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See Possibility That Jarring Will Arrange Jordan-Israel Conference in New York

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA)--The United Nations peace envoy to the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, is trying to arrange a conference of Israeli and Jordanian representatives at United Nations headquarters in New York, according to authoritative sources here. Dr. Jarring left the Middle East last week for what was officially described as a private visit to Sweden to be followed by consultations at the U.N. It was learned, however, that the U.N. emissary's shift to New York was brought about by Jordanian objections to his invitation of March 10 to both sides to meet on Cyprus.

Egypt flatly turned down the Cyprus invitation. Jordan hedged for more time and then proposed that Dr. Jarring announce that he would "meet the representatives of Israel, Egypt and Jordan for conferences in New York." The wording was deliberately left unclear and it is not known whether Jordan would agree to a conference with Dr. Jarring with Israel present. The Egyptians are prepared to come to a conference with Dr. Jarring only, and, according to a statement by the Egyptian Foreign Minister, they will ask him to establish a time-table for the implementation of the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution, the sources said. If the Egyptians have their way, the first item would be the withdrawal of Israeli forces back to the armistice lines of June 4, 1967.

Israel Will Discuss Substantive Matters Only on Face-to-Face Meetings

According to sources here, Jarring seems to hope that the lack of a clear formulation might leave the Jordanians free to interpret the invitation differently than the Egyptians. He seems to hope that he can hold a conference of Israeli and Jordanian representatives under his auspices in New York, such as he had originally planned to hold on Cyprus. Israel has made it clear that whenever a Jordanian representative is ready to meet an Israeli, with or without Dr. Jarring's presence, Israel would be present. It was learned that at his latest meeting with the U.N. envoy, Foreign Minister Abba Eban said the Jarring formula would be acceptable to Israel if he proposed a "conference" instead of "conferences" with the representatives of the three nations. There was never any question of Israeli representatives' willingness to meet Dr. Jarring in New York or anywhere else. But as long as no Arab representatives are present, no matters of substance can be discussed, sources said.

Israeli sources said that the Soviet stand on the Middle East conflict was reflected in the recent statement by the Egyptian Foreign Minister that Egypt would not talk to Israel, directly or indirectly but would present its demands to Dr. Jarring only. The latter, however, has reportedly refused to discuss such substantive matters as frontiers up to now. His interpretation of the Security Council resolution that established his mission is identical to its interpretation by Israel, sources said. The Israeli view is that Dr. Jarring's task is to promote agreement between the two sides but not to serve as a mediator.

It is believed here that if Dr. Jarring fails to bring about face-to-face meetings between the Arabs and Israelis, he will not terminate his mission. A report to the Security Council would be a step toward termination that Dr. Jarring is expected to avoid. He is believed to regard his present mandate under the Nov. 22, 1967 resolution adequate and will continue with his efforts to get both sides together. It was noted here that the international climate at the moment is favorable to negotiated settlements of conflicts because of the U.S.-North Vietnamese talks that opened in Paris Monday.

Gromyko Insists First Step To Peace Must Be Complete Israeli Withdrawal

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 14 (JTA)--Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs, declared today in an interview in the Rome Communist daily, *Unita*, that "the Government of Israel is obliged to implement the Security Council resolution of Nov. 22, 1967 and, first of all, the resolution's proviso on the withdrawal of troops from all the Arab territories occupied by the aggressors. If it is not done, Israel will, sooner or later be held responsible for this policy."

Mr. Gromyko's statement, distributed here by the Soviet Mission, declared that the USSR is a "Mediterranean power" and is therefore interested in the peace and security of the entire Mediterranean region. "In the Middle East," Mr. Gromyko was quoted as saying, "Israel is performing its role of a gendarme. It is trying to suppress the national liberation movement and eliminate the progressive regime in a number of Arab states."

Finland's Foreign Minister Calls For Peace Based on United Nations Charter

HELSINKI, May 14 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Ahti Karjalainen of Finland appealed today for a solution in the Middle East based on respect for the integrity and sovereignty of all the states in the area, and on the United Nations Charter. Addressing a luncheon he tendered in honor of Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel, the Finnish statesman urged that the states of the Middle East resolve their differences without recourse to force or threats of force. He said that Finland and its partners in the Scandinavian bloc followed developments in the Middle East "with anxiety" and sought to help find a solution satisfactory to all.

Dayan Says Soviet Rearmament Has Restored Egyptian Army To Pre-June Strength

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan told the Knesset (Parliament) here last night that the Egyptian Army has been restored to its pre-June, 1967 strength as a result of its re-equipment by the Soviet Union. Gen. Dayan spoke in reply to a question from Shmuel Tamir, of the Free Center faction. In answer to another question, Dayan disclosed that 17 Arab saboteurs recently captured have confessed to membership in Iraqi commando battalions made up of Palestinian refugees.

