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United States Reported In Israel To Have Rejected Soviet 4-Point Peace Program

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3 (JTA)--The United States has rejected the Soviet Union's recent four-point proposal for a Middle East solution, informed sources said today. Secretary of State Dean Rusk stated this position unequivocally to Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban at a New York meeting this week, the sources said. Mr. Rusk is said to have told Mr. Eban that the U.S. stands by previous assertions that only a settlement acceptable to both parties in the conflict would bring peace, while the Soviet proposal would have imposed a solution from outside. Israel rejected the Soviet proposal.

The Soviet plan would have imposed a timetable, starting with Israel's withdrawal to the pre-June, 1967 boundaries, followed by a declaration of non-belligerence by the Arabs, a return of United Nations forces to the evacuated territories, and a four-power peace guarantee by the U.S., Soviet Union, Britain and France. France was the only major Western power which showed some inclination to accept the Soviet plan as a basis for discussions, sources said. They noted that Paris had been insisting for the past year that only a four-power agreement could solve the Middle East impasse; that element in the Soviet plan appealed to them.

(PARIS, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Michel Debre yesterday called for immediate withdrawal of Israel from all territories "it occupied by force" in the June, 1967 war. M. Debre delivered his remarks in a speech before the Chamber of Deputies, his first major foreign policy statement since taking office. According to M. Debre, "nothing can be achieved in the Middle East unless Israel first withdraws." He said "the situation demands that both sides, Israel and the Arabs, recognize and respect their mutual borders as well as their rights to exist under normal conditions." M. Debre said this also implied the right to free navigation through international waterways.)

Mr. Rusk has conferred with Mr. Eban, Jordanian Foreign Minister Abdul Monem Rifai and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad in New York. Reports that UN peace envoy Gunnar V. Jarring has tried to arrange behind-the-scenes meetings between Mr. Eban and the Arabs have been discounted at the UN as "premature" - but this does not mean that they will not take place. (The Washington Evening Star reported today that Mr. Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko discussed the Middle East at a private meeting. The paper reported that "the Israelis, under American pressure, have softened their initial demands for face-to-face talks with the Arabs on a peace settlement" and said that Israel, which has insisted in direct negotiations, is "prepared to begin exchanges with the Arabs indirectly" through Mr. Jarring.)

Gromyko Reiterates Russian Demand For Israeli Withdrawal From Occupied Territories

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 3 (JTA)--Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko declared in an address to the United Nations General Assembly today that Israel must withdraw immediately from occupied Arab territories. He commented on the Middle East situation in a lengthy statement devoted mainly to the defense of the Soviet and Warsaw bloc invasion of Czechoslovakia and to Soviet proposals for halting the nuclear arms race as well as for general disarmament.

Mr. Gromyko's Middle East statement constituted a reiteration of current Soviet policy, which blames Israeli "aggression" for continued tensions in the Middle East. He made no new proposals. He charged that the 1967 "aggression" by Israel had not been eliminated and that responsibility rested "with those who refuse to comply" with the Nov. 22, 1967 Security Council resolution on Middle East peace. The Soviets interpret that resolution as requiring Israeli withdrawal as the first step.

Mr. Gromyko made a routine reference to Israel's "expansionist policy" and declared that the Arab states had "repeatedly confirmed" their consent to comply with the November, 1967 resolution. He said it was "known" that Egypt had proposed a schedule for coordinated measures to settle the Middle East conflict but he offered no details. He added that "we support and are ready to assist" in the implementation of Egypt's "realistic proposal," adding that Moscow "condemns the position of Israel and those who connive with its belligerence." Mr. Gromyko asserted that there were "possibilities to turn toward peace," to "an end of the state of war, and the insuring of the sovereignty, integrity and political independence of each state and its right to live in peace." However, he insisted, the first step must be for Israel "to give up its attempt to retain the occupied territory." Otherwise, he added, "Israel will have to account for a great deal."

