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## Abie Nathan Tries To See Nasser 3rd Time, Turned Back By Cairo Airport Authorities

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA) -- Abie Nathan, Israel's self-styled "peace pilot," flew to Cairo from Rome today in another attempt to bring peace to the Middle East. He landed at the Cairo airport and was told to leave the country. According to a Cyprus radio broadcast he was immediately placed on a plane bound for Athens.

This was the third attempt, and the third failure, of the Tel Aviv restaurant owner to meet with Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser. Carrying a British passport, Mr. Nathan arrived in Cairo on a Japanese airliner from Rome. It was reported here that an Egyptian spokesman said Mr. Nathan was recognized by airport authorities and taken into custody. After an investigation, he was ordered to leave the country.

In his two previous peace missions, Mr. Nathan piloted his own plane from Israel to Port Said. His first flight, Feb. 28, 1966, ended in Port Said when the local governor turned him back. He had brought peace petitions with 60,000 signatures. Upon his return to Tel Aviv he was cheered and hailed as a hero. His second flight was June 28, 1967. The 41-year-old pilot has been actively engaged in humanitarian causes, including flying relief food to Biafra.

## Mrs. Meir Said To Be Considering Plan To Settle Refugees On West Bank And Sinai

JERUSALEM, June 4 (JTA) -- Premier Golda Meir is considering a plan to resettle some refugees from the Gaza Strip in the West Bank and Sinai Peninsula, Israeli newspapers reported today. They said Mrs. Meir brought up the plan at yesterday's meeting of the Knesset's Labor Party faction and has reportedly called for consultations in her office to set up pilot projects in those areas that would include agricultural and industrial ventures. According to the reports, the purpose of resettlement would be to show the world that it can be done despite Arab claims to the contrary and to seek to prove that the Arab states have been exploiting the refugees for political purposes.

Meanwhile, security precautions are being taken here to prevent civic unrest in the occupied territories tomorrow, the second anniversary of the beginning of the Six-Day War. Shopkeepers in East Jerusalem, asked if there is a strike planned, said they did not yet know.

In another development, the American-Arabian Oil Co. (Aramco) has not yet approached Israel with the request that its workmen be permitted to repair the Trans-Arabian pipeline in the Golan Heights blown up last weekend by Arab saboteurs. Mrs. Meir said yesterday that before the flow of oil could continue, Israel would have to be assured that there will be no repetition of the sabotage. The decision followed the terrorist attack on the 30-inch pipeline, owned by Tapline, an Aramco subsidiary, which lost 8,000 tons of oil.

Mrs. Meir said that the explosion and oil flow did little damage to Israel's nationwide water system. Only a small part of the oil that escaped reached the Jordan River. The pollution of the Sea of Galilee had no effect on the fish industry and no signs of contamination showed up in the water pumped to citrus groves and farms further south.

## Curacao Leader Says Most Jews Are Prepared To Salvage Damage Caused By Rioting

CARACAS, Venezuela, June 4 (JTA) -- Most Jews in the Netherlands West Indies colony of Curacao are prepared to salvage the damage done to their business establishments in last Friday's rioting even though it may take as long as three years to recoup the losses put at \$35 million, according to Lionel Capriles, a leader of the island's Sephardic community and president of the Curacao Chamber of Commerce.

The rioting, which stemmed from a wage dispute at Curacao's oil refineries, devastated the business and shopping center of Willemstad and resulted in the overthrow of the Government of Premier Ciro de Kroom. The latter agreed yesterday to dissolve Parliament and call for new elections in a few days, as demanded by local labor leaders. Mr. Capriles was credited with an important role in averting a threatened new strike and further violence, reports JTA's Caracas correspondent, Edna Aizenberg.

Rabbi Leo M. Abram of Curacao's historic Mikve Israel Synagogue said today that the Jewish community was prepared to begin anew on a "new social basis." He hoped the upheaval, the worst in the colony's 400-year-history, "would serve the purpose of social justice."

Although Jewish-owned shops were among the hardest hit by looting and burning, Jewish observers described the rioting as mainly a reaction of "have-nots against the haves." They said they saw no anti-Semitic overtones although there was a strong anti-white element among the rioters who were almost exclusively Negro. Jewish and non-Jewish shops were hit indiscriminately. A high proportion of Curacao's business, particularly that catering to tourists, is Jewish-owned. In

addition to the physical damage sustained, they now face the loss of the tourist trade. Friday's outbreak, which labor leaders claimed was caused by professional agitators, virtually emptied Curaçao's tourist hotels.

