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Eban Says Arabs Block Peace; Nasser Tells Troops 'Battle Is Inevitable'

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)--United Nations peace envoy Ambassador Gunnar Jarring is expected back in Jerusalem tomorrow for further talks with Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Dr. Jarring was in Amman yesterday. Mr. Eban, in a speech in Tel Aviv last night, charged that the attitude of the Arab countries, inspired by Egyptian hostility and opposition to any talks, blocked the way to establishing peace with Israel.

The foreign minister stressed Israel's firm decision that there could be no settlement unless permanent peace was first secured. He asserted that there will never again be a divided Jerusalem. Nevertheless, he said, Israel was not slackening in its continued efforts to find a solution leading to peace.

(Egypt's President Nasser, in what was described as his most belligerent speech since last May, declared today that United Nations peace efforts have come to nothing and that "the sequence of events indicates the battle is inevitable." Nasser, addressing army, navy and air officers at a military base somewhere in Egypt, said that Ambassador Jarring has achieved nothing and has utterly failed. In his speech which was broadcast by Cairo radio, Nasser said renewed warfare against Israel was inevitable "because the Israelis speak peace but are deceiving the world." He cited the Independence Day parade in Jerusalem on May 2 as an example of "Israeli defiance of the United Nations." He disclosed that he had spoken to El Fatah irregulars who fought against the Israelis on March 21. "They told me there is nothing supernatural about the enemy. The enemy is not unbeatable," Nasser said.)

(President Houari Boumediene of Algeria, in a message to King Hussein of Jordan, called again for a renewal of war against Israel and urged "encouragement of Palestinian resistance," according to Paris reports from Algiers. Referring to the peace efforts of the United Nations, he rejected "the diplomatic or intermediate solutions" in the Middle East.)

Israel Army Planners See Long Stay on Cease-Fire Lines, Need For More Troops

TEL AVIV, April 29 (JTA)--Israeli army planning for the current year is based on the assumption that the army will remain on present cease-fire lines which will require an increased use of troops. Brig. Ezer Weizmann, chief of army headquarters branch, reported today. He said the planning will take into account the lessons of last June's Six-Day War and will include an increase in armor and reorganization of artillery which will incorporate a "significant" amount of war booty. Israel seized scores of tanks, guns and other equipment in its smash through the Sinai Desert.

He reported that American Skyhawk fighter-bombers and Bell-250 helicopters would be used in expansion of the Air Force but he stressed that the army will always be ready to absorb the French-made Mirage-V supersonic jet planes if and when France ends its embargo on their shipment to Israel.

Military sources said here today that Russian technicians, advisors and instructors are functioning in all of Egypt's armed forces. They indicated that Soviet penetration and presence was never stronger in Egypt than it is now.

Summing up Israel's security position, a spokesman said that while Arab countries had rehabilitated their armies since their defeat last June, Israel had also strengthened her forces, including her air force, and today was stronger than before the Six-Day War.

Special Precautions Taken To Protect Celebrations From Terrorist Strikes

TEL AVIV, April 29 (JTA)--Israeli military forces and police are taking elaborate precautions to protect next Thursday's Independence Day celebrations from possible sabotage and terrorist strikes by Arab marauders. Police check posts have been set up on all major highways leading to the big cities and all vehicles coming from occupied territories are meticulously inspected. Border patrols have been strengthened. Brig. Gen. Uzzi Narkis, commander of the central front, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that protection of the cities during Independence Day begins at the frontiers.

The heavily armed El Fatah band that was waylaid and destroyed by Israeli forces north of Jericho yesterday morning is believed to have been on a special sabotage mission, the target of which was Thursday's Independence Day parade in Jerusalem. A military spokesman announced today that two Israeli soldiers, one of them an officer, were killed and another soldier wounded in that encounter. Thirteen El Fatah men were killed.

It was disclosed today that the El Fatah carried civilian clothing in addition to large quantities of ammunition, assault weapons, food supplies and first aid equipment. Apparently, some of them planned to mingle with the crowds along the parade route.

Settlements in Beisan Valley Again Are Targets for Jordanian Artillery

TEL AVIV, April 29 (JTA)--Artillery duels developed in the Beisan and Jordan valleys last night, a military spokesman reported today. There were no casualties and in both regions the Jordanian guns were silenced by Israeli return fire. The settlements of Kfar Ruppin and Maoz Chaim were the Jordanian targets in the Beisan region. Israeli forces in the Jordan Valley north of Jericho were fired on from the East Bank at about 6:00 p.m. local time. The exchange that followed lasted for one hour.