Rusk Reaffirms American Support For Peace Mission Of Gunnar V. Jarring

Addressing the General Assembly yesterday, Secretary of State Dean Rusk said that the 1967 cease-fire was in "serious jeopardy" and that "the chasm between the parties remains wide and the hope for a just and lasting peace hangs in precarious balance." He reaffirmed complete support for the Nov. 22 resolution and said "we will do everything we can to help Ambassador Jarring and the parties to achieve its purpose. Today a small and precious momentum toward peace appears to exist in the diplomacy of the Middle East. Ambassador Jarring and many Foreign Ministers are present here at this General Assembly. All of us should seize this opportunity to encourage the parties to move resolutely toward a settlement," Mr. Rusk declared.

Army Patrol Kills 7 Marauders In Yom Kippur Clash; 1 Israeli Soldier Wounded

TEL AVIV, Oct. 3 (JTA)--An Israeli Army patrol and a band of Arab marauders fought a fierce three-hour gun battle on Yom Kippur in the barren, cave-marked hills west of Jericho, a military spokesman reported today. At least seven marauders were killed and one Israeli soldier wounded. The battle, begun with the pursuit of the marauders shortly after dawn yesterday, resulted in an emergency call for blood donors, apparently in anticipation of casualties. A clash in the same region two weeks ago led to the death of six Israelis and five Arabs.

The Yom Kippur holiday, which passed quietly for most Israelis, saw no relief in border shootings and acts of sabotage. A grenade was hurled into an Israeli Army halftrack in Gaza without casualties. A military spokesman reported exchanges of fire yesterday between Jordanian and Israeli units at Umm Sidra pass on the Jordan River. Israeli patrols and armored cars were fired on Tuesday evening near Shaar Hagolan in the northern Beisan Valley and near Ashdod Yaacov. No Israeli casualties were reported.

Yesterday's battle near Jericho began when an Israeli patrol spotted a band of Arab saboteurs which had apparently crossed the river into Israeli territory during the night. They pursued the Arabs who took refuge in caves, refused to surrender and opened fire, wounding a soldier, who was rushed to a hospital.

Dayan Tells Bedouin Leaders They Will Be Held Responsible For Sabotage

TEL AVIV, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan has warned leaders of Bedouin tribes in the Negev and Sinai that they will be held responsible for acts of sabotage by their people. Gen. Dayan visited the Bedouin leaders on Yom Kippur eve as a result of a rising incidence of minings and attacks on Israeli troops in the Negev by Bedouins in the service of Jordan or Egypt. The meeting brought to light the fact that Israel had been imposing collective punishment on the Bedouin tribes by revoking a flour quota and discontinuing social welfare grants. The punishment was revoked following the meeting at which the tribal elders promised to prevent infiltration into the regions where they live.

Orthodox Jews, Moslems Worship In Same Mosque In West Bank Town Of Hebron

JERUSALEM, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Orthodox Jews and pious Moslems worshipped simultaneously in the Ibrahimi mosque in Hebron yesterday. The mosque, over the site of the Patriarchs' Tombs, was the scene of Yom Kippur services conducted by the Jewish settlers of Hebron and guests. The services were attended by Col. Ofer Ben David, military governor of the area, and by Israeli soldiers on duty in the town.

The Jews used a small hall adjoining the main sanctuary of the mosque, which was occupied by Moslems who held five daily prayer meetings as usual. No incidents were reported, although the use of the mosque compound by the Jewish settlers had engendered hostility and protests from Moslem religious authorities before the holidays.

In Israel, the Western Wall in Old Jerusalem was the scene of public worship on a large scale. Crowds estimated in the tens of thousands congregated at the site. The Red Mogen David, Israel's Red Cross, reported that 78 persons fainted in the crowd. When the fast ended, the Bnei Akiva Yeshiva distributed cookies and soft drinks to the worshippers. Synagogues were full and streets empty except for an occasional ambulance or United Nations car. Comparatively mild weather with temperatures in the upper 70s made the fast easier than in some past years.