### 'Observer' Says Jarring Sees Himself As Thant Successor, Manescu Possible Mideast Envoy

LONDON, June 4 (JTA) -- The Jewish Observer and Middle East Review said today that the United Nations special Middle East envoy, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, sees himself as a successor to UN Secretary General U Thant in the not too distant future and that Rumania's Foreign Minister, Cornelius Manescu, may succeed to Dr. Jarring's post as head of the UN's peace-seeking mission in the Middle East. Mr. Thant's term of office is due to expire on Dec. 31, 1971.

(A United Nations spokesman today termed the reports about Dr. Jarring and Mr. Manescu "absolutely fantastic" and dismissed them. "So far as Dr. Jarring is concerned, we know he has no such ambitions," he said.)

The magazine attributed its information to well placed circles not connected with any Middle East country. It viewed the purported reshuffle against the background of the current Soviet-American talks on the Middle East and the possibility that the UN would become the instrument for imposing a settlement on the area in the name of world opinion. In that event, the Jewish Observer said, Mr. Thant's reputation in Israel would reduce his political authority whereas Dr. Jarring is popular in Israel and in Egypt.

Mr. Manescu is also well regarded in Israel which maintains diplomatic and trade relations with Rumania. The latter is the only Communist bloc country that did not sever diplomatic relations with Israel after the June, 1967 war. Mr. Manescu was president of the General Assembly at the end of 1967 and recently expounded his country's Middle East policy in the British Journal of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, the Jewish Observer noted.

In the article, the Rumanian Foreign Minister said that disputes between states must be solved through negotiations; that all peoples must be assured their right to exist; that force does not create law and territorial conquests through war should not be admitted. Mr. Manescu wrote: "Since 1967 Rumania has held that in any settlement of the problems of the Middle East, the legitimate interests of all its people should be taken into account on the basis of respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of each country." He said the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 Mideast resolution was a proper framework for the settlement of the crisis.

### EI Al Expects To Receive Export-Import Bank Assistance Toward Purchase Of Jets

WASHINGTON, June 4 (JTA) -- Israel expects to receive assistance from the United States Export-Import Bank that will cover 70 percent of the \$35 million cost of a new Boeing 747 jumbo jet and a Boeing 707 jet to be purchased by EI Al, Israel's national airlines, according to Zeev Sharef, Israel's Minister of Finance, Commerce and Industry.

Mr. Sharef, who is visiting here, indicated after talks with financial authorities that the World Bank may reinstate Israel as a nation eligible for development loans. Israel had been disqualified from some forms of international assistance because its degree of development was considered too advanced. Reinstatement will depend upon project plans.

The Israeli minister met with Robert McNamara, president of the World Bank, and with William Sauer, first vice president of the Export-Import Bank. He also met with Secretary of the Treasury David Kennedy and Maurice Stans, Secretary of Commerce.

EI Al will open a second passenger departure terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport on June 22 to relieve the congestion that is at its worst during the summer tourist season. According to Menachem Cohen, the airline's vice president for North America, the new terminal will offer a temporary solution until the Port of New York Authority implements plans to expand the international arrivals and departure facilities at the airport. Mr. Cohen said that EI Al transported 440,500 passengers in 1968 on its U.S., European and African route, a 42 percent increase over 1967.

### Human Rights Commission Chairman Urges Filing Of Complaint Against Housing Bias

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA) -- The chairman of the New York City Commission on Human Rights today urged anyone who has been denied rental or purchase of housing accommodations because of race or religion to file a complaint with the Commission. In a letter to Edward D. Moldover, president of the New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, Simeon Golar asked the AJCommittee to advise victims of housing discrimination of their right of recourse to the commission. He also asked Mr. Moldover for any information his organization may have on illegal practices within the commission's jurisdiction. The letter was prompted by a statement which the AJCommittee released

May 21 charging that more than 100 privately owned cooperative apartment buildings in Manhattan were discriminating against Jews and other minority group members. The charge, made by Fred-eric S. Berman, former Commissioner of Rent and Housing Maintenance, was based on a year of investigation of discrimination in housing by the AJCommittee. Mr. Berman is chairman of a new committee set up by the New York Chapter to deal with the problem.

He said that discrimination was not only "reprehensible" but aggravated the city's already severe housing shortage. He pinpointed older buildings on the East Side, managed by large realty firms, as the main offenders.

## City Continues Program Of Police Disguised As Hasidim To Combat Hoodlum Attacks

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA) -- A bearded man in a beaver hat and a black caftan walking the streets of the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn today is in much less danger of being threatened or assaulted than a few months ago. The man might be a policeman disguised as a Hasidic rabbi.