London Times Says Security Council Resolution on Parade Was 'Pointless'

LONDON, April 29 (JTA)--The Times of London was sharply critical today of the United Nations protest to Israel over next Thursday's Independence Day parade in Jerusalem. It called Saturday night's Security Council resolution urging that the parade be cancelled, "pointless" in view of current events in the Middle East. "Continuing battles across the cease-fire line, the infiltration of terrorists, the failure of the Jarring mission and the depressing possibility that there will be yet another Arab-Israel war in a few years' time should surely concern the United Nations more than protesting at Israel's celebration of an event 20 years in the past," The Times said.

(The Paris daily, *Aurore* advised Israel today not to give in to the Security Council and to hold its Independence Day military parade in Jerusalem as scheduled.)

Arabs Win Inclusion of Rights Issue in Occupied Territories on Parley Agenda

TEHERAN, Iran, April 29 (JTA)--The General Committee of the International Conference on Human Rights approved a request by three Arab states here yesterday to add a new item to its agenda titled, "respect for the implementation of human rights in occupied territories." The committee failed to approve a request by Israel to participate in consideration of the proposal without a right to vote. It also turned down an amendment by Great Britain suggesting that the proposed new item be discussed in a separate committee to be established by the conference on the recommendation of the president.

The request for the addition to the agenda was made by Jordan, Egypt and Syria in a letter to the president of the conference. It was approved in the General Committee by a vote of 10 to zero with eight abstentions. The vote on Israel's request was nine in favor and nine against with no abstentions. The British amendment was voted down nine to eight with two abstentions.

Cabinet Group Orders Credit Tightening To Meet Inflation Threat

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)--The Ministerial committee on economic affairs decided last night to reduce bank credit available to firms and individuals by IL.80 million (\$23 million). The credit tightening followed a warning of inflationary tendencies by David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel. Under the new requirement, banks will have to deposit 15 percent instead of 10 percent as previously, of fixed-time deposits in the central bank for safekeeping and will have to keep 35 percent instead of 30 percent of a customer's deposits in cash.

Selwyn Lloyd Tells Israel To Hold Gains Until Effective Peace Is Assured

LONDON, April 29 (JTA)--Former Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd advised Israel in effect last night to hold on to occupied Arab territories until an effective peace is assured in the Middle East. The British Conservative Party leader however, exempted Jerusalem. "It was a great thrill to see Jerusalem re-united and this de facto situation must in due course become de jure," he said. Mr. Lloyd spoke at a mass Israel Independence Day rally at Albert Hall, as the representative of the Conservative Opposition. The Labor Government was represented by Ray Gunter, Minister of Power, and the Liberal Party by its leader, Jeremy Thorpe. Minister of Labor, Gen. Yigal Allon, of Israel, was guest of honor at the event, sponsored by the British Zionist Federation.

Mr. Lloyd declared that Israel had demonstrated that she was able to guarantee law and order, freedom and security for the holy places. "This new situation must never be given up," he said. He warned that the Gaza Strip "must never be permitted to become a base for murder and hatred." He described the capture of the Syrian Golan Heights in last June's war as "one of the great feats of arms of all times" and said, "if I were an Israeli, I would not give up the Syrian heights without an assurance of demilitarization in which Israel is a partner. I would not leave it to a third party."

Gen. Allon declared that direct negotiations with Israel "could lead to peace with honor for Egypt or for any other Arab country, and peace with security for Israel." He said he hoped that President Nasser's recent statement that he considered negotiations with Israel as tantamount to surrender was not Egypt's last word. "Otherwise, it is sad news, primarily for his own people." But, the Labor Minister warned, "Israel will accept no solution which is short of a complete peace treaty accompanied by effective mutual security safeguards." He said that, in the interim, Israel would favorably consider an agreement to re-open the Suez Canal to all shipping, including Israel's. He declared that "as long as there is no peace treaty, we shall stay where we are."

Dutch Jews To Observe Jerusalem Anniversary

AMSTERDAM, April 29 (JTA)--Synagogues throughout the Netherlands will hold special services on May 26 in observance of the first anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem. It was announced here today. The services were scheduled at the request of Chief Rabbis Nissim and Unterman of Israel.

