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See Foreign Minister Eban, UN Envoy Jarring Getting Together Next Month On Cyprus

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Contacts between Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, United Nations special peace envoy to the Middle East, will resume at the beginning of December. They probably will get together on Cyprus where Dr. Jarring established his headquarters a year ago, reliable sources said today. (According to a report from Washington today, Dr. Jarring was due to leave the United States this week and was said to be transferring his mediation efforts back to Nicosia, Cyprus. The report said that he was to confer today with Secretary of State Dean Rusk. He may set up his headquarters in Geneva, UN sources said.)

It was learned meanwhile that Israel has made it clear to Dr. Jarring that his mission might be ended prematurely if he raises any substantive proposals of his own in which either side in the Middle East dispute sees itself wronged and consequently loses trust in his good offices. It is believed here that Dr. Jarring is himself aware of this pitfall and will continue as before as a mediator, hearing the views of each party and conveying them to the other side. If he does act on his own initiative, observers said, it will be only on procedural matters which might include urging each party to clarify its views in replying to the other side. It is not known here how long the next stage of Dr. Jarring's mission will last. His mandate expires Nov. 30 and is expected to be renewed. It is generally believed that it will not be a matter of days or weeks since neither side has shown any inclination to break off contacts with Dr. Jarring.

Diplomatic sources indicated today that no new developments can be expected in American-Israeli relations before next February or March. They noted that there was little point in raising new matters with the present Administration which has only eight weeks remaining in office or with President-elect Nixon and his staff who have not yet assumed responsibility for American policies. The sources said that February or March were more likely to see new developments than January, when the new President is inaugurated, because the Middle East is not expected to be first priority on the next Administration's agenda.

The Vietnam war and domestic matters take precedence over it, the sources said. They believed that in late winter Prime Minister Levi Eshkol or another Cabinet minister would visit the U.S. to meet with the new President. Mr. Eshkol was supposed to go to the United States next months but postponed his visit for reasons of health and has not announced a new date. One subject of major importance now outstanding between the U.S. and Israel is the purchase of 50 F-4 Phantom jet supersonic fighter-bombers which is presently being negotiated in Washington. Sources here said the negotiations are in the last technical stages.

Circles close to the Prime Minister's office today welcomed statements concerning Israel which President-elect Nixon made in an interview published yesterday in the London Observer. They noted that Mr. Nixon repeated his stress on the need to keep Israel's deterrent strength intact, a position he took during his pre-election campaign. They attached significance to the fact that he repeated this position now that his status has changed and he is shortly to assume responsibility for American policy. Mr. Nixon has not yet replied to Prime Minister Eshkol's cable congratulating him on his election victory on Nov. 5. He has replied to congratulatory messages from President Nasser of Egypt and other heads of government.

(In Cairo, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram said that the mission of Dr. Jarring seemed to be dead. It announced that Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad would visit Syria and Algeria to seek support for a new Arab summit meeting, a move supported by Jordan.)

Sen. Goodell Will Press Nixon For Immediate Phantom Delivery

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Sen. Charles B. Goodell, a Republican, and two Democratic members of Congress, said yesterday they would urge the incoming Nixon Administration to deliver immediately Phantom jets to Israel. They maintained that the F-4s are necessary to preserve what they termed a necessary Middle East arms imbalance in Israel's favor. Addressing the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Sen. Goodell said, "It is our obligation to see that a treaty is signed between Israel and the United States guaranteeing Israel's political and territorial security." Similar views were expressed by Reps. Jonathan Bingham, William F. Ryan and Rep.-elect Mario Biaggi.

Sen. Goodell told Washington television viewers that American troops should be used if necessary to save Israel from conquest. He opposed any U.S. intervention in the event the Soviet Union invades any Eastern European Communist state. But, he said, if Israel "is attacked and is in jeopardy, we should support it...If it required American troops, I would be for it."

Cabinet Declines To Rule On 'Nationality' Issue, Leaves It To Supreme Court

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The Cabinet decided after a brief discussion yesterday not to act on a suggestion by Israel's Supreme Court that it sponsor legislation to delete references to "nationality" from the national population registry and personal identification papers. The apparent consensus was that because of other pressing problems the time was not ripe to become involved in an issue as basic and as controversial as the definition of who is a Jew. Religious Orthodox in Israel claims that

Jewish nationality and religion are inseparable. Israeli law complies with that view by permitting registration of one's nationality as Jewish although the registrant may be an Israeli citizen. Before the Cabinet met Minister of Social Welfare, Joseph Burg, who belongs to the Orthodox National Religious Party, said it should walk out of the coalition Government if the Cabinet went along with the Supreme Court's proposal. Two Cabinet members, Moshe Kol of the Independent Liberal Party who is Minister of Tourism and Development and Minister of Housing Mordecai Bentov of Mapam, abstained from voting.

