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Jarring Mission To Continue Despite Arab Reports Envoy's Efforts Have Failed

JERUSALEM, April 17 (JTA)--The United Nations' peace envoy to the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, met for 90 minutes yesterday with Foreign Minister Abba Eban in talks which some sources here had predicted would be crucial to the continuation of Dr. Jarring's mission. As usual, no details were given but all indications are that the U.N. envoy will continue his efforts to bring the Arabs and Israelis together. Dr. Jarring was scheduled to go to Cairo today and is expected back in Jerusalem next week.

An official communique issued after the Jarring-Eban meeting said that their talks were not held in an atmosphere of a mission about to end. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that rumors in the press here and abroad that the mission had failed were "totally untrue" and that Dr. Jarring has not "given up." The spokesman said that both sides agreed to impose a complete black-out on their talks, in line with the quiet diplomacy practiced by the late Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld.

(An official Egyptian spokesman said in Cairo today that peace efforts by Dr. Jarring had made "zero" progress but that Egypt had not closed the door to a peaceful settlement with Israel. Dr. Jarring arrived in Cairo for talks with Foreign Minister Riad today. Commenting on the "progress" of the Jarring mission, Egyptian press spokesman Hassan Elzayat said "We now have zero. There is nothing to report. The situation is exactly the same as it was before Jarring's arrival here. He was not in a position to tell us that Israel has accepted or shown readiness to implement the Security Council resolution." He asserted that Egypt is being "very careful not to close the door to a peaceful settlement," and said "the alternative is very clear. It will not be surrender to Israel. It will be resistance and this could escalate into something else and we do not want that.")

The visit of Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad to Moscow tomorrow aroused speculation that the Arabs would try to bring about the failure of the Jarring mission, provided they found a way to blame it on Israel. Riad will probably discuss with the Russians ways and means to bring this about in face of Dr. Jarring's continued professions of optimism, it was said here. The Arabs are believed anxious to return the Middle East question to the United Nations, at the General Assembly's spring session which opens in New York next week. Observers here said that there was little chance that Egypt at the present stage, would change its negative attitude towards Jarring's efforts to bring Israel, Egypt and Jordan to a meeting under his auspices.

Israel has replied affirmatively to Jarring's proposal for such a meeting and Jordan did not say "yes" but at the same time did not issue a flat "no" as did Cairo. Political sources here denied rumors that Jordan had proposed indirect talks with Israel at Geneva which Israel rejected because it insists on direct talks, with or without a third party present. Also flatly denied were rumors that Dr. Jarring had proposed the demilitarization of Israel-occupied Arab territories to follow an Israeli withdrawal. No territorial subjects have been raised by Jarring as yet, these sources said.

France Sale of Jets to Iraq Leaves U.S. Stand on Phantoms For Israel Unchanged

WASHINGTON, April 17 (JTA)--State Department officials said today that nothing new had developed in the American consideration of the pending Israel application to buy 50 F-4 Phantom jet fighter planes because of the disclosure this week that France will sell jet fighter-bombers to Iraq. The United States continued to "observe the situation" in keeping with the general outlines of the policy indicated in the communique issued in Texas following the Eshkol-Johnson talks last January, it was stated.

Israelis Say France is Morally Obligated to Release Mirage Jets Israel Paid For

TEL AVIV, April 17 (JTA)--Israelis expressed satisfaction today that the final installment on 50 Mirage-V jet fighter-bombers ordered from France two years ago was paid on April 15, the date due. But there was widespread bitterness over the continued French embargo on the planes, particularly in face of the deGaulle government's deal to sell 54 Mirage aircraft to Iraq. The feeling here, echoed by the press, was that Israel discharged its legal obligations under the contract when it presented final payment -- \$20 million -- to the Dassault Company, manufacturer of the Mirages. It is now up to France to fulfill the contract's terms.

(The London Guardian reported from Paris today that "Tel Aviv is now free to take legal action for breach of contract" if the French refuse to deliver the planes. According to the paper, 18 of the super-sonic aircraft, built to Israeli specifications, have been completed and are in storage at the Dassault plant at Istres, near Marseilles. "Thus far, the Israel Government has not said whether it intends to take legal action," the Guardian said. The paper commented that pro-Israel elements within the French administration hope the embargo will eventually be lifted, but the decision may be delayed until delivery of the Mirage jets to Iraq begins in about 18 months.)

The evening newspaper, Maariv, said here today that "we are not yet dispirited of the French, but chances for cancellation of the embargo appear very dim and all that Israel can do is make efforts to ensure a supply of planes from other sources."