Rightwing Neo-Nazi Party Scores Stunning Victory in German State Elections

BONN, April 29 (JTA)--West Germany's neo-Nazi National Democratic Party emerged from the Baden-Wurtemberg state elections yesterday with 9.8 percent of the total vote cast assuring it of 12 seats out of 120 in the next state Parliament. It was the most impressive display of electoral strength to date by the party whose extreme rightwing nationalism and frequent advocacy of Hitlerian tenets have caused widespread concern inside and outside of Germany.

Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger expressed fear today that the Baden-Wurtemberg election results would damage West Germany's image abroad. Several hundred persons were reported to have demonstrated in front of the Baden-Wurtemberg Parliament in Stuttgart with placards proclaiming "10 percent Nazi, our shame!"

The NPD, which espouses such nationalistic causes as restoration of Germany's pre-war borders and the removal of foreign troops from German soil, has been steadily gaining political strength in state elections. It has carefully avoided the appearance of overt anti-Semitism. It polled 8.8 percent of the vote in the Bremen elections last October, 7.9 percent in Hesse, 7.4 percent in Bavaria, 6.9 percent on the Rhineland Palatinate, 5.8 percent in Schleswig Holstein and 7 percent in Lower Saxony. Sunday's election results are regarded with particular dismay because Wurttemberg-Baden, Germany's third largest state with a population of 5.5 million, is regarded as one of the most politically liberal areas in the nation. Political leaders said that a success there by the NPD would constitute a danger signal. A television commentator recalled last night that Wurttemberg-Baden gave the Nazi Party 10 percent of its vote in 1930, three years before Hitler took power.

Israeli Press Urges Bonn To Ban NPD Lest It Swamp The Federal Republic

JERUSALEM, April 29 (JTA)--The Israeli press expressed serious concern today over the results of the Parliamentary elections in the West German State of Baden-Wurtemberg yesterday in which the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party polled nearly 10 percent of the vote. Most papers called on the Government in Bonn to ban the NPD lest the Federal Republic succumb to Nazism as the Weimar Republic did a generation ago.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress who initiated the negotiations with the Bonn Government that resulted in the restitution agreements, expressed sorrow and anxiety today over the outcome of the German elections which gave the neo-Nazi party representation in still another German state. He told a press conference here that "the sensitivity of the Jewish people to such phenomena is natural" and he warned that neo-Nazism could jeopardize the democratic character of West Germany.

Results Reveal 'Dangerous Turn To The Right,' American Jewish Congress Warns

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress said today that the election success of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party in Baden-Wurtemberg "cannot be dismissed as routine or as reflecting merely the normal percentage of extremist sentiment that may be found in any electorate." Dr. Joachim Prinz, immediate past president of the Congress, said that the election results showed "a dangerous turn to the right among substantial segments of West German public opinion."

Dr. Prinz noted that previous successes by the NPD in other German states had "occurred in regions long known to be vulnerable to rightist sentiments." But Sunday's victory, he said, "must be considered a clear defeat of those who had hoped that democracy at long last was taking root and becoming a viable way of life for the German people. If this could have happened in reputedly liberal Baden-Wurtemberg, then one can only surmise with apprehension the state of German opinion in other parts of the country."

The American Jewish Congress leader criticized the "failure" of West Germany's major educational and political institutions to inculcate democratic values in the German people.

Eleven SS Men Convicted of Mass Murder of Jews in Second Longest War Crimes Trial

STUTTGART, April 29 (JTA)--The "Lvov Trial," the second longest war crimes prosecution in West German history, ended here today with the conviction of 11 former SS men for their role in the slaughter of more than 400,000 Jews in the Lvov region of Poland during World War II. But only one of the defendants, 60-year-old former SS Sergeant Ernst Epple, received the maximum sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor. Nine others received sentences ranging from two-and-a-half to ten years in prison. One was found guilty but set free. Four other defendants were acquitted, all of them former SS or Gestapo officials or camp guards in the area where Jews were rounded up for shooting or shipment to concentration camps.

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The trial opened in October, 1966. Two hundred and fourteen witnesses testified against the 15 defendants. The Lvov district, a region of the Ukraine, was Polish territory before World War II. Today it is in Russia.

