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Security Council Meets Twice, Apparently Ready To Vote Resolution Condemning Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 1, (JTA) -- The 15-member United Nations Security Council convened this afternoon for its second session today and was expected to approve a three-nation resolution condemning Israel for "recent premeditated air attacks" launched against Jordanian villages and populated areas in "flagrant violation" of the UN Charter and cease-fire resolutions. Sponsoring the resolution were Pakistan, Senegal and Zambia, who claimed that they had the nine votes necessary for passage. United States' Ambassador Charles W. Yost said that he would abstain from voting, and it was apparent that Britain's Sir Leslie Glass would do the same. The Council held in the morning another round of debate on the Israeli attack last Wednesday on the Jordanian village of El Hazar near Salt. Jordan claimed that 18 civilians died in the raid. Israel declared the raid was directed against a base of El Fatah, an Arab guerrilla organization.

Mr. Yost considered the draft resolution "unbalanced, unrealistic and unlikely to move the parties to the conflict towards a peaceful solution." He would abstain from voting, he said, but his action should not be considered in any way as condoning the violence which the draft condemned or any other violence in the area or cease-fire violations. If there had been a single operative paragraph on other violence, he said, the U.S. would have been able to vote for the draft. Sir Leslie said his delegation condemned the "brutal" attack last week by Israel and called all "indiscriminate" air bombing "particularly repugnant." However, he said, all Council actions had to be considered in the light of whether they served the cause of peace. He commented that there was a deep need to maintain the unanimity in the Council on this issue, and said that his delegation believed that there had to be in the resolution "minimum acknowledgement of the overall situation in the area." Britain had expressed the opinion earlier that a split in voting would prejudice Big Four talks that were slated to begin this week, perhaps Thursday. Mr. Yost told the Council that he would have wished "to vote for a resolution condemning the Israeli air attacks" since all such attacks and cease-fire violations are repugnant. But, he said, the air raids could not be "considered in isolation." He said that he wished also to condemn attacks on schools and market places and, apparently referring to Arab terrorists, remarked, "we call upon those in a position to do so" to end such attacks.

Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel told the Council that the draft resolution before the Council "battered still further the already battered virtues of truth and equality." Israel, he said, "has not the slightest intention of allowing itself to be executed." He said the security measures applied by Israel against "terror warfare" were the same measures Jordan has applied. So long as Jordan "glamorizes... murder for the sake of murder," as it had done today in the Council, he said, and continued to initiate, organize and support terrorism, his Government would continue to hold Amman responsible.

Mohammed H. el-Farra, the Jordanian envoy, said that he had expected the Council to take stronger enforcement action against Israel than the present resolution called for, apparently alluding to sanctions. But, he said, he would not insist upon invocation of provisions of the Charter which deal with enforcement of Council decisions by economic and diplomatic penalties, and possible military force, in order to prevent a split in the Big Four at this juncture. Mr. el-Farra said he had expected a stronger resolution in light of the Council's warning to Israel in condemning its air attack last December on Beirut airport.

Yakov A. Malik of the Soviet Union said that on the eve of the Big Four meetings, the Council had again been required to consider Israeli "aggression." The Arabs, he said, would have preferred not to come to the Council, but they had no choice. He said he regretted that the draft solution was weak and would have voted for a stronger one.

Jarring Expected In Jerusalem To Receive Reply To Questionnaire

JERUSALEM, April 1 (JTA) -- Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, UN Secretary-General U Thant's special envoy to the Middle East, was expected here tomorrow to receive from Foreign Minister Abba Eban Israel's replies to the questionnaire he submitted on Middle East peace aims. The Ambassador submitted 12 questions to Israel, Jordan and Egypt. Some of them ask each party to define what it means by "peace", "international waterways" and "secure borders." Other questions concern substantive matters such as Israel's willingness to withdraw to new borders once they are accepted by all sides. Sources here said Israel's replies were formulated only today and do not go beyond official cabinet statements and Mr. Eban's nine-point Middle East peace program which he outlined to the UN General Assembly last October.

Return Of Envoy From Paris For 'Holiday' Considered A Political Gesture

JERUSALEM, April 1 (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador to France, Walter Eytan, is returning for a "holiday" which unofficial sources interpret as a sign that Israel does not consider France neutral in the Big Four talks. The gesture also is said to show Israel's displeasure over the continuing embargo on military materiel imposed by Gen. de Gaulle.

Mr. Shazar also sent a message to President Nixon in which he said: "May I, for myself and all the people of Israel, express sincerest sympathy on the passing of President Eisenhower, architect of the free world's victory over Fascism, to whom Israel and the Jewish people owe an unforgettable debt of gratitude for his compassionate and understanding relationship to the displaced persons surviving Nazi terror."

