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Thant Announces Jarring Will Return To Middle East To Pursue Peace Efforts

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 30 (JTA)--United Nations special Middle East peace envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring will return in "the near future" to his Nicosia, Cyprus headquarters to pursue his mediation efforts, it was revealed here today. Secretary-General U Thant said that both he and Dr. Jarring deemed it "important and advisable" to pursue the latter's efforts "to promote agreement among the parties" and his peace mission will therefore continue.

Mr. Thant revealed this information today in a progress report to the Security Council on the peace mission. His report contained a summary of Dr. Jarring's peace efforts since March 29, when the last report to the Council was submitted. Dr. Jarring has been conducting his mission at the UN in recent months.

In another development, Mr. Thant still has "under consideration" his plan -- announced several months ago -- for the sending of a special United Nations representative to deal with "humanitarian" issues affecting the civilian populations in the Middle East. A spokesman for Mr. Thant made that statement here today in response to a question on the matter at a news briefing.

Since Mr. Thant's original announcement about the special envoy, Israel requested that such a representative be authorized to examine the situation of Jews imprisoned and otherwise harassed since the June, 1967 Six-Day War in Egypt, Syria and Iraq. However, the Arab bloc at the UN has obtained a ruling from the UN legal department to the effect that, under a General Assembly resolution adopted last July, any UN envoy probing this situation must restrict his activities to the former Arab areas occupied by Israel during the war.

Eshkol in New Warning To Algiers As No Progress Is Made On Release Of Hijacked Plane

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol has again warned Algeria to release the hijacked El Al airliner it has detained since last Tuesday and the 12 Israelis held captive there and called on all nations to take a firm stand against the "act of piracy" committed against the Israeli airline. He declared that no country could be excused from acting in this situation and pointed out that once air piracy started, "no one knows where it will stop."

(According to information received in Washington today, the Algerian Government will defer any decision on the release of the Israeli plane and the 12 Israeli prisoners until the next Cabinet meeting, which is set for Thursday.)

(The Christian Science Monitor reported from Beirut that the Algerian Government is in a dilemma over the question. The paper's Middle East correspondent said that the Palestinian terrorists who had hijacked the \$6 million Boeing 707 had added to inter-Arab tensions and had put Algeria in a position where refusal to release the Israeli plane "endangers Algeria's own international position" and could result in the refusal of foreign airlines to continue service into Algiers. The correspondent said Arab airlines "are vulnerable to Israeli interception.")

(At the United Nations tonight, Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel and Ambassador Tewfik Bouattoura of Algeria had separate meetings with Secretary-General U Thant but it was understood that there was no progress to report and that the Algerian envoy was able to give Mr. Thant no new information about his Government's intentions. Mr. Tekoah conveyed his concern over the delay in having the crew, passengers and plane released and said that each day that passes without their release worsens the situation. Israel is known to be considering calling a Security Council meeting on the issue.)

Algerians Fail To Reply To ICAO On Release Of Plane And Israeli Captives

(The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a United Nations agency to which both Israel and Algeria belong, said today that it had been in communication with all parties involved in the plane incident but had not had replies from all the parties. The ICAO was one of the first agencies to which Israel turned after the hijacking of the plane last Tuesday. It was assumed from the ICAO statement that the Algerian Government, which had failed to reply to the United Nations Secretary-General, had also failed to reply to the aviation agency.)

(In Brussels, a Foreign Ministry communique reported that the Belgian Government had expressed concern over the violation of international principles in matters of air navigation but denied that it had intervened in Algiers. The ministry also denied reports published in a Brussels newspaper Monday that an air crew of Sabena, the Belgian airline, would be sent to Algiers to fly out the Israeli plane and the Israeli prisoners.)

Prime Minister Says Arabs Are Bent On War, Reject Peaceable Solution of Conflict

Mr. Eshkol's statements on the plane hijacking came in the course of a speech he made yesterday in Haifa to the association of wounded war veterans in which he analyzed the position of the Arab states. He told the veterans that the Arab states were bent on war and had not renounced a solution of their dispute with Israel by force. He said that the Arabs not only wanted to recover what they had lost in the June war but "want to wipe Israel right off the map." What they want, he said, was not

a return to the borders that existed before the Six-Day War, "because they know we cannot accept them as we cannot defend ourselves from behind such borders. This is a transparent maneuver. What they want is a return to the status quo of November 2, 1917." — prior to the Balfour Declaration which promised the Jews a national home in Palestine.

Mr. Eshkol warned that by abetting hijacking as the latest phase in a terror campaign, the Arab states would have to bear responsibility and this, he said, "may be more far-reaching than they would like."