(PARIS, Oct. 3 (JTA)--French Jews attended Yom Kippur services in unprecedented numbers yesterday, requiring that improvised synagogues be set up in movie theaters, concert halls and even a circus to accommodate the overflow crowds. Several hundred refugees from Eastern Europe pressed into crowded Central Synagogue of Paris where special prayers were said for Jews oppressed behind the Iron Curtain.)

(LONDON, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Orthodox Jews packed the Grand Choral Synagogue in Moscow for Yom Kippur. Services were also held in two other synagogues in the city, it was reported here.)

Iraqi Ambassador Complains About Tekoah Reference To Jews In His Country

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 3 (JTA)--Allusions to Iraqi Jews by Israel in recent Security Council discussions about sending a humanitarian emissary to the Middle East has drawn criticism from Iraq. In a letter made public yesterday Ambassador Adnan Pachachi complained to September's Council president, George Ignatieff of Canada, about permission granted to Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoah to speak about the situation of Iraqi Jews.

Mr. Pachachi reiterated previous statements defending Iraq's treatment of its Jewish minority against Israeli criticism and claimed that Mr. Tekoah's comments constituted "illegal and unwarranted interference" in his country's domestic affairs.

(In Bombay, the Central Jewish Board of India appealed today to the Indian Government and United Nations to investigate conditions of Jews in Arab countries and take steps to restore human and civil rights and their right to emigration. The board referred to Jews in Egypt, Syria and Iraq. The appeal was announced at a press conference by H. Cynowicz, president of the board, who noted that the Indian Jewish community includes many Jews from Arab countries.)

Social Democrats, Christian Democratic Union In Dispute About Rightist NPD

WEST BERLIN, Oct. 3 (JTA)--A dispute has developed between the Social Democratic-controlled government of West Berlin and West Germany's dominant political party, the Christian Democratic Union, over demands by the Social Democrats that the extreme right-wing National Democratic Party be banned from this city. The demand was made to the three post-war occupying powers -- United States, Britain, France -- by West Berlin's Mayor Klaus Schutz on grounds that the NPD is undemocratic. It was opposed by the Berlin branch of Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger's CDU which insisted that such a move should be taken only if an investigation of the NPD by the West German Interior Ministry bore out the charges.

The dispute arose as NPD chairman Adolf von Thadden announced yesterday that his party has cancelled all public mass rallies "until the rule of law has been re-established in West Germany." His announcement came in the aftermath of the NPD's first public meeting in Bonn Monday night which was broken up by more than 1,000 demonstrators throwing chairs and tear-gas grenades. Mr. von Thadden's attempt to speak was drowned out with roars of "Sieg Heil" and "Nazis out of this town." The NPD presidium blamed "Socialists and labor unions" for the disruption and charged that the parliamentary parties were using "Communist and Nazi methods" against the NPD.

Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the Bundestag, West Germany's lower house, said today that he did not think the NPD should be banned in West Berlin. He said he favored uniform treatment for the reputedly neo-Nazi party in Berlin and throughout West Germany, meaning that if the party was found to be undemocratic it should be banned throughout the country, not only in West Berlin.

Political observers said the NPD's decision to halt public rallies would be a serious blow to its campaign for seats in the Bundestag in next year's national elections. The NPD now holds seats in seven of West Germany's 11 state legislatures and its rising political strength has been a cause of concern in Germany and abroad. The party suffered an electoral setback last week when it polled only 5.2 percent of the vote in municipal and county elections in Lower Saxony. A year ago it won seven percent of the vote in Lower Saxony's state elections.

