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Rogers Outlines Mideast Policy, Calls For International Guarantees Of Navigation

WASHINGTON, March 27 (JTA) -- Secretary of State William P. Rogers today outlined the Nixon Administration's new Mideast policy in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He disclosed that the formula envisaged by Washington for a Four Power settlement included a return to the concept of international guarantees to protect Israel's rights of navigation in the Straits of Tiran and Suez Canal. He also advocated the establishment of demilitarized zones and pointed out that boundaries "should not reflect the weight of conquest." Describing the Nov. 22, 1967, United Nations resolution setting forth the principles of a settlement as "the bedrock of our policy," Mr. Rogers said the United States sought a "just and lasting peace." He thought such a peace must be "mutually accepted if it is to be just and juridicially defined and contractually binding if it is to be lasting."

Mr. Rogers said the U.N. resolution "affirms the necessity of guaranteeing the territorial inviolability and political independence of every state in the area through measures including the establishment of demilitarized zones. Here again, as in the case of freedom of navigation, the resolution introduces the concept of guaranteeing of certain conditions of peace. Despite the imperfections of the past, we believe that ways can be devised for international participation in guaranteeing the terms of a settlement as they relate to physical arrangements on the ground, with particular reference to the rights of navigation and demilitarization of strategic areas."

The Secretary of State told the Senators that peace required "withdrawal of Israeli forces from territories occupied in the Arab-Israeli War of 1967, the termination of all claims of states of belligerency, and the acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of every state in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries. Clearly, withdrawal should take place to established boundaries which define the areas where Israel and its neighbors may live in peace and sovereign independence. Equally, there can be no secure and recognized boundaries without withdrawal."

Mr. Rogers declared that "in our view, rectifications from pre-existing lines should be confined to those required from mutual security and should not reflect the weight of conquest." The Secretary placed great emphasis on the United Nations and the mission of Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring in the pursuit of peace. He said the U.S. was calling for agreement by the parties concerned and was "not interested in imposing a peace." But he nevertheless stressed that the Government was concerned over the deterioration of the situation and fearful that a new war might draw in nations from outside the region. Mr. Rogers pledged that "in the interests of friendly relations with all the states in the areas," the U.S. would work toward a peace settlement with the other Great Powers--Russia, France, and Britain in the days ahead.

Cabinet Said To Be Divided On U.S. Relations, Jarring Questionnaire

JERUSALEM, March 27 (JTA) -- Important differences emerged at today's cabinet meeting over two major questions that must be decided in the near future--Israel's relations with the United States in light of the forthcoming Four Power Mideast talks and Israel's reply to the 12-point questionnaire submitted to it and to the Arab states by UN envoy Jarring. Consideration of both problems was adjourned until the next cabinet session Sunday. It was learned reliably, however, that some ministers advocated that Israel dissociate itself from the American peace proposals to be proposed at the Big Power meetings and some want Israel to refrain from replying to Dr. Jarring's questionnaire.

Mr. Eban gave a detailed report of his talks in Washington recently with President Richard M. Nixon and Secretary of State Rogers. The general evaluation, it was learned, was that no crisis was anticipated in Israel-U.S. relations and that, most important, the U.S. would not demand withdrawal before an agreement was reached and signed by the Arabs.

Ministers troubled by reports of U.S. proposals that they think would be inimical to Israel's interests want the government to declare that any peace plan based on them would not be recognized by Israel and would not be binding on it. Others argued that the American plan was flexible and that contacts with the U.S. should be continued.

The Jarring questionnaire asked, among other things, that each side state its attitude toward the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution and its implementation and wanted to know how Israel defined "secure borders" and "freedom of navigation." Some ministers contended that replies to these and other questions might be interpreted as binding on Israel and would be difficult to retreat from later. Mr. Eban said that unless replies were given, Dr. Jarring's mission would be emptied of its contents and that Israel was interested in its continuation. He said further that Dr. Jarring might find a "common denominator" in the replies given by Israel and the Arab states that would give him a basis for further action.

Security Council Meets On Jordanian Complaint, Hears Tekoah Explain Air Attack

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 27 (JTA) -- The Security Council met today to consider a Jordanian

complaint over yesterday's Israeli air strike on an El Fatah base near the village of Salt in Jordan. The Jordanian representative, Mohammed H. el-Farra, said the Israeli raid hit rest homes in a winter resort area near Ein Hazar village killing 18 civilians and wounding 23. Israel filed a counter-complaint which accused Jordan of "armed attacks, armed infiltration and acts of murder and violence by terrorist groups operating from Jordanian territory with the official support, aid and encouragement of the Jordanian Government and armed forces."

