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Rusk Sees Nixon Support For Jarring; Scranton Leaves Monday For Middle East Tour

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Secretary of State Dean Rusk said today he had conferred with President-elect Richard M. Nixon's just-named Middle East fact-finding envoy and has no doubt that the new Administration wants the State Department to support the peace-seeking mission of United Nations envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring. Mr. Rusk said on a television interview program that he and former Pennsylvania Gov. William W. Scranton met as the latter prepared his tour of six Middle East states, slated to begin Monday. The Secretary of State indicated that the Nixon Administration will seek Israeli and Arab cooperation in support of the Jarring mission.

Commenting on United States-Soviet efforts to achieve a limitation on Middle East arms shipments, Mr. Rusk said Washington had pressed for this goal for over a year but that it appeared a pre-requisite to such a limitation was a general settlement of outstanding political issues. Afterward, he said, the Russians may be willing to talk. He expressed confidence that political compromise on both sides could lead to a solution of the Middle East deadlock.

Mr. Scranton, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for Secretary of State, is scheduled tentatively to spend nine days abroad conferring with heads of state and governmental leaders. Mr. Nixon has asked President Nasser of Egypt and other leaders to give his envoy "a full and frank exposition of your views on the situation in your country and the Middle East and world in general." Mr. Scranton will confer in Israel with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and possibly senior Foreign Ministry officials.

Mr. Scranton will not carry any Nixon messages to Middle East officials. Mr. Nixon believes that the Middle East is a region where Soviet and American power converge and where another Arab-Israel war is a constant threat. Mr. Scranton's itinerary was listed as Teheran, Iran, Dec. 4; Beirut, Lebanon, Dec. 5; Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 6; Jidda and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Dec. 8; Amman, Jordan, Dec. 9; Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Dec. 10-11. He undertook a similar trip to Western Europe in October. He served as assistant to Secretary of State Christian Herter in the Eisenhower Administration.

(The Cairo newspaper, Al Ahram, which reflects the views of the Nasser regime, said that the Scranton visit was agreed upon after Mr. Nixon sent a message "begging" Mr. Nasser to receive Mr. Scranton as a personal emissary. A Cairo report said today that the conditions the Nasser regime required for re-establishing diplomatic relations with the U.S. involved "no more than an understanding of our position, and that you cease helping the Israeli aggressor and refrain from encouraging her to perpetuate further aggression." Foreign Minister Abdel Moneim Rifal of Jordan said in Beirut that he welcomed the Scranton visit. Mr. Nixon has sent a message to King Hussein of Jordan telling him that as President he will place the highest priority on Middle East peace and stability and seeks to improve U.S.-Jordanian relations.)

Middle East War Danger Cited In Brookings Study For Nixon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The Middle East is cited in an essay on defense contained in a 620-page book of 18 essays entitled "Agenda for the Nation" to be published Friday by the Brookings Institution here. Carl Kayser, director of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton University and a consultant to the Rand Corp., wrote that "only in the Middle East are the prospects of war so high and the degree of American commitment clearly so great as to raise the prospect of United States military intervention if all else failed and the Arab countries were really about to overrun Israel." The essays by 18 experts analyze substantive problems facing President-elect Richard M. Nixon and the new Congress. He and his aides are reportedly studying it closely.

Moroccan Paper Reports Russia Delivering MIG-23s To Egypt

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The Moroccan Istiqlal Party's newspaper Opinion yesterday reported that the Soviet Union has begun delivering to Egypt 200 MIG-23 jet fighters capable of carrying nuclear weapons. A Rabat radio broadcast said the MIGs are more maneuverable than the 50 F-4 Phantom jets that the U.S. is selling to Israel. Opinion quoted sources it said were close to the Cairo Government as saying the MIGs are "only a security measure and a deterrent to Israeli use of atomic weapons in an eventual attack." Israeli sources said Sunday that negotiations in Washington for the sale of the Phantoms are nearly complete.

Eban Will Confer With Jarring On Cyprus, Schedules Meeting With President Makarios

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban will go to Cyprus tomorrow to resume contacts with United Nations emissary Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring. He will also meet President Makarios and Foreign Minister Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus in what is believed to be a move to improve relations between Israel and that island nation. The announcement that Mr. Eban will meet the Cypriot leaders came as a surprise. President Makarios denounced Israel as an aggressor right after the June, 1967 War and Cyprus has followed a consistently anti-Israel stand at the UN since then. In recent months

the Cypriot position on Israel has softened and Nicosia has made some tentative approaches to Israel for improved relations. The island's tourist trade slumped seriously after Israelis stopped visiting what had been a favorite vacation resort. Israel maintains an embassy in Nicosia but no Cypriot Ambassador has been sent to Israel, and this question is believed to be a point that Mr. Eban will raise with Cypriot leaders.

