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Cabinet Reaffirms Position — No Withdrawal Without Treaty, Direct Negotiations

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA)--The coalition Cabinet today reaffirmed Israel's position that it will not withdraw from occupied Arab territories in the absence of a peace treaty and that peace treaties with the Arabs can be achieved only through direct negotiations. The Cabinet also "noted" a report of Foreign Minister Abba Eban on foreign policy matters, thereby endorsing, in effect, the policies and tactics employed by Mr. Eban to uphold Israel's position.

In a statement issued after the meeting, the Cabinet formally dissociated itself from the contents of a letter that an Egyptian Government spokesman claimed on May 15 was sent to Secretary General U Thant by the United Nations peace envoy, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring. Dr. Jarring reportedly notified Thant that Egypt and Israel had "indicated" to him their "acceptance of the Security Council resolution of Nov. 22, 1967" and their "intent to devise (an) arrangement" under his auspices to implement the resolution. Mr. Eban told the Cabinet today that the letter's contents, so far as they purport to reflect the views of Israel, were not binding on the Israel Government. He said further that the letter referred to by the Egyptian had been only a draft, rejected by Israel and was never sent to Secretary General Thant.

Mr. Eban's version of the letter was confirmed this afternoon when the Foreign Ministry was advised by the UN Secretariat that no letter from Dr. Jarring regarding his talks with Israel and the Arab states in New York had been received by Mr. Thant. Foreign Ministry sources said the letter was a draft inspired by the Jordanians but unacceptable to Israel and was therefore not sent. The sources said that while Israel interprets the Security Council's Nov. 22 resolution as a basis for talks leading to an agreement, the Arabs demand "implementation," meaning Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories without prior talks.

The Cabinet's statement was issued after two days of consultations between Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and various ministers. It represented a compromise with the Gahal (Herut-Liberal) faction which has been critical of the Government and, especially, statements by Eban and Israel's UN Ambassador, Yosef Tekoah, that Israel accepted the Nov. 22 resolution as a basis for peace. Gahal refused to go along with the Cabinet's endorsement of Mr. Eban. The party caucused today to decide whether or not to remain in the coalition Government. However, a Gahal minister, Joseph Saphir, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last night that Gahal was satisfied with the position enunciated by the Cabinet and was not likely to pull out at this time.

The Gahal position is that Eban should not have authorized Mr. Tekoah's statement on the Nov. 22 resolution without prior consultation with the Cabinet. They rejected Mr. Eban's assertion that there was not sufficient time for consultations. Several other ministers agreed with Gahal, but were apparently convinced by Mr. Eban and Mr. Eshkol that the Tekoah statement was no deviation from Israel's declared policy and, as a tactical matter, did not require prior consultation with the Cabinet.

House Armed Services Subcommittee Studying U.S. Commitments in Middle East

WASHINGTON, May 21 (JTA)--A House Armed Services Subcommittee is now in the Middle East studying the extent of the United States worldwide defense commitments in light of the growing Soviet naval activity in the Mediterranean. The Subcommittee is concerned with the "defense posture" of the U.S.

Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, New York Democrat, left today to join the Subcommittee which is headed by Rep. Porter Hardy, Virginia Democrat, and includes Rep. Charles Halleck, Indiana Republican, and Rep. F. Edward Hebert, Louisiana Democrat. The Subcommittee is now operating out of either Beirut or Istanbul, a staff member said here. Stratton said on departure that "our purpose is to get a closer look at the Soviet threat in the Middle East."

Kennedy Urges United States-Russia Agreement To End Middle East Arms Race

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 21 (JTA)--Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, campaigning for the Democratic Presidential nomination, today called for a United States-Soviet agreement to end arms shipments to the Middle East and to defuse tensions between the Arab states and Israel. He spoke at Temple Isaiah here.

Kennedy said that the kind of Big Power agreement he advocated was "the mark of a responsible, great power." He added that it was "also the best way of diverting the hopes of aggressors from the illusion of a final triumph...It would be a small but important step towards peace in the world." "In the long run," Kennedy said, "the Middle East arms race helps no one — least of all the people of that region, who have lived under war for two decades."

Kennedy said that a Middle East settlement must be negotiated directly between Israel and its neighbors. He proposed that such a settlement must be reinforced by international guarantees, such as land and sea patrols by an international force which cannot be removed at the whim of an aggressor.

Security Council Resolution, Voted 13-0, Urges Rescinding of Jerusalem Actions

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 21 (JTA)--In the face of very sharp disagreements voiced by United States Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg and Canadian Ambassador George Ignatieff, the Security Council today approved, 13 to zero, a resolution introduced by Pakistan and Senegal urgently calling upon Israel to rescind all legislative and administrative measures and actions which "tend to change the legal status of Jerusalem." Canada and the U.S. abstained in the final voting.