The Israeli representative, Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, said his country could not acquiesce in the premeditated murder of its citizens. If the Arabs refused to put an end to it, Israel had to act, he said. He said Israel took action yesterday "to disable terror bases in Jordanian territory" with the main target the El Fatah base at Ein Hazar, near Salt. He said that it was the operational headquarters from which terrorist groups, mainly El Fatah, carried out more than 200 sabotage raids across the cease-fire line.

Mr. el-Farra claimed that the Israeli attack was a deliberate attempt to "dynamite the efforts of the Big Four to find a Middle East solution" after Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban failed to accomplish this objective on his recent visit to Washington. Speaking directly to the Big Powers, the Jordanian Ambassador asked, "What are they going to do now that it is clear that this Israeli act of aggression was calculated to frustrate and undermine all their peaceful efforts?"

Soviet Ambassador Yakov A. Malik accused Israel of trying to forestall the coming Four Power talks and trying to subvert a settlement. The Security Council, he asserted, must condemn "the new aggressive acts" against Jordan and demand that Israel heed the Council's previous resolutions. Ambassador Charles W. Yost said that the U.S. was opposed to raids like the one on Salt and that Israel should discontinue them.

Terrorists Said To Be Suffering Heavy Casualties But Attacks Are Expected To Continue

TEL AVIV, March 27 (JTA) -- Israeli military sources said today that El Fatah and other terrorist bands were suffering 80-90 percent casualties in their sorties against Israel but that guerrilla attacks from across the border were likely to continue even though the terrorists must realize they are futile. The sources said the casualty figures included guerrillas killed, wounded and captured. They said Israel's new tactic of air strikes against terrorist bases created chaos at the organizational level which hampered large scale commando operations. The most recent strike was carried out yesterday when Israeli jet fighters blasted an El Fatah base near the village of Salt northwest of Amman.

A military spokesman said that the seven Katyusha rockets fired into Beisan township from across the Jordan River early today was regarded as a reprisal for the Salt raid. He said the rockets caused no casualties or damage. Marauders opened fire on a police border patrol near Tirat Zvi in the southern Beisan Valley today. The fire was returned without casualties on the Israeli side. Fifteen mortar shells were fired at an Israeli unit south of Kuneitra in the Golan Heights yesterday without inflicting casualties or damage. The shells came from across the Israel-Syrian cease-fire line, a military spokesman said, an area under control of the Syrian Army. It was the first incident there since six marauders were killed by an Israeli Army unit a month ago. A local policeman was injured yesterday when guerrillas fired on the police station at Kahn Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip.

A guerrilla organization warned in Amman today that it would strike at Israeli commercial aircraft and shipping. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which claimed credit for attacks on El Al airliners in Athens and Zurich in recent months, warned "those tourists who use enemy airlines and ships" that they "will be objects of our attacks."

Bi-Partisan Group of Congressmen Demand That Nixon Confront Hussein On Terror Issue

WASHINGTON, March 27 (JTA) -- Arab terrorist activities against Israel were roundly condemned by a bi-partisan group of Congressmen who demanded in the House of Representatives yesterday that American military aid to Jordan be ended and that King Hussein be confronted with the issue of terrorists operating from his soil when he comes here next month for talks with President Nixon.

The legislators were led by Rep. Hamilton Fish, New York Republican. He said a danger to peace was created by Communist-armed Arab terrorists in Jordan and charged that King Hussein either "is willingly permitting the terrorists to operate on his soil or he has become so weak he has no alternative."

In either case, Rep. Fish said, "Unless King Hussein can be shown to be taking effective steps to deal with the terrorist groups which now flourish in his country, it would seem well to terminate the present program of military assistance with Jordan." He said that Jordan, which had become "a privileged sanctuary for terrorists," was receiving Patton tanks, U.S. anti-aircraft weapons, field artillery, mortars, communications equipment, radar and jet aircraft while Jordanian pilots were being trained at U.S. Air Force bases under the military assistance pact concluded by the last Administration. He warned that King Hussein "has become so shaky" that there was a good chance of U.S. military technical manuals and classified equipment falling into the hands of pro-Soviet Arab officers and their Russian advisers.

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, introduced a bill to amend the foreign military assistance act by prohibiting assistance to countries in which groups such as the Palestine Liberation Army receive military training. Rep. Edward J. Derwinski, Illinois Republican, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said it was essential to establish, during King Hussein's coming visit, "the extent of Communist supply of weapons to guerrillas and terrorists based in Jordan."

Czech Writers Union Says Israel Must Win Any New War Or Face 'Super-Pogrom'

LONDON, March 27 (JTA) -- The organ of the Czechoslovak Writers Union said in an editorial today that Israel must win any new war with the Arabs to avoid a super-pogrom "because the Arabs do not take prisoners and the Israelis have nowhere to retreat." The editorial in "Listy", signed by Peter Chudozilov, said "The Jews do not want war but if it comes about they must not fail to win. Think of this during the next few days, at least for a moment." The writer said he had visited Israel and found that "almost every second person to whom I spoke carried on his arm the brand mark of a German concentration camp. Others have lost their father or mother."

