such institutions could be re-directed to Jewish education.

Dr. Simon Greenberg, vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, warned against "haggling for a few dollars for the Bureau of Education" and added that "we must make it clear that the real difficulty which we find with Jewish-supported communal services is not that they claim an inordinate share of the Jewish charity dollar, but that the objectives and programs of many institutions they now support do not make appropriate contributions to group survival."

He told the delegates that, "despite the fact that welfare fund drives derive their leadership and contributions primarily from the synagogue, only three-and-a-half to four percent of the total funds raised goes toward Jewish education."

Dr. Elazar Goelman, dean of Gratz college, called for the present formula for division of Jewish welfare fund dollars between overseas and local needs "shopworn," and urged a new approach. He cited among the neglected areas of Jewish education the teacher training programs, high school education, adult education and scholarships for Hebrew and Jewish summer camps.

Rabbi Louis Scichkow, of Milwaukee, said members of his congregation on welfare boards were disturbed at standards of "double taxation" in which federation funds supported secular or non-denominational programs while "those conducted by a religious institution, the synagogue, are discounted, ignored and considered unworthy of an allocation."

Resolutions Condemn 'Extremist' Negro Elements, Support Israel-Arab Talks

The Conservative Jewish leaders sharply condemned today extremist Negro elements for using "violence and lawlessness as a means to redress social evils." In a resolution, they reminded all elements of the American community that Jews and Jewish organizations, in general, and members of congregations affiliated with the United Synagogue in particular, "have no need for apology or self-justification in their work for Negro equality."

In a resolution on Israel, introduced by David Zucker, chairman of the national Israel Crisis Committee, the convention pledged support of Israel's "just goal of removing once and for all the threat of war" and called for direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states as essential to peace.

A resolution on the war against poverty welcomed the Administration's efforts, but added that "unfortunately, more help is needed."

Negro Daily Tells Black Power Advocates that Jews 'Battle' for Negro Rights

CHICAGO, Nov. 14 (JTA)—A leading Negro newspaper here has cautioned the Negro community and particularly the black power advocates not to forget the "powerful voices which have been lifted on behalf of the Negro people" by Jewish communities and their leaders.

The Chicago Daily Defender pointed out in an editorial that the "Milwaukee Jewish Council pulled no punches in its declaration of support of the civil rights leaders who have been demonstrating for freedom of residence in that Wisconsin city." The editorial also cited a resolution adopted by the executive board of the Synagogue Council of America urging the Milwaukee city administration to enact open housing legislation.

"In Kansas City," the editorial noted, "Irving M. Levine, director of education and urban planning of the American Jewish Committee, told the annual meeting of the AJC local chapter that they should organize the intellectual communal and financial resources of the Jewish community to do battle against slums and economic underdevelopment."

"These powerful voices, which have been lifted on behalf of the Negro peoples' cause, should not be forgotten when resolutions are passed by the black power hierarchy. Jews and Negroes have problems in common. They can ill-afford to be at one another's throat," the editorial stated.

Montreal, Combining Israel Emergency and Local Appeals, Raises \$14,367,482

MONTREAL, Nov. 14 (JTA)—A total of \$14,367,482 was raised this year by the 1967 Combined Jewish Appeal of Montreal and the Israel Welfare Emergency Fund, it was reported here by campaign chairman Arthur Rudnikoff. He said \$10,000,701 was raised for the emergency fund, and \$4,336,751 for the regular campaign. In the 1966 campaign, the CJA raised \$4,325,000.

Montreal was the only major North American Jewish community to conduct its 1967 regular and emergency campaigns at the same time, although separate cards were used. The Israel crisis erupted only two months before preliminary solicitation in the regular drive was scheduled to begin, and fund-raising leaders decided to run the two drives simultaneously.

Samuel Bronfman, honorary president of the Allied Jewish Community Services and honorary chairman of the CJA, who initiated the emergency fund in Canada, was honored for his fund-raising efforts. The Michael Hirsch Memorial Award for outstanding campaigning was awarded to five past chairmen who served as a special advisory committee — Allan Bronfman, Gordon Brown, Jacob M. Lowy, Henry Blatt and Arthur Pascal.

Alvin Bronstein, executive director of AJCS and CJA, said that the community came through the summer crisis with "flying colors," and that "the unified action of this year must now be our pattern for the future."

Rabbi Weinberger, New Head of Orthodox Group, Raps 'Superficial Ecumenism'

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (JTA)—Rabbi Bernard Weinberger, spiritual leader of Young Israel of Brooklyn, and only Orthodox Jewish member of the New York City Council Against Poverty, was elected president of the Rabbinical Alliance at its annual meeting here.

Rabbi Weinberger told the 400 Orthodox rabbinical delegates that he would seek to bring about greater involvement of the Orthodox rabbinate in meeting the challenges of poverty, race relations, civil disobedience and world peace. He criticized Jews, including some among the Orthodox, who allowed theological differences to be "blurred for the sake of a superficial ecumenism" among Jews.

JWB Study Finds Main Emphasis of Centers is to Strengthen Jewish Identity

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (JTA)—A study of Jewish community centers by a sociologist has disclosed that their over-riding concern is to foster and strengthen the sense of Jewish identity among the participants in Center programs. The study was prepared for a National Jewish Welfare Board study committee by its consultant, Manheim S. Shapiro.

Henrietta Cohen, Renowned Jewish Concert Pianist, Dies in London; Often Honored

LONDON, Nov. 14 (JTA)—Harriet Cohen, a world renowned concert pianist, who was regarded as one of the greatest interpreters of Bach, died here yesterday. Miss Cohen, who retired several years ago due to failing eyesight and injury to her hands, was in her seventies. When she had reached her professional zenith, she was made a Commander of the British Empire in 1938 and, in 1954 a Freeman of the City of London. Miss Cohen was the featured soloist with the Palestine Symphony Orchestra during the Mandate period when two attempts were made on her life by Arab terrorists. The British Mandatory regime provided an armored car to escort her to and from concerts.