"During the years of his Presidency, Israel viewed, with respect, his efforts to promote peace and development in the Middle East, as in the entire world. Our hearts are with the American people in their bereavement and we would appreciate the transmission of these sentiments to Mrs. Eisenhower and the family."

Representatives of Washington's Jewish community were invited to call on President Shazar at the Israel Embassy during the day. He called for unity among Jews and for maintenance of close ties between the Jewish people and the State of Israel. President Nixon met with President Charles de Gaulle of France today. It was reliably reported that even though the meeting was essentially a protocol function, there was a discussion of the Four Power talks on the Middle East due to begin at the United Nations on Thursday.

Ben Gurion Says Dulles Admitted Mistake In Forcing Sinai Withdrawal

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben Gurion told an audience here yesterday that the United States admitted that it had made a mistake in forcing Israel to withdraw from the Sinai Peninsula in 1957. He said the late John Foster Dulles, then U.S. Secretary of State, had told him so eight months later. Mr. Ben Gurion said he was sure the opinion had come from then President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The former Israeli Premier spoke also on the need to advance technology so that machines could replace unskilled manpower and Israel would not depend on cheap Arab labor.

Arab Leaders Recall Former President Eisenhower As Friend

BOSTON, March 31 (JTA) -- Arab leaders in the Middle East recall the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower as "a good and honest man" who "did what he thought was best for American interests" and that is all they ask President Nixon to do now, Christian Science Monitor correspondent John K. Cooley reported from Beirut today.

Gen. Eisenhower's death at 78 last Friday prompted an evaluation of his Administration, particularly its policies in the Middle East, and the consensus among Arabs was favorable, Mr. Cooley reported. They recalled that he brought pressure to bear on Israel in 1953 when UN truce observers ordered it to cease diverting Jordan River waters and after the 1956 Suez crisis when the Eisenhower Administration, in concert with Russia, forced Israel to pull out of the Sinai and the Gaza Strip. They also recalled that in 1958 he ordered Marines to land in Lebanon to protect the pro-Western regime of President Camille Chamoun. "In the view of the Israelis and some others, the events of 1958 contributed to a strengthening of President Nasser's position of leadership in the Arab world, severely weakened by the June, 1967 war," Mr. Cooley wrote.

The Arabs, he said, consider that President Eisenhower tried to be "more fair" in the Middle East than either President Truman or President Johnson. "They hope that President Nixon will prove to be the same, though Egypt's President Nasser said March 27 he had so far 'detected no change,'" Mr. Cooley wrote.

Police Clash With Gaza High-School Girls After They Set Up Roadblocks, Stone Israelis

TEL AVIV, March 31 (JTA) -- Israeli police waded into a crowd of Gaza high school girls today after they set up roadblocks and stoned busses carrying Israeli shoppers to Gaza. One woman passenger was reportedly injured and several girls were reported to have been hurt. The el-Zahra high school where most of the girls were students was closed by authorities until further notice.

A similar incident occurred in Gaza today following an earthquake tremor which some school girls thought was an explosion and took to be a signal for demonstrations. Security forces had to disperse them forcibly and some of the girls received scratches in the process. According to reports from Gaza, the girls set up roadblocks of rocks on one of the main highways into the town and smashed all the windows in a stalled bus from Beersheba. They also stoned a bus from Ashkelon.

Mortar And Bazooka Shells Fall On Israelis In Golan, Beisan; No Injuries Reported

TEL AVIV, March 31 (JTA) -- Mortar and bazooka shells were fired last night at Israeli positions and patrols in the Golan Heights and Beisan Valley. No casualties or damage was reported. Israeli units returned the fire.

A Beduin border policeman died in a Jerusalem hospital yesterday of wounds he suffered in a surprise attack by terrorists in Batir village on Saturday. The victim was Mohammed Zbeidat, 25, a member of a Bedouin tribe living near Nazareth. He was a member of a police patrol ambushed by grenade throwing terrorists who escaped in the dark. All members of the patrol were wounded.

Jarring Expected In Israel, Scheduled To Confer With Eban, Pay Call On Mrs. Meir.

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA) -- United Nations peace envoy Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring was expected here tomorrow or Tuesday to receive Israel's replies to his questionnaire on peace aims which he submitted to Israel and the Arab governments. It was reliably learned that Israel's replies, while conciliatory in tone, insist that frontiers and similar problems can be discussed only with the Arabs directly. Dr. Jarring will meet with Foreign Minister Abba Eban and was expected to pay a courtesy call on Israel's new Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir.

