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## United Nations Mideast Envoy Arrives for Briefing; To See Rafael Tomorrow

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 26 (JTA)—Gunnar Jarring, the Swedish diplomat appointed by Secretary-General Thant as the United Nations special representative to the Middle East, arrived in New York today and was scheduled to hold the first of what may be a series of "briefing" meetings with Mr. Thant tomorrow, a U.N. spokesman declared today.

Mr. Jarring has been named in accordance with a resolution adopted unanimously last week by the Security Council, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining contact with Israel and the Arab states "in order to promote agreement and assist efforts to achieve a peaceful and accepted settlement" of the Mideast crisis as provided for in the Council's resolution.

Israel's chief envoy to the United Nations, Ambassador Gideon Rafael, is scheduled to meet with Mr. Jarring Tuesday. Mr. Rafael was to have left for Israel today, having completed his tour of duty here, but was reportedly asked by Mr. Thant to delay his departure so that he might meet with the new Mideast emissary.

Mr. Thant, when informing the parties on the appointment of the Swedish diplomat, expressed his "earnest hope and confidence that each of the governments concerned will extend to Ambassador Jarring its full cooperation and will afford him all facilities necessary for the effective discharge of the important task entrusted to him."

## Israel's Cabinet Gets Reports of Widespread Acts of Sabotage and Terror

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26 (JTA)—The Cabinet today heard a report by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan on the current security situation, but postponed a discussion of political matters until a special session Tuesday, when it will hear from Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who is now enroute to Israel from the United Nations in New York.

General Dayan included in his report the most recent exchanges of fire with Jordanian forces, and sabotage in the northern sector of the West Bank. He noted that, in all cases, traces left by the saboteurs indicated that they had come and escaped by crossing the Jordan River. The Cabinet also heard detailed reports on a number of other Arab acts of sabotage and terrorism in the last few days. These included:

What might have been a major disaster, at Kibbutz Ashdod Yaacov in the Beisan Valley today, when soldiers harmlessly deactivated six high-explosive charges found near a building within the settlement perimeter. According to an Army spokesman, an anti-vehicle mine was discovered nearby and dismantled. The footprints of four persons were found leading to the Jordanian section of the Yarmuk River, which flows about a mile and a half from the kibbutz. The explosives were discovered at Ashdod Yaacov after a watchman reported that a barbed wire fence had been cut.

The imposition of a curfew on the northern Sinai town of El Arish, this evening as Israeli patrols searched for terrorists who threw a hand grenade at a truckload of tourists from Israel this afternoon, resulting in injuries to eight local residents. None of the tourists were hurt, though the truck was slightly damaged.

The continued discovery and dismantling by Israeli sappers in the West Bank area of anti-vehicle mines, one of which exploded and killed an Arab tractor driver yesterday. This morning, a patrol found two Mark V mines planted on an unpaved road south of Kfar Ruppin, in the Beisan Valley, very near the banks of the Jordan. The footprints of four persons were found leading to and from the river.

The arrest of some 20 El Fatah terrorists in the northern Samaria area by Israeli security service agents. Some members of the group had taken part in the sabotaging of a Dodge assembly plant in Nazareth two weeks ago, while others took part in an attack on a police jeep in Jenin last week. Large quantities of weapons were discovered in the hideouts of the terrorists.

Meanwhile, Israeli officials reported today that a 22-year-old volunteer from Australia was fatally wounded, and four other volunteers from Britain, the United States and Australia were injured when a shell they were handling exploded near the Suez Canal last Wednesday. An Israeli worker was injured in the same accident.

The fatality was suffered by Norman Rosenbaum of Melbourne, whose parents are on a tour of Israel. The injured volunteers were Jack Rosenstein, the American; David May and Peter Kamalson, of Britain; and Joseph Hirsch, of Australia.

## Rabin Tells London Youth He 's Not Sure That Six-Day War Was the Last

LONDON, Nov. 26 (JTA)—Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, chief of staff of Israel's armed forces, acknowledged here tonight that he "could not say with certainty" that last June's Six-Day War was the last. He observed that "you cannot force a people to live in peace with you, especially if a bigger country is exploiting the situation."