American Maritime Unions Warn Algeria Of Boycott Unless Israeli Plane Is Released

NEW YORK, July 30 (JTA)--The maritime committee of the American Federation of Labor,

Congress of Industrial Organizations, joined by the United Steel Workers, served notice on President Boumedienne of Algeria that unless the hijacked El Al plane and all the occupants are released immediately, "these unions will take all available steps against the Algerian Government including the picketing of all Algerian vessels and the boycotting of all Algerian products." A cable to the Algerian Chief of State, signed by the presidents of the six unions, denounced the hijacking of the plane, which is now being held by Algeria as "a reprehensible act of piracy in violation of international law and humanitarian considerations." The cable said that the act "cannot be condoned and calls for action by all governments and all peoples who are concerned about free passage and the maintenance of world order."

The message was signed by Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union; Jesse Calhoun, president of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association; Capt. Lloyd Sheldon, president of the Masters, Mates and Pilots; William Steinberg, president of the American Radio Association; Thomas Gleason, president of the International Longshoremen's Association; John Grogan, president of the Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America; and Carroll Armstrong, president of the United Steeworkers.

Several hundred young people, representing the New York Jewish Youth Council, will picket the Algeria Mission to the United Nations for 90 minutes tomorrow demanding the release of the hijacked El Al aircraft and the detained crew and passengers. The Council represents the major Jewish youth and college organizations in the metropolitan area embracing a membership of several hundred thousand.

Boobytrap Found On Jerusalem Street Where Eshkol Lives, Dismantled By Police

JERUSALEM, July 30 (JTA)--A button-size boobytrap was found early today in Jerusalem on the street on which the home of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol is located but some distance from the home. A citizen who found the explosive called police who dismantled it. A search of the area found no other explosives.

Officials also reported that a civilian jeep belonging to the Natural Reserves Authority hit a mine on the Golan Heights yesterday, injuring the three occupants, a man and two women. The man was listed today at the hospital as seriously injured. Authorities began an investigation to determine whether the mine had been newly planted or was one left over from the 1967 Six-Day War.

An Arab woman was injured slightly today when a bomb planted in a truck in the Gaza marketplace exploded. Damage was slight. Later, two hand grenades were found near the military governor's office and were removed before they were detonated.

Parliament Gives Reading To Bill Normalizing Economic, Civic Life In East Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, July 30 (JTA)--Israel's Parliament gave a first reading yesterday to legislation designed to normalize economic and civic life in East Jerusalem which would change the existing status of East Jerusalem residents from absentees to Israelis.

The measure also involves the title of East Jerusalem residents to their properties in the Old City, the professional and legal status of associations and individuals in the professions, and issues of church and religious properties. Justice Minister Y.S. Shapiro, told the session that the Israeli Government has not treated the East Jerusalem residents as enemies or their properties as absentee property despite provisions of the 1950 absentees' law but that the law had to be adjusted. The measure was sent to the Knesset law and justice committee for consideration and preparation for the second and final reading.

Passenger Traffic At Lydda Airport Reaches Record Of 130,000 Arrivals, Departures

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA)--Passenger traffic at Lydda Airport reached a record this month of 130,000 arrivals and departures, airport officials reported today. The traffic Sunday marked the highest one day total — 7,000 passengers — 300 more than the previous record. Tourism Ministry officials said that more accommodations were needed and urged construction of additional hotels to provide for the increasing movement of tourists.

Mrs. Meir Says She Is More Worried About Assimilation In West Than Another War

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA)--Mrs. Golda Meir told a convention of North American Labor Zionists here yesterday that she was more worried about the threat of assimilation of Jews living in the West than she was about another war by the Arabs against Israel. The retiring secretary-general of the Israel Labor Party remarked in reply to questions about whether another such war might happen, "one can never know when the Arabs will lose their heads and plunge into another war though they are not ready for it" and that she was convinced that if this did happen, "we will win as we won previous wars."

Israel Denies Jordanian Allegation That It Is Seeking To Deport Gaza Residents

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 30 (JTA)--The Jordan Government accused Israel today of attempting to implement a "sinister plan" to deport 50,000 Palestinian Arab refugees from the Gaza Strip to Jordan and announced it had closed the King Hussein (Allenby) Bridge, halting entrance from the Israeli-held West Bank to Jordan territory. Israel denied the charge.

