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Hussein Offers 6-Point Peace Plan, Hinged On Withdrawal; Says Nasser Approves

WASHINGTON, April 10 (JTA) -- King Hussein of Jordan today proposed a six-point peace program for the Middle East which, he said, had the personal approval of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt but was contingent upon Israel's withdrawal from occupied territories including East Jerusalem. The plan would give Israel the right to use the Suez Canal for shipping.

The young Hashemite ruler said in a National Press Club speech, "I am speaking for President Nasser as well as for myself." He expressed faith in the Big Four's peace efforts on the Mideast and claimed that Israel opposed them because it wanted to retain conquered territory. He warned that "if progress toward a solution is not made within the next very few months," no outside force would be able to avert an "explosion" in the region. The Jordanian monarch said, however, that he was returning home with "optimism" following his talks with President Richard M. Nixon and other American leaders. He voiced confidence that the U.S. realized the seriousness of the situation and was determined to do what it could to achieve the settlement acceptable to the Arabs. He disclosed that one squadron of F-104 Starfighter jets was being delivered to Jordan and that another was available on option.

King Hussein said that his peace program was based on the United Nations Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution and listed its points as: "The end of all belligerency; respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all states in the area; recognition of the right of all to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats and acts of war; guarantees for all of freedom of navigation through the Gulf of Aqaba (Eilat) and the Suez Canal; guarantees of the territorial inviolability of all states in the area through whatever measures necessary, including the establishment of demilitarized zones; acceptance of a just settlement of the refugee problem."

(State Department officials greeted the peace proposals as very important and worthy of serious Israeli consideration. They noted that King Hussein said that he had President Nasser's "personal authority to speak to you on his behalf" and that Col. Nasser "does not want war for the sake of war. He, like us, wants nothing more than the restoration of our rights and the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the area. The United Arab Republic has accepted the UN resolution and is willing to implement it." The State Department officials said that the reference to guaranteed freedom of navigation through Suez as well as the Aqaba Gulf was "very interesting." They sought to portray it as evidence of a major Egyptian concession in return for the withdrawal of Israeli forces. Israel has never been permitted use of the canal.)

The Jordanian ruler said that "in return for these considerations, our sole demand upon Israel is the withdrawal of its armed forces from all territories occupied in the June, 1967 war and the implementation of all other provisions of the Security Council's resolution." He said, "Israel may have either peace or territory--but she can never have both."

King Hussein asserted that one of his aims coincided with those of the Palestinian commando movements--liberation of occupied territories. "Their aim is a settlement by conflict," the King said, and his aim was for a peaceful settlement. "What we both want," he added, "is a restoration of our rights. I would never accept a peace that did not fully restore these rights...Any plan for withdrawal must include the Holy City of Jerusalem. We cannot envision any settlement that does not include the return of the Arab part of the city of Jerusalem to us with all of our Holy Places."

In reply to questions, King Hussein said there was at present no basis for talks with Israel--"the only basis would be Israel's withdrawal in accordance with the UN resolution." He said Jordan opposed the assignment of UN truce observers along the Jordan River cease-fire line because it did not want "a line established in the middle of our country." The King stressed repeatedly the dangers of renewed war which, he warned, "will not limit itself to the area." He said Israel's "active defense" actions against Jordan would "inevitably lead to an explosion."

Referring to the rocket attack by guerrillas on Eilat on Tuesday, King Hussein said it was "resistance to occupation" and made it clear he would not stop the commandos. "It is their land that the Israelis are occupying," he said, "and if they can't succeed in regaining their occupied land, then their aim is to exercise their right of active resistance to the forces of occupation." He said if Israel had withdrawn in compliance with the Security Council's resolution, the attack on Eilat might not have occurred. His government had sought to maintain calm in the Gulf of Aqaba region, he said, adding that the attack was carried out by "a few individuals" and was halted by regular forces.