Gen. Rabin addressed a capacity audience of returning volunteers for Israel during the Six-Day War, representatives of Zionist youth and student organizations and others at the Youth Center here. He disclosed that an Israeli pilot was murdered after bailing out over Jordan when his plane was shot down last week, but said that it was not always in Israel's interest to publicize Arab atrocities. He also denied flatly that Russian prisoners had been captured during the June war, despite photographs that purported to be of captured Russians. He said that many Soviet advisors and technicians cooperated with the Arabs but there is no evidence that any Russians took an active part in the hostilities.

Commenting on Israel's policies toward the occupied West Bank, Gen. Rabin said "we are forced to be there; and, without peace, there can be no question of withdrawal." He indicated that Israeli occupying forces, though of considerable strength, do not make themselves highly visible to the local inhabitants.

Reterring to general security matters, including a threat by the new South Arabian authorities to seal off the Perim Straits at the mouth of the Red Sea to Israel shipping, the chief of staff said "we must hope for the best and expect the worst." He thanked all those who had volunteered to aid Israel in her hour of need, whether they actually reached Israel or not.

## West Bank Residents See Selves Squeezed Between Nasser Bellicosity and Israeli Attitude

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26 (JTA)—Arab residents and businessmen in the occupied West Bank region were plunged into gloom by Nasser's bellicose speech before the Egyptian national assembly in Cairo last week. They see it resulting in tightened Israeli security measures on the one hand, and increased Arab terrorist activities on the other — with themselves caught in between.

This was the consensus in a survey conducted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today in several West Bank towns. Only a few days ago the mood was guardedly optimistic, following unanimous approval by the U.N. Security Council of the British resolution on the Middle East. Many believed that Israeli forces might begin to withdraw before Christmas, which would mean relief from Israeli taxes, the aspect of occupation that the West Bankers consider most burdensome. As a result of Nasser's speech, the same people believe now that the occupation will last for at least a year or more, and see themselves as the main victims of "Nasser's boasting."

They fear that Nasser will support terrorist activities in the West Bank, that King Hussein of Jordan will not be able to follow an independent course, and that Israel will tighten her control. Some suggest that Israel ignore Hussein and work out a direct settlement with the West Bankers, many of whom apparently do not relish the prospect of reunification with Jordan. The owner of a large arts and crafts firm told JTA that many Arab businessmen are seriously considering immigration to the United States or Latin America, fearing ruin if they remain.

## Israel Government Names Group to Study Claims for War Damages to Churches

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26 (JTA)—The Cabinet today appointed a special ministerial committee to study the claims of various religious groups in Israel for repairs to damages suffered by church buildings in the Six-Day War. Although no official sum was given, it was learned that the claims amount to \$1 million. The committee will submit recommendations as to whether aid should be given, and in what form. The Cabinet was told that only a few isolated claims had been received from Moslem religious authorities for damages to mosques, and that these have been dealt with by the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

The Cabinet deferred decision on whether the various parties in the Knesset, represented in the coalition Government, have a right to abstain on government sponsored motions with which they do not agree. Under Israeli law, Government ministers and their factions in the Knesset bear collective responsibility for Government actions, and abstention without cabinet approval is equivalent to resignation from the government. The question came up when Mapam and Gahal (the Herut-Liberal Party fusion) asked permission to abstain in the debate over devaluation of the Israeli pound, which is to come up later this week.

## New Israeli Highway Bypassing Suez Canal Used for First Time

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26 (JTA)—A new highway that bypasses the Suez Canal was used for the first time today to transport 250 tons of freshly-caught fish from a trawler docked at Israel's Gulf of Akaba Port of Eilat to a Greek cargo vessel at Israel's Mediterranean Port of Ashdod. The fish, from the trawler "Dolphini," was transported by refrigerated trucks over the Eilat-Ashdod highway in the first practical test of the land route that cuts through the Negev Desert. If the experiment is successful, it will permit Greek fishing vessels to continue operating in the Red Sea and to send their catches home without passing through the Suez Canal. Meanwhile, it was reported here that a foreign country has approached Israeli authorities on the possibility of transporting more than 20 barges over the land route from the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Akaba outlet of the Red Sea. The barges, destined for a Far Eastern country, were built before the Six-Day War but could not be shipped because of the shut-down of the Suez Canal by Egypt.

## South African Jews See Anti-Semitic Links; Note Israel's Stand on Apartheid

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 26 (JTA)—The 25th biennial Congress of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies closed here today with the adoption of a report by its executive council that stressed the continued maintenance of inter-community understanding and good will between Jews and non-Jews, especially in light of differences that have developed recently between South Africa and Israel over the latter's support of anti-apartheid policies in the United Nations.

