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Israel Tells General Assembly President It Will Not Raise Mideast Issue

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 24 (JTA)--Israel assured the President of the United Nations General Assembly today that it would not initiate any debate on Middle East issues in the Assembly session that resumed this afternoon because of its belief in the need for all to cooperate with Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, UN special representative for the Middle East. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, head of the Israeli delegation, told Foreign Minister Corneliu Manescu, president of the General

Assembly, that Israel believed public debate on the Middle East at this time would be harmful to Dr. Jarring's peace-seeking mission. The question of the Middle East is one of three items on the agenda of the continued session.

Mr. Tekoah told M. Manescu, however, that if a full scale debate should be opened in the Assembly on Middle East issues, Israel would take the opportunity to inform the United Nations and world public opinion of the grave responsibility that rested on the Arab states for having maintained a state of war against Israel for 20 years and for having blocked all efforts to establish a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

The Israeli envoy made it clear that if debate on the Middle East were opened, Israel would pull no punches in placing responsibility for the present situation on the Arab states and would reveal in detail desecrations and discriminations perpetrated by the Arab regimes in the territories they had seized in 1948 and which Israel had occupied last June. Mr. Tekoah's notice to the General Assembly president followed by less than 24 hours Israel's accusation against the Arab states of conducting "active warfare" by supporting and directing terror and sabotage and by stationing regular army units on the east bank of the Jordan.

(In London, Minister of State Lord Chalfont said in the House of Lords that the Government would support any proposal to station United Nations observers along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line if it were practical. "But in the absence of an agreement on both sides it would not be practical and that agreement has not been reached," he added. Lord Chalfont spoke in response to a suggestion by Laborite Lord Rowley that UN observers be stationed between Israel and Jordan in view of their success in maintaining quiet along the Israel-Egyptian and Israel-Syrian cease-fire lines.)

Press Reports U Thant and Israelis in Dispute Over Independence Day Parade

JERUSALEM, April 24 (JTA)--Foreign Ministry spokesmen refused to confirm or deny tonight a report in the evening newspaper Maariv that UN Secretary General U Thant has told Israel that its planned Independence Day parade in Jerusalem next Thursday was an infringement of last year's General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on the status of Jerusalem and a breach of the 1949 armistice agreements between Israel and Jordan. (No comment on the report was forthcoming tonight from the Israel delegation to the United Nations.)

According to Maariv, the Foreign Ministry registered its anger over Thant's invocation of the armistice agreements by refusing to accept his note and sent back the original. Those agreements are considered by Israel to have been rendered null and void when Jordan attacked Israel last June. They have since been superseded by the cease-fire agreement which places the Israel-Jordan demarcation line on the Jordan River, Maariv pointed out.

According to its report, Mr. Thant did not demand that Israel cancel the parade. The parade will follow a route which passes, in part, through East Jerusalem. Jordan made this the subject of a complaint to the current President of the Security Council, Ambassador Yacov Malik, of the Soviet Union, who apparently passed it on to the Secretary-General. The latter pursued Jordan's claim without consulting with the Security Council which is regarded in Israel as a one-sided move that exceeds the authority of the Secretary-General, Maariv said.

Officials here said tonight that the Independence Day parade in Jerusalem has no connection with the status of the city or the cease-fire agreement with Jordan endorsed by the Security Council. They pointed out that the cease-fire agreement is the only valid document in the situation at present and that within its limits, Israeli troops may move anywhere, in any numbers and in any strength right down to the banks of the Jordan River. It is expected that this point will be stressed by the Israeli delegation at the United Nations.

Israel Air Force Display, New American Planes, Will Dominate Parade Next Thursday

JERUSALEM, April 24 (JTA)--Israel's Airforce, which destroyed Arab air power in the first hours of last June's Six-Day War, will dominate the Independence Day display of military strength here next Thursday. Some three hundred planes of all types will take part in a mass "fly-over." Among them will be the newly-acquired A-4 American Skyhawk fighter-bombers, making their first public appearance, and Bell 205 helicopters, also to be seen for the first time. Both types of aircraft however are already in active service.

But, as in past years, Israel's air power will be represented in the main by French-built planes, such as the Ouraganes, the Mirages and the Mystere and Super-Mystere jets. Vautours, Nord-Atlas and Dakota transports and stratocruisers will also participate.

Israel's ground forces will be represented in the Independence Day Parade here by 198 tanks, including Pattons and Centurions, a variety of armored vehicles and 99 artillery pieces including self-propelled cannons and recoil-less rifles. There will also be a fleet of over 200 flag-flying military jeeps.