"It may be well to remind you that Jews have been systematically murdered over the last two thousand years," Mr. Chudozilov wrote. "Not many among us know that most of the immigrants to this new Jewish state came earlier in the century from Poland and Russia because these countries were the scene of the most fearful and comprehensive pogroms. To this very day, wrecks can be seen along the coast of Israel of ships sunk by the British although they were packed with Jews in flight from Hitler's hell."

Czech Struggle For Liberty, Israel Battle For Security Seen Linked

TEL AVIV, March 27 (JTA) -- A Czechoslovakian radio commentator who warned last week that the seeds of anti-Semitism were being sown anew in his country, told an audience here today that the "Czechs' struggle for freedom and liberty and Israel's struggle for peace and security are inseparably linked." Peter Pithard is attending an international symposium on peace here sponsored by the leftist magazine "New Outlook", as the official representative of the Czech Writers Association. Another participant is Prof. Georgio A. Lafira, former mayor of Florence.

Common Market's Farm Ministers Approve Tariff Reduction On Israeli Citrus

BRUSSELS, March 27 (JTA) -- A 40 percent reduction in the tariff on Israeli citrus fruits exported to the six member nations of the European Common Market was approved by the agricultural ministers of the Euromart nations here. It puts Israel on a par with Spain and Turkey but not with Morocco and Tunisia which were granted an 80 percent tariff reduction. The concession nevertheless represented a gain for Israel in its efforts to achieve associate status with the European Economic Community. The decision confirmed an agreement reached by the ECC Council of Ministers in October, 1967 that tariff concessions should become effective for all of the Mediterranean countries concerned at the same time.

New West German Justice Minister Says Limitations Law Should Be Abolished

BONN, March 27 (JTA) -- The new West German Minister of Justice, Horst Ehmke, said in a television interview today that he shared the view of his predecessor, Gustav Heinemann, now President of the Federal Republic, that the statute of limitations on war crimes prosecution should be abolished. Mr. Ehmke said he hoped this would be done before the statute takes effect at the end of the year.

The extreme right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) announced today that it would soon start printing 15 million copies of a propaganda newspaper. The party said its recent electoral success in North Westphalia was due to the weakness of the Social Democrats there. Gerhard Frey, publisher of the ultra-nationalist, anti-Semitic newspaper, Deutsche National und Soldaten Zeitung, protested that the decision of the Minister of Interior to ban his paper would amount to suppression of freedom of the press. Steps to ban the newspaper were taken after it published an attack on Israel.

Former Policeman Seized In Poland On Charges Of Wartime Murders

LONDON, March 27 (JTA) -- Polish authorities have arrested a former Ukrainian policeman who is alleged to have taken part in the mass murders of Poles and Jews during the Nazi occupation of Poland in World War II. The Warsaw newspaper Express Wieczorny reported yesterday that Piotr Malicki, 57, was recognized by villagers in Prchacz where he commanded a police station in 1941-42. The state prosecutor is investigating the charges against him.

Arabs Charge Mexican 'Zionists' Financing Israeli 'Agression'

MEXICO CITY, March 27 (JTA) -- Recent Arab allegations that Mexican Jews and "Zionists" were sending millions of dollars out of the country to Israel for "aggression against the Arab people" were denied by Rolando Vega, president of the Mexican Bankers Association. Mr. Vega made no references to the charge by the Arabs and by local anti-Semitic student groups. He declared at a meeting of the association in Acapulco that there was "no escape of dollars or other foreign currency from Mexico."

Jewish Blind Society In London Marks 150th Anniversary This Week

LONDON, March 27 (JTA) -- The Jewish Blind Society is marking its 150th anniversary this week. The Society, founded in 1819 by a group of London Jews as the "Institution for the Relief of the Indigent Blind of the Jewish Persuasion" grew from modest beginnings to an organization which had an income last year of \$531,600. Its expenditures, however, totaled \$626,400. The Society maintains residential homes for the blind and offers a wide range of other services, particularly dealing with the needs of blind children. Mrs. James de Rothschild is its president.

Nine Countries Represented At Aliyah Conclave In Geneva

GENEVA, March 27 (JTA) -- Delegates from nine countries, pioneer and student groups among them, attended a European aliya (immigration) conference here. The gathering was addressed by Eran Lair, European representative of the Jewish Agency, and Rabbi Mordechai Kirshblum, associate head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department. Another speaker was Mordechai Kidron, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations office in Europe.