The Council called upon Israel to "desist forthwith from taking any further action which tends to change the status of Jerusalem. The Secretary-General was asked to report to the Security Council on the implementation of the resolution.

Mr. Goldberg voiced an impassioned plea for explicit re-endorsement of the Middle East peace mission undertaken at the Council's request by special envoy Gunnar V. Jarring and warned that the resolution before the body would endanger the success of the Jarring mission. The U.S., said Mr. Goldberg, deplors any unilateral actions regarding the status of Jerusalem, but he argued that "a peaceful settlement of the Middle East issue encompasses all aspects of the situation including Jerusalem."

The resolution before the body, he said, "would isolate the question of Jerusalem." He insisted that the Security Council's resolution of Nov. 22, 1967 which resulted in the Jarring mission, "remain the touchstone" of the entire situation. The aim of the Council, Mr. Goldberg insisted, must be explicitly to support the Jarring mission, to call "upon all parties" to cooperate with Mr. Jarring and thereby help the establishment in the Middle East of a "permanent, just and lasting peace."

Canadian Says Adoption Would Be Step Toward Sanctions

Mr. Ignatieff, informing the Council that his delegation would abstain, warned that adoption of the draft "means that the Council is on the road toward voting sanctions." He recalled that in yesterday's brief debate Yakov A. Malik, chief representative of the Soviet Union, had virtually threatened the adoption of sanctions against Israel. Mr. Malik told the Council that while the measure was acceptable to the Soviet Union, it should have been strengthened "against the illegal and expansionist aims of Israel against the Arab parts of Jerusalem." He reiterated Soviet charges of Israeli "aggression and expansionism." He said that the Kremlin stands ready to support action against Israel, and declared that Israel was obstructing the Jarring mission. Malik voiced "the determination of the Soviet Union to see to it that the Security Council force Israel to withdraw its troops from the occupied territories."

Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoah told the Council that the resolution "does not contribute to the attainment of peace but, on the contrary, deepens further the abyss of Arab belligerence." Mr. Tekoah criticized the Council sharply for its failure to take any action whatever in the defense of Israel during most of the last 20 years. He said that today's resolution "does not change or add to the Security Council's disability in regard to Israel. But it does add to the determination of Israel, despite the malice of those who have injured us, to seek a just peace in the Middle East. Not the Security Council resolutions but a peaceful settlement will alter the situation."

Shazar Takes Oath of Office in Knesset, Begins Second Five-Year Term As President

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar took the oath of office in the Knesset (Parliament) this morning to begin his second five-year term as Israel's Chief of State. The swearing-in ceremonies were attended by some 600 invited guests including members of the diplomatic corps. Mr. Shazar was re-elected by the Knesset last March.

Four Arab Saboteurs Killed, Another Captured in Clash With Israeli Patrol

TEL AVIV, May 21 (JTA)--Four Arab saboteurs were killed and a fifth was captured in a clash with an Israeli patrol in an orange grove north of Jericho yesterday. An Israeli Bedouin civilian employee of the Army was killed and three Israelis were wounded in the encounter, a military spokesman reported today. The Israelis seized rifles, a submachine gun, explosive charges, hand grenades and bazooka shells.

A military spokesman reported that Jordanians opened fire this morning on Israeli units south of the Damiya Bridge and later on fired on Israelis further north. The fire was returned in both cases. No casualties were reported.

Jordanian machine-gunners fired at an Israel police car and at a tractor working in the fields of Neveh Urr, a Beisan Valley settlement. Israel returned the fire, suffering no injuries. Four Israelis in a civilian pick-up truck fought off a group of El Fatah marauders who tried to ambush them near the village of Fiq on the Golan Heights, again with no casualties. The Arabs hurled grenades at them.

Israel Will Provide Housing For 80 Religious Jews Planning To Settle in Hebron

JERUSALEM, May 21 (JTA)--Authorities announced today that pre-fabricated housing units will be erected in Hebron to house a group of some 80 religious Jews who want to re-establish the defunct Jewish community in that West Bank Arab town. The would-be settlers had been living in rented hotel quarters in Hebron since Passover. On Sunday they were moved to the Military Governor's compound. The housing units are expected to be built within two months.

The move indicates that the Government may be yielding to pressure by Orthodox elements and groups advocating the retention by Israel of Arab territories occupied in last June's war. While the Government has permitted the para-military Nahal to establish settlements in the Sinai, Golan Heights and elsewhere, the Hebron settlers are the first civilians to remain in former Arab territory.

