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## Rogers Says U.S.-Soviet Bilateral Talks On Mideast Making 'Progress'

WASHINGTON, June 5 (JTA) -- Secretary of State William P. Rogers told a press conference here today that bilateral talks between the United States and the Soviet Union on the Arab-Israeli deadlock had been "somewhat encouraging." He indicated that the United States had made progress in seeking to persuade the Soviets to accept a "package" settlement instead of the phased withdrawal sought by Russia.

Reporting on the lengthy series of talks between Joseph Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, Mr. Rogers said, on the second anniversary of the start of the 1967 Six-Day War, that "one of the encouraging aspects is a general agreement that the final arrangement has to be a package, a total agreement." He did not mention the initial Soviet pressures for a "phased settlement" as a precondition for implementation of other steps under the United Nations Security Council resolution on the Mideast of Nov. 22, 1967.

State Department sources said the United States had rejected the Soviet concept of a token withdrawal from the occupied areas by Israel, to be followed by possible Arab peace moves. The package which Mr. Rogers feels the Soviets appear to be accepting would, according to these sources, provide that all recommendations of the Security Council resolution would be implemented simultaneously.

## Sporadic Violence Marks Six-Day War Anniversary; Three Israeli Soldiers Killed

TEL AVIV, June 5 (JTA) -- Three Israeli soldiers were killed and two were slightly injured in a Gaza ambush today as violence flared sporadically on the second anniversary of the start of the 1967 Six-Day War. One soldier and four civilians were slightly injured when a grenade exploded outside Herod's Gate leading into the Old City of Jerusalem. An Arab general strike shut down most businesses in East Jerusalem and Nablus today but attempts to extend it to other towns on the West Bank and Gaza Strip failed. Shops in East Jerusalem and Nablus reopened in the afternoon.

Reports from Gaza, Qalqilya, Bethlehem and Jenin where strikes had been expected said that business and public transportation were functioning normally. A hand grenade was thrown into a local crowd in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip but no one was injured. An Israeli patrol killed an Arab saboteur near Umm Sidra pass in the Jordan Valley last night. The rest of the gang retreated across the river. The Gaza fatalities occurred when an Israeli mobile patrol was attacked from ambush. Security forces are searching for the attackers.

Small crowds of Moslems assembled at East Jerusalem cemeteries during the day and placed wreaths on the tombs of unknown Arab soldiers to whom memorials were erected in recent months. Police did not interfere.

## Six-Day War Anniversary Finds Israel Confident But No Nearer Peace

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) -- The second anniversary of the start of the Six-Day War today found Israel confident that the new war threatened by the Arabs was unlikely but no nearer to the end of the no-war, no-peace condition which has been Israel's lot since its birth. The nation's economic boom was accompanied by the knowledge that the country was militarily more secure than at any time in its 21-year history. The Six-Day War shortened from 500 to 390 miles the land frontiers which Israel must defend.

Observers noted that it is the Arab capitals, not Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, which are now within artillery range and within a few minutes flying time by jet bombers. Israel's armed forces are rated by experts as stronger than ever. The supply of French military aircraft, halted by the de Gaulle embargo, has been partially replaced by some 50 American A-4 Skyhawk bombers, now reported to be operational. The first supersonic F-4 Phantom jets are expected to arrive from the United States within a few months.

Politically, the country seems solidly united behind its 71-year-old Premier, Mrs. Golda Meir, who came out of virtual retirement to succeed the late Levi Eshkol. Characteristically volatile and argumentative, Israel's political figures appeared to have declared a moratorium on politics. The multi-party coalition seems to be working without the bickering which marred the final months of the Eshkol regime. Political observers who had predicted that Mrs. Meir would be only an interim Premier now indicated the belief that she would head the list of the powerful Israel Labor Party in next October's general elections and that she would continue as Premier for several years more.

Longing for peace, Israelis do not expect it to emerge from the Big Four talks in New York or from the concurrent United States-Soviet talks in Washington, which appear to have brought no visible progress. Israelis had initially feared such talks as a portent of an imposed settlement detrimental to Israel's basic security interests. Now they are regarded as mainly an exercise in futility which could have positive results only if they brought the Arabs into direct peace negotiations--a prospect considered remote at the present time. Israelis are therefore resigned to an indefinite absence of peace. Their belief that a new war is unlikely stems from the conviction that the Arabs are not ready for one. If the Arabs nevertheless do strike out, Israel is supremely confident that an

even more shattering defeat than that of 1967 will be the result. Israel's most serious concern is the continuing Arab campaign of terror and sabotage, despite the fact that Israeli security forces have managed to virtually seal off all infiltration routes. Moreover, the guerrillas have failed to evoke a popular arising among Arabs in the occupied areas. The almost daily skirmishes in the Beisan and Jordan Valleys, the Golan Heights and—until recently—the Suez Canal artillery duels, take place far from Israel's population centers. But they are brought home sharply by a steadily rising Israeli casualty list. Six hundred Israeli soldiers have died in action or in military accidents since the Six-Day War, compared with the 700 deaths during that war.