As a result of the Cabinet's withdrawal from the issue, the court will have to rule in the case of Lt. Commander Benjamin Shalit of the Israel Navy who is suing to have his Israel-born children registered as Jewish by nationality. The Ministry of Interior, headed by Moshe Shapiro of the National Religious Party, refused to take such action on grounds that their mother is not Jewish even though she professes no other religion. The court has sought to avoid the necessity of ruling in the controversial case. Justice Shimon Agranat, Supreme Court president, proposed legislation deleting "nationality" from the national registry, said that it would bring Israel in line with most Western nations where nationality and citizenship are equated. Israel's practice is similar to that of Soviet Russia and other Eastern European countries which base nationality on ethnic origin regardless of citizenship.

Israel Cabinet Orders Tighter Controls To Prevent Arab Terrorist Acts

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The Cabinet decided yesterday on further measures to combat terrorism in the wake of Friday's explosion which killed 12 persons and injured 55 in a Jewish marketplace in Jerusalem. No details of the decision were made public but Israeli newspapers reported that the measures include more thorough checks on cars traveling between the West Bank and Israel and a more selective basis for issuing work permits to Arabs from occupied territories who seek jobs in Israel. Security patrols by police and civil defense wardens in West Jerusalem have been reinforced.

Meanwhile the last of the 12 dead was identified as a 14-year-old Arab boy from East Jerusalem. Seventeen of the injured were still hospitalized and five were reported in serious condition. Police gave no progress report of their investigation. They are still trying to trace the ownership of the Morris Oxford car in which the explosives were concealed.

Some 30 Arabs were remanded in custody for 10 days by a Jerusalem magistrate on suspicion of involvement in the blast. Observers say the Israel Government is faced with a dilemma since its policy has been to encourage normal relations between Arabs and Jews while the disruption of relations is an objective of Arab terrorists. The Israeli daily Maariv said in an editorial, "It is very difficult to take measures to prevent a recurrence of such crimes without rebuilding the walls of hatred between the (Jewish and Arab) communities." Most Israeli newspapers urged the Government to intensify security precautions without changing its policy of fostering integration.

The Beirut newspaper Al Moharrer claimed in a story that the explosives consisted of TNT and gasoline which was put into a British-made truck with Israeli license plates and driven into Jerusalem by a commando who pretended to be on a routine beer delivery.

Eight Arab Agitators Are Expelled From East Jerusalem And West Bank Areas

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Eight Arabs, five from Nablus and three from East Jerusalem, were expelled from Israel today for allegedly writing and distributing leaflets denouncing the Israeli occupation and inciting students to demonstrations and strikes. The eight -- two women among them -- were mostly school teachers or principals. They were roused from their homes early this morning and were driven to the Allenby Bridge where they crossed into Jordan without incident. Two Nablus high school students were detained by police following slight disturbances when news of the deportations reached the West Bank town. The deportees were all reportedly members of Communist and other left-wing parties which follow the Soviet-Arab line against Israel.

West Bank Arab leaders reported today that Mayor Hamdi Kanaan of Nablus was in Amman to try persuading Jordanian authorities to withhold support from Arab guerrilla bands. He reportedly intends to go to Cairo to make the same request of Egyptian authorities. Mayor Kanaan was said to believe that Palestinian Arabs are suffering because they are caught between terrorist incursions and Israeli retaliation.

West Bank leaders blame broadcasts from Arab radio stations, including ones from Amman, for inciting students to demonstrate against Israel. As a result of the protests, they say, curfews are imposed and the livelihood of West Bank Arabs is threatened. A curfew was clamped on part of Nablus yesterday as a result of new demonstrations. A curfew had been lifted only a few days before when town elders promised to restrain demonstrators.

Israeli Farmer Is Killed By Land Mine Near Gesher; Gaza Village Curfewed

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25 (JTA)--An Israeli farmer died Sunday of injuries suffered when his tractor struck a mine in a field near Gesher, about 150 yards from the Jordan River demarcation line. He had been plowing. The explosive was identified as a Mark IV anti-vehicle mine.

A curfew was imposed yesterday on the Gaza Strip village of Beth Lahiya after the second incident of sabotage in two days. A water station at Yad Mordecai was damaged by an explosion Saturday night. Last night high explosives were detonated on a road passing through the village. A search was under way for the saboteurs.