Israelis Dismiss Hussein's Peace Program, Deplore His Approval Of Terrorism

WASHINGTON, April 10 (JTA) -- Israeli diplomats termed King Hussein's proposals "an old rehash not relevant to the Israeli requirement that she be recognized and dealt with directly." They saw no value in them and charged that the presentation was permeated by "distortions" including the King's allegation that Israel had rejected the Nov. 22, 1967 Security Council resolution. Israel only last week affirmed acceptance of the resolution in a communication to UN envoy Gunnar V. Jarring, they noted.

What troubled the Israelis most was the King's outspoken approval of Arab terrorism. Israeli diplomats said that the King's characterization of the rocket attack on Eilat as "resistance to occupation" indicated "the extent to which he identifies with terrorist aims. These aims do not relate to peace negotiations but the destruction of Israel as a state."

King Hussein's remarks were interpreted as "a hard line" by the Israelis. They dismissed the peace proposal as propaganda, pointing out that "if he were sincere, he would enter into direct negotiations with Israel." The terrorist "aims" to which he subscribed involve not only the recapture of occupied territory but the dissolution of Israel as a sovereign state, they said.

Israelis Voice Regret Over Jarring's Return To Moscow, See Mission Suspended

JERUSALEM, April 10 (JTA) -- Official headquarters here expressed keen displeasure today over Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring's decision to resume temporarily his post as Swedish Ambassador to Moscow, seeing it as a suspension of his peace mission. They claimed the move was part of a Soviet and French plan to force the United States and Britain into accepting peace proposals calling for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from all occupied territories. They charged that the Four Powers had thereby "enabled the Arabs to achieve their aim of liquidating his (Jarring's) mission."

The Israeli feeling that the Jarring mission was "dead" ran counter to disclaimers from UN headquarters. But the Stockholm newspaper, Svenska Dagbladet, seemed to write an epitaph to the 18-month-old Jarring mission when it said today that "no one can put the blame on him. He accepted a hopeless mission...an impossible task...He has tried almost everything to get the deadlock off the ground."

Thant Denies Jarring Is Finished, Calls Such Interpretations 'Inaccurate'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 10 (JTA) -- Secretary-General U Thant today denied "categorically" that his special representative was "giving up, even temporarily, his mission in the Middle East or that his efforts there are being suspended." Mr. Thant said he was surprised that such an interpretation was put on his announcement yesterday that Dr. Jarring would be remaining at his Moscow diplomatic post for the time being. He called such interpretations "misleading" and "inaccurate." Mr. Thant said yesterday that Dr. Jarring "will be immediately available for any renewed effort in connection with his mission...whenever developments require it."

In a statement issued here, Mr. Thant explained that "a stage has been reached in (Dr. Jarring's) efforts in which it appears that there is no further move that he might make at the moment which would be helpful and thus it is advisable to take some time to assess the situation and await new developments." Mr. Thant said that he and Dr. Jarring "consulted on this and both agreed that Ambassador Jarring could at present most usefully remain in Moscow, although he was entirely willing to stay in Cyprus or come to New York if the Secretary-General would regard such a move more desirable."

Mr. Thant said he was keeping in constant touch with Dr. Jarring and informs him daily of Mideast events and developments "and particularly on the course of the Four Power talks." Mr. Thant said "in this regard, the Secretary-General reiterates his belief that the Four Power talks...are necessary and vital, are designed to reinforce the Jarring mission, and do not at all obstruct or weaken it."

Tekoah Asks Thant Again To Obtain Affirmation By Iraq Of Cease-Fire Acceptance

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 10 (JTA) -- Israel repeated today its request to Secretary-General U Thant to obtain affirmation from the Iraqi Government, in light of its stationing of Iraqi troops in Syria, that it accepts the Security Council's cease-fire resolutions and that they will be respected by all Iraqi forces. The request, contained in a letter from Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, was the second since March 18 when Israel called Mr. Thant's attention to reports that Iraqi forces had entered Syria.