In a letter to Ambassador Tewfik Bouattoura of Algeria, president of the Security Council, Anton A. Naber, the Jordanian Charge d'Affaires, charged that on July 28, the Israeli authorities "carried the Gaza refugees in buses and attempted to force them to cross the King Hussein Bridge to the East Bank of Jordan. Consequently, our authorities closed the bridge and halted any entrance to the East Bank." On July 29, according to the Jordanian letter, the Israelis "attempted to enforce the crossing of three bus loads of refugees escorted by an Israeli military force." This attempt, it asserted, was "foiled" by Jordanian posts on the bridge. The Israelis, the letter then asserted, opened fire on Jordanian observation posts and the firing lasted for 20 minutes.

Later, the Jordanians said, the Israelis brought new groups of refugees in an operation "under the supervision of the Military Governor of the Jericho district and supported by Israeli tanks and military units." The letter denounced "this lawless Israeli act of mass expulsion of refugees" as a threat to peace and security "with far-reaching implication both to the lives of these innocent refugees and the area as a whole."

Jordan's allegation that Israel is "expelling" Palestinian refugees from the Gaza area and particularly from the large Jabalia camp in the Gaza Strip "are false," Israel's Permanent Representative, Yosef Tekoah, informed Secretary-General U Thant today.

According to the envoy, those charges had already been answered in a letter given in Jerusalem yesterday to the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Laurence Michelmore, by Michael S. Comay, the political advisor of Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

In that letter, Mr. Tekoah informed Mr. Thant, Mr. Comay stated: "There is no substance to the charge conveyed to you that a concerted effort is now being made to expel...refugees from Jabalia on the ground that the heads of families are abroad. The policy of my Government remains...that no pressure is exerted on Gaza residents to leave nor are they prevented from leaving. They are free to remain or depart, in accordance with their own wishes. Nothing has been done by the military government authorities in the Gaza Strip which is inconsistent with that policy."

Mr. Tekoah said Mr. Comay also had noted, in his letter to M. Michelmore, that only last Thursday, Israel's Defense Minister, Gen. Moshe Dayan, visited the Gaza Strip and held a meeting with the town mayors and other representatives of the local population. "In the course of a two and a half hour discussion," Mr. Comay reported, "these Arab notables were encouraged to raise every question of concern to them and did so with the greatest freedom. The allegations regarding the Jabalia camp were not even mentioned as they undoubtedly would have been if there had been any basis to them." Mr. Tekoah asked Mr. Thant to circulate the Israeli letter as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

German Ambassador To Lisbon Recalled For Investigation Into Possible Nazi Past

BONN, July 30 (JTA)--The German Ambassador to Portugal, Herbert Mueller-Roschach, has been recalled pending an investigation by the Frankfurt State Prosecutor's office of charges that he was involved in war crimes and the killing of Jews during the Nazi regime.

Herr Mueller-Roschach served in the German Foreign Ministry during the Nazi regime. During 1941-42 he was attached to a department dealing with foreign Jewish affairs. The present investigation is to determine what responsibility he may have had in connection with the "Final Solution" of the Jewish problem. He is suspected of complicity in the mass murder of Jews because a number of decrees concerning Nazi legislation against Jews came within his purview.

British Board Of Deputies Mark 110th Anniversary Of Seating Of First Jewish MP

LONDON, July 30 (JTA)--The Board of Deputies of British Jewry quietly marked a unique anniversary today -- the 110th anniversary of the seating of the first Jewish Member of Parliament. Present at the reception tendered by the Board were members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

The campaign for removal of Jewish political disabilities in Britain, begun in 1829, was not effective until 1858 when Baron Lionel de Rothschild was formally admitted to the House of Commons, the first professing Jew to be admitted to membership. Previously, baptized Jews had occupied seats in Parliament. From 1847 until 1858, a number of professing Jews won election to the House but, because of their religion, were not permitted to take the oath and be admitted.

NRP Disapproves Of Concentrating Economic Power In Sharef's Hands But Will Not Push Issue

TEL AVIV, July 30 (JTA)--Spokesmen for the National Religious Party said today that while they did not approve the concentration of economic power in the hands of one man resulting from the assignment of the Treasury portfolio to Zeev Sharef, who will continue to direct the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the party will not make difficulties or take any action that might result in a Cabinet crisis.

The Gahal alignment of the Herut and Liberal Parties continued to be critical of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's action but it does not intend to withdraw from the Government in which its leader, Menachem Begin, is a Minister Without Portfolio. The Cabinet restructuring followed the resignation of Pinhas Sapir as Minister of Finance to assume the post of secretary-general of the Israel Labor Party left vacant by the retirement of Mrs. Golda Meir.