U.S. Jewish Leaders, On Eve Of Passover, Greet Jewry And Review World Situation

NEW YORK, April 1 (JTA) -- Leaders of American Jewish organizations joined today in greetings to their fellow Jews on the occasion of the Passover and in reviewing the situation of the Jewish people in the world today. Many of the messages stressed the role of Israel as the haven of oppressed Jews today as it was the goal of the Jews delivered from slavery in Egypt 3,000 years ago.

Speaking for the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, representing 220 Jewish federations and welfare funds in the United States and Canada, Louis J. Fox, its president, declared in a message that "Passover proclaims the work of community-building that must be done to bring our generation into the promised land of fulfillment, social responsibility and brotherhood." He pledged that "with the coming of Passover, we shall continue, with even greater intensity, our work of community-building at home and constructive human services in Israel and other lands where Jews seek our help."

Edward Ginsberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, recalled, on the Passover eve, the "tens of thousands of our fellow Jews who are still slaves unto Pharaoh in lands of persecution, the children in the Beisan Valley settlements sleeping in underground shelters, and the Jews standing watch on the Suez Canal." The promise that spring brings of renewed life and hope, he said, for Jews throughout the world "is a promise which can only be fulfilled with our help."

Max M. Fisher, chairman of the United Israel Appeal, noted that "this year, two years after the events of June 1967, an entire people will recommit themselves to the goal of a secure and meaningful peace, one which will serve to insure the blessings of freedom." The year, he said, "will be a time when Israel's brave people, ever mindful of the vast numbers of their fellow Jews still living in modern bondage in countries of despair and oppression, will renew their pledge to keep the immigration gates open so that all who can may enter."

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, described Israel as the hope, refuge and promised land for Jews in danger and declared that "we have the responsibility to preserve and strengthen the State of Israel which represents not only the spiritual center of our people but the instrument of salvation and redemption for all those who have lost hope elsewhere."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, declared that "as we celebrate Passover, we are acutely aware of the desire of modern Egypt to destroy Israel." In a reference to the forthcoming Four Power talks on the Middle East, he declared that "we are still hopeful that the United States will adhere to its professed concern for Israel and avoid the serious pitfalls which lie ahead." Arthur J. Goldberg, president of the American Jewish Committee, who called for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, urged the Arab countries to hearken to the ancient cry of "Let My People Go" and pleaded with the collective conscience of mankind to make clear that the Arab states' persecution of the Jews would no longer be tolerated.

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, declared that "a new dimension has been added to Passover--the preservation of and freedom of Israel as it faces an array of enemies who would throw all Israelites into the sea." He stressed that Jewish communities in this country, in their observance of Passover, "remember the still unfree, the unequal in our own land who too are struggling for redemption from poverty, from discrimination and humiliation."

Rabbi Joseph Karasick, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, denounced the "ugly spectre of racism and oppression which still haunts mankind." He recalled that the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt will be celebrated during Passover and prayed, "May we always remember those who gave their lives to uphold the principles of freedom and human dignity for all mankind." Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform), urged "support for our black brothers in their quest for freedom and dignity."

Preparations For Holiday Made In Jewish Communities Across U.S.

NEW YORK, April 1 (JTA) -- Preparations for the observance of the Passover festival beginning at sundown tomorrow were made in Jewish communities all over the country today. Special efforts were made by national and community bodies to provide Passover foods for Jewish servicemen in U.S. armed forces at home and abroad and for needy Jews overseas.

Agencies supported by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York shipped more than a half million pounds of matzoh and wine abroad, according to Morris L. Levinson, UJA president. He said the beneficiary agencies involved were the Joint Distribution Committee which sent Passover provisions and made special allocations of funds for local purchase of such supplies in 12 countries, and the National Jewish Welfare Board, which aided in Passover arrangements made by 320 rabbis acting as full-time or part-time military chaplains.

The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York announced that it has prepared Passover observances for client institutions in New York City, Long Island and Westchester.

The National Jewish Welfare Board said it began shipping Passover supplies last December to enable Jewish servicemen in Vietnam and at more than 600 other overseas posts and domestic military installations to observe the holiday. Supplies also went to Jewish patients in Veterans Administration hospitals and other Federal facilities.

In Washington, D.C., the Jews for Urban Justice, a group of young Washingtonians committed to ending racism, announced that an interracial, interfaith "Freedom Seder" will be held in the capital Thursday

to emphasize the struggle of Jews and Negroes against oppression and discrimination. The day is the anniversary of the slaying of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Negro civil rights leader. The service will be highlighted by the reading of a new version of the Haggadah which stresses the common interests of the black man and the Jew as they seek liberation from "the modern Pharaohs."