Mr. Tekoah addressed another letter today on the same subject to Padma Bahadur Khatri of Nepal, this month's Security Council president. It noted that the Iraqi Government had confirmed its intention of waging war against Israel by regular armed forces and by terror warfare. Mr. Tekoah cited an April 2 interview in the Turkish newspaper Milliyet in which Iraq's President stated that "Iraq has rejected the Nov. 22, 1967 resolution of the Security Council on the Middle East" and declared that "Israel has been established against the Arabs and should definitely be annihilated."

Mr. Tekoah's letter stated that "the Government of Iraq, which is sending units of its armed forces into other countries in furtherance of this policy, as well as those governments which permit and even encourage the maintenance of the Iraqi expeditionary force in their territory, despite the refusal of the Iraqi Government to accept the cease-fire without prevarication, bear full responsibility for the consequent aggravation of the situation."

In his letter to Mr. Thant, the Israeli envoy noted that the Secretary-General had informed him on March 27 that the UN had received assurances from "competent Syrian authorities that no Iraqi troops have moved into Syria." However, on April 1, 1969, Mr. Tekoah wrote, "the acting permanent representative of Iraq addressed a letter to the president of the Security Council...in which he confirms that Iraqi armed forces have entered Syria and are still stationed there."

Israel Discloses That It Has Warned Amman Of Gravity Of Any Attack On Port Of Eilat

JERUSALEM, April 10 (JTA) -- Israeli Government circles disclosed today that Jordan has been warned several times of the gravity with which Israel viewed any attack on its port of Eilat. According to unconfirmed reports, a new warning was conveyed to Amman on Wednesday, following a guerrilla rocket attack on the town the previous night.

NATO Plans Extensive Mediterranean Maneuvers, As Soviet Fleet Build-Up Continues

LONDON, April 10 (JTA) -- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization announced today that it would hold extensive land, sea and air maneuvers in the Mediterranean, starting April 20. The announcement coincided with a new surprise build-up of the Soviet Mediterranean fleet which, observers said, would bring Soviet sea-power in the Mediterranean back to its level of strength reached at the height of the Arab-Israeli war in June, 1967.

A Tass dispatch from Moscow today hinted that the Soviet fleet build-up was a response to "the activation of war preparations in the Mediterranean region of Europe where the U.S. missile-nuclear fleet is constantly cruising."

Admiral Horacio Rivero, of the U.S., commander in chief of allied forces in Southern Europe, said in Naples today that the NATO exercises would involve more than 60 allied warships and 300 aircraft. He said that a special force set up last year to maintain surveillance over Soviet naval movements in the Mediterranean would participate in the exercises for the first time. The force is known as the Maritime Air Forces, Mediterranean.

Western naval sources reported that the Soviets sent two cruisers, a destroyer and four submarines into the Mediterranean yesterday via the Straits of Gibraltar. The fleet, which came from Soviet Baltic bases, was originally believed to be headed for Chinese waters. British sources said that two more Soviet destroyers, three submarines, a submarine depot ship and a navy oiler entered the Mediterranean today. The sources said Russian destroyers and a submarine entered the eastern Mediterranean via the Dardenelles last week and that the Soviets were planning to dispatch two cruisers and eight destroyers from the Black Sea into the Mediterranean "within the next few days."

Western sources here estimated today that the Russians will have about 50 naval ships in the Mediterranean next week in addition to supply and reconnaissance vessels. A number of Soviet ships are said to be using Egyptian ports as bases.

Polish Jews' Cultural-Social Organizations Participates In Lublin Minorities Session

LONDON, April 10 (JTA) -- The Jewish Cultural and Social Association in Warsaw, virtually moribund since the official anti-Semitic campaign started in Poland a year ago, was represented at a seminar for the cultural and social organizations of national minority groups, the Association's organ, *Folkstimme*, reports. The seminar was held in Lublin, Silesia, and was devoted to lectures by spokesmen of the regime on the achievements of Poland. They also gave the assembled groups instructions on how to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Polish Peoples Republic, *Folkstimme* said.