In his talks with Dr. Jarring, Mr. Eban is expected to renew his request that a direct conference be arranged between Israeli and Arab representatives. He will also repeat his request for an Egyptian reply to questions that Israel submitted to Cairo through Dr. Jarring at the UN. One asks Egypt if it agrees that a "just and lasting peace" should be concluded with Israel and what its definition is of such peace. Dr. Jarring will fly to Cairo and other Arab capitals later this week.

A Weekend Of Violence — Arab Marauder, Gaza Residents Killed, Houses Blown Up

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1 (JTA)--An Arab marauder was killed in a clash in the Golan Heights yesterday and an Israeli soldier was injured slightly today when his car struck a mine in the Jericho region near the Jordan River. A tool shed was blown up near the village of Zarit on the Lebanon border yesterday. The Heights encounter took place near the village of Kissfin where an Israeli patrol surprised a marauder in a Syrian Army uniform.

Three Gaza residents, one a boy, were killed by an Israeli Army patrol in Gaza today after the patrol was attacked with a hand grenade. Israeli soldiers ordered all persons to halt to be searched. Some ran and the patrol fired in the direction from which the grenade came. A search of the area yielded explosives.

Three West Bank houses belonging to members of a 17-man terrorist gang captured last week were demolished Friday by Army sappers. They were located in Hebron and a nearby village. The gang members admitted detonating charges near the Machpela cave — Patriarchs' Tomb — in Hebron and other acts of sabotage, officials said.

Two El Fatah terrorists, one an Israeli Arab, received prison terms Friday in separate military court trials. Haled Habiballah, 17, was sentenced to four years, and Mahmoud Ben Muhammed El Heyk was given a 30-year term. The Israeli, resident of an Arab village near Nazareth, was caught at the Karameh base in Jordan during the Israeli blow at the base last spring. He confessed taking part in several sabotage attempts in Israel, all unsuccessful. The Jordanian was sentenced for sabotage of a pumping station near the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway.

Thirty young American volunteers, some non-Jewish, unanimously voted today to stay in the Golan Heights despite the loss of a right leg by Roberta Elizabeth Sherry Nov. 27 when she stepped on a mine while working on a banana plantation near Shaar Hagolan. One of their number, she is not Jewish. The group was given the choice of continuing their work at another kibbutz.

Only 11 West Bank Arabs Use Re-Entry Permits During New Week Of Repatriation

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--A total of 11 former West Bank residents returned to their homes during the first week following Israel's announcement that re-entry permits issued last year would be extended to Jan. 31, 1969. Six crossed the Allenby Bridge Friday. A total of 6,989 re-entry permits of 20,000 issued, remain unused. Israel announced that they would be transferred to other Six-Day War refugees applying for repatriation when the deadline expires.

Discount Hussein Interview As 'Peace' Talk Bereft Of Meaningful Action

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--An interview in which King Hussein of Jordan disavowed Jordanian responsibility for the Nov. 22 explosion in the Machane Yehudah vegetable market in Jerusalem and spoke of the need to embark on a "new phase" of peace in the Middle East was discounted in political circles today as another example of talk not backed up by action. The King was interviewed in Amman by Solomon Steckoll, resident correspondent in Israel for the Toronto Star. The taped interview was broadcast over Kol Israel radio yesterday and was featured prominently in Israeli newspapers.

King Hussein said the time had come to pursue peace but claimed that Israel "has not made its own contribution to peace." He said Jordan could not forego its rights in Jerusalem nor was his Government willing to hold face-to-face talks with Israelis. He did not rule out the possibility that the Security Council's Middle East resolution of Nov. 22, 1967 could be "implemented" through the good offices of Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, United Nations' peace emissary. Observers here noted that Hussein had used the same words a few months ago published in the New York Times Sunday Magazine. Jordan never followed through with action designed to achieve peace and has concluded an agreement with Arab guerrilla organizations giving them a free hand for sabotage incursions into Israel, they said.

Rights League Will Ask Thant To Intervene For Suffering Jews In Arab Countries

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Charges that the governments of Egypt, Syria and Iraq are violating rights of Jews living in those countries will be presented to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant tomorrow on behalf of the International League for the Rights of Man. The charges are contained in a memorandum to be submitted by Roger N. Baldwin, honorary chairman, who contends that the

three Arab states are acting contrary to "the spirit as well as the letter of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," Mr. Baldwin will ask Mr. Thant to treat the memorandum as "a communication on human rights" under provisions of the UN Economic and Social Council and urge him to intervene with the governments to alleviate sufferings of the Jewish minorities. The charges are based on reports that Mr. Baldwin terms "reliable." They say that in Egypt, between 225 and 250 Jewish men have been imprisoned since the June, 1967 Arab-Israel war without permission to contact relatives or counsel and have been subjected to abuses that include torture. Most of the 1,000-2,000 Jews remaining in Egypt have been deprived of their jobs and their assets have been confiscated, and since last September the policy of permitting Jews with necessary funds to leave the country has apparently been stopped, the memorandum says.