Students To Stage Parade And Seder Table At Un For Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK, March 27 (JTA) -- The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, an organization protesting the cultural and religious repression of Jews in Russia, said today that it would hold a torchlight parade on March 30 to the Soviet Mission to the United Nations where it will set up "a Passover seder table." The Passover ritual will be recited by Rabbi Steven Riskin of the Lincoln Square Synagogue, linking the freeing of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery to the plight of Soviet Jews, the group said. A demonstration is also planned for April 7 in front of the office of Aeroflot, the airline here, demanding a "freedom airlift" of Jews from Russia.

Pittsburgh Rabbi Reports Passover Greetings From Moscow Chief Rabbi

PITTSBURGH, March 27 (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Board of Greater Pittsburgh said today that it had a telephone call from Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow's Central Synagogue who conveyed Passover greetings and urged everyone to work for lasting peace. Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko, chairman of the board, said Rabbi Levin told him he was "satisfied that closer relations are developing between our Jewish community of the USSR and the Jews of the U.S." Rabbi Poupko was one of a number of American rabbis invited to a 75th birthday celebration for Rabbi Levin in Moscow but he was refused a visa by Soviet authorities.

Mrs. Kaminska Reported In Satisfactory Condition In Montreal Hospital

MONTREAL, March 27 (JTA) -- Mrs. Ida Kaminska, the Yiddish actress, was in "satisfactory condition" today with a "possible cardiac complaint" in Jewish General Hospital here. She was taken to the hospital yesterday following a complaint of severe headaches for three days, her husband, actor Marian Melman, told the JTA.

Mrs. Kaminska has been appearing here in the Place des Arts in the Yiddish classic "Mirele Efos." With her are her husband and daughter, Ruth Kaminska, all former members of the Jewish State Theater of Warsaw. Montreal was their first stop on a tour with "Mirele Efos." Performances were cancelled because of her illness.

Annual Magnes Scholarships At Hebrew U Awarded To Two Israeli Arabs

NEW YORK, March 27 (JTA) -- The 13th annual Judah L. Magnes Scholarships at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem have been awarded to two Israeli Arabs--Yonas Abu-Rabiya, 21, of the Abu Rabiya Bedouin tribe and Habib-Allah Mouhamad, 31, of Ein Mahel, a village near Nazareth. The awards were announced today by James Marshall, president of the Magnes Foundation. The scholarships are given each year to Arab or Druze students for outstanding scholastic achievement. They are named for the late Dr. Judah L. Magnes, the Hebrew University's first president, who served from 1925 until his death in 1948. Dr. Magnes was a proponent of education as a basis for understanding and amity between Jews and Arabs and advocated a bi-national state comprising both elements.

Million Dollar Gifts Aid Stern College In NYC, Hebrew U, In Jerusalem

NEW YORK, March 27 (JTA) -- A gift of \$1 million to Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women was announced by Max Stern today at ground-breaking ceremonies for a new \$4.5 million building on the college's mid-town Manhattan campus. Mr. Stern has contributed a total of \$5 million to Stern College since the school was founded in 1954. He is vice chairman of Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees.

(The Evelynne and Max. M. Low medical research building at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School was dedicated in Jerusalem in the presence of the American couple who donated \$1 million to build it. Mr. Low is a governor of the Hebrew University. He has donated additional sums for the Mina and Maier Low Gardens, named in honor of his parents. The ceremonies were attended by Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and Hebrew University president Avraham Harman. The Lows also contributed funds for an electronics workshop building at the university named for Robert and Frieda Low, their son and daughter-in-law.)

Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship Joins Movement To Boycott California Table Grapes

TORONTO, March 27 (JTA) -- The Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship has announced that it has joined the movement to boycott California table grapes because of investigations that convinced them that "the grape growers of California were unethical and unfair in their campaign to refuse unionization to oppressed farm workers." The rabbinical group, which includes the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform branches of Judaism in its membership, called on synagogue members "to refuse to purchase or use California grapes until such time as the rights of workers in the grape vineyards were respected." The Canadian Jewish Congress has taken a similar stand. The rabbis said they joined the boycott movement as a result of information gleaned through a study of the labor situation and personal visits to California by the social action committees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogue of America, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinic Assembly and the Rabbinical Council of America.

Italian Premier Pays Tribute To Nazi Victims At Ardeatine Cave, Including 78 Jews

ROME, March 27 (JTA) -- Premier Mariano Rumor paid tribute today to the 335 persons, including 78 Jews, who were murdered by the Nazis in the Ardeatine Cave in March, 1944 in reprisal for the killing of several German soldiers by partisan fighters. Mr. Rumor attended memorial services at the cave. He said the sacrifice for freedom made by the Nazi victims was inadequately appreciated by the present generation. The ceremonies were attended by Rome's Chief Rabbi Elio Taoff, representatives of the army, the Church and the Jewish community.