But the anticipated half-million spectators are expected to be roused to their loudest cheers by the parade of military equipment captured by Israeli forces in last June's war. This will include 34 tanks of various types, most of them Russian-built, 34 artillery pieces and two of the six Soviet long-range ground-to-ground missiles captured in the Sinai.

Arabs Launch Attack on Israel at Human Rights Parley in Teheran

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA)--Israel clashed with the Arab countries and their supporters at the International Conference on Human Rights at Teheran when the latter demanded Israel's ouster for allegedly violating the rights of Arabs in occupied territories, New York Times correspondent Drew Middleton reported from Teheran today. The charges were leveled against Israel by Adib Daoudi, of Syria, Mehdi Masud, of the Pakistani delegation and Mustafa Medani, of the Sudan who accused Israelis of committing "atrocities" against the Arabs.

Judge Jean Zeltner, of the Israeli delegation rejected the charges with "utmost contempt." As recently as last June, he said, the Damascus radio called for "the slaughter of the Jews." In reply to the Sudanese charge, the Israeli spokesman asked, "How many Sudanese Negroes have been slaughtered in the Southern Sudan in the last few years, 100,000, 200,000, half a million?"

Israel Reports Four Cases of Jordanian Shelling in Day Along Jordan

TEL AVIV, April 24 (JTA)--Jordanians opened fire on Israeli units near the northern Beisan Valley settlement of Yardenia at about noon today and fired on three other occasions on Israeli troops in the Jordan Valley this afternoon, a military spokesman announced tonight. An Israeli soldier was wounded in one of the exchanges. The first incident took place near the Damiyah Bridge. The other two occurred near the Abdallah Bridge. Israeli return fire silenced the Jordanians in each case.

El Fatah Guards Drive Off British MPs Seeking to Visit Karameh Camp

LONDON, April 24 (JTA)--Trigger-happy guards at the El Fatah base at Karameh, on the East Bank of the Jordan, opened fire on three visiting members of Parliament yesterday who turned their car around and sped off, abandoning what was to have been a fact-finding mission at the encampment. The incident was reported by the London Daily Telegraph's Amman correspondent who accompanied the MPs on their visit and drove with them earlier to Jerusalem. The three were identified as Dr. Ernest Davies, Colin Jackson and Dr. David Owen, all Laborites. Mr. Jackson is known for his pro-Arab views.

The Telegraph's correspondent attributed the hostile reception to "jumpiness" on the part of El Fatah members who fear that Israel will mount night commando raids and plant mines in Jordan in line with a new counter-terrorist strategy. The correspondent said that Arabs in Jerusalem confirmed that there has been a marked reduction in El Fatah raids on the West Bank since Israel's March 21 attack on the Karameh base.

The former Jordanian Governor, Anwar Khatib, told the Telegraph correspondent that he was compiling "a long list" of charges against Israel which he will present to the UN Secretary General's new emissary who is to investigate the conditions of Arab civilians in Israel-occupied areas. He said "I am including ill-treatment, torture and mutilation" of Palestinian Arabs detained by Israel.

Permission Extended for Israeli Lawyers to Practice in West Bank Courts

JERUSALEM, April 24 (JTA)--The Military Governor of the Judea and Samaria regions today extended indefinitely the permission for Israeli lawyers to appear in West Bank courts. The military government had planned to rescind the permission but the failure of Arab lawyers to end their strike made its extension necessary, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned.

The Arab lawyers, who have refused to practice under Israeli occupation, have recently received large sums of money from the Amman bar to finance their strike, according to military government sources. This causes unnecessary hardships for the local Arab population which must engage Israeli lawyers who, for the most part, are unfamiliar with the language and with Jordanian law under which the West Bank courts function.

Arab League Envoy Visits Jerusalem on 'Private Visit'

JERUSALEM, April 24 (JTA)--Nasser Aldin Nashashibi, a well-known Arab political writer who has served as the Arab League's roving ambassador in Europe, arrived here from Amman today on what he described as a private visit. Mr. Nashashibi, who was born in Palestine, writes for Arab newspapers, mainly Egyptian. He crossed into Israel via the Allenby Bridge.

Official Warsaw Ghetto Ceremony Occasion for Polish Attack on Jews Abroad

LONDON, April 24 (JTA)--Poland's Deputy Minister of Culture, Kazimierz Rusinek, used the officially sponsored memorial ceremonies marking the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising as the occasion for an attack on world Jewish organizations and leaders for allegedly ignoring desperate appeals for help from the beleaguered ghetto in 1943. According to the full text of Rusinek's speech, delivered April 18 at the cenotaph on the site of the Warsaw Ghetto and received here today, the Polish official named the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the Joint Distribution Committee, the World Jewish Congress and "the present leaders of Israel" in his charges. Rusinek's speech was in line with the Warsaw regime's current campaign against alleged "Zionists" and against Jewish organizations and individuals outside Poland that have branded its campaign blatant anti-Semitism.