Beisan Valley Settlements Come Under Jordanian Fire Again

TEL AVIV, April 17 (JTA)--An artillery and mortar duel between Israeli and Jordanian units broke out last night along the Jordan River demarcation line and continued into the morning, a military spokesman reported today. Kfar Ruppin in the Beisan Valley and surrounding fields were hit with several mortar rounds. No casualties or damage were reported.

Seventy Orthodox Jews Return to Hebron to Reestablish Jewish Community There

TEL AVIV, April 17 (JTA)--Seventy Jews, mostly from religious settlements, returned to the ancient town of Hebron today to re-establish the Jewish community which ceased to exist there after the Arab riots of 1936. The new arrivals were greeted by Labor Minister Yigal Allon who promised them assistance for a transitory period until they can integrate themselves into the town's economy. Members of the group, which includes artisans, professionals and yeshiva students, said they hoped to rebuild the Jewish section of Hebron.

The town, which lies almost due south of Jerusalem, was occupied by Jordan during the 1948 war and was recaptured by Israeli forces during last June's Six-Day War. To religious Jews, it is one of the four holy cities of Israel. Nearby is the Cave of Machpela, the burial place of the Hebrew Patriarchs. Jews have lived there for centuries. But the Jewish community was attacked by Arabs in 1925 and again in 1929 when a rabbi and a number of yeshiva students were massacred. The last Jews left in 1936 to avoid a similar massacre.

Ben-Gurion Says He Will Boycott Israel's 20th Anniversary Celebrations

TEL AVIV, April 17 (JTA)--Former Prime Minister David Ben Gurion has turned down invitations to attend the Independence Day Parade on May 14 and to deliver the principal address at a festive session of the Knesset (Parliament) on that occasion, it was reported today. Mr. Ben Gurion also has refused to accept the "Israel's Award" which was to be conferred on him at Independence Day ceremonies in recognition of his lifetime's service to Israel and his role in founding the State.

The 82-year-old Israeli leader gave no reason for rejecting the invitations which included the honor of inaugurating the Independence Day celebrations by igniting the first fire on Mt. Herzl. Sources here indicated however that the former Prime Minister was piqued by the proposal to grant him "just another Israel's Award." Eleven awards are given each Independence Day to scientists, scholars, artists and stage actors who have achieved prominence in their fields.

In a letter to the Minister of Education who is responsible for the awards, Mr. Ben Gurion said: "I am told I am to receive Israel's Award for my lifelong devotion to Israel. I see no reason for such an award. All I did was to fulfill my duty to my country just as tens of thousands of others did." Mr. Ben Gurion suggested that the Minister find another suitable recipient for his award.

New Wolfson Laboratories Are Dedicated at Weizmann Institute in Rehovoth

REHOVOTH, April 17 (JTA)--An eight-story, 55,000 square foot institute of experimental biology was dedicated here yesterday in the name of its donor, Sir Isaac Wolfson, prominent British businessman and philanthropist. The structure will be part of the Weizmann Institute of Science which it will serve as a laboratory for investigating the life processes, the principles of immunology and cancer research.

The ceremonies were attended by President Zalman Shazar of Israel and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. A mezuzah was affixed to the door of the building by Israel's Nobel Laureate, S. Y. Agnon, and Mr. Wolfson's son, Leonard. Mrs. Wolfson also attended the dedication which was presided over by Meyer Weisgal, president of the Weizmann Institute. The department of experimental biology at the new institute will be headed by Prof. Isaac Barenblum, one of Israel's leading cancer researchers. Prof. Michael Feldman will head the department of cell biology and Prof. Michael Sela will be in charge of chemical immunology research.

Israeli Writers Bid Colleagues Abroad To Join Fight Against Anti-Semitism

JERUSALEM, April 17 (JTA)--The national conference of Hebrew writers ended its first session here with a resolution urging writers and poets the world over to raise their voices and use their pens to fight anti-Semitism wherever it may arise, in whatever form.

The writers urged their colleagues abroad to support the security of Israel and back efforts for peace in the Middle East and an understanding between Jews and Arabs. The conference also discussed the confrontation between the old and the new generation of writers. The second session will open in Tel Aviv next month.

A 'Provencal Village' To Be Erected in Israel Near Ashkelon

PARIS, April 17 (JTA)--A "Provencal Village" consisting partly of a youth hostel and partly of private villas, will be built on Israel's Mediterranean coast near Ashkelon, it was announced here today by Gaston Defferre, chairman of the Association Israel-Provence under whose auspices the village will be built. Land for the project was donated by the Ashkelon municipality.