Report Quiet Fight To Prevent Adoption Of Vague Plank On Israel At GOP Parley

MIAMI BEACH, July 30 (JTA)--A behind-the-scenes fight to prevent adoption of a vague plank covering military sales to Israel has developed in the platform committee at the Republican national convention. Friends of Israel have revealed that a tendency has developed to eliminate specific reference to the F-4 Phantom jet fighter-bombers sought by Israel or even to the word "supersonic" as descriptive of aircraft.

Witnesses have urged a strong and specific plank on sale of Phantoms to Israel with no public dissent from the chairman of the platform committee's subcommittee on foreign policy and national defense, Rep. Glenard Lipscomb of California, or committee members.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, a subcommittee member, expressed optimism however, about achievement of a strong pro-Israel plank. The opposition apparently arose from a desire to avoid an "entangling" commitment to Israel, a source said. It is known that the State Department has been in touch with a number of senior Republican senators on the issue.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey was assailed yesterday on his stand on supplying military aircraft to Israel. Bernard Katzen, consultant to the Republican National Committee, said during a platform hearing that Mr. Humphrey was a "captive candidate who cannot or will not contradict the President."

Mr. Katzen testified that in a July 11 statement, Mr. Humphrey urged military assistance to Israel "but pointedly avoided reference to supersonic planes or Phantom jets." Mr. Katzen suggested that the Vice President advocated only the continued supply of subsonic Skyhawk planes, which he contended were "sitting ducks" for Russian MIGs supplies to Egypt.

Mr. Humphrey was described as a "captive" when Rep. Lipscomb asked why the Vice President "remained quiet" in view of Congress' amendment to the Foreign Aid bill last week asking for the sale of "supersonic" jets to Israel. The Phantoms are supersonic. President Johnson has not agreed to supply the 50 Phantoms sought by Israel.

AJCommittee Urges Planks On Polish, Soviet Jews And Intergroup Relations

Representatives of the American Jewish Committee urged the platform committee today to incorporate a pledge in the platform "to ask the Polish Government to facilitate the emigration of those Jews who indicate a desire to go to the U.S. or other countries." The organization asked for a plank declaring that "Soviet Jewry must be established as an equal among equals within the spirit of Soviet law and ideology and in conformity with the Soviet Constitution."

In a comprehensive series of recommendations on the domestic situation, the AJCommittee proposed a plank pledging the Federal Government to set up a national institute to coordinate all matters of intergroup and human relations problems in the country. Speaking for the AJCommittee, David Fleeman of Miami told the platform subcommittee on equal opportunity in an urban society that such an institute could minimize "misunderstanding and malfunctioning of American group life which leads to conflict." The Committee also recommended expanded Federal support for higher education, expanding the rent and home ownership supplement programs for use in assisting housing, new Federal policies to encourage states to act as a supplement to national programs, increased Government support of programs to promote the community relations functions of urban police departments and establishment of a council of social advisors.

900 Americans To Study At Hebrew U. — Largest U.S. Student Contingent Overseas

NEW YORK, July 30 (JTA)--More than 900 new students — the largest number of American students ever enrolled in an Israeli institution of higher learning — will participate in study programs of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem during the coming academic year, the office of academic affairs of the American Friends of the Hebrew University announced today.

The largest category of American students will be in the one-year study program in which 478 U.S. college sophomores, juniors and recent graduates will participate. The students come from 134 United States and Canadian institutions. Seventy-seven master's and doctoral candidates have been accepted for the graduate programs. In the freshman-preparatory year for selected high school graduates, there are 55 candidates from 15 states. Among the university's regular undergraduates seeking their degree from the Hebrew University are 38 American students from 16 states and 30 colleges.

About 250 students qualified for the 1968 summer courses in English, of whom about half are engaged in professional or graduate studies. Participating in the world seminar for Jewish service, a program given by the university's Institute for Contemporary Jewry, are eight executive directors of Jewish community centers, four executives of the American Jewish Committee, a field representative of the American Jewish Congress and a representative of the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Agencies.

Neumann Warns U.S. Jews Against Complacency, Cites Unsettled Middle East Situation

NEW YORK, July 30 (JTA)--Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Jewish Agency-American Section, warned today that "the perilously unsettled situation" in the Middle East barred complacency on the part of American Jews. He said that "an unrelenting and mendacious propaganda from Arab and pro-Arab sources seeks to deny Israel that just and secure peace for which the Six-Day War was fought and won."

He praised the leaders of both houses of Congress for urging that supersonic jets be made available to Israel and called for the effective consolidation of all Zionist and pro-Israel forces for a "more rapid development of Israel's economic potential and a more intensive effort to win the battle of public opinion so vital to Israel's political and physical security."