In a program worked out by the Crown Heights Community Council and the New York Police Department, 24 police officers, all non-Jews, disguised themselves as Hasidim in order to combat a rash of beatings suffered by Hasidim by local hoodlums. According to Rabbi Arnold Wolf, chairman of the Crown Heights Community Council, such threats and assaults have dropped off heavily. "Imagine the amazement and stupefaction," he said, when a tough attacked what he thought was a defenseless Hasid, only to find him fighting back and identifying himself as a policeman.

"He would think twice the next time," Rabbi Wolf said. "As a result of close cooperation between the police department and the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council, the Crown Heights area in the past year has seen a sharp decrease in crime."

The plan was such a success that Mayor John Lindsay has ordered 300 tactical patrol force policemen into the war against crime in the streets disguised not only as Hasidim, but other clergymen, hippies, derelicts and even women.

The plan involved assigning policemen to the areas reporting the greatest number of assaults. The policemen will stay in the areas to keep the level of incidents at its new low level. They are walking the streets of Brooklyn's Borough Park, Williamsburg and also Manhattan's Lower East Side. "The community has become a quiet, sedate model integrated community," Rabbi Wolf said, "so much so that there is now a shortage of apartments. There is a shortage of houses and many families desiring to purchase houses in the area are becoming keenly aware of the shortage."

The policemen affect an accent to portray their roles more convincingly. Their hats and caftans have been custom-made and they have been carefully tutored in Hasidic behavior. Beards were grown and the long curls were simulated. One policeman looked so convincing that he was invited in Yiddish by a young boy to join the family for Seder. The policeman tried to explain that he didn't speak Yiddish and was rescued only when a real rabbi, who happened to pass by, explained the invitation to the policeman and directed him into the house for Seder.

## 106-Year-Old Conservative, 16-Year-Old Reform Synagogues Approve Merger

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4 (JTA) -- A Conservative and a Reform congregation have voted to merge here. The Conservative Congregation Beth Israel, 106 years old, and Reform Congregation Judea, 16 years old, will be called Beth Israel--Judea and will use the facilities of the former Congregation Judea. The decision was ratified by about 75 percent of the memberships of both congregations.

Conservative services will be held every morning and evening and on Saturday mornings, with Reform services on Friday evenings. Rabbi Herbert Morris, now of Judea, will continue as rabbi with Beth Israel's rabbi of 42 years, Rabbi Elliot M. Burstein, becoming rabbi emeritus. No date has been set for implementation of the merger. New school facilities and a large auditorium will be erected adjacent to Judea. The sanctuary will be replaced by a larger edifice eventually, it was reported by the Jewish Community Bulletin, weekly Jewish newspaper.

## Jack D. Weiler, Real Estate Leader And Philanthropist, Honored On 65th Birthday

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA) -- Jack D. Weiler, real estate leader and philanthropist, was honored yesterday on his 65th birthday by 200 friends and associates at the headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. Mr. Weiler has held top leadership posts in the organization for more than two decades and is honorary chairman of its trustees and a chairman of the current drive for the Israel Emergency Fund.

William Rosenwald, who shares the Emergency Fund chairmanship with Mr. Weiler, hailed his achievements as a UJA leader and presented him with an Atmos clock, reputedly the nearest device to a perpetual motion machine. Edward M. Warburg, honorary chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, also made a presentation to Mr. Weiler, who heads the JDC National Council. The celebration of the birthday took place during a pause in the telephone solicitations for the IEF and the general UJA drive.

## Funeral Services Slated For Friday For James P. Warburg, Banker, Financier, Author

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held in Greenwich, Conn. Friday for James P. Warburg, banker, financier and author of more than 30 books on United States policies, who died there yesterday at the age of 72. Mr. Warburg, who was a confidant of Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, was born in Hamburg, Germany. His roots were in the three great German-Jewish banking families, the Loebes, Schiffs and Warburgs.

Although he made his career in international banking and finance and held directorships with various American railroads, Mr. Warburg was a liberal Democrat and advocated disarmament and accommodations with the Soviet Russia and Communist China as the basis of American foreign policy. He was an early champion of the New Deal and served as monetary advisor to the American delegation at the London Economic Conference of 1933. Among his books was "Germany: Key to Peace," published in 1953, in which he warned that German rearmament would impede U.S.-Soviet relations. Mr. Warburg was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard in 1917 and served as a lieutenant in the Navy Flying Corps during World War I.

## Hadassah Embarks On National Volunteer Program To Help Fight Poverty, Hunger

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA) -- Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, has embarked on a national volunteer program to help fight poverty and hunger in the United States.