Dr. Goldstuecker Hit By Soviet Literary Gazette As Pro-Israel Advocate

LONDON, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Prof. Eduard Goldstuecker, prominent Czechoslovak-Jewish writer, has been attacked by a Soviet magazine on the same charges that brought him a death sentence, imprisonment and torture during the Slansky trial of the Stalin era 15 years ago, it was reported here from Moscow today. The Soviet Literary Gazette branded the 55-year-old head of the Czech writers union, now a refugee in hiding, a "Zionist." It charged him with having openly advocated pro-Israel policies during the brief liberalization in Czechoslovakia this year and said he was among those who "cover themselves with hypocritical calls to 'normalization' in order inconspicuously to regroup the forces of counter-revolution" in Czechoslovakia today.

Prof. Goldstuecker, deputy rector of Prague's ancient Charles University, has been variously reported hiding in Czechoslovakia or in a Western capital. Reports last week said he was in London. The Literary Gazette accused him of having tried to rehabilitate the literary heritage of Franz Kafka, whose works are banned in Russia, of associating with other Czech writers who are under attack for liberalism, and of having given interviews to Israeli and West German periodicals. The Soviet magazine also described as "a crafty maneuver" Dr. Goldstuecker's public reply last June to anonymous anti-Semitic letters he received from Czechoslovakian Stalinists. It charged his aim was "to discredit the Communist Party."

Dr. Goldstuecker, a Communist Party member since 1934 and Czechoslovak Minister to Israel in 1950, was arrested in 1951, tortured for months, and compelled to testify to involvement in "Titoist-Zionist-imperialist" plots at the treason trial of the former Communist Party general secretary Rudolph Slansky. He was later tried and condemned to death with Mr. Slansky's brother, Richard, but the sentences were commuted to life imprisonment after Stalin's death and both were released in 1958. Sources here that follow the Soviet press said the attack on Prof. Goldstuecker was one of the strongest polemics to appear in the Literary Gazette since its June 26 attack on Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Russian author of a novel on concentration camp life which is banned in the Soviet Union.

Argentine Bishop Urges Israel To Rebuild Commercial Exhibit Destroyed By Fire

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Msgr. Ernesto Segura, Bishop of the Buenos Aires suburb of Belgrano, today urged the Israel Government to rebuild its commercial exhibit destroyed by fire at the Buenos Aires fairgrounds a week ago. Msgr. Segura spoke to Israel's Ambassador, Moshe Alon, on behalf of the Association for the Argentine House in Israel, of which the Bishop is chairman. He stressed that the exhibit was important for relations between the two countries and said "we are absolutely sure that all national circles will unit to overcome all difficulties in the way of this great endeavor of the spirit." Ambassador Alon replied that "this request is very encouraging for us" and expressed the hope that the Israel Government and people would consider it.

The \$2 million Israeli pavilion, which was to have opened on Oct. 8, contained displays of Israeli industrial and agricultural equipment and a wide range of other Israeli merchandise and cultural items. Initial reports attributed the fire to two incendiary bombs and indicated that sabotage was responsible. But Argentina's Interior Minister Dr. Guillermo Borda said last week that the evidence was insufficient to rule that the fire was a criminal act. The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, last week insisted that evidence pointed to sabotage.

Anti-Semitism Formed Basis Of Some Opposition To Fortas; Will Goldberg Be Renamed?

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Anti-Semitism was the basis of organized letter-writing campaigns against the now withdrawn nomination of Abe Fortas for United States Chief Justice, but bigots were unable to convert the issue into an asset, observers reported today. Speculation is rife about who — if anyone — Mr. Johnson may nominate in the wake of his acceptance of Mr. Fortas' request that the latter's candidacy to succeed Earl Warren on the High Court be withdrawn.

Mr. Fortas will stay on as Associate Justice, at least until the end of the term which begins next Monday. Mr. Fortas asked that his name be withdrawn to end the "destructive and extreme assaults on the Court." He submitted his letter to Mr. Johnson following Tuesday's Senate vote in which supporters of his nomination failed by a wide margin to curtail a filibuster by his critics.