The Soviet re-armament of Egypt, long a matter of concern in Israel, is apparently not limited to equipment but includes military personnel. Observers here said that some 2,500 Soviet officers and non-commissioned officers have been detailed to the Egyptian Army since last June's Six-Day War and their number is increasing. As a result, the Egyptian Army is growing ever more dependent on Russian support in all echelons, they said.

According to these observers, Russia's heavy military investment in Egypt and its somewhat lesser investments in Syria are part of a long term strategic move to assume the predominant role in the Middle East once played by Britain. They noted that it has been a dream since Czarist times to establish a Russian presence in the Mediterranean. The large Soviet naval fleet in the inland sea has already accomplished this but the fleet must be supported by an airforce and, the observers thin, the 100 Russian pilots flying under Egyptian colors may be the backbone of such a force.

(In Rome, Luigi Longo, secretary of the Italian Communist Party, defended the presence of the Soviet Fleet in the eastern Mediterranean as a "protector" of the Arab states against "Western imperialism." He protested the presence of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean and denounced Israel as "a tool of Western imperialism.")

Washington Star Report Says West Bank Arabs Cool to Israeli Overtures

WASHINGTON, May 14 (JTA)--Israel's efforts to woo the support of Arab leaders in the occupied West Bank have struck "a stone wall of suspicion and defiance" and "produced no tangible hope for a breakthrough," the Washington Evening Star reported today in a dispatch from Jerusalem by its correspondent, Andrew Borowiec. Mr. Borowiec reached his conclusions after interviewing Arab leaders on the West Bank.

"Arab intransigence and bitterness are growing and the gap between the occupation authorities and the local population is as wide as ever," he wrote. "The key to the problem is the annexation by Israel of the Arab sector of Jerusalem with its mosques and Moslem shrines. Israel considers the city's re-unification final, but no Arab can accept this. Hence all Israeli efforts to win the support of the Arab elite appear doomed," he said.

(According to a Jerusalem report, a group of Jewish settlers in Hebron, on the West Bank, have taken steps to avoid what Arab notables in the town have feared would be "hostile interference." The Hebron Arabs, who have continuously expressed opposition to a Jewish group who have rented a hotel there, complained that each morning the Jews march to the Tomb of the Patriarchs for prayers, carrying arms and singing martial songs. The settlers today went to prayers without marching or singing.)

British Reporter Says Jordanian Public Sentiment May Be Turning Against Fatah

LONDON, May 14 (JTA)--A British correspondent reported from Amman today that public sentiment in Jordan may be turning against the El Fatah marauders as retaliation by Israel has created havoc and destruction on Jordanian soil. According to Richard Beeston, in a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph, "victories against Israel occur mainly in the imagination of the guerrillas. But they are given credence by expensive propaganda material printed in Damascus and circulated among the Jordanians. While most Arabs desperately believe the El Fatah claims, "among some farmers in the (Jordan) valley who have lost their homes, their lands and their livelihoods there is bitterness against the guerrillas whose activities have brought ruthless retaliation," Mr. Beeston wrote.

"Dressed incongruously in jungle green camouflaged uniforms, well paid by Syria and armed by Communist China, the commandoes swagger around the towns of East Jordan boasting of their deeds," the correspondent reported. He recalled that three months ago King Hussein failed in his efforts to curb the terrorists because they had captured the popular imagination. "Today, the tide of feelings may be turning as the unfortunate Jordanians begin to realize that Syria and Egypt are prepared to fight their war against Israel to the last drop of Jordanian blood."

Police Seek Youth Believed Responsible For Bomb in Tel Aviv Theater

TEL AVIV, May 14 (JTA)--Police today are searching for an unidentified youth who may be the person who left a small but powerful home-made time bomb in the Merkaz moviehouse here yesterday afternoon. The youth was seen dawdling in the theater following the afternoon show. An artist's sketch drawn from the descriptions of witnesses has been distributed to police. The bomb consisted of 700 grams of gelignite, a detonator and timing mechanism set to go off during last night's 10 p.m. performance, the latest and usually the most crowded of the day.

Since last October's bombing attempt by El Fatah terrorists in the Zion Cinema in Jerusalem, all Israeli theaters are inspected by civil defense wardens before each performance and a sharp look-out is kept for persons carrying suspicious parcels. The Merkaz theater bomb was found in the last row and was small enough to have been smuggled into the theater in the culprit's pocket. But it was sufficiently powerful, according to the police, to have caused severe damage and probably casualties within a radius of five to 10 yards, had it exploded.