Czechoslovak-Israeli Relations Remain 'Open Problem,' New Foreign Minister Says

LONDON, April 17 (JTA)--Czechoslovakia's new Foreign Minister, Dr. Jiri Hajek, indicated in a broadcast from Prague that Czechoslovak-Israeli relations remained "an open problem." Czechoslovakia broke off relations with Israel last June after the start of the Arab-Israeli war.

Aide to Adolf Eichmann Arrested in West Berlin for Jewish Deportation Role

WEST BERLIN, April 17 (JTA)--A 63-year-old West Berlin saloon-keeper was arrested today on charges that he was responsible for the deportation of 6,000 Jews while working as an aide to the notorious Adolf Eichmann in World War II. The charges were brought by the West Berlin Prosecution Department against Richard Hartmann who has been running a saloon in the center of Berlin for the past ten years. Hartmann is alleged to have been a high Nazi official assigned to help implement the "final solution," the extermination of European Jewry.

U.S. Says Statute of Limitations on War Crimes is Matter for Germans to Decide

WASHINGTON, April 17 (JTA)--The State Department, speaking on behalf of President Johnson, said today that the United States considers the extension of the statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes to be a matter "for the German authorities to decide themselves." William B. Macomber, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State, wrote Sen. Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, in reply to a request made by the senator to the President to urge that the United States ask Bonn to continue the prosecution of Nazi criminals. The statute of limitations expires on December 31, 1969. Criminals would be free to come out of hiding after that date without fear of prosecution.

Mr. Macomber said that "although we consider this matter one for the German authorities to decide for themselves, I can assure you that our Embassy in Bonn takes every suitable occasion to express our continuing interest in this question." The State Department official said "I am certain that the Federal German authorities remain conscious of foreign and, for that matter, German interest in bringing Nazi criminals to justice. On November 3 of last year, the Federal German Minister of Justice, Dr. Heinemann, stated to the press that he considered it possible that the statute of limitations for serious Nazi crimes, i.e., murder and genocide, might be extended. He stated, as his personal opinion, that the statute of limitations for these crimes should be abolished. He added that the question is presently under study by German parliamentary groups, and that no final understanding has been reached within the German Federal Government."

Polish Anti-Semitic Campaign Extended to Jews Living in Other Countries

TEL AVIV, April 17 (JTA)--An Israeli Army colonel with an outstanding service record in the Polish army during World War II, was singled out for attack in the Polish press as the officially inspired anti-Jewish campaign of the Warsaw Government expanded to include Polish-born Jews outside as well as within that country.

Col. Jacob Kaplan, former commander of the Haifa area, was described as "anti-Socialist" in the press attack which also mentioned two other Israeli officers of Polish origin but did not identify them by name. Col. Kaplan, a professional soldier, was a graduate of the Polish Military College and the Staff and Command College of the Polish Army. He holds commendations from the Warsaw Government for service rendered the Polish nation during World War II. The other two officers attacked are believed to be fictitious.

Jewish military men, along with poets, journalists, physicians and police officers were attacked in the armed forces newspaper, *Zolnierz Wloności* (Soldiers of Freedom) yesterday according to reports from Warsaw. The Government newspaper, *Sztandar Młodych*, hit out at Polish-Jewish journalists in Israel or in Western countries. One of them, Alexander Klugmann, said here last night that the attack on him was inspired by articles he had published on the current unrest in Poland. Mr. Klugmann is a contributor to the Polish-language newspaper, *Nowiny Kurier*, published in Tel Aviv.

Italian Communist Senator Denounces Polish Anti-Semitic Campaign

ROME, April 17 (JTA)--An Italian Communist Senator today assailed the Polish Government's anti-Jewish campaign which he termed "an attempt by the authorities to divert attention from the true nature of unrest in Poland." Senator Umberto Terracini, who described himself as being of "Jewish origin," made his statement in a letter to the editor of the Rome Jewish community bulletin. He called the Warsaw regime's anti-Zionist accusations "baseless and ridiculous" and "all the more deplorable because those accused of Zionist tendencies were deprived of the possibility to refute them." He also declared that reprisals against the parents of rioting students violated the principles of justice. In his letter, however, Senator Terracini drew a distinction between world Jewry and Israel similar to that asserted by Warsaw officials in their attempts to deny any anti-Semitic intent in the anti-Zionist campaign.

Poland's 'Anti-Semitic Bacchanal' Denounced on Floor of Brazilian Senate

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 17 (JTA)--A Brazilian senator denounced the Polish Government's "anti-Semitic bacchanal" and declared that Poland had assumed an anti-Semitic policy as a means of obscuring its internal difficulties. The denunciation was made by Senator Aron Steinbruch, a member of the opposition, speaking on the Senate floor. "The Polish regime is applying the same methods against Jews as the Nazis did on the eve of World War II," he asserted. He also protested the persecution of writers and young poets in the Soviet Union.