Some observers do not share the views of Israeli leaders that the reported increasing strength and political impact of Arab commando groups is inflated. Those observers believe the Arab governments, particularly that of King Hussein in Jordan, are losing their freedom of political and military decision because of the spreading influence in the Arab world of the commando groups. President Nasser of Egypt is under increasing pressure by his resitve officers for action to drive Israel from the Suez Canal, an action he is reported to oppose out of fear that his armed forces are not yet ready.

### Youth Aliyah Conclave In Israel Plans Permanent Body Of Child Care Experts

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) -- Hadassah officials attending a two-week international conference here to evaluate the experiences of the Youth Aliyah movement said today that a permanent research committee of leading social scientists was expected to be one of the achievements of the gathering. The committee is expected to be comprised of experts in education, social welfare, psychiatry, psychology and sociology. The conference, which began June 1, is being sponsored by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and the Youth Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency. The officials said the work of the planned committee would benefit Youth Aliyah and its educational programs and would be of great help to social scientists in other countries seeking ways to deal with problems of youth in complex societies.

Conference participants are studying data on children who have experienced the ravages of war, persecution and deprivation and information on peer-group care for Youth Aliyah children. Mrs. High Salpeter, Hadassah's Youth Aliyah chairman, is the organization's official representative at the conference. The conference participants, who were invited on the basis of their interest in the theoretical and practical aspects of child group care, are reviewing the history of the movement, examining its functions and philosophy and assessing its goals and procedures. They are scheduled to make on the spot observations of Youth Aliyah installations in Israel.

Scholars are attending from the United States, Britain and Canada. Educators and social scientists from the Hebrew and Tel Aviv universities and also from the Youth Aliyah movement are among the participating experts. Now celebrating its 35th anniversary, the movement has received international recognition for pioneering methods of group child care to salvage emotionally scarred children of the World War II and postwar upheavals.

### ISRAELI NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) -- Israelis are suffering from profiteering plumbers and the government is encouraging a fix-it-yourself program to reduce the citizens' dependence on craftsmen who overcharge for their services, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced today. It said research into the practices of the plumbing trade showed that prices could be reduced by an average of 30 percent and still yield a profit in relation to costs. The Ministry said it would soon publish a manual instructing householders how to fix their fixtures without professional help.

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) -- An Israeli, Mrs. Soshana Hareli, has been elected president of the International Council of Jewish Women for the first time in its history. Delegates to the group's convention also voted to move its headquarters from the United States to Israel. A resolution called on Israel's two chief Rabbis to express openly their concern about hardships suffered by Jewish women in matters of divorce, desertion and halitza, the ceremony which releases a widow from marriage with her dead husband's brother.

TEL AVIV, June 5 (JTA) -- An attempt to sabotage the Bank Leumi office in Hebron was foiled by a border police patrol, which opened fire on saboteurs caught placing explosives near the bank of offices yesterday. The explosives were dismantled.

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency's Settlement Department's budget for relief work is limited to welfare cases in the Moshavim, Yechiel Admoni, deputy director of the department, said today in reply to questions on what could be done for the inhabitants of several Moshavim who have been out on strike because relief work has ceased. Finding work for the unemployed is the government's responsibility, Mr. Admoni said. If the Labor exchanges now considered that sufficient productive jobs are available for able-bodied applicants, this is where the Moshav inhabitants should go, he asserted.

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) -- Employment was found in April for over 15,000 applicants to the labor exchange in the Israeli-held territories. Ten thousand applicants found work in the territories themselves and 5,300 were given work in Israel. The latter included 2,000 in the building trades, 1,200 in metal work and miscellaneous occupations, and 2,100 unskilled laborers.

JERUSALEM, June 5 (JTA) -- The Jerusalem Municipality announced yesterday that new immigrants settling in Jerusalem will be exempt from city taxes for the first six months.

## Russian Jew, Denied Permit For Israel, Sentenced To Soviet Prison Camp

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) -- A Russian-Jewish engineer whose appeal for permission to emigrate to Israel was denied a year ago, has been sentenced to three years in a Soviet prison camp on charges of slander against the Soviet state and social system, the Times reported from Moscow today. The report said the sentence was pronounced May 16 on Boris Kochubiyevesky after a four-day trial at which spectators shouted anti-Semitic epithets during examination of witnesses.