The newspaper, once a daily but now a weekly, is the only organ of Polish Jewry. It conceded recently that the activities of the Jewish Cultural Association had been considerably "weakened" in the past year and reported that there would be no official encouragement or assistance this year for the celebration of the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Gen. Gavin Headed Expert Team Studying Israeli Management Problems

JERUSALEM, April 10 (JTA) -- A former U.S. Deputy Chief of Staff, later Ambassador to France, and a group of top American and Israeli businessmen and academicians recently concluded a three-day seminar on management problems and how they applied to Israel's industrial development. In addition to Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, now the head of an American management consultancy firm, the group included Meshulam Riklis, a former Israeli who built up a business empire in the U.S.; Dr. Victor Dix of Ohio; Prof. Joseph E. Fishelson, a visiting professor of business administration at the Hebrew University, and 20 Israelis from top management and university faculties. They examined Israel Government policies on industrial development, taxation and the promotion of science-based industries and evaluated the effects of these policies on corporate growth.

Round-Up Of The News

PARIS, April 10 (JTA) -- Celebrations are planned in France and Israel to mark the centenary year of the Mikveh-Israel School of Agriculture founded by the Alliance Israelite Universelle, which will take place next year, a spokesman for the Alliance told the JTA today.

SAO PAULO, April 10 (JTA) -- The newly elected Mayor of Sao Paulo, Salim Maluf, has named Mrs. Susana Frank, a Jewish social worker, to the post of secretary of social welfare in his administration. Mrs. Frank is president of the general council of the Sao Paulo Jewish Federation of Social Service and has served several terms as president of the inter-denominational Sao Paulo Federation of Social Workers. The outgoing administration of Mayor Faria Lima had one Jewish member, Jose Meiches, who was secretary of public works.

GENEVA, April 10 (JTA) -- A Hungarian-born rabbi, Itzhak Zvi Bernfeld, has been appointed leader of the Orthodox Jewish community here. Rabbi Bernfeld, who is descended from a prominent rabbinical family, was educated in Hungary and in Jerusalem. He served for a time as a rabbi in Melbourne, Australia.

THE HAGUE, April 10 (JTA) -- The volume of trade between Holland and Israel rose 26 percent during 1968. The balance of payments was in The Netherlands' favor and that trend appeared to be continuing this year.

Former Faculty Adviser Tells Why Student Newspaper Published Anti-Semitic Material

DETROIT, April 10 (JTA) -- The former faculty adviser to student publications at Wayne State University has blamed student apathy and insufficient screening of student editorial staff members for the fact that the college newspaper has fallen into the hands of militant extremists who publish anti-Semitic and other racist articles and editorials. Frank Gill, until a year ago adviser to the Wayne State "Collegian," now the "South End," voiced his criticism at a meeting of the Fact Finders Club on the university campus. He resigned from the Wayne State journalism faculty last month.

Mr. Gill said the current editor of the "South End," John Watson, "is basically honest, but is an honest fanatic, his interest being only in black power--and he sticks to his policy." Mr. Watson aroused community ire earlier this year when he published an editorial containing anti-Jewish and anti-Israel polemics. Mr. Gill expressed regret that only one aspect of the situation--that of anti-Semitism--was revealed at the meeting of the Wayne State University board of governors on the "South End" controversy. He said the lack of student interest was the cause of the flare-ups.

Only a small fraction of the student body supported extremist views, and a sense of disgust caused a decline in the circulation of the "South End" from 18,000 to 12,000, he said. The newspaper is supported by state funds and by an involuntary tax on students. Mr. Gill said students eligibility requirements for positions on the paper were not properly checked. In a related development, the Metropolitan Detroit Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union commended WSU president William R. Keast for resisting community pressures to take action against Mr. Watson and other editors of "South End."