Russian Yiddish-Language Magazine Pays Tribute to Warsaw Ghetto Fighters

LONDON, April 17 (JTA)--Sovietish Heimland, Russia's Yiddish-language monthly, marked the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising with poems, memoirs and an evaluation of the event in which some 40,000 Jewish men, women and children held off the Nazi army for a month. The magazine published Hirsh Glick's ghetto poem, "Say This is Not the Final Road," and a chapter from the late Prof. Ber Mark's book, "The Revolt of the Ghetto of Warsaw."

Chief Rabbi's Newly-Established Advisory Council Comes Under Fire in England

LONDON, April 17 (JTA)--A dispute developed here today over the membership of a panel of Anglo-Jewish rabbis which Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits created recently to serve as an advisory body to the Chief Rabbinate. A group of rabbis of the United Synagogue, Britain's largest Orthodox synagogue group which sponsors and maintains the Chief Rabbinate, complained that the Council of the United Synagogue had been permitted to select only three of the six members of the advisory body, the other three being named by Dr. Jakobovits.

Leaders of British Jewry have taken no sides in the dispute but have expressed regret over "these internal squabbles" which they said tarnish the image of the Anglo-Jewish community as a whole. The advisory body is concerned with policy matters of the Chief Rabbinate but has no jurisdiction in matters of Halacha, Jewish law, which is the sole preserve of the Beth Din, the rabbinical high court.

Nine Jewish Agencies Seek Supreme Court Ruling Against New York Textbook Law

WASHINGTON, April 17 (JTA)--Nine national Jewish organizations have filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the U.S. Supreme Court urging the court to declare unconstitutional the furnishing of publicly-owned textbooks to sectarian school pupils. The court is expected to argue the case during the fourth week of April. The brief is directed against a 1965 New York law under which local school boards are required to use public funds to buy textbooks and "loan" them to pupils attending non-public junior and senior high schools.

The Jewish groups contended in their brief that the law violates the establishment of religion and free exercise provisions of the First Amendment as they apply to sectarian schools. Organizations filing the brief were: American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the United Synagogue of America.

A challenge to the New York law by two local boards of education in that state was supported by the brief. The New York Court of Appeals ruled last year that the statute violated neither the Federal nor State Constitution. Jewish groups were concerned "because they believe that the program provided for in the statute under review is a form of aid to religious institutions, bringing in its train the evils that the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state was designed to prevent."

Pennsylvania Jewish Groups Oppose Bill to Provide State Aid to Non-Public Schools

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 17 (JTA)--The Pennsylvania Jewish Community Relations Conference urged the Pennsylvania House Committee on Basic Education today not to enact legislation providing State aid to non-public schools and expressed its opposition to "the beginning of any financial alliance between church and state." The conference coordinates the community relations activities of nine Pennsylvania Jewish communities and of the regional offices of nine major national Jewish organizations.

Speaking in its behalf today, Ephraim M. Baker, of Harrisburg, a conference co-chairman, told the legislative committee that the conference's opposition "rests on basic constitutional grounds and equally basic considerations of public policy." He charged that pending legislative proposals "are intended to provide a means for avoiding the constitutional prohibitions and by such means to infuse as much public money as possible into the religious educational system."

Enactment of the proposed legislation, he said, would compel citizens to "support religion," would adversely affect public schools and would result in competition among religious groups for their "fair share of the public treasury."

President Johnson Lauds Jewish Welfare Board's 'Creative Participation'

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17 (JTA)--President Johnson today hailed the National Jewish Welfare Board and its affiliated Jewish community centers and YM & YWHAs for their "creative participation in our domestic effort to build a better society." The President's message was sent on the occasion of the JWB's national biennial conference which opens here on April 24.

"For fifty years," the President said, "your cultural, religious, educational and recreational programs have lent comfort and inspiration to the brave Jewish men and women serving in our armed forces. Through them you have forged and sustained the vital link between some of the finest traditions of our democratic society and the needs of the military in times of peace and war. At the same time, the ungrudging efforts of your affiliated Jewish community centers and YM & YWHAs have placed the nation in your debt. In your assistance to those who defend our freedom, and in your creative participation in our domestic effort to build a better society, your membership has set an example in constructive civic involvement. I congratulate you on your past contributions and wish you every success as you plan for the challenging years ahead."

Wilbur J. Cohen, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said in a message that the role of the Jewish Community Center movement, because of the impetus that it has given Federal anti-poverty, mental health and community service projects, has been enhanced as "a force for social betterment and progress."