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## Four Powers Resume Meetings On Mideast Seeking 'Package Deal'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. Dec.3(JTA)--Four Power efforts to find the basis for a solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict were under way again today after a five-month hiatus. An initial four-hour meeting, held Tuesday evening, apparently was not productive of much more than a decision to continue the talks at an accelerated pace and, an agreement on the readiness of the participants, "to consider at their meetings specific questions concerning the implementation of this resolution (the Security Council resolution of Nov. 22,1967) in all its aspects as a 'package deal' relating to the entire region of conflict in the Middle East."

The envoys of the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France held their sixteenth meeting Tuesday in the apartment of Ambassador Charles W. Yost. They will meet again next Saturday at the residence of French Ambassador Armand Berard. In the past, the envoys and their aides met once a week. The schedule will now apparently be speeded up to provide for more frequent meetings.

A formal communique--a precedent in the history of the Four Power meetings--was made public after the four hour session Tuesday night. Ambassador Yost, flanked by his colleagues, read the text to newsmen in an attempt to give it greater weight and impressiveness.

### Envoys Describe Mideast Situation As "Increasingly Serious"

The four ambassadors confirmed in the communique that "they regard the situation in the Middle East as increasingly serious and urgent. They reaffirmed their conviction that this situation must not be permitted to jeopardize international peace and security." The envoys reiterated that their objective was "to promote the establishment of lasting peace in the Middle East through supporting Security Council resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967 which should be carried out in all its parts."

The communique stressed the desire of the Four Power permanent representatives "to assist the Secretary-General's special representative (Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring) to resume as soon as possible his task of promoting agreement and assisting efforts to achieve a peaceful and accepted settlement" in accordance with the November 22, 1967 resolution. Ambassador Jarring has been inactive since his fruitless attempts in New York last September to get the Egyptians to participate in a "Rhodes type" meeting with Israel. The communique promised that the envoys "will pursue their endeavors with all possible speed."

Attending the meeting with Ambassador Yost were Yakov Malik of the Soviet Union; Lord Caradon, of Britain, and Armand Berard, of France. They were joined by eight deputy representatives and political advisers.

### Eban Says Events Have Vindicated Israel's Criticism Of Big Power Role

JERUSALEM, Dec.3(JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban told a news conference today that Israel's original criticism of the Four Power Mideast talks has been fully vindicated. He urged the Big Powers to have the courage to admit their failure to achieve a settlement.

Referring to the Big Four discussions which resumed in New York yesterday after five months, Mr. Eban said that Israel had warned before they started almost a year ago that they would prove fruitless and only worsen the Mideast situation. He said events have shown that Israel was right when it said that Big Power intervention would only foster the illusion among the Arabs that they would be relieved of making a settlement on their own. He said the talks were based on the "impossible notion" that there could be a settlement without negotiations between the parties concerned.

Israel warned further, Mr. Eban recalled, that the big Powers would probably arrive at proposals that were unacceptable to either side and that their efforts would lift the Middle East conflict out of its local context to an infinitely more dangerous global confrontation.

### Sees Signs Of Improved France-Israeli Relations

On another matter, Mr. Eban said that Israel has not given up hope of improved relations with France. He said there have been a few encouraging signs in that direction although there has been no relaxation of the arms embargo against Israel and France still leans toward the Arabs in the Big Four talks. Mr. Eban said that among the hopeful signs was the speech to the United Nations General Assembly by French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann in which he did not accuse Israel of aggression as his predecessor had done under the regime of former President De Gaulle.

Mr. Eban also found encouraging France's signing of a visa exemption agreement with Israel that Gen. De Gaulle had held in abeyance in 1967, and France's agreement to open talks on a preferential trade agreement between Israel and the European Common Market countries. On the other hand, Mr. Eban said, French cabinet ministers visit the Arab countries but not Israel.

Mr. Eban said he would visit the three Benelux countries next February and probably several other West European countries.

## Tito Asserts Israel Blocks All Efforts To Find Peaceful, Just Solution

LONDON, Dec.3(JTA)--President Tito of Yugoslavia stated today that his country fully backs the efforts of the Arab countries to regain their territory occupied by Israel by whatever means they can. He accused Israel of "obstinate refusal" to accept a just and peaceful solution and blamed United States arms and financial aid to Israel for perpetuating what he called Israel's aggressive policies.

Marshal Tito's remarks were contained in an interview published by the official Yugoslavian news agency, "Tanyug." He said that aggression and expansion conducted by the Israeli government has led to an extremely grave deterioration of the situation in the Middle East." He charged that "the Israeli government blocks all efforts made to find a peaceful and just solution to the Mideast crisis in harmony with the interests of all peoples in the area."

## Airborne Israelis Smash Terrorist Base In Lebanon In Heavy, Two-Hour Raid

TEL AVIV, Dec.3(JTA)--Helicopter-borne Israeli troops supported by an artillery barrage and air cover, smashed a major guerrilla encampment on the southern slope of Mt. Hermon in Lebanon today. It was the first strike across the Lebanese border since Sept. 5 and was described as the heaviest yet. A military spokesman said the Israeli soldiers killed at least 12 guerrillas, wounded many more and destroyed huge quantities of supplies. One Israeli officer was killed and five soldiers were wounded in the action. The fatality was identified as Lt. Shlomo Cohen.