The four-day gathering was addressed by Dr. Judah Shapiro, of New York, former director of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, and Mayor Ross Spencer, of Johannesburg who extended civic greetings to the Jewish community leadership of South Africa. Other speakers were Teddy Schneider, president and Maurice Porter, chairman of the Jewish Board of Deputies.

Reviewing the events of the past year, the report took note of anti-Semitic incidents, the most serious of which was a clash last April between Jewish youths and a group of German immigrants who were trying to celebrate Hitler's birthday in a Johannesburg beer hall. It also cited a link between local anti-Semitic groups and disseminators of anti-Semitic propaganda in the United States, Britain, Sweden and South America. But, the report noted, with reference to the beer hall incident, Prime Minister B. J. Vorster "made it clear that foreign ideologies were not welcome in the Republic and anti-Semitism would not be tolerated."

The report emphasized the sympathetic attitude of the South African government and people toward Israel, especially during the Six-Day War. It pointed out, however, that "South African Jewry, despite its ardent Zionism, is in no way accountable for the actions of Israel which, as a sovereign state, determines its policies in light of its own principles and interests." The report expressed regret that "in certain circles in both countries, there is lacking a proper understanding of the policies and problems of the respective governments."

The report stated further that "in the overall perspective, the Jewish community is well integrated and the Jewish citizen enjoys full opportunities in all spheres." However, it added, "views expressed by the State of Israel critical of South Africa's race policies continue periodically to call for adverse reactions in the Republic and to confront the local Jewish community with special problems in the public relations field." The report emphasized that there is no specifically Jewish viewpoint on South Africa's problems, and that Jews are to be found among the supporters of all political viewpoints and trends.

## Becker, Israeli Labor Leader, Reports Unemployment Cut in Half Since June War

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (JTA)—Unemployment in Israel has been cut in half since the Six-Day War last June, but it is still a serious problem which can be overcome only by increased capital investment in export industries and increased immigration of Jews to Israel, Aharon Becker, secretary general of Histadrut, said here today at the closing session of the 44th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel. Mr. Becker spoke before 3,000 delegates who attended the four-day conclave. Other speakers included Mrs. Golda Meir, former Foreign Minister of Israel; and American trade union leaders Louis Stulberg and Jacob S. Potofsky. Histadrut is Israel's federation of labor.

Mr. Becker, who came to New York following a tour of five Latin American countries, said that there are about 20,000 unemployed in Israel, which is half of what it was at the beginning of last June but still too large a number. He said that an estimated \$1.5 billion can be effectively invested in Israel's economy during the next five years, of which half should come from foreign sources and the remainder from Israel's own economy. "We are asking the trade unions of the free world to invest in our enterprises," he declared, noting that American trade unions have indicated that they will purchase \$10 million worth of Histadrut debentures that will be repaid to them with interest over a 20-year period.

Another economic expert, Shimon Alexandroni, Economic Minister of Israel, told a session of the American Histadrut Development Foundation that \$8 billion had been invested in Israel since 1950, and that the country hoped to increase its gross national product at an annual rate of 8 percent.

The parley marked the opening of a drive to raise \$6 million in the United States and Canada to aid Histadrut's health, education and welfare services in Israel. At the conclusion of the convention this afternoon, a rollcall of the delegates showed that, of the total 1968 goal, \$1,242,000 has already been pledged.

The convention adopted a resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, citing at the same time the Bolshevik revolution of a half century ago which "brought new trials to the Jewish people." It expressed hope for the emancipation of Soviet Jewry who are deprived of all contact with Israel and of rights for full expression of their Jewish culture and traditions.

Joseph Schlossberg was re-elected president of the National Committee for Labor Israel, Charles S. Zimmerman, was elected chairman of the Board of Directors, Louis Hollander was elected chairman of the national executive committee; William H. Sytk was chosen chairman of the American Histadrut Development Foundation; and Samuel J. Lefrak was elected chairman of the Foundation's national advisory board.

The Foundation was established seven years ago for the purpose of mobilizing long-term commitments for the future needs of Histadrut programs. It was reported at today's concluding convention session that nearly \$10 million was subscribed. The goal for 1968 is to obtain \$5 million in new commitments to the Foundation.