A London dispatch carried by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last month reported the arrest of Mr. Kochubiyevesky after he and his wife, a non-Jewess, were summoned to the passport office last November, ostensibly to pick up emigration documents. The JTA also reported the text of a letter written by Mr. Kochubiyevesky last Nov. 28 to Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid I. Brezhnev, demanding the right to emigrate to Israel and the right of all Soviet Jews to live a Jewish life and to educate their children in Jewish schools in the Yiddish language. The young engineer wrote that if he were sentenced and lived until his release he would go to Israel "even if it means going on foot."

The charges of slander against Mr. Kochubiyevesky stemmed from remarks he made at a memorial meeting at Babi Yar, a ravine outside of Kiev, where the Nazis slaughtered most of the Jewish population of the Ukrainian capital, the Times said. According to the Times, he told the several dozen Jewish mourners at the site, "Here lies part of the Jewish people." The court ruled this to be "bourgeois-nationalist-Zionist propaganda." Soviet policy is to memorialize the Babi Yar victims without reference to their Jewish origin, the Times said. That omission was brought to world attention in the celebrated poem "Babi Yar" by Yevgeny Yevtushenko. When Mr. Kochubiyevesky mentioned this at his trial, the judge admonished him for "excursions into the history of literature," the Times reported. Further charges of slander were brought against Mr. Kochubiyevesky for an argument he had with a Soviet lecturer who called Israel the aggressor in the June, 1967 war and for remarks he allegedly made at the passport office, the Times reported.

## World Communist Conference Urged To Press USSR For Equality For Jews

SANTIAGO, Chile, June 5 (JTA) -- Left wing intellectuals have cabled the world conference of Communist parties in Moscow to press Soviet authorities to end their "anti-Semitic campaign under the label of anti-Zionism" and permit Russian Jews who wish to, to emigrate to Israel. The cable, endorsed by the Santiago Conference of Latin American Leftist Intellectuals, was sent to Moscow by the Chilean Committee for Soviet Jews. It was signed by the committee's president, Carlos Vicuna Fuentes, a well-known Chilean writer and attorney. The appeal to the world Communist delegates also demanded that Jews be treated the same as other minorities under the Soviet constitution.

## Heimland Urges 'Contemporary' Jewish Culture For Young Russian Jews

LONDON, June 5 (JTA) -- The Russian-Jewish monthly, Sovietish Heimland claimed in its latest edition received here today that the time had come to abandon traditional Jewish plays and songs and stress contemporary themes for the benefit of Soviet Jewish youth. The current edition of the periodical features short stories and poems by Soviet-Jewish writers, most of them published for the first time. It said it favored such subject as "Jewish revolutionaries, Jewish heroes in the struggle against Fascism and the works of contemporary Soviet Jewish writers."

## Rumanian Jews Commemorate 25th Anniversary Of Nazi Deportations

BUCHAREST, June 5 (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Communities of Rumania held commemorative services in Oradea and Bucharest on the 25th anniversary of the deportation of 160,000 Jews from northern Transylvania to the Auschwitz death camp where most of them were murdered.

Rabbi Moses Rosen, president of the federation, speaking at services at the Oradea Synagogue attended by representatives of the Rumanian Government and of all Rumanian religious groups, urged international action to prevent another Auschwitz against the Jews of Israel. He declared that "if a tyrant threatens extermination of the Jews, one must give credence to him, and humanity must stop his murderous aim, since otherwise, he will keep his word. When we hear again today talk of 'burning, killing and throwing into the sea' the remnants of Auschwitz who rebuilt Israel and finally found their home, mankind must do its duty to take measures for defense" because "the danger is not only for the Jews but for all mankind."

He also added that as long as "forces" existed which reject negotiations to settle differences in favor of war and "as long as the destiny of small peoples is entrusted to great powers, the whole of mankind is threatened with an atomic Auschwitz on a world scale." Services at the Choral Temple here were followed by a pilgrimage to a symbolic grave of the martyrs in the Jewish cemetery which contains a piece of soap made from the bodies of Jews burned at Auschwitz.