Synagogue For Soldiers Is Dedicated On Mt. Hermon In Occupied Territory

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The peak of Mount Hermon, 9,000 feet above sea-level in occupied territory, is the site of a new synagogue that was dedicated today by Gen. Shlomo Goren, chief chaplain of Israel's armed forces. The synagogue will serve Israeli soldiers stationed on the mountain-top which is swathed in snow most of the year. The soldiers have been provided with special Arctic uniforms to endure the peak's bitter weather.

Sixty Students Are Attending Courses At New American College In Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The American College in Jerusalem, Israel's newest institution of higher learning, opened here with an initial student body of 60, mainly from the United States. The college, which offers four-year liberal arts courses leading to B.A. and B.S. degrees, is chartered in the District of Columbia and follows the American college system of instruction. Courses are taught in English. It is non-sectarian and is intended for foreign residents of Israel. Among its students are children of the Burmese and Philippine ambassadors to Israel. Dr. Norman Greenwald, formerly on the political science faculty of the College of the City of New York and Brandeis University, is president and founder of the American College.

Rusk Says Israel Should Permit Arab Refugees To Return To Their Former Homes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Secretary of State Dean Rusk said today that Israel should permit Arab refugees to return to their former homes. Such action by Israel, he said, would constitute a "most direct and efficient means of bringing relief to displaced persons," Mr. Rusk said.

He expressed this opinion in a telegram to the Near East Donations Committee here. It was in reply to a message from that committee urging the Administration to assist Arab refugees, who, it said, were made homeless by Israel and who are facing the rigors of the coming winter.

Belco Petroleum Corp. Seeks To Acquire Sonneborn Oil Interests In Israel

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Belco Petroleum Corp., a New York firm which last week announced an agreement for exploratory oil drilling off Israel's shoreline, disclosed today it was negotiating an agreement to acquire assets of a firm which imports crude oil into Israel.

Belco is seeking to acquire the assets of Sonneborn Associates Petroleum Corp., of New York, the importer, for about 215,000 Belco common shares. Belco's common shares closed on the stock market last Friday at \$49.25, and the transaction would therefore involve \$10.6 million.

Belco announced last week an agreement with the Storm Drilling Co. to begin offshore drilling in the Mediterranean, of the Israel coast. Belco holds 60 percent interest in 801,000 acres of leases offshore; the Israel Government holds the balance.

Acquisition of Sonneborn, Belco said, would complement its exploratory program in Israel and furnish outlets for its growing oil production either directly or through oil exchange agreements with other companies. It said Sonneborn operations "have been consistently profitable over its 12-year life."

Egypt Drops Requirement For Tourist Visas, Will Not Ask Religion Of Visitors

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--In an attempt to revive the tourist trade from the United States, shattered by the June, 1967 war, Egypt announced this week that it will no longer require visas from American tourists. It will no longer ask visitors their religion and will no longer bar tourists whose passports contain an Israeli visa indicating that they had previously visited Israel.

The policy changes were announced by Dr. Hafez Ghanem, Egypt's Minister of Tourism. He said his country was cooperating in tourism with Jordan and Lebanon but he could not speak for Syria — once Egypt's partner in United Arab Republic — which is now not welcoming American tourists. Travel industry officials observed that the most dramatic change was the announcement that Egyptian border officials would disregard Israeli visas in passports, hitherto sufficient to turn visitors away. Israeli immigration officials had been stamping visas, issued upon entry to the country, on separate pieces of paper in order to help travellers. But after the 1967 war they resumed stamping the visas into passports. Dr. Ghanem said also that Egyptian customs officials would neither open nor inspect the baggage of American tourists.

Organize Aliyah Movement In Britain On Basis Of 10-Man Settlement Units

LONDON, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The organization of the British Aliyah Movement and its governing principles were established here today at the closing session of a conference devoted to aliyah — immigration to Israel — from Britain. The movement was established in compliance with resolutions adopted at the 27th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem last June.

The British Aliyah Movement — the official title it adopted — will consist of groups of 10 persons over the age of 18 who pledge to settle in Israel within three years. The pledge is renewable each year and if not carried out after three years will result in the pledgee being removed from membership lists of the movement. The latter will have no formal constitution for the time being. A conference will be called in three or four months to elect officers. Each 10-member group will send one delegate.

Bishops' Secretariat Urges Catholics To Take Initiative In Promoting Amity

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--The Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, an organization formed by Roman Catholic Bishops in America last year, has urged Catholics to take the initiative in promoting Catholic-Jewish understanding. In a statement issued on the third anniversary of the Vatican Council's Declaration on the Jews, the Secretariat noted that "while Catholic-Jewish relations were never better in our history...many Christians and Jews are seriously indifferent about their mutual relations" and "the initiative in promoting Catholic-Jewish encounters in general still derives largely from the Jewish community."