Arab Countries Said To Be Dropping Ban On Visitors Carrying Israeli Visa Stamp

NEW YORK, April 10 (JTA) -- Arab countries, hit by a drastic decline in tourism since the June, 1967 Six-Day War, are trying to reverse the trend by dropping their ban on the admission of tourists who have an Israeli visa stamp in their passports, according to reports reaching here. But it was unclear which Arab countries were easing up on the ban that has been in effect since Israel was established 21 years ago.

Christian Science Monitor correspondent Francis Ofner reported from Jerusalem that he was told by Israel's Minister for Tourism and Development, Moshe Kol, that Egypt has dropped the ban on tourists with Israeli visas but that Lebanon and Jordan have not. Mr. Kol said, according to Mr. Ofner, that on three occasions he had offered Jordan and Lebanon arrangements for joint Middle East tours to cover all three countries, but received no replies, not even a rejection.

But the Detroit Jewish News city editor, Charlotte Dubin, said that Lebanon and Jordan and possibly Syria had lifted the ban and were trying to encourage tourists to cross the borders from Israel. Miss Dubin said she had received information from Souheil Freij, Lebanon's Consul General, that there was no longer a ban on tourists with Israeli visas and that such groups as the American Jewish Congress could visit Lebanon if they so desired. She said that, according to Mr. Freij, the same policy was adopted by Jordan but it was not yet widely known. He said that so far it applied mainly to group travel, "but I'm hoping it will eventually extend to individual travel." Miss Dubin reported him as saying. She said reports of similar action by Syria could not be confirmed because that country has no diplomatic representatives in the U.S.

The Lebanese economy is based to a large extent on tourism. Jordan earned large amounts of foreign currency from tourists before the Six-Day War when it controlled the Holy Places in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. But most tourists now are not interested in visiting either country unless they can also visit Israel, according to Mr. Ofner's report. The same situation applies to Egypt where tourists who wanted to go to Israel had to fly first to Cyprus or some other country. Some British tourists were issued two passports, one for Egypt and one for Israel, while Americans visiting both countries were given their Israeli visa stamps on a separate sheet of paper. "Recently more and more tourists were reported to have refused to put up with this. It was said they would rather forego their Egyptian visit," Mr. Ofner reported.

Tel Aviv Expected To Double Tourist Capacity In A Few Years, Moshe Kol Says

TEL AVIV, April 10 (JTA) -- Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city, will double its tourist capacity within a few years, according to Moshe Kol, Minister of Tourism and Development. Mr. Kol spoke at the cornerstone-laying ceremonies for a new 308-room seaside hotel under construction by Jewish investors in West Germany. The new hotel will be the city's third largest, following the Hilton and Sheraton hotels. Mr. Kol said that some 4,000 new hotel rooms were presently under construction or in the advanced planning stages in Tel Aviv.

Technion, Haifa And Government Co-Sponsor Mideast's 1st Advanced Technology Center

HAIFA, April 10 (JTA) -- The first Advanced Technology Center in the Middle East has been opened on a 30 acre site near Haifa. The project is a joint venture of the Israel Institute of Technology (Haifa Technion), the government and the Haifa municipality. According to Technion president Alexander Goldberg, eight engineering firms plan to move into the center in the near future. Mr. Goldberg said the Technion's engineers and scientists would be available on a consultative basis to help develop the center.

Palestine Liberation Organization Portrays Sirhan As Commando Hero

LOS ANGELES, April 10 (JTA) -- The Los Angeles Times reported from Beirut yesterday that the Palestine Liberation Organization was distributing several hundred thousand posters in Arab countries depicting Sirhan Sirhan, on trial for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, as a heroic Arab commando. A sample poster was recently front-paged in a Beirut newspaper, the Times said. "It carries a large picture of Sirhan and in front of him is a drawing of a Palestinian guerrilla with a rifle. Above the picture are the words, 'Sirhan Bishara Sirhan: a Commando, not an assassin.'"