Jerusalem Reunification Anniversary To Be Celebrated in Low Key

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA)--Celebrations of the first anniversary of the re-unification of East and West Jerusalem, which falls on May 26 according to the Hebrew calendar, will be low-keyed generally as a gesture of conciliation to the Arab population of East Jerusalem, it was indicated here today. The Cabinet decided last night that only schools will take official notice of the event. The only other official observance will be the recitation of a "thanksgiving prayer," authored by the Chief Rabbinate, which will take place at the West Wall. Celebrations planned by various non-governmental bodies are being screened by a special cabinet committee which will pass on their fitness for the occasion. All parades and outdoor meetings require a police license. So far, no licenses have been denied but police are insisting on detailed parade routes and time-tables for each event.

One event will be the convention of the rightist Herut Party, scheduled to open on May 26 outside the Zion Gate, one of the entrances to the old walled city. The site was chosen to dramatize the re-unification of Jerusalem. Party leader Menachem Beigin will deliver the keynote address. Among other items on its agenda, Herut will discuss whether to continue its participation in the Eshkol coalition government in which Mr. Beigin holds the post of minister without portfolio. Herut advocates Israel's permanent retention of all occupied Arab territories.

Israel Continues Reburial of Soldiers Killed During Six-Day War

TEL AVIV, May 14 (JTA)--Israelis today continued to rebury soldiers killed in action in last June's Six-Day War who were interred in temporary cemeteries near the fighting fronts. The remains of 83 officers and men of the ranks were brought to rest at the Tel Aviv military cemetery in the presence of more than 10,000 members of their families, friends and high ranking military personnel. Chief Army chaplain Shlomo Goren recited the burial services. An honor guard fired three salvos.

Goldmann Says Poland Unmoved By Protests Against Its Anti-Jewish Campaign

LONDON, May 14 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said here today that the Polish Government has not been budged an inch from its anti-Jewish campaigns by world-wide protests or by appeals by Jewish organizations and by many non-Jewish bodies and individuals normally sympathetic to the Polish Socialist Republic. Dr. Goldmann made this assessment at a meeting of the national council of the British section of the WJCongress. He said it was astonishing that a regime that is purportedly based on the principles of human rights and safeguarding the rights of minorities, should engage in official propaganda and incitement against Jews.

"This is a disturbing reversion to the traditional anti-Semitic policies and discriminatory acts of former reactionary Polish governments," Dr. Goldmann said. "It is particularly disquieting because, since the last war, Poland has shown deep sympathy and understanding for the ideals and aspirations of its small Jewish community and has given it aid in maintaining its social and cultural institutions. All we seek from the Polish Government," Dr. Goldmann said, "is that it keep faith with its ideals of social justice and bear in mind the terrible sacrifices at the hands of the Nazis, made by Polish and other European Jewries on Polish soil."

(According to Warsaw reports yesterday, representatives of some 20 Jewish and non-Jewish organizations had placed wreaths on the site of Mila 18 which housed the high command of the Jewish Ghetto fighters during the Warsaw Ghetto resistance. A monument was unveiled at the site of the Stutthof concentration camp to mark the 23rd anniversary of its liberation from the Nazis. An inscription on the monument notes that "between 1939 and 1945, 18,000 prisoners from 13 European countries were done to death here by the Hitlerite murderers.")

Israeli Journalists Deplore Resurgence of Anti-Semitism in Poland

TEL AVIV, May 14 (JTA)--Israeli journalists, speaking collectively as members of their profession, added their voices last night to the rising tide of protest here and abroad against Poland's current anti-Jewish campaign. The journalists, representing all political persuasions and factions, attended a protest meeting at Journalist House and adopted a resolution expressing deep concern over "the resurgence of anti-Semitism in a country which was the graveyard of many millions of the Jewish people." Their resolution appealed to Polish leaders "and their subordinates in the Polish press" to desist from making Poland's few surviving Jews the scapegoats for the country's internal difficulties."

Czech Government Issues Postage Stamps Commemorating Jewish Millennium

PRAGUE, May 14 (JTA)--The Czechoslovak Post Office has issued a series of postage stamps commemorating the 1,000th anniversary of the Czech Jewish community which will be celebrated officially a year from now. The issuance of the series, each containing six stamps with a tiny inset of a traditional menorah (ritual candelabra), is seen here as further evidence of a more liberal attitude toward the Jews taken by the new Czech regime.

(The director of the Czechoslovak Travel Bureau in North America announced in New York yesterday that the Czech-Jewish millennium will be celebrated next year with official approval and subsidies. The previous regime in Prague withdrew its support from the celebrations, which were to have been held this spring, following the June, 1967 Arab-Israel war.)

The subject matter on the new Czech stamps includes Jewish ritual objects and synagogue decorations, reproductions of the 700-year-old Alt-Neue Synagogue in Prague and an ancient tombstone in the Prague Jewish cemetery, and a portrait of Rabbi David Ganz, a 16th Century astronomer, mathematician and Talmudic scholar.

