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Jarring Mission at Turning Point, Discussions Here to Chart Next Steps

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 28 (JTA)--The next three days during which UN special envoy Gunnar Jarring will consult here with Secretary General U Thant and his chief aides, representatives of the permanent members of the Security Council, the head of the Israel mission and, presumably, the Egyptian and Jordanian envoys, may mark a decisive turning point in the Middle East situation, informed sources said here today.

There is general agreement that Dr. Jarring has gone as far as he can on his peace-making using the methods and procedures so far employed. To date, in his numerous talks in Jerusalem, Cairo and Amman, the UN envoy has not dealt with the substantive issues of peace. Nor has he put forward any definite proposals and procedures for negotiations leading to the establishment of peace.

During the three days he is to remain here for reports and consultations, Dr. Jarring is expected to reach the decision whether to proceed to a new stage and summon Israel and the two Arab states to the conference table.

(The Tel Aviv daily Maariv quoted Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today as having declared that Ambassador Jarring's mission was to bring Israel and the Arabs together in direct talks and that if he failed, there would be no talks and the status quo would continue. According to Maariv, Mr. Eshkol made this statement at a closed meeting with Labor Party MKs. There was no official confirmation and Mr. Eshkol was not available for comment.

Israelis Make Significant Concession to Jarring on Negotiations Procedures

The UN envoy returned here tonight with a definite concession from Jerusalem which Israeli sources described as a significant one, motivated by the desire to afford maximum assistance to Dr. Jarring in the quest for peace. That is the withdrawal from the previous adamant Israeli insistence on direct face-to-face talks with the Arabs independent of any third party — although a third party role in bringing the two sides together would have been acceptable.

Israel has made it clear to Dr. Jarring, it was said here today, that it is prepared to go into negotiating sessions summoned by him and held under his chairmanship. It was pointed out here that this paralleled the procedure followed in the 1949 Rhodes armistice talks.

The Israel mission made public documents tonight clearly establishing that the Rhodes negotiations involved joint Israel-Egyptian meetings under the chairmanship of the UN mediator. Earlier, a UN spokesman had told the press that at Rhodes, the procedure had been for the UN mediator to meet each delegation separately and that there had not been any joint meetings. The documents released tonight were reports from Ralph Bunche, the UN mediator to the President of the Security Council, describing the joint sessions. The delegation also announced that it had the verbatim transcripts of the joint sessions.

Israelis Say They Will Accept Nothing Less Than Rhodes Procedures

An Israeli spokesman made it clear here tonight that while Israel had made a major concession in the cause of peace, it would not accept any procedure which would be a step backward from the Rhodes procedure or would be any derogation of Israel sovereignty.

Both United Nations and Israeli sources denied reports published here that Egypt and Jordan had agreed to send delegations to Cyprus to negotiate peace on the basis of a "Jarring formula" involving procedure. Existence of any such formula was denied and it was pointed out that if the decision this weekend is for Dr. Jarring to invite Israel, Egypt and Jordan to send peace delegations to Cyprus, there is as yet no sure indication of what the Arab reaction would be.

Israel, it is believed, mindful of the success of the Rhodes procedure, and the failure of the 1949 Lausanne talks, would prefer to negotiate with each country separately, in the belief that it would be easier to arrive at settlement of the issues separating them since these issues are not identical in each case.

Dr. Jarring arrived at Kennedy International Airport tonight. Among those meeting him at the airport was Ambassador Josef Tekoah, head of the Israeli delegation.

Secretary-General Is Considering Revival of Gussing Mission to Middle East

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 28 (JTA)--Secretary-General U Thant was reported today to be considering the advisability of proposing a revival of the Gussing mission of last Autumn to meet demands for investigation of the treatment of the Arab inhabitants of the territories occupied by Israel and of the Jews in the Arab countries. The Secretary-General, reportedly, has been under mounting

pressure from the Arab states to send a United Nations commission in to the occupied areas where, the Arabs charge, Israel is guilty of genocide and other crimes against the Arab inhabitants.