## Dropsie College Holds Colorful Convocation, Installing Dr. Katsh as President

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26 (JTA)—A pledge to help make Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning into a center that will "serve as a storage house and source of Judaism" was voiced by the institution's new president, Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, who was installed in his office at ceremonies conducted here today. Dr. Katsh became the third president of Dropsie, a post previously held by the late Dr. Cyrus Adler and, until his retirement last year after a quarter of a century as president, by Dr. Abraham A. Neuman.

A colorful convocation was held at the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania for the installation of Dr. Katsh. More than 125 representatives of universities, colleges and learned societies from all parts of the United States attended the ceremonies. Honorary degrees were conferred on Mrs. Golda Meir, former Foreign Minister of Israel; Pennsylvania Governor Raymond P. Shafer; James L. Michener, a world-renowned American author; and Dr. William F. Albright, professor of Semitic languages at Johns Hopkins University, an archeologist known particularly for his explorations into the past of Palestine.

"Dropsie College," said Dr. Katsh in his presidential address, "can become a center that will serve as a storage house and source of Judaism, of fresh intellectual Jewish content, that will help replenish and replace the declining generation of Jewish scholars in other parts of the world with an indigenous group of American Jewish intellectual leaders."

"American universities and colleges," Dr. Katsh noted, "have been displaying in recent years a growing interest in the teaching of various phases of Judaism. There is a dearth of professors at this time. This is an opportunity for Dropsie to become a center in order to prepare professors in Judaism for American institutions of higher learning."

Another significant undertaking for Dropsie, he said, is the training of scholars for research in the Jewish field, in order "to rewrite and reinterpret Jewish history in the light of the two great episodes which have occurred in the last quarter of a century — the Nazi holocaust and the re-establishment of the State of Israel."

Dr. Katsh, who received his doctorate of philosophy at Dropsie College in 1944, recently resigned his 33-year association with New York University, where he had been founder and curator of the Library of Judaica and Hebraica. He has also been director of the Summer Professorial Workshop in Israel, conducted in cooperation with the United States Office of Education. He is a prolific author and is known, among other achievements, for his microfilming of the Soviet Union's vast Hebrew collection which includes many thousands of ancient Jewish documents from Russia and Eastern Europe.

## Zionists Honor Uruguayan Diplomat at U.N. as One of Israel's 'Founders'

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (JTA)—An American Zionist leader today termed the Middle East resolution adopted by the U.N. Security Council last week "a weak resolution" but one which "at least leaves the way open" to peace, and which was "a clear rejection of the Russian-Arab demand for an unconditional withdrawal of Israeli forces."

This assessment of the resolution was made by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency Executive and honorary president of the Zionist Organization of America, at a gathering in honor of Prof. Enrique R. Fabregat, former Uruguayan representative at the United Nations, who played a leading role in formulating the Palestine partition resolution which was adopted by the U.N. 20 years ago and paved the way for the establishment of the State of Israel.

The tribute to Dr. Fabregat, sponsored by the Herzl Institute, was also addressed by Ambassador Joel Barromi, alternate representative of Israel at the United Nations, and Dr. Joseph B. Schechtman, member of the Jewish Agency Executive. Messages were received from Ambassador Avraham Harman, Israel's envoy to the United States and Ambassador Gideon Rafael, permanent representative of Israel at the United Nations. Ambassador Rafael noted that a street in Tel Aviv is named after Dr. Fabregat, and called the Uruguayan diplomat "a founding father of Israel."

## Bombing of Mississippi Rabbi's Home Seen as Part of "String of Terror"

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (JTA)—The American Jewish Committee asserted today that the recent bombings in Mississippi, including the night bombing of the Jackson home of Rabbi Perry Nussbaum, constituted "a purposeful reign of intimidation."

Nathan Perlmutter, national affairs director of the Committee, called for "round-the-clock investigations by local and federal authorities." He cited the "string of terror bombings of St. Paul's Church Parsonage in Laurel, Miss., and the Jackson residences of Methodist lay leader R. B. Kochitzky and of Rabbi Nussbaum, all within a week."

## More Than 1,000 Jews from U.S. & Canada Settled in Israel in Four Months

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (JTA)—More than 1,000 Jews from the United States and Canada settled in Israel during the past four months, it was announced this weekend by Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, chairman of the Israel Aliyah Center here. He said the figure represented the largest number of individuals to leave for Israel in any four-month period in recent years. He added that the more than 1,000 settlers represented a broad spectrum of American Jewry, and that they included professionals, teachers, businessmen and university, yeshiva and Ulpan students.