Moscow Rabbi, in Telephone Call, Confirms Intention To Visit United States

PITTSBURGH, May 14 (JTA)--Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today that Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow had told him in a telephone conversation last weekend that he intended to visit the United States in the near future. The Moscow rabbi said that he had recently undergone surgery and, as a result, his movements would be restricted. But he said, according to Rabbi Poupko, a personal friend of many years standing, that "I am coming to K'lal Israel, to the entire Jewish community of America in the interest of world peace and universal human brotherhood."

Rabbi Poupko said he had repeated to Rabbi Levin an invitation to address the annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America which will be held at the end of June. Rabbi Levin has accepted an invitation to address the annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America which will be held at the end of June. Rabbi Levin has accepted an invitation to address a conference in New York of the American Council for Judaism sometime before the middle of June. The Council for Judaism, an anti-Zionist organization, has not, however, received a definite date from the Moscow rabbi. In a letter to Rabbi Poupko received last Friday, Rabbi Levin said he would be accompanied on his visit to the United States by two other rabbis and a cantor.

Agudist Leader Exhorts Jews To Live Jewishness With Joy, Not As A Yoke

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA)--More than 1,000 guests, including 200 rabbis, attended the 46th anniversary dinner of Agudath Israel of America here Sunday night and heard Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, chairman of the Council of Torah Sages of Agudath Israel, exhort Jews to "live their Jewishness with joy and not as a cumbersome yoke." Rabbi Yehuda Meier Abramovitz, vice-mayor of Tel Aviv, told the dinner that Israel will retain the holy places regained during the Six-Day War. A message from President Johnson lauding the Agudath Israel's activities for education was read to the assembly. Awards for distinguished service to Orthodox Judaism were presented by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive vice-president, to Irving I. Stone of Cleveland and Julius Klugman and Moses Braunstein of New York.

Lelyveld Urges American Jewish Congress To Support Non-Violent Protest Movements

MIAMI, May 14 (JTA)--Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress, told that organization's 50th anniversary biennial convention here tonight that "we must welcome the rising voices of the poor who want to help decide the kind of system they need" and should therefore support non-violent movements of the poor, the Negroes and students as "part of a great democratic movement of people who want to help decide their own fate." In the keynote address to the convention, Rabbi Lelyveld declared that "as Jews, we know that we are free and secure only when every man may live in dignity and peace -- and only when each person has the freedom to help work out his own destiny." The sessions will continue through Sunday.

The AJC leader, in a review of the Middle East situation, warned that there would be no peace in the area until the Arab nations understood the essential requirement which was Israel's right to live. He told the convention that "Israel cannot negotiate with itself -- nor should she be required to surrender before the bargaining begins. The Arab refusal to sit down at the peace table is an extension of 20 years of Arab hostility and a continuing insistence on a state of war."

The 500 delegates assembled at the convention heard Rabbi Lelyveld call on the United States Government to offer a cease-fire in Vietnam and set an example of de-escalation by ceasing all bombing of North Vietnam as a major step toward peace. "Only when America abandons the unhappy and unsuccessful instrument of massive military force, will we find it possible to bring to bear with full effectiveness, the force of our country's democratic ideal," he declared.

Meyerhoff Reports 'Vastly Improved' Climate for Investment in Israel

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA)--Israel's industry and economy as a whole will be given impetus by last month's economic conference in Jerusalem, Joseph Meyerhoff, chairman and president of PEC Israel Economic Corporation, reported today to the annual meeting of stockholders of the corporation. He said that plans developed at the conference to aid the growth of various industries "might very well provide the breakthrough to effectively narrow the country's trade gap and to further sound growth."

Mr. Meyerhoff announced that PEC had authorized additional equity investment in a number of PEC subsidiaries and affiliated companies to finance expansion programs. He said that PEC is participating in two new ventures for production of computer hardware and electronic equipment. Mr. Meyerhoff also told the stockholders' meeting that "I found in Israel greater readiness than ever before on the part of Israelis to seek true business partnerships with business people from other countries on a businesslike basis." He said the climate for investment was "vastly improved" and noted that "the absence of significant increases in the general price level following last November's devaluation, the easing of credits, the lowering of interest rates and improvement of lending terms, the marked decrease in unemployment and the growth of export sales augur well for the future."

Dr. Theodore Werner, Godson of Theodor Herzl, Dies in London at Age 70

LONDON, May 14 (JTA)--Dr. Theodore Werner, an eminent physician whose godfather was Theodor Herzl, died here today at the age of 70. An active Zionist from Vienna who emigrated to England in 1939, he was the son of the late Dr. Zigmund Werner, editor of the World Zionist Organization's first newspaper "Die Welt" (The World). He was a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine.