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Gromyko Comes To Cairo On Hurried Visit For Mideast Talks With Nasser

LONDON, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, making his first visit to Egypt since the 1967 Six-Day War, was scheduled to confer today with President Nasser in a visit which touched off speculation that a new Soviet initiative might be underway to ease the broiling Middle East situation and perhaps bring about a political settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict.

The rumors were lent some credence by the fact that the Soviet delegation included Gromyko's deputy, Vladimir Semyonov, who conferred three weeks ago in a secret meeting with Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York. The London Sunday Observer asserted that Semyonov put "peace proposals to Israel in a secret New York meeting about three weeks ago." The version given today by Al Ahram, the Cairo newspaper which reflects Nasser's views closely, was that all efforts for Middle East peace so far had failed and that the Soviets and the Egyptians were meeting to "see to it that Israel does not get away with it."

(The New York Times reported yesterday from Cairo that Israeli press reports indicated that Semyonov had promised the Soviet Union's backing for an overall settlement if Israel agreed to troop withdrawals from occupied Arab territory. The Times also reported that well-placed sources in Cairo had asserted that Nasser planned to discuss with the visiting Soviet diplomats a possible diplomatic initiative by the Soviet Union and other major powers. Other Cairo sources said, according to the Times, that the Gromyko visit stemmed from a meeting between Nasser and Sergei Vinogradov, the Soviet Ambassador to Egypt last Thursday. The dispatch said that the talk raised questions so important as to warrant Gromyko's hurried trip to Cairo.)

During the weekend, however, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed at the United Nations that there had been no follow-up to the Tekoah-Semyonov talk and that there had been no indication after the meeting that the Soviets had modified their position in any way or would be any more amenable to the Israeli viewpoint.

(Italian Foreign Minister Pietro Nenni expressed the belief in Rome today that the Russians were seeking to put brakes on Nasser and that they did not want him to use the arms with which he was recently re-equipped in a new adventure against Israel. Quoted in an interview with the leading daily, *Stampa*, Mr. Nenni said the Kremlin would continue this policy as long as the United States counselled Israel to follow a policy of moderation.)

See Yost Appointment As Forerunner Of Effort At Mideast Settlement From 'Outside'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 22 (JTA)--United Nations observers expressed the opinion today that the designation of Charles W. Yost as United States representative to the United Nations would lead to a greater American emphasis on a Middle East solution "from the outside" rather than the encouragement of the Arabs and Israelis to work out their differences and reach an agreement on their own.

Mr. Yost, in an article written before his appointment, appearing in the current issue of the Atlantic Monthly, called for an "outside initiative" operating through the UN to bring about a settlement of the Middle East deadlock on the basis of the Security Council resolution of Nov. 22, 1967. He declared that both the Arabs and the Israelis were so "tightly circumscribed by the political consequences of the myths so long drummed into their people" that they might not "be able to recapture the necessary freedom of movement" to work out a settlement. If that proved to be the case, he declared, "the necessary initiative can come only from the outside."

The veteran diplomat summarized the position and demands of both the Israelis and Arabs, and justified the Israeli insistence that the Arabs recognize their status and frontiers. If Israel were granted its three major demands -- recognition of its sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence by its Arab neighbors; secure and recognized boundaries with some international guarantee; and freedom of transit through the Suez Canal and the Strait of Tiran -- he said, "there is some reason to believe that Israel might be willing to withdraw from most of the territory it occupied during the June war."

He noted that the Israelis "might well require the demilitarization of the Sinai Peninsula and the West Bank of the Jordan. They might seek some form of international administration of the Gaza Strip and some international presence at the Strait of Tiran. They would probably want to negotiate some boundary adjustments with Jordan. They would doubtless hold on to the Golan Heights until Syria is willing to take part in a peaceful settlement."

On the question of Jerusalem, he said "it would not be beyond the ingenuity of statesmen to devise a formula which would give unrestricted access to the Holy Places of all three religions, a single administration for the entire city, self-determination as to nationality for all its citizens and open frontiers around the city." He said Israel would have to agree to an "irreducible minimum" --

repatriation of a small number of refugees, generous compensation for the remainder, to which both Israel and the world community would contribute, permanent resettlement in the Arab countries of those not repatriated in Israel, with international participation in the financing of such a settlement.

In announcing the surprise appointment of Mr. Yost, President-elect Richard M. Nixon called the Ambassador-designate an expert on the Middle East and possibly one of the leading authorities on that area. Mr. Yost was deputy chief of the U.S. delegation to the UN from 1961 to 1966, having served in Egypt and Poland before resigning to enter newspaper work. Later he served as ambassador to Syria.

UN General Assembly Adjourns; Israel Protests Resolution On Occupied Areas

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 22 (JTA)--The 23rd session of the United Nations General Assembly ended yesterday since the after Israel rejected outright a resolution approved by the Assembly on Friday empowering the Assembly president to name a three-state committee to investigate Israeli practices "affecting the human rights of the population" of the areas occupied by Israel.

The resolution received 60 affirmative votes but when the voting was completed five delegations sought to change their votes of support to abstention or opposition. The correct vote would have been 55 in favor of the anti-Israel resolution but the official record will show 60. Ambassador Josef Tekoah of Israel met with UN Secretary-General U Thant after the vote, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned, and complained about the hasty procedures under which resolutions were put through in the last minute rush before adjournment. It was noted that 10 resolutions sent to the Assembly from the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural (Third) Committee were submitted for voting in one-two-three order with the delegates on occasion not even being able to identify the resolutions correctly.

Mrs. Tamar Eshel of Israel told the Assembly that the resolution was "tainted" with discrimination and prejudiced the efforts of the Security Council to bring about lasting peace. She stressed that less than half of the UN members had supported the resolution and it could not be regarded as a general expression of UN opinion. The Assembly did not debate an item "The Situation in the Middle East," on its agenda, apparently by a consensus that the issue had best be left to the Security Council, which remains "seized" of the Middle East conflict, and to the peace-making efforts of Dr. Gunnar Jarring, the special UN Mideast peace-seeking emissary. Mr. Tekoah told the closing session that it had been an Assembly "in which the desire for understanding and cooperation seems to have generally prevailed over division and discord."

Two El Fatah Members, Israel Army Officer Killed In Day-Long Clash

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Two members of an eight-man El Fatah saboteur unit and an Israeli army officer were killed during a 24-hour battle west of Jericho which ended yesterday morning, Israeli officials reported today. Lt. Col. Tzvi Offer, who headed the patrol which pursued and trapped the intruders, was fatally wounded in the encounter and died before a helicopter could bring him to a hospital. He was 37 and the father of four.

The clash began when the patrol sighted movement in the area and opened fire. The patrol members immediately mounted the surrounding hilltops and demanded, through loudspeakers, that the marauders surrender. When no answer was received, the patrol members entered the area and began combing it. One injured saboteur and two others gave themselves up. The hunt was halted at nightfall and resumed the next morning in a cave to cave search. Two bodies were found, along with an injured intruder. As the search was continued, fire was suddenly opened from one of the caves and Lt. Col. Offer was mortally wounded. A huge quantity of arms and explosives, as well as Jordanian banknotes and civilian clothes were found, indicating the intruders planned a lengthy series of sabotage acts.

In other weekend incidents, a hand grenade was thrown at an Israeli army patrol on the main street of Gaza, with no casualties; three explosive charges were detonated yesterday near Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, again without damage or injuries; and an Israeli border policeman was injured today when his jeep hit a mine in the northern Galilee.

Jerusalem City Council Cancels Monument Plan For 1967 Arab War Dead

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (JTA)--After a stormy meeting of the Jerusalem City Council executive committee, the municipality has suspended a permit to the Waqf, the Moslem religious and charitable organization to erect in East Jerusalem monuments to the Arab victims of the Six-Day war here. A full meeting of the Council will vote on the issue later this week. Some executive committee members complained that Mayor Teddy Kollek had issued the permit without consulting them. Other Council members complained that the plan to put on the monuments markers stating that the Arabs had fallen "for Allah," a phrasing held to imply that the Arabs died while fighting a holy war.

Kibbutz In Beisan Valley Celebrates 30th Anniversary Under Fire

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Kfar Rappin, a kibbutz on the River Jordan, which since the Six-Day war has become a front line target in Israel, has celebrated its 30th anniversary. The kibbutz has been under almost daily attack from Jordan since the Six-Day war. The kibbutz, settled 30 years ago, was among the first in the Beisan Valley, thus helping to fix a border of Israel at statehood.

Hospital Where First Israel Heart Transplant Performed Gets Donor Offers

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Officials of Beilinson Hospital, where Israel's first heart transplant was performed Dec. 5 on Itzhak Sullam, reported today that they had received a number of offers from prospective donors of various parts of their bodies for posthumous use in such surgery. Sullam died from a kidney malfunction without recovering consciousness.

The officials said it appeared that since the Sullam operation, many Israelis had decided that such transplants were a vital part of modern medicine. Meanwhile, Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, who at first expressed gratitude to the surgeons who did the heart transplant, remarked after learning of Sullam's death, that "one should not be in a rush on things like this."

All Hotels In Israel's Major Cities Fully Booked For Yule Season

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (JTA)--All hotels in Israel's principal cities are fully booked for the rush of tourists arriving in Israel for the Christmas holidays. This includes the hotels in East Jerusalem and a number of "third class" hostels which are usually not frequented by tourists.

Eighty planes have been landing daily at Lydda Airport. A building for incoming passengers, recently gutted by fire, has been reopened. Permits for tourists wanting to visit Bethlehem are being issued to foreigners who are not even asked their religion. However, residents in occupied Arab areas wanting to visit Bethlehem must prove they are Christians before being given permits.

Israel Central Bank States Policy On Interest On West German Marks

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (JTA)--The Central Bank of Israel announced today that it would not pay interest in deposits of West German marks by foreign residents. However, interest will be paid as heretofore on West German marks deposited by local residents for commercial purposes and stemming from German restitution payments, the bank said.

Israel is one of the countries where foreign residents sometimes hold large sums of "hot" money because of the high interest rates usually paid in this country. Most deposits as these are in United States dollars. However, due to the recent developments in the international money market, some depositors have switched their accounts to West German marks. The West German Government has announced that it will no longer accept this type of money for loans or investments to inhibit the flight of funds into West Germany. Since the Bank of Israel cannot earn interest on its marks, it cannot pay interest on such money, the bank's announcement stated. The bank will also forbid currency credits in West German marks.

Ben-Gurion Reported Considering Running For Knesset As One-Man Party

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, is considering running for the Knesset on a one-man party, according to a local newspaper article today that quoted close friends. Ben-Gurion, who remains in the Knesset as the only Rafi member after the other members of Rafi joined the United Labor Party, has never asked to be recognized as a one-man party. This means that under a law providing for the allotment of public funds for campaign expenses that is considered almost certain to pass, he will not be given such funds.

The newspaper also reported that the former Premier may reconsider and ask that he be considered a one-man faction, but that his future steps are dependent on internal political developments.

Buenos Aires Bishop Cancels Mass For Arabs 'Fallen For Palestine'

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 22 (JTA)--A mass scheduled for the Metropolitan Cathedral here today in honor of Arabs "who had fallen in the struggle for the liberation of Palestine" was cancelled by Juan Carlos Aramburu, Bishop Coadjutor of Buenos Aires.

The scheduled special mass had been announced previously by Rev. Julio Meivielles, a notorious Argentine anti-Semite. The DAIA, central organization of Argentine Jewry, protested immediately to the Catholic diocese. Bishop Aramburu's announcement followed, stating "no special mass except the normal masses have been scheduled for this Sunday in the Metropolitan Cathedral."

42 Jewish Refugees Arrive In New York For Resettlement With Hias Aid

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--A chartered plane from Vienna carrying 42 Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe, aided by the United Hias Service, arrived at Kennedy Airport here. Gaynor I. Jacobson, Hias executive vice-president, said that a total of 123 Hias-aided refugees, mainly from Poland and Czechoslovakia, arrived in the United States on five chartered flights between Dec. 16 and Dec. 20.

The newcomers will be resettled in ten states and the District of Columbia with help from Hias and local agencies. Among the communities of resettlement are Allentown, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Columbus, Denver, Detroit, Ithaca, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Spring Valley, N.Y., Toledo, Trenton, Troy, Washington, D.C. and New York City.

The newcomers included Karol Latowicz, son-in-law of Ida Kaminska, the former head of the Polish State Theater, who arrived here from Poland with her family last month. Mr. Jacobson said that Hias this year will resettle about 6,250 Jewish migrants and refugees in free countries.

Educator Calls Campus 'Disaster Area' Alienating Jewish Youth

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--The American campus is a "disaster area" for Jewish youth and Jewish collegians in the United States are showing "estrangement" from traditional Jewish values which requires a "Center for Jewish survival" to offset such alienation, a Jewish educator said here today.

Addressing the commission on Jewish Affairs of the American Jewish Congress, Rabbi Irving Greenberg of the Riverdale Jewish Center, who is associate professor of history at Yeshiva University, declared that Jewish youth on the campus faced a clash between the bourgeois Jewish home and the "swinging" college atmosphere. This conflict, he added, often leads to "moral and emotional recoil" from Jewishness. The center he proposed, he declared, could enrich the Jewish content and experience on the campus and could develop and publish textbooks and college level courses in Judaism. He called existing college Judaica courses "inadequate."

Sutzkever Honored By World Federation Of Bergen-Belsen Associations

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Avraham Sutzkever, Israel's foremost Yiddish poet, was honored here at a dinner given by the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations for his outstanding contributions to the literature of the Holocaust on the occasion of the publication by the Bergen-Belsen Memorial Press of his new book of poetry, "Poems of the Sea of Death." Honoring the poet, a hero of the Jewish underground during World War II, were Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Mannes Sperber, French novelist and essayist, the 1967 laureate of the Federation's "Remembrance Award"; Jacob Glatstein, leading American Yiddish poet; and Josef Rosensaft of New York, president of the Bergen-Belsen Federation, who presided.

Ambassador Tekoah said the lesson of the Holocaust "is a cruel one. The only protection is one's strength and capacity to defend oneself." Asserting that as Israel is threatened with annihilation by its Arab neighbors, he said, "the only thing that stands between Israel and a repetition of the tragedy of the Holocaust is only Israel's own strength and determination."

Mr. Rosensaft, in paying the tribute to Mr. Sutzkever of a Holocaust survivor, also announced the publication of the "Book of Valor" by the Bergen-Belsen World Federation in cooperation with Israel Defense Army and the Israel Press Association. This new book pays tribute to Israel's heroes of the Six-Day War.

In accepting the acclaim of his fellows, Mr. Sutzkever, who is editor of the "Goldene Kett (Golden Chain)," leading Yiddish literary journal published in Israel, pledged himself to continue writing for the glorification and memory of European Jewry's martyred dead.

Morris Weinberg, Publisher And Supporter Of Yiddish Culture, Dead At 93

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Funeral services were being arranged today for Morris Weinberg, founder and publisher of The Day-Jewish Journal, Yiddish-language daily, who died Friday night in Palm Beach, Fla., at the age of 93. He maintained an active interest in the operation of the newspaper until his death.

Mr. Weinberg established The Day as a Zionist-oriented newspaper in 1914 and to further the cause of Yiddish culture in which he was deeply interested. He retired from ownership and management of the paper in 1923 but returned to the helm when the paper was in difficulties in 1941. In 1953 the Jewish Morning Journal was merged with The Day. Active his entire life in the Zionist movement, Mr. Weinberg was an honorary vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America; treasurer for many years of the ZOA; attended many of the World Zionist Congresses and national ZOA conventions; and visited Israel frequently.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dora Rubin Weinberg; three children: Mrs. Ruth Jacobs, wife of Arthur L. Jacobs, general manager of The Day-Jewish Journal; Mrs. Solomon Buchner, and Goodwin G. Weinberg, vice-president of the company owning the newspaper, three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Two Outstanding Figures In Israel's Cultural Life, Max Brod, Frank Pelleg, Dead

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (JTA)--Israel mourned today the loss of two outstanding personalities in the cultural life of the country. Max Brod, author, dramatist and composer, died here Friday at the age of 85. Frank Pelleg, pianist, harpsichordist and composer, who appeared as guest soloist with the German, Prague and Israel Philharmonic Orchestras, died in Haifa Saturday at the age of 58.

Max Brod was a close friend of Franz Kafka and was his literary executor. His books, "Ticho Brahe's Way To God" and "Galileo in Chains" won awards. His musical productions included the "Requiem Hebraicum and chamber and piano works. He was known also as a critic and was art adviser to the Habimah National Theater. He came to Israel from Prague in 1939. He had played an active part in Czechoslovak Jewish life and had been vice-president of the Czechoslovak Jewish National Council. Frank Pelleg, who also came from Prague, was famed for his interpretation of Bach and for his interest in Baroque music.