Twelve Jewish refugees from Egypt were scheduled to arrive here tonight at Kennedy airport on the eve of Passover. They and 12 other refugees were being brought to a new life in the United States with the aid of the United Rias Service, which arranged their transportation, and the New York Association for New Americans, which is responsible for their resettlement. Four of the Jewish families were expelled from Egypt since the June, 1967 Six-Day War. Three of the refugees came from Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Lebanon.

Israeli Troops To Mark Passover On Cease-Fire Lines From Mt. Hermon To Suez

TEL AVIV, April 1 (JTA) -- Israeli soldiers, manning cease-fire lines from snow-covered Mount Hermon to the banks of the Suez Canal, prepared for the traditional Passover seder tomorrow night. The military chaplaincy has assigned cantors and readers to recite the Haggadah at Army posts, and field kitchens were busy today preparing the traditional Passover meal. The Army's main seder will be held at a base "somewhere in Sinai," the region where, according to Jewish tradition, Moses led the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt. Soldiers along the east bank of the Suez Canal will attend two seders in accordance with the tradition observed by Jews living outside of Israel. In Israel itself there is only one seder night. But the observance of tradition will bow to military necessities for front-line troops. The seder ritual will be limited to its most essential part: for soldiers on duty. Some units will hold their seder before sunset so that the troops can man their posts after dark.

Child Welfare Organization Honors Hadassah For Sponsorship Of Youth Aliya Program

NEW YORK, April 1 (JTA) -- Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America, was honored yesterday for its sponsorship of Youth Aliya, the child-rescue movement which began in Berlin 35 years ago to save Jewish youngsters from the Nazis by bringing them to Palestine. Mrs. Max Schenk, president of Hadassah, accepted a citation from the International Union for Child Welfare Work at ceremonies held in the Central Synagogue Community House here.

The idea of Youth Aliya originated with Mrs. Recha Freier, the wife of a Berlin rabbi. The project was turned over to Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah. That organization has been its principal sponsor ever since. More than 135,000 children from 80 countries have been resettled in what is now Israel. Youth Aliya maintains 77 children's villages there, educational and agricultural institutions, 166 children's houses and 18 centers for teenagers and special schools. The citation lauded Hadassah for "giving freedom and salvation to hundreds of thousands of Jewish children, rescued from the far places of the world and redeemed in Israel."

Southern Illinois University Faculty Member Rebuts Anti-Semitic Allegations Of Negro

CHICAGO, April 1 (JTA) -- A Jewish faculty member at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale has rebutted the anti-Semitic allegations of a Negro student published in the university newspaper and has urged an end to the "racist madness" on the campus. Prof. Mordecai Gorelik, research professor of theater, wrote to the paper, The Daily Egyptian, which published the interview with a Negro student, John Williams. The latter charged that "Whitey, the Jew, has his foot on our neck and the only way to get it off is to burn it off, tear it off or cut it off." Prof. Gorelik wrote, "You cannot enter into rational discourse with a racist, whether white, black or yellow; you can only speak to people who are capable of listening. I...address myself to those people, especially to our Negro students."

"Mr. Williams," he said, "singled out the Jew as his chief enemy, as if it is the Jews who run the American Establishment or who sold his people into slavery or thrust them into ghettos. One of the more significant reasons, unstated by Mr. Williams, is that the Jews, as a very small minority in this country, and as a traditional scapegoat, are a section of the white race that is especially vulnerable to attack."

Michael Levin, One Of Palestine's Oldest Pioneers, Dies At 96 In Rehovot

REHOVOT, April 1 (JTA) -- Michael Levin, a founder of this city and one of the last survivors of the pioneer era of Jewish settlement in Palestine, was buried here today. He died yesterday at the age of 96. Mr. Levin came to Palestine in 1888, as a boy, from Motele, Russia, the birthplace of Israel's first President, Dr. Chaim Weizmann. He worked as a farmer and citrus grower and became a prominent citizen of Rehovot. He was laid to rest in the burial place reserved for the city's founding fathers. Mr. Levin was the father of Moshe Levin, European director of Israel's Citrus Marketing Board.

Israel Will Honor War Dead, Armored Corps And Navy On 3 Stamps To Be Issued Soon

NEW YORK, April 1 (JTA) -- Israel will honor its war dead and the men of its armored corps and Navy in three new postage stamps to be issued on its Memorial Day and on the occasion of Israel's 21st anniversary celebrations, the Israel Philatelic Agency In America, Inc., announced here today.

The Memorial Day stamp depicts an Israeli flag at half-mast and is printed in multi-color. It was designed by A. Kalderson. The armored corps and Navy stamps were both designed by Y. Yoresh. Another Israeli stamp will pay tribute to the International Labor Organization on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.