French Jewish Students Occupy Offices of Major Jewish Institutions in Paris

PARIS, May 21 (JTA)--The general strike that has paralyzed France spread today to the offices of the French Jewish Consistory, central organization of the Jewish community, and the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, central fund-raising organization of French Jewry. About 100 Jewish students occupied the Consistory building and declared that they would not leave the premises until their demands for basic reforms and a voice in Consistory policies were granted. The staff of the Fonds Social, meanwhile, has joined the strike.

Because of the strike, the exposition "Israel Through the Ages" has been compelled to close its doors for a few days. The unrest also has caused cancellation of a meeting of the World Jewish Congress which was to take up the Jewish situation in Poland.

Jewish students in France were scheduled to demonstrate tomorrow at the Soviet Embassy here in protest against Soviet treatment of its three million Jews. The demonstration was being organized by the World Union of Jewish Students and will take place in 30 countries. Observers feel that an incident between the Jewish students and the French police may occur.

(El Al, Israel Airlines announced in Tel Aviv that it had suspended flights to Paris because of the general strike that had shut down airports. Passengers for Paris would be landed in Brussels and transported to their destination by bus, the airline said.)

1,900-Year-Old Jewish Cochin, India, Community Emigrating To Israel; 350 Left

NEW DELHI, May 21 (JTA)--Emigration, mainly to Israel, is drawing the final curtain on the 1,900-year-old Jewish community of Cochin in the Indian State of Kerala. There are now only 350 Jews left of the community, which dates its settlement in India from the time of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by Rome. Elders of the community recently petitioned authorities for permission to transfer its assets -- holy scrolls, books, liturgical objects, synagogue fixtures and religious ornaments -- to Israel. Their petition noted that the transfer would permit the Cochin Jews to continue living as a community in Israel.

El Al Will Negotiate With Lufthansa on Air Traffic Agreements Next Month

BONN, May 21 (JTA)--El Al, Israel's international airline, which has just announced a sizeable expansion of its routes and the number of cities served throughout the world, will start negotiations with Lufthansa, the West German airline, early next month on various traffic agreements, it was reported here by Deutschland-Berichte, a monthly digest of West German events.

The inter-line negotiations were supposed to have started in May but were postponed in order to complete preparatory work, the publication said, not because of any links with West German Middle East policies. El Al, which already operates four flights a week from Tel Aviv to West Germany, is seeking the Federal Republic's approval for stopovers at German airports on its North America route. It would also like to conclude a pooling agreement with Lufthansa under which the companies would share their profits on the Israel-West Germany air service, Deutschland-Berichte said.

Israeli Labor Leader Says Histadrut Played Key Role in Integrating Arabs

TORONTO, May 21 (JTA)--An Israeli Arab labor leader told a Histadrut campaign meeting here that Israel's labor movement was largely responsible for integrating Arab citizens into that country's economy. Salim Joubran, secretary-general of the Arab department of the Israel Labor Party, said that the full rights and privileges enjoyed by Israeli Arabs came as a result of the acceptance of Arab workers as full members of Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, in 1959. "Although no Government can enact a law making people love each other, an organization like Histadrut can at least permit people to understand each other, which is just as important," Joubran said.

Head of Argentina's Catholic Church Congratulates Israel on Anniversary

BUENOS AIRES, May 21 (JTA)--The head of the Roman Catholic Church in Argentina has congratulated Israel on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of its independence. Antonio Cardinal Caggiano, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, addressed his message to Baruch Tenenbaum, secretary-general of the Committee for Argentine House in Israel. The Cardinal's message said in part: "I am glad to congratulate you for your longings for peace...the responsibility of creating a peaceful atmosphere is a task for everyone. Certainly the obligation to seek peace does not conflict with the rights of self-defense. I extend my most fervent wishes that Israel's genius, illuminated by God, shall find a way to peace. Its success in the fields of culture and science deserve the world's admiration."

Publishers Assail Poland's Boycott of Books on Subjects Connected With Israel

TEL AVIV, May 21 (JTA)--The Israeli Book Publishers Association today denounced the Polish Government's boycott of Israeli books and books on Israel subjects. In a statement issued here, the publishers declared that every country has an obligation to open its doors to all books. The boycott of Israel's books can only undermine international trust, the statement said. The Israeli delegation to the international publishers convention in Amsterdam next month will submit a resolution censuring Poland for its book boycott.

(The New York Times reported from Warsaw today that Poland has acknowledged for the first time that its current "anti-Zionist" campaign is hurting foreign trade. The official Polish press agency, PAP, said "several Western trade concerns" that cancelled contracts with Poland were motivated by "clearly militant Zionism" but added that its effect on Polish trade with the West was negligible, the Times reported.)