The statement, adopted at a plenary meeting of the Secretariat, also addressed itself to the Middle East crisis, estrangement between black and white races in the United States, and correct interpretation by Catholics of Holy Scriptures so they would not be sources of anti-Semitism. The meeting was attended by members of the executive committee and board of consultants of the Secretariat. Presiding was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher, director of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. Also present was Rev. Edward H. Flannery, executive secretary.

The statement noted that "the pace of Catholic-Jewish dialogue was slowed down in the aftermath of the outbreak of the Arab-Israeli war of June, 1967." At that time many Jewish leaders voiced dismay that most Christian leaders and theologians had remained silent when Israel's survival seemed at stake. The Secretariat asserted, "The fundamental issue is that of Israel's right to exist and develop in peace. If this basic issue is settled, the solution of all other important issues, including that of refugees, will be greatly facilitated. We plead with the Arab governments to enter sincerely into negotiations...We plead with the Israel Government to maintain a conciliatory spirit in seeking negotiations and settlements with the Arabs."

The Secretariat expressed alarm at "the ever widening estrangement between black and white people in the U.S." and said, "We are increasingly apprehensive that this alienation has recently emerged in the form of antagonism against Jews. We are fully aware of the leadership and the devotion Jews have given to the civil rights movement, and we are painfully aware of the injustices inflicted through white racism upon black people. Unless all Americans acknowledge the rights and dignity of every group and individual, black or white, Christian or Jew, the rights and dignity of no one are safe." Concerning Scriptural interpretations, the statement observed, "Many current liturgical readings can be, for theologically uninstructed ears, the source of serious misunderstanding of the Jews. We earnestly entreat Scripture scholars to address themselves to this problem of ancient language usage which has provocative overtones in our times. We urge our clergy, now that we have alternative Scriptural readings, to select readings with an awareness of Jewish sensibilities." The statement also urged Catholic scholars to "place high on their agenda a complete review of the teachings of the Church with respect to Jews and Judaism. We must resolve that the grave and multiple troubles in the Church and the world do not distract our attention from the high priority that should be given to Catholic-Jewish relations," the Secretariat said. "One hopes that such Catholic initiative will be accepted by all segments of the Jewish community as motivated exclusively by fraternal dispositions. Suspensions of insincerity and proselytism stultify fruitful conversations. Cooperation demands reciprocity and promotes mutual respect."

Temple Emanu-El, Union Of American Hebrew Congregations, Reconcile Differences

NEW YORK, Nov. 25 (JTA)--A split between Temple Emanu-El of New York and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) which has existed since May, 1967 was healed today. The temple, regarded as the largest Reform Jewish congregation in the world, and the UAHC, congregational body of Reform Judaism in the West, announced reconciliation of their differences.

When Emanu-El broke away last year, its then president Alfred R. Bachrach said its action was prompted by a succession of public statements on political and social issues by Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, UAHC president, including criticism of United States policies in Vietnam. He charged at the time that the rabbi had assumed the role of spokesman for the entire Reform movement of 652 congregations, saying such a "position is unauthorized and impossible." Emanu-El is one of the largest single supporters of the Union's work. It had also quit the UAHC from July 21, 1964 to July 1, 1965 in a dispute over the method of electing the UAHC's board members.

In a statement today, Earl Morse, chairman of the Union's board of trustees, and Alvin E. Coleman, the congregation's president, said "neither organization regarded the separation as a permanent one and hoped it would not be of a long duration." Mr. Coleman was one of 22 members newly elected to the Union's board of trustees.

Asked by JTA what the position of Emanu-El would be today if Rabbi Eisendrath continued to speak out in the way which it had found objectionable in the past, Mr. Coleman declined to comment except to say the joint announcement "is all we can say." He indicated that the temple had asked the Union to increase the size of the board to 180 and that that step had been taken. Emanu-El, he said, has about four members on the board.

Funeral Services Held For Prof. Ben Zion Katz, Tel Aviv U. Rector, Dead At 61

TEL AVIV, Nov. 25 (JTA)--Funeral services were held yesterday for Prof. Ben Zion Katz, rector of Tel Aviv University since 1964, who died over the weekend at the age of 61. They were attended by Mayor Mordecai Namir of Tel Aviv, Dr. George Wise, president of Tel Aviv University, and others prominent in arts and letters who paid tribute to the late educator. Prof. Katz was born in Galicia, Poland and taught at the University of Cracow until World War II. He was an active Zionist and settled in Palestine in 1944. He served as an educational advisor to the Jewish Agency and joined Tel Aviv University when it was founded.