Jews Around the World Continue Tributes to Warsaw Ghetto Fighters

TORONTO, April 29 (JTA)--Six memorial candles symbolic of the six million Jewish martyrs plus a seventh candle in tribute to the Allied forces and partisans were lighted here Friday before a congregation of 2,000 persons at the Shaarei Shomayim synagogue in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut hailed the heroism of the ghetto fighters and denounced Polish allegations that the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto had been passive to the Nazi onslaught.

Consul General Aba Gefen of Israel called the Polish government's policy of anti-Zionism "the new anti-Semitism." Lieut.-Governor Earl Rowe of Ontario and Chava Rosenfarb, the poet, a survivor of Auschwitz and Bergen-Eelsen, also addressed the assembly.

(In Montevideo, more than 2,000 members of the Jewish community attended a Warsaw Ghetto memorial rally and approved a resolution condemning the anti-Semitic campaign in Poland. In Brussels, Aba Kovner, who commanded the ghetto fighters in the Vilna ghetto revolt, warned against the revival of Nazism in the world. Two former Belgian prime ministers, Theo Lefevre and Victor Larock participated in the memorial ceremony along with a number of members of the Belgian Parliament. In Buenos Aires, DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, censured a local Jewish leftist group which had invited a Polish Embassy official to attend a Warsaw Ghetto memorial meeting.)

Special Services Held in Salonika in Memory of Deported Greek Jews

ATHENS, April 29 (JTA)--Special memorial services in the Jewish cemetery at Salonika marked the 25th anniversary of the mass deportation of the Jews of Greece by the Nazis in World War II. A representative of the Greek Prime Minister's office and a member of the Greek Cabinet participated in the memorial along with members of the diplomatic corps, including the German Ambassador, dignitaries of the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches and representatives of Israel and of Jewish communities abroad. More than 70,000 Greek Jews perished in concentration camps and in the course of the war.

A Greek Army contingent gave military homage to the 12,500 Jews who had served in the Greek Army during the war including Col. Mordaki Frizl, a Jew, the first Greek senior officer to fall in battle.

CCAR Parley To Debate Reform Participation in Military Chaplaincy Draft

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--An official of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the organization of the Reform rabbinate, disclosed today that the question of continued Reform participation in the draft of rabbinic students for the military chaplaincy would be discussed fully at the CCAR 79th annual convention in Boston in June.

Widespread debate about the desirability of the chaplaincy draft led Orthodox Yeshiva University to drop its participation, starting last January, in favor of a one-year experiment in which graduates of its Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Seminary have been given the option of volunteering for the military chaplaincy. Last week, the Jewish Theological Seminary announced plans for a new chaplaincy school, starting next fall, which will offer an accelerated training program for rabbinic candidates choosing to accept military chaplaincy assignments on graduation. Those attending the present Conservative Seminary program will be required to serve stints as civilian chaplains. Last month, the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative Rabbis, voted in convention to cancel participation in the chaplaincy draft.

Rabbi Sidney Regner, executive vice-president of the CCAR, said that the CCAR executive board had agreed that a discussion would be held on the chaplaincy draft and that two CCAR members will discuss the pros and cons of the issue, with a full discussion by the rabbinic delegates to follow after which the convention would take action.

American Jewish Committee Urges Reconvening of Kerner Commission

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee urged Gov. Otto Kerner, chairman of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, to reconvene the commission to "place into sharp and dramatic focus those preconditions to riot which are laying loose and perhaps unattended in our communities and which you so eloquently warned against after studying the disorders of 1967." Bertram H. Gold, AJC executive director, said that a new meeting "would automatically communicate to the Negro community the Commission's intentions to keep the report alive, and to save it from a file-and-forget destiny."

Joseph M. First Re-Elected President of Jewish Publication Society

PHILADELPHIA, April 29 (JTA)--Joseph M. First was re-elected to his third term as president of the Jewish Publication Society of America at the society's annual meeting here yesterday. Mr. First is vice-president, secretary and general counsel of the Philadelphia Inquirer and Triangle Publications, Inc. The society is the world's leading publisher of books on Jewish subjects in the English language. Dr. Chaim Potok was renamed editor of the JPS and Lesser Zussman was re-elected executive director for his nineteenth term.

Mrs. Schick Announces \$200,000 Bequest for Schick Center in Israel

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA)--Plans for a bequest of \$200,000 to the Histadrut, the Israel Labor Federation, for a Bela Schick Pediatrics Research Center in Israel, were announced by Mrs. Catherine Schick, widow of the noted pediatrician.