Mr. Thant was understood to hold the view that it would not be advisable to try to send a commission into Israel-held areas for this purpose and he was said to have suggested alternatives to the Egyptians who have been speaking for the Arab states on this issue. The Egyptians, it was learned, rejected all the suggestions made thus far. The Secretary-General is said to share the view that a commission or any investigative body at this time could complicate the task of his special envoy, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, in seeking to get peace talks launched.

Dr. Gussing was sent to the Middle East last Autumn as Mr. Thant's special envoy to investigate the treatment of the civilian population in the occupied areas and the treatment of the Jewish minorities in the Arab states. His final report, submitted last September, showed that the Arab states had refused to give him facilities for first-hand study of the plight of the Jews in those countries.

Histadrut Leaders Oppose Cuts In Technical Aid Program for African States

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (JTA)--Histadrut leaders declared here today that they were firmly opposed to any retrenchment of Israel's technical assistance, social and educational programs in black African states despite an anti-Israel resolution just adopted at a meeting of the African Unity Organization in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Zeev Haring, head of Histadrut's international department, warned that Israel would be playing Nasser's game if it ended its activities in Africa. The Egyptians want to create a wider rift between Israel and the African people, he said and Israel's response should be to intensify its activities in Africa rather than diminish them.

Zionist Assembly Urges 'Magshimim' Movement, Intensified Zionist Education

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (JTA)--A three-day consultative assembly of the World Zionist Organization wound up here last night with a majority of the delegates supporting the establishment of a "magshimim" movement -- groups of Zionists who personally pledge to settle in Israel within a given period of time.

The question of aliyah (immigration), especially from affluent Western countries, dominated the conference which was supposed to prepare the ground for the World Zionist Congress here next June. A closely linked problem was the absorption of new settlers. Here too, a majority of the assembled Zionist leaders from Israel and abroad favored retention of that responsibility by the Jewish Agency. A large minority, however, called for the establishment of a joint Jewish-Agency-Israel Government authority to take over the function. Among the latter was Dr. Nahum Goldman, president of the World Zionist Organization, who said he favored bringing the Government into absorption matters.

The conference agreed that the furthering of Zionist education, particularly in the diaspora, was vital to aliyah and urged the Congress to take into account the importance of education among college-age youth when discussing organizational matters.

Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, said in his closing remarks at the conference that Zionists in each country should immediately establish a "magshimim" movement and pledged that the Jewish Agency will render it the fullest support whether or not the movement is part of the World Zionist Organization.

Referring to critics of the Jewish Agency within the Government and in sections of the Israeli press, Mr. Pincus said an effort must be made to change the atmosphere that surrounds Zionist matters in Israel and to emphasize the mutual responsibility of Zionists and the Government for relations between Israel and the diaspora. Dr. Goldman said that the importance of aliyah notwithstanding, the success of the Zionist movement cannot be measured solely on how many olim (immigrants) it brings in.

Report Underground Peace Movement Among Palestine Arabs in Jordan

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (JTA)--West Bank Arabs returning from business trips to Jordan have reported the existence of a clandestine movement for peace with Israel among Palestinian Arabs in the Hashemite kingdom. A Nablus merchant, just returned, claimed that he attended a secret meeting with 42 Palestinian Arab leaders "somewhere in Amman." The group calls itself the "peace committee" and is urging Palestinian Arabs in Jordan and other Arab countries to pressure their respective governments to make peace with Israel.

The ultimate aim of this group, according to the Nablus man, is to establish a Palestinian state on the West Bank, federated with Israel. Meanwhile, the "peace committee" is urging the Jordanian Government to take strong measures against El Fatah terrorists operating from Jordan territory, he said.

An Arab journalist who recently returned to the West Bank from Jordan said that according to rumors in Amman, the Jordanian Government wants to call a special convention of the Arab League at which it would ask Iraq to withdraw her troops that have been camping in Jordan since last June. The Amman Government is reportedly under pressure to get rid of the Iraqis who have been aiding El Fatah terrorists but who proved themselves useless during the Jordanian-Israeli clash two weeks ago.

Human Rights Commission Adopts Modified Resolution on Return of Arab Refugees

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 28 (JTA)--The United Nations Human Rights Commission, with Israel not participating in the vote, unanimously adopted a modified four-power resolution which affirmed "the right of all the inhabitants who have left since the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East to return" and called on "the Government concerned" (Israel) to "take the necessary measures" to facilitate their return without delay.

The original draft, submitted by India, Yugoslavia, Pakistan and Congo, had referred to inhabitants "displaced or deported." The modifications were proposed by Chile. Other modifications offered by France were not accepted.

Dr. Shabtai Rosenne of Israel told the Commission that he could not agree with the statement of the sponsors that the proposal reflected only humanitarian considerations. The text was controversial and efforts to improve it had not gone far enough in removing "political aspects," he declared. He asserted that the proposal "presents a selective and unbalanced version" of Security Council and General Assembly resolutions. The Security Council had addressed its appeal to all Governments in the area. Moreover, there was no justification for picking out "a single alleged right" and casting it in the form in which it appeared in this draft.

The draft, he stated, was harmful because it ignored the peace efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative. It was unjust he said, because it failed to take account of the harassments to which Israel was subjected by continual breaches of the cease-fire. Resuming after Egyptian objection, Dr. Rosenne, said the Commission had no information on the subject matter of the resolution and adoption of the draft would be "ultra vires, null and void."

He was keenly aware of the plight of Arab refugees, he continued. The Israel delegation, he said, hoped that, with the establishment of a just peace, the Arab refugee problem and all other problems would receive a just solution.

Morris B. Abram of the United States said the revised text was an improvement, although his Government did not agree with every point in it. He said he supported the draft, on the understanding that it was designed to cover the same area and people as the original Security Council resolution.

Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig of the World Jewish Congress told the Commission that Jewish minorities in some Middle Eastern states were passing through a phase of utmost difficulty -- "very close to the worst which Jews ... have experienced up to this time." He said there was need for urgent action on the Arab refugee problem, but the same applied to the Jewish minority. The international community had not been able to take any strong action on this matter, he pointed out.

He asked that persons imprisoned or restricted in these countries should be liberated, and that those who found it difficult to remain should be allowed to go and their going be facilitated. These people were defenceless unless the international community tried to help them out of their predicament, he declared.

Observer Says Russian Jewish Youth More Actively Stressing Jewishness

TORONTO, Feb. 28 (JTA)--A student of Soviet affairs who has visited the USSR ten times in recent years, declared here that the younger generation of Soviet Jews are becoming increasingly and openly defiant of a regime that labels them Jews but does not permit them to lead Jewish lives. Dr. Allen Pollack, a professor of history at the University of Pittsburgh, spoke at a meeting of 400 young people sponsored by the Hillel Foundation at the University of Toronto. He likened the temper of Soviet Jewish youth to the Black Power movement among Negroes in the United States.

"One sign of the movement is a strong identification with Israel," he said. "Artifacts from Israel are the hottest items in the Soviet black market." During last June's Six-Day War, Jews walked the streets muttering "mir," "mir," Dr. Pollack said. "In Russian this means 'peace' but in Yiddish it means 'we.'"

Dr. Pollack said that the forced identification of Jews as such in Russia without corresponding cultural rights has made the present generation of young Soviet Jews "the most Jewish generation." He said "theirs is a negative reaction: 'You tell me I am a Jew. All right, I am a Jew and I'm proud of it, I don't know what it means but I'm going to find out.'"

Dr. Pollack said he didn't think the Soviet Government is dedicated to anti-Semitism or that the Jews in the USSR face physical extinction. "The Soviet Union is sensitive to world opinion," he said, "and can be pressured to live up to its own laws with regard to minorities."

Soviet Union Closing Scientific, Military Jobs to Jews, Newsweek Reports

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (JTA)--Newsweek Magazine reported in its current issue that since the Six-Day War, "Jews in the Soviet Union have been finding it increasingly difficult to get scientific and military jobs. Some young Soviet scientists who are Jewish (the designation is stamped on their ID papers) have been denied posts they had been promised; others have been told their cases must be re-examined. Communist officials in one city are said to be excluding Jews from sensitive jobs because of what they call growing nationalist tendencies in the Jewish community."

Prince Philip Lends St. James' Palace to Jewish Welfare Group for Banquet

LONDON, Feb. 28 (JTA)--The annual dinner of the Jewish Welfare Board of Britain was held at St. James Palace last night by permission of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who, in an address to the gathering, declared that "the facilities offered you in this palace are a tribute to the contributions of the Jewish community to this country in peace and war."