A Congress here of the Federation was attended by delegates from 75 Jewish communities, representing 100,000 Jews. Rabbi Rosen told the gathering that one of the main tasks of the Federation in the future would be to help Jews meet their ritual needs. He also stressed the importance of welfare aid to aged, ill and isolated Rumanian Jews, in which the Federation's resources are used in combination with Joint Distribution Committee funds. He said under this program, 4,500 neediest Jews get cash, an additional 60,000 receive clothing, fuel Passover grants. Support is provided for nine cantons in Bucharest and other cities which feed more than 13,000 Jews daily. He said that hundreds of young men and women, mostly university students, attend courses in Hebrew and Jewish subjects under federation auspices.

## NYC Teachers Union Will Seek New Contract Clause For Orthodox Teachers

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) -- The United Federation of Teachers said today it had accepted a request from the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers in New York Public schools that the union seek a clause in its next contract to enable the teachers to take off religious holidays without penalty.

The clause which a UFT spokesman said it is included in talks currently underway for a new contract with a new interim Board of Education would give UFT members five "business days" annually which could be taken off, with pay, for religious holidays or any other suitable reason. The Association obtained the UFT agreement through a petition by its members which pointed out that observant Jewish teachers cannot use their accumulated absence reserve to offset time they take off from teaching for religious observance reasons. The result, according to the Association's plea to the teacher's union, is "a sizeable loss" of income each year deducted for such absence.

## U.S. Educational Crisis Goes Beyond Black-Jewish Relations, Says Maslow

LONDON, June 5 (JTA) -- The educational crisis in America goes far beyond the relations between Negroes and Jews in the United States, according to Will Maslow, executive director of the American Jewish Congress. Mr. Maslow, an adjunct professor at the City College of New York, addressed a sociological seminar at the Institute of Jewish Affairs here. He said the crucial issue was how to give more opportunities to underprivileged students without reducing the opportunities available to the rest or lowering educational standards. Prof. Maslow denounced racial criteria in the selection of students and faculty and said he was opposed to black dormitories, black departments and black professors for black students which would "undermine the achievements of a quarter century struggle in which Jews played an important part." Mr. Maslow said the demands of some militant American students were "suicidal" and "non-negotiable."

## Canadian Jewish Women's Council Assails Abortion Law Change

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, June 5 (JTA) -- The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada in a sharply worded resolution, has expressed disapproval of a new Canadian law removing abortion from the criminal code if performed for therapeutic purposes. The bill is considered a reform move.

The NCJW, in convention here, stated that abortion should not be a matter for legislation or Government concern since it is a matter of concern only between a woman and her physician. In another resolution, the council approved of the new official languages bill allowing for the official use of the French language in Canadian Government services.

## Friends Of Hebrew U. Announce Endowment Fund For Needy Students

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) -- A scholarship endowment fund to help worthy and needy Hebrew University students, with an initial gift of \$250,000 was announced today by Samuel Rothberg, newly-elected president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. The fund was established by Eugene and Estelle Ferkauf of New York, who previously donated a \$1 million science center on Mount Scopus for the Jerusalem-based university. The fund will aid junior, graduate and post-graduate students.

Proceeds from the fund, Mr. Rothberg said, will provide 25 scholarships this year. The Ferkaufs intend to expand the principal in coming years to enable more students to benefit from the program, he said.

Mr. Rothberg's election at a board of directors meeting today was announced by Prof. Milton Handler, newly-elected chairman of the board of the American Friends. The new president predicted that 2,000 American students will study at the university in 1969-70. The Friends conduct a program of education and information in America about the university.

## 3,300 U.S. Jews Going to Israel In July For Jewish Agency Study Programs

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) -- Some 3,339 American Jews will leave for Israel next month to participate in 47 summer work-study and all year-round programs conducted under the auspices of the Jewish Agency for Israel. A great majority of these people--2,597--will be high school and college students. Of the total, 2,694 will participate in summer projects of from seven to 10 weeks' duration, and 645 have enrolled in longer study and work programs of from six months to a year. According to Isadore Hamlin, Jewish Agency-American Section executive director, another estimated 1,500 youth will be in Israel this summer on programs sponsored by other major U.S. Jewish organizations, and U.S. and Israel educational institutions.

## NCRCAC Changes Name To National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) -- The National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body for Jewish organizations in community relations, has officially changed its name to the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. The reason given for the change was "to make the Jewish character of the organization more explicit."

## Rabbi Morris A. Sandhaus, Former VA Chaplain Service Director, Dies

WASHINGTON, June 5 (JTA) -- Chaplain Morris A. Sandhaus, former director of the Chaplain Service of the Veterans Administration and the VA liaison with the National Jewish Welfare Board commission on Jewish chaplaincy, died at his home here yesterday at the age of 57. He became the first rabbi to serve as chief of any federal government chaplaincy service when he was named head of the VA Chaplain Service in 1962. He was deputy chief at his death.