Study Finds Employees Often Circumvent Corporate Anti-Discrimination Policies

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA)--A University of Michigan study of discrimination in executive selection in large corporations has indicated that liberal hiring and promotion policies of management are often circumvented by key men in their own ranks if top management does not do more than simply announce equal opportunity policies. The study, by the University's Institute for Social Research Survey Research Center was announced by Orin Lehman, chairman of the Board of Governors of the American Jewish Committee, which opens its 62nd annual meeting here today.

Mr. Lehman said that "although the study deals specifically with opportunities for Jewish executives, its implications extend to other minority groups." The four companies chosen for the study are large, diversified manufacturers in the Cleveland-Akron area which all have formal policies of equal employment opportunities calling for hiring and promotion according to ability. All enjoy a reputation of being "open" to Jews and the percentage of Jews in their managerial ranks exceeds what is believed to be the national average. The researchers found that procedures set up by the companies to implement equal employment opportunity policies were going un-noticed by a large proportion of executives. However, even when such measures were noticed, they did not in themselves prove to be a deterrent to discrimination.

"Much of the answer has to do with the manager's knowledge of other conflicting facts," the report said. Foremost among the "conflicting facts" was awareness that the company's actions contradicted its equal employment policies. Executives who saw their companies giving only lip service to these policies were more inclined to discriminate against Jews than those who felt the companies meant what they said, the researchers reported.

The study found that anti-Semitic attitudes were least frequent among managers who were most highly educated and whose original training was oriented toward careers other than industry. It also found that so-called "third-party" pressures entered into discrimination in hiring and promotions. Among such pressures was the belief, often erroneous, that colleagues, superiors, subordinates, customers or executives of other companies would feel uncomfortable with Jewish executives. But of individuals who did feel so pressured, most could not point to a specific stimulus for their concern, the study asserted.

Washington Jews Strive To Save Capital's First Synagogue From Demolition

WASHINGTON, May 21 (JTA)--The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington and members of Adas Israel Synagogue are trying to rescue that structure that once housed the national capital's first synagogue. The landmark, built 88 years ago in downtown Washington, is scheduled for demolition to make way for a new subway line. The metropolitan area transit authority offered to give the former synagogue to the preservationists if they will move it to another site. But a spokesman for the Jewish group demanded that the transit authority move the building as part of the expense of building the subway system.

Efforts are being made meanwhile to place the synagogue, unused by Jews for over 50 years, on the official register of the National Historic Landmarks. It was the first building specially constructed here for Jewish worship. President U.S. Grant was a guest at dedication ceremonies on July 9, 1876. The congregation moved out in 1907 and the building was used by a Greek Orthodox church. In recent years the church moved and the former synagogue became a restaurant specializing in carry-out "soul food," including pork chops and similar specialties.

One-Million Word 'Encyclopedia of Zionism and Israel' Scheduled for 1969

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA)--The McGraw-Hill Book Co. and the Herzl Press will jointly publish a single volume, one-million word "Encyclopedia of Zionism and Israel," it was announced here by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Theodor Herzl Foundation and a member of the Jewish Agency Executive. Dr. Neumann said that the volume, to appear next year, will relate the 100-year-old history of Zionism and the achievements of Israel in its 20 years of statehood.

Dr. Raphael Pati, scholar and author, will be editor. The more than 250 contributors, headed by Zalman Shazar, President of Israel, will include scholars and statesmen from 25 countries.

Ancient Arts and Artifacts From Palestine and Other Lands Shown in New York

NEW YORK, May 21 (JTA)--Jars, vessels, coins, gold figurines and hundreds of other rare arts and artifacts from ancient Palestine and other Biblical areas in the Middle East form an exhibition on three floors of the America-Israel Culture House here. The show, in honor of Israel's 20th anniversary, focusses on the early Canaanite period (3,200 to 2,200 B.C.E.) and continues through to the Second Century period of Bar Kochba's revolt against the Romans. Designer of the exhibition was Paul Lampl, architect and art historian.

Oakland Federation Joins City, Federal Agency in Providing Housing For Poor

OAKLAND, Calif., May 21 (JTA)--The Jewish Welfare Federation here has joined with a city and a Federal agency in a pioneer project to provide decent housing for poor families. The Federation will acquire and rehabilitate between five and eight single family houses in slum areas in Oakland and then re-sell them to low income families.

The program will be directed and insured by the Federal Housing Administration as a phase of the Oakland Redevelopment Agency's plans for rehabilitation of slum dwellings. Priority for re-sale of the rehabilitated structures will go to families living in them at the time they were purchased by the Federation.