In Syria, "repressive measures continue against the 4,000 remaining Jews. They are forbidden to move outside 1.5 miles of their homes without special permission, they may not sell or dispose of property and they may not emigrate," Mr. Baldwin says. In Iraq, according to the memorandum, Jewish homes are under surveillance by security police, Jews are forbidden to dispose of property without permission, licenses issued to them have been cancelled and they are restricted in collecting debts owed them. In addition, the memorandum charges, all companies have been ordered to discharge their Jewish employees. About 25 of 100 Jews arrested immediately after the June, 1967 war remain in prison despite a general amnesty for political prisoners and despite the fact that no charges have been brought against them. "They are not permitted to have visitors or counsel or to receive food and clothing. Some were beaten and tortured," the memorandum says.

Great Synagogue Of Odessa Burns To Ground, Jews Left Without House Of Worship

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The Great Synagogue in Odessa, Russia, was burned to the ground on Nov. 26. The Soviet Government's Novosti news agency attributes the fire to a "short circuit in electrical wiring in Matzoh baking" facilities. First word of the destruction of the last functioning synagogue in the Black Sea port was obtained here when Soviet Embassy officials disclosed receipt of a cable asserting that a "preliminary investigation" revealed that the conflagration was accidental. Odessa has one of Russia's largest Jewish communities. The Novosti report said that "the Jewish religious community is taking measures for restoring the building of the synagogue and ensuring normal conditions for performance of religious rites by believers."

Rabbinical Council President Calls For Federal Commission To Probe Synagogue Fires

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--An Orthodox Jewish leader called on United States Attorney General Ramsey Clark today to appoint a special Federal commission "to investigate and expose" forces behind recent synagogue fires and desecrations in New York and other cities. Rabbi Zev Segal, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, also urged Mr. Clark, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and other governors and municipal authorities to halt the attacks by finding and punishing the culprits.

In a statement, Rabbi Segal of Newark, N.J. noted that in New York City alone in recent weeks, 11 synagogues "have been put to fire with a large number of Torahs burned and deliberately desecrated. Reports from New Jersey and other parts of the country describe similar events," he said. "We cannot view these events with equanimity or as isolated acts of vandalism...The occurrences of the last few weeks should be of concern not only to the Jewish community but to members of all faiths and should impress upon them that such attacks on Jewry are a signal for war on all religions."

Rabbi Segal called on Orthodox congregations to observe a day of fasting and prayer on Tuesday, Dec. 31, to mourn the recent desecrations and burnings of synagogues and Torahs. The date is the 10th day of the Hebrew calendar month of Tevet which Orthodox Jews traditionally observe as a day of fasting and prayer.

A special committee established by Mayor Lindsay to probe racial and religious prejudice manifested during the recent teachers' strike is broadening the scope of its inquiry to include the recent rash of synagogue burnings and desecrations. Justice Bernard Botwin, chairman, said it would try to determine whether the burnings were part of the same picture that included distribution of anti-Semitic literature during the strike. Nineteen religious and civic organizations are cooperating with the committee, some by providing their own staffs.

Police meanwhile held two teenage boys suspected of setting the fire that gutted the Yeshiva of Eastern Parkway. One was identified as Frank R. Reigier, 16, who lives near the Yeshiva. The other, 14, was not identified publicly because of his age. The arrests brought to 12 the number of boys taken into custody in connection with fires or desecration of Jewish religious schools and synagogues in Brooklyn and The Bronx during the past three months. Mayor Lindsay said he did not think the attacks were caused by Negro resentment of Jews stemming from the teachers' strike. All 12 arrested were white and one was Jewish. Police said their questioning turned up no anti-Semitic motives. Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York said he was in touch with Attorney General Clark to urge FBI intervention in the wave of synagogue arson. He said if Mr. Clark found existing law inapplicable, he would introduce new legislation mandating Federation intervention when a house of worship was threatened.