The memorial ceremonies, according to eye-witnesses, had the aspects of a military display rather than an occasion of mourning. There was a guard of honor, a military band and army units in dress uniforms who presented arms as the Polish national anthem was played. Polish Jews were represented by the executive committee of the Jewish Social and Cultural Association, an organization that has been one of the prime targets of the regime's attacks. Also present were the editorial staffs of the Yiddish journals, Folkstimme and Yiddishe Shriften, the staff of the Jewish Historical Institute and actors of the Yiddish State Theater, all groups that have come under attack in the Polish press in recent weeks. Groups representing Jewish cooperatives and old-age homes in Warsaw and Lodz also attended. Foreign representation was small. Only small groups from Communist-front organizations in Argentina and France attended.

Congress Hears Proposals That Soviet Union, Poland Be Barred from Olympics

WASHINGTON, April 24 (JTA)--Proposals that the Soviet Union and Poland be barred from participation in the Summer Olympic Games in Mexico because of their practice of discrimination against the Jews received a sympathetic ear in the House of Representatives where they were made.

Rep. Jack McDonald, Michigan Republican, who noted that the Soviet Union had voted to bar South Africa from the Games because of its racial policies, told the House that the International Olympic Committee should bar the Soviet Union because of its "systematic strangulation of the Jewish religion and culture." He asked: "Is Russia's long record of persecution of members of the Jewish religion less obnoxious than South Africa's policy toward its black people?" Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, proposed later that Poland should be barred from the Games because "the systematic campaign of the Polish Government against the Jewish inhabitants of Poland is a flagrant example of racism."

Orthodox Rabbis Urge Bar on Warsaw as Site for Vietnam Peace Talks

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Council of America, an organization of Orthodox rabbis, urged the United States Government today to continue to refuse to accept Warsaw as the site for the proposed peace talks with Vietnam. The organization said that to select Warsaw for the talks would be to imply endorsement by both Washington and Hanoi of the anti-Semitic campaign currently being waged in Poland. "To select the capital of Poland, which is engaged in a hateful campaign of anti-Semitism that is reminiscent of Nazism and Stalinism is to subject the meetings to a handicap which cannot be overcome," Rabbi Pesach Z. Levovitz, president of the Council, declared.

Lights Are Dimmed in Israel Towns as Nation Marks Warsaw Ghetto Anniversary

TEL AVIV, April 24 (JTA)--Lights were dimmed tonight in cities, towns and settlements all over Israel as the nation observed a solemn memorial for six million Jews destroyed in the Nazi holocaust during World War II and countless others killed fighting the Nazis in armies and resistance movements. In Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city, streets were quiet and almost deserted as thousands attended memorial meetings, prayed in synagogues or kindled memorial lights in their own homes. Movie houses and cafes closed for the evening and turned out their neon signs. Restaurants and most other shops also closed early and traffic was light. The scene was duplicated in Haifa and Jerusalem, Israel's two other large cities.

Two memorial meetings were held in Tel Aviv, one in Yiddish and one in Hebrew. A meeting will be held at Kibbutz Lohanel Hagetaot tomorrow, to be attended by Prime Minister Eshkol. Flags all over Israel were flown at half-mast today and will remain at half-mast tomorrow. A "cigarette vendors" corner was set up in the municipal library in the Tel Aviv suburb of Holon yesterday in memory of Jewish youngsters who tried to survive the Nazi terror in Poland by posing as "Aryans." Most of them sold cigarettes on Warsaw street corners to keep alive. Fifteen survivors attended the dedication ceremonies in Holon yesterday.

Argentine Jews Vote Condemnation of Poland's Anti-Semitic Campaign

BUENOS AIRES, April 24 (JTA)--The Federation of Argentinian Jewish Communities today condemned the anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist campaign of the Polish Government and warned Jewish communities everywhere to be alert to a re-emergence of Nazi movements which, today, have collaborators among the Arabs. The statements were contained in resolutions adopted at a conference here of the Federation's board which was attended by 70 delegates from the capital and nine provinces, representing 145 Jewish communities in Argentina. A congress of all Argentine Jewish communities was set for next Aug. 15 to be attended by guests from Israel, the United States, Europe and other Latin American countries.