Mrs. Max Schenk, president, announced that Hadassah members all over the country will undergo training periods for as long as six weeks to prepare themselves for a variety of jobs as school volunteers and to work in the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Act programs of the Department of Agriculture and in programs of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The first group of Hadassah volunteers started their training in Philadelphia last month under the auspices of the National School Volunteer Program, Inc. an organization that helps set up local programs in cooperation with school authorities.

For the 318,000-member organization, identified for 58 years with the Zionist movement and the development of Israel, the new program represents its first venture on a national scale into a purely American area of community service. Hadassah chapters were involved in U.S. War Bond sales and blood donor programs during World War II.

Mrs. Schenk said that initial response to the program, first announced last month to Hadassah's 1,350 chapters, was one of "tremendous enthusiasm." She said Hadassah women were eager "to help eliminate hunger and alleviate poverty in our country."

According to Mrs. Schenk, prospective volunteers will be trained by local HEW officials in 32 cities and by affiliated agencies of the National School Volunteers Programs. She said Hadassah members would tutor children in specific subjects, do remedial reading and mathematics work and generally befriend children who need individual attention. Members with hobbies or special talents will be recruited to work in "enrichment" programs intended to motivate youngsters toward art, science, music, history and philately. Volunteers will also perform clerical chores and assist teachers at lessons requiring audio-visual demonstrations and at outings to museums, exhibits and parks, Mrs. Schenk said.

Members who volunteer for the school lunch program, an area in which Hadassah has had much experience in Israel, will be trained by officials of the Department of Agriculture. They will help extend food service to children attending urban inner-city, core-area schools and to improve nutrition. The Department of Agriculture currently is providing school lunches for 1.1 million youngsters but could expand the program to 6.2 million children if it had sufficient personnel and therefore considers the role of volunteers to be crucial, Mrs. Schenk said.

The coordinator of the new program is Mrs. D. Leonard Cohen, of Westport, Conn., chairman of Hadassah's American affairs department.

## 11 Reform Student Rabbis Will Live And Work In Slums In 3rd Year Of Urban Program

NEW YORK, June 4 (JTA) -- Eleven Reform student rabbis will live and work in the slums of major cities this summer in the third year of the Rabbinic Internship in Urban Affairs program, Rabbi Balfour Brickner reported today. The project, the first under Jewish religious sponsorship, is a program of the commission on interfaith activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Jewish Chautauqua Society, the major institutions of American Reform Judaism. Rabbi Brickner is commission director.

The student rabbis and the cities in whose ghettos they will live and work for 10 weeks, starting July 1 are: Albert Silverman of Boston, in Boston; Mayer Perlmutter of Chicago, in Chicago; Mel Hecht of Miami, in Cincinnati; Michael Zedek of Albany, N.Y. in Miami; Robert Goodman of New York City in New York; Lewis Weiss of Philadelphia, in Philadelphia; Frank Sparber of Alexandria, Va., in Washington, D.C.; James Michaels of Auburn, N.Y. in St. Paul, Minn.; and a last-minute substitution to serve in the Milwaukee ghetto. The initial choice withdrew when he became engaged to marry and his replacement is expected to be Steven Chester of Los Angeles. Two other Reform rabbinic students are in process of selection to live and work in the Los Angeles ghettos. All are students of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform seminary.

As in past years, the internships are sponsored locally by Jewish community relations agencies. Rabbi Brickner said each rabbinic intern agrees to live in the slum area for 10 weeks, working with Protestant and Catholic urban clergymen to study at first hand the problems of the urban poor, to provide help in anti-poverty programs, to examine black-white tension, to evaluate the response of public and private agencies to inner city needs, and to study the attitudes of the local Jewish community toward the urban crisis. The intern also is expected to make proposals on action programs the Jewish community might undertake for the urban poor. The assignment includes preparation of a weekly report which is sent to the local sponsoring agency, to the commission and to the seminary.

An innovation in the project this year, Rabbi Brickner said, was an orientation session to be held in New York City June 11-12, which is being arranged by the staff of the Metropolitan Urban Service Training, an agency set up to train people for service in the ghetto. Rabbi Brickner said the experiences of the first two summer programs led to a decision that such an orientation would help the interns to perform their functions more effectively. The internship program was started in the summer of 1967 with one rabbinic student. Last year five students served in the program.

The five rabbinic interns last year reported at the close of their service periods unanimous agreement that whites, generally, including Jews, had virtually no understanding of the rage and desparation of ghetto dwellers.