National Committee For Labor Israel Sets \$6 Million Histadrut Campaign Goal

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The 45th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel Sunday concluded with the adoption of a \$6,000,000 goal for the 1969 Israel Histadrut campaign on behalf of health, educational and social welfare programs in Israel. This sum will go toward an overall budget of the Histadrut assistance fund of \$16,340,000 with Histadrut, the Israel labor federation, contributing the balance. The convention adopted twin goals for the coming year — \$5 million in cash to be derived through the Histadrut Campaign, and \$5 million in deferred income through the American Histadrut Development Foundation. The Foundation, with assets of \$11 million, is expected to yield the \$1 million in cash required to finance the \$6,000,000 budget. Special emphasis was placed on the development of vocational high schools and on scholarship funds for needy students in Israel, with an overall total of \$2 million for that purpose, of which \$725,000 will be sought in the United States. The convention adopted a resolution assailing Russia for its continued supply of modern, sophisticated weapons to the Arab states and called on President-elect Richard M. Nixon to "follow through" on the sale of American Phantom jets to Israel now being negotiated.

Dr. Leon H. Keyserling, newly-elected Committee president — internationally known economist and a former economic advisor to President Eisenhower — said his interest in Israel stemmed mainly from what the nation does for "the betterment of its people." Israel, he said, "with less than half of the United States' per capita income and with a defense program twice, if not three times as high as ours, gives higher priority to the human needs of the people, cutting out the gloss and tinsel. Israel sets an example for the world to follow in its concern for the welfare of the individual, in health and in other social needs," Dr. Keyserling said. "Israel has a great diversity of people of different races, language and culture flowing into its borders in so short a time that it would be comparable to 66 million people immigrating into the U.S., yet it goes ahead using public schools to create a homogenous nation. Israelis have a marvelous record of agriculture, but they do not juxtapose agricultural abundance to malnutrition as...we have in this country where many are starving in the midst of plenty."

Orthodox Union Plans To Spend \$500,000 Strengthening Latin American Jewish Life

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, fearing a breakdown in Jewish religious life in Central and South America, plans to spend over \$500,000 in the next two years to strengthen it. Rabbi Joseph Karasick, re-elected president of the organization, told 2,000 delegates at its 70th anniversary biennial national convention here that it is creating a Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of Central and South America. The new body will represent congregations in Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Guatemala, Panama and Costa Rica. It will be organized by the UOJCA and staffed, after United States training, by Latin Americans.

Rabbi Karasick said the Union decided to undertake the project after a recent survey indicated a critical shortage of religious leaders in Latin America and an almost total absence of seminaries and teacher-training schools. He said the survey indicated that many Latin American Jewish communities had been deprived of essential religious guidance for more than 20 years as a "tragic consequence" of the European holocaust, since Europe had always been a source of Jewish religious leadership for Latin America. "Some Jewish communities of 25,000 Jews have no rabbis, teachers or youth leaders," Rabbi Karasick declared, adding that many youth were being lost through assimilation.

Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France, in an address, complained of "increasing secularism" that he said was "weakening religious ties" in the French Jewish community which has more than doubled in the last five years through immigration from North Africa. He said that emigrants from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia had increased France's Jewish population from 200,000 to nearly 500,000, and appealed to the American Jewish community for needed rabbis, youth leaders, teachers and religious functionaries. He stressed the need for youth organizers to serve at French universities where "Judaism is weak and secularist forces are strong." Harold M. Jacobs of Lawrence, N.Y., board of directors chairman, pledged that a group of specialists would be sent as a first step to determine "the more precise dimensions of the problem" and to analyze French Jewry's needs. He said that young French rabbis would be brought to the U.S. for post-graduate studies and field work in Orthodox congregations. He also called for "unity rather than fragmentation" in the U.S. Orthodox community to counter plans by non-Orthodox Jews to coordinate and intensify their programs in Israel.

In an address, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, World Jewish Congress president, warned that dangerous new forms of anti-Semitism were arising from the "New Left." He noted that in place of the "classic anti-Semitism of old-line reactionary forces" extremists of the New Left have engaged in such forms of anti-Semitism as attacking Zionism and equating Israel with "colonial imperialism." He attributed this to the fact that Jews in non-Communist nations, no longer suffering the persecution of the past, have risen from "have not" to "have status" and are now linked with the status quo. Jewish communities have therefore become the targets of attacks by many forces "who want to destroy the existing status quo," Dr. Goldmann declared.

Third Earl Of Balfour Dead At 65, Was Ardent Supporter Of Zionism And Israel

LONDON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The death of the third Earl of Balfour, nephew of Prime Minister Arthur Balfour who announced the Balfour Declaration for a Jewish homeland in Palestine in 1917, and himself an ardent supporter of Zionism and Israel, was announced Friday. Lord Balfour, who died in Edinburgh after an illness, was 65. Robert Arthur Lytton Balfour was a member of the Anglo-Israel Association and a vice-president of Youth Aliyah for nearly 30 years. The title now goes to Gerald Arthur James Balfour, a merchant ship captain. In 1938 Lord Balfour made his Scottish lowlands estates available for 250 Jewish children saved from Germany. They remained until the end of World War II.