ADL Protests Moves To Eliminate White Merchants from Washington Ghetto Areas

WASHINGTON, April 24 (JTA)--Responding to indications that the District of Columbia government has succumbed to "black power" demands that white merchants — Jewish and non-Jewish — cease trading in Negro neighborhoods, the local unit of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League has appealed to Mayor Walter E. Washington to avoid "a segregationist pattern" in D.C. business life. Alvin J. Steinberg, chairman of the executive committee, D.C.-Maryland Regional ADL Board, also appealed to the Mayor to form an advisory group that would include synagogue and human rights groups as well as Negro economic development organizations, Government officials, church organizations, citizens associations, and others.

Commenting on remarks that reconstruction of Washington should include removal of white merchants, Mr. Steinberg said "a number of statements have been issued and organizations created this past week stating that people who live in the areas devastated by civil disorders should play a role in restructuring those areas and human lives as well. We wholly agree with the soundness of this approach — except that we must not permit it to become unilateral — it must include those who live economically in the area as well." He told the Mayor that "we fully understand the imperative of the Negro community to build a stable and progressive economic base — but to build that base in a segregationist pattern can only serve to undermine its foundation."

He said that such a course was contrary to "the community and Government commitment and violates our basic civil rights philosophy and goals." It would contradict the Administration's position "that we not build cities black and suburbs white, and also is contrary to the report of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders which urges against polarizing the races."

The letter followed post-riot developments in which Negroes have sought to coerce Jewish and other white merchants into relinquishing various enterprises. Public threats have been made by extremists that those who do not leave the "ghetto" will be burned out. Arson has occurred almost daily since the major disorder subsided. A number of Jewish-owned enterprises were victimized in recent days by new incidents of looting as well as arson.

Jewish Welfare Board Convention Is Told Jews Seeking 'Authentic Jewishness'

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24 (JTA)--Jewish institutions were urged today to respond to the gropings by Jews in the modern, secular world for an authentic Jewishness that will enrich their lives and enhance their contributions to society as a whole. This theme was sounded by theologians and a sociologist speaking at the 1968 biennial convention of the National Jewish Welfare Board here.

Menahem S. Shapiro, a sociologist, told the convention that "the period when Jews perceived the distinctiveness of Jewish character as different from — or an impediment to — their 'Americanness' is drawing to a rapid close. They are now able to accept being Jewish as integral to being American. What they are groping for is an authentic way to be Jewish in this time and place." To meet this search, he said, "Jewish institutions should be Jewish in character and should offer aid and intensity to the experience of being a Jew. Jews are no longer content only with the symbols of Jewishness and Judaism."

Rabbi Eugene B. Borowitz, professor of Jewish religious thought at the New York school of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, said "there is a consuming desire in the Jewish community to be modern, which has produced a generation that has demonstrated brilliantly how Jews can fully participate in contemporary culture." But "that total immersion in the modern way of life now begins to mean a surrender of many of the most treasured values of Judaism. Critical choices of either/or must now succeed the old way of both/and," Rabbi Borowitz said. He warned of the "birth of a new paganism" unless "the current rampant secularity is substantially diverted. Rabbi Borowitz defended those who would proclaim "the fundamental importance of the ethical" and who "distrust all structures, philosophical or social. "That is why they rush to protest when institutions which should be concerned with persons, such as governments or the university, seem to deprive some persons of their rights...Even when their themes seem foolish and their forms childish, religious men should recognize them as near-brothers."

Rabbi Max Vorspan, Provost of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles told the delegates that "Jewish learning is not a luxury, but the ultimate necessity for the future of Jewish life and Jewish communal institutions." "Being a Jewish leader at home requires knowledge and commitment," Rabbi Vorspan said. "A person can pass in the general Jewish community without either knowledge or commitment, but at home the deficiency is decisive. Only a person who truly knows and cares about Judaism and Jewish life can influence his children to follow his direction," the rabbi said.

Council For Judaism Says It Is Awaiting Moscow Identification of Delegation

NEW YORK, April 24 (JTA)--The American Council for Judaism said today that it was awaiting reply to a cable it had sent to Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow asking him for the identity of the Jewish religious delegation he had proposed should visit the United States in his stead. The Council had invited the Chief Rabbi to address its convention scheduled for May. When the Chief Rabbi replied that he would be unable to come because of the state of his health and proposed the delegation, the Council asked the identity of the delegation members and proposed a visit by Rabbi Levin later in the year. A Council spokesman said today, in clarification of published reports, that if the proposed delegation were composed of "responsible Jewish leaders," it would be glad to receive them in place of the Chief Rabbi and would set up a meeting they could address. The spokesman said, however, that the Council would prefer to receive Chief Rabbi Levin.