A name prominently circulated for the Chief Justiceship is former Associate Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, now president of the American Jewish Committee and in private law practice with a New York firm. President Johnson persuaded Mr. Goldberg to leave the court in 1965 to become United Nations Ambassador. When Mr. Goldberg resigned the post in April there were unconfirmed reports that he and Mr. Johnson had split over Vietnam policy. It is believed that a coolness has existed between them ever since. Earlier this week Sen. J. William Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, suggested that Mr. Johnson withdraw the Fortas nomination and appoint Mr. Goldberg, saying the latter was entitled to reappointment because he was persuaded to leave the court. (The New York Times reported today that "Senate confirmation of Mr. Goldberg could lay to rest persistent reports — staunchly denied by anti-Fortas forces — that the issue had become caught up in anti-Semitism.")

Gallup Reports 'Surprisingly High Proportion' Of Jews Have Shifted To Nixon

PRINCETON, Oct. 3 (JTA)-- A "surprisingly high proportion" of Jews have shifted to the support of Richard M. Nixon for the Presidency in a year that has shattered traditional voting patterns," Dr. George Gallup reported today on the basis of a recent poll. Dr. Gallup said that "those of Jewish faith included in the sample have broken with past precedents."

The poll, released by the impartial American Institute of Public Opinion, found that 31 percent of Jews now favor Mr. Nixon, 51 percent support Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey, four percent are for George Wallace, while 14 percent remain undecided. This contrasted with the disproportionately heavy Jewish support for the Democratic Presidential candidates in 1960 and 1964. Less than 10 percent of Jews favored Mr. Nixon over President Kennedy and even fewer were believed to have voted for Sen. Barry Goldwater. The Gallup Poll suggested that Mr. Humphrey lacks solid support from groups Democratic Presidential candidates counted upon in the past. In addition to gaining heavily among Jews, Mr. Nixon has obtained a heavy shift in support by Roman Catholics, who have favored Democrats since the Roosevelt days.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson Feted By American Zionist Council

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Dr. Emanuel Neumann, newly-elected chairman of the Jewish Agency--American Section, and Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, newly-elected member of the Section's Executive, were guests of the American Zionist Council at a reception given today in their honor by the American Zionist movement. Rabbi Israel Miller, Council president, paid tribute to them on assumption of their new responsibilities.

Dr. Neumann said there are three priorities facing the American Zionist movement — aliyah (immigration to Israel), youth programs and educational and cultural activities. He noted that aliyah has been stepped up this year and is "almost twice as large as in the corresponding period last year." Mr. Jacobson, voicing concern over the "mounting Arab propaganda offensive and disturbing USSR attitude toward Israel," said Israel is faced "in the discernible future with the necessity of spending a staggering proportion of its national income on defense." Rabbi Miller said the creation of a strong unified American Zionist federation to replace the American Zionist Council is essential to express fully American Jewry's support for Israel. Both guests agreed that there should be a strong federation to face the political problems that beset Israel.

Dr. Goldstein Delivers Prayer In Congress; McCormack Recalls Pre-State Efforts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (JTA)--Dr. Israel Goldstein, rabbi emeritus of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in New York and now a Jerusalem resident, today delivered a prayer opening a session of the House of Representatives. Dr. Goldstein, world chairman of the Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal, prayed for peace and "wise guidance to ... nations beset with problems at home and abroad." Speaker of the House John W. McCormack recalled in the House his own efforts together with Rabbi Goldstein and the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to try to win Congressional support for a "program to establish a free and independent Jewish commonwealth in Palestine."

NCRAC Urges U.S. Government Airlift, International Relief For Biafrans Through UN

NEW YORK, Oct. 3 (JTA)--The National Community Relations Advisory Council yesterday urged a United States Government airlift of relief supplies to Biafra and called upon Washington to seek international relief action through the United Nations. Recalling the Jewish "agony and horror of genocidal assault," the NCRAC pledged to "double and redouble" the voluntary efforts of its constituent members — nine national organizations and 81 Jewish community councils in principal U.S. cities.