The dinner, attended by prominent leaders of British Jewry, was told by the JWB chairman, Ronald Franklin, of the needs of the Jewish aged in Britain. He said that for obvious reasons, Jewish aged were happier in wholly Jewish surroundings and in order to ensure their continued care such surroundings, more homes and apartments for the aged were urgently needed. Prince Philip said in his address, "I am proud that this historic gathering in St. James has taken place in my time."

French Chief Rabbi Says Heart Transplants Only Permissible to Save Life

PARIS, Feb. 28 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan said here today that the Jewish religion is opposed to human heart transplants but nevertheless permits such operations if they can save a human life. The Chief Rabbi spoke at a meeting of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences.

JWV Commander Says Enemy Is The Same in Viet Nam and Middle East

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (JTA)--The national executive committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States opened its annual conference here today -- the first JWV meeting ever held on foreign soil -- and heard the organization's National Commander, Samuel Samuels, declare that Israel holds the line for democracy in the Middle East, just as the United States is holding the line in Southeast Asia. The meeting will be addressed by President Shazar and Prime Minister Eshkol.

Mr. Samuels, who recently returned from a tour of the battle zone in Viet Nam, said that the enemy there and the enemy facing Israel, the hostile Arab states, are one and the same. Both North Viet Nam and the Arab states are supplied by Soviet Russia with modern, sophisticated weapons, he pointed out, adding that the democracies confronted by the North Viet Nameese and by the Arab states are in actuality confronted by Soviet imperialism.

Mr. Samuels said he supported Israel's determination to secure free passage for its shipping through the Suez Canal and praised Israel for its willingness to permit the freeing of 15 merchant ships, among them several American vessels, that have been stranded in the canal since the June war. He said the ships remain trapped because of Egyptian sabotage.

Educator Says Jews Living in Inner City Bound to Feel Negro Anti-Semitism

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (JTA)--Jews who live in the inner city "are bound to suffer from Negro anti-Semitism," Dr. Paul Phillips Cooke, president of the District of Columbia Teachers College, told the biennial conference of the National Council of Jewish Women today. Dr. Cooke said that as "the visible symbol" of money and power in the ghetto, "the corner merchant is the first one likely to be struck in times of disorder."

He stressed that "the Jewish stereotype has grown out of the experiences of poor Negroes with merchants who have high-pressured them, who have sold them shoddy goods, and whose interest rates are high." The educator reported that anti-Semitism is alive in the black ghetto.

A questioner asked Dr. Cooke: "What should the Jewish merchant do, then -- sell out and quit?" Dr. Cooke replied: "I can tell you what one merchant did in Washington. He moved into an inner city area where there is a high crime rate. He put up a good store with fair prices. He hired Negroes. People there respect him and they spend their money in his store."

Council members visited Congressmen to urge enactment of the Administration's civil rights bills including open housing legislation.

Sen. Gruening Tells Zionists to Campaign for Mutual Security Pact for Israel

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28 (JTA)--Senator Ernest Gruening, Alaska Democrat, called for a letter-writing campaign urging President Johnson and Congress to "write a mutual security treaty with Israel and to give, not sell, arms to Israel." Speaking before the annual meeting of the Southwest Pacific Region of the Zionist Organization of America, Sen. Gruening also told letter-writers to urge the Administration to "stand by Israel's determination not to give up one inch of land until the Arabs consent to peace negotiations."

Three new districts were added to the ZOA's Southwest Pacific Region. They include groups in Long Beach, Palm Springs and the statewide organization, the Maccabi.

Max Ratner, Cleveland Businessman, To Head American-Israel Chamber of Commerce

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (JTA)--Max Ratner of Cleveland, president of Forest City Enterprises, Inc., a diversified lumber and building material distribution company, has been elected president of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which is comprised of leaders of banking and industry in the United States and Israel. Mr. Ratner is a director and officer in many other banking, industry and business affiliations both here and in Israel where he developed a chemical complex known as Electrochemical Frutarom Ltd., at Haifa Bay.