The attack was mounted following the ambush of an Israeli motor convoy in the northern Golan Heights last night in which a civilian bus driver and a soldier were wounded. The target of today's raid was Djabel Ross, a Lebanese village about five miles from the Israeli border which was known to be a base for saboteurs who planted mines and attacked Israeli territory. A military spokesman said the base was elaborately organized along military lines with ranks of tents, trenches and a large arsenal containing arms, ammunition and high explosives. The arsenal was destroyed, he said.

The Israeli raid lasted more than two hours. It was preceded by a heavy artillery barrage against hill positions around Kfar Chouba and Chebaa, Lebanese villages only a few hundred yards from the Israel-occupied Golan Heights. Guerrillas in this area are supplied from Syria whose border is only a few miles away.

In other military actions, Israel Air Force jets blasted Egyptian military positions in the Suez Canal zone for the fourth consecutive day. All planes returned safely to their bases. Jordanian forces attacked the northern Beisan Valley with heavy mortars last night, knocking out the electric lines supplying Ashdod Yaacov and Kibbutz Afikim. The damage was soon repaired. No casualties were reported.

## Eban Says Lebanese Border Is 'Relatively Quiet' Despite Action

Foreign Minister Abba Eban told newsmen that this morning's airborne attack on guerrilla bases in Lebanon was directed at a concentration of Palestinian terrorists whose exact location was known. He noted that it followed an attack on an Israeli motor convoy from Lebanese territory last night. Mr. Eban said that the latter incident notwithstanding, the Lebanese border is still relatively quiet. Mr. Eban also pointed out that Arabs in the occupied territories are the prime victims of terrorist activities. He said that, so far, 450 Arab civilians have been killed or mutilated by the terrorists, a far higher number than the civilian casualties among Israelis. He said the terrorists were trying to force the Arab population into cooperating with them. Israel must take preventive action when this happens, but it does not administer "collective punishment," he said.

Israeli circles said today that guerrilla and sabotage activities from Lebanon were expected to escalate in view of the large scale round-ups of saboteur gangs in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. They said that Yasser Arafat, leader of El Fatah and the Palestine Liberation Organization, has decided to shift guerrilla operations to Lebanon and that the Syrian sponsored Al Saika guerrillas will be reactivated in force along Israel's northern border.

Israel announced today that sabotage rings have been smashed in the Gaza Strip villages of Dir El Balah and Khan Yunis. About 50 Arabs have been arrested on suspicion of grenade throwing, mine-laying and sabotage to railway lines and water pipelines. Large arms caches were seized.

## Terrorist Leader Says 400 El Fatah Men Were Trained In Red China

TEL AVIV, Dec.3(JTA)--The training in Red China of at least 400 El Fatah guerrillas was disclosed to a Nablus military court Tuesday by the former commander of the guerrilla base at Karameh, Jordan. The prisoner, Mohammed Othmann El Haj Nimmer Abdallah, was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor for his activities as an El Fatah unit commander on the West Bank.

He told the court that he underwent an extensive course in sabotage in Red China and that while he was there, at least 400 other El Fatah recruits were being trained in guerrilla warfare and toughened by long marches over difficult terrain. He said the recruits were taken by bus from Jordan to Baghdad, Iraq and then flown to Peking.

Nimmer Abdallah was captured with four other saboteurs near Nablus. They were in possession of large quantities of hand grenades and explosives and five Russian-made Kalachnikov rifles. They surrendered without resistance.

## Dayan Says Policy On Terror Punishes The Guilty, Protects The Innocent

JERUSALEM, Dec.3(JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan insisted in the Knesset yesterday that the policy of punishing terrorist collaborators in the occupied Arab territories was nothing new, had the complete approval of the Government and affected only the guilty while protecting the innocent. Gen. Dayan spoke in reply to two questions put to the Government by Communist MKs on the alleged "neighborhood punishment" policy, a policy that has come under fire in recent weeks reportedly within as well as outside of government circles. The policy is to destroy the homes and inflict other punishment on Arabs who collaborate with terrorists or who, knowing of terrorist activities in their neighbor-

hood, fail to alert Israeli authorities. Gen. Dayan said he thought the debate was more over words than over deeds. He said the policy could be called "neighborhood punishment" or anything else but the essence of it was that innocent persons were spared and punishment was meted out only to those guilty of aiding, sheltering or otherwise collaborating with terrorists. He said the blowing up of houses in Halhul village on the West bank, the curfews in Hebron and in the Taamra tribe area nearby, and the demolition of houses in Gaza were all done with government approval.

He said the policy was not only approved by the government but was in full accord with the emergency regulations laid down by the British Mandatory authorities in 1945 and retained by Israel. He said its purpose was to protect peaceful Arabs and to enable Jews to move peacefully in the occupied territories for purposes of trade, visits and settlement, just as West Bank Arabs are permitted to move freely and work in Israel.

### Airline Receives 'Some Encouragement' In Bid For Release of Hijack Prisoners

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (JTA)--Some measure of encouragement on the prospects for release of the two Israeli passengers detained by Syria since the hijacking last August of a U.S. Airliner was reported today by a spokesman here for Trans-World Airlines. The spokesman said that "some encouragement" was felt because of developments in recent days.

State Department officials said that airworthiness tests were being made to ascertain whether the plane was in flying condition. These officials had no comment on the measured optimism voiced by TWA. They said only that the U.S. Government was "continuing efforts" to liberate the passengers.

(The Syrian delegation to the United Nations unexpectedly called a press conference tonight and speculation in UN circles was that the mission, which has been under pressure from UN Secretary-General U Thant for the release of the two Israeli prisoners might have an announcement to make on that subject.)

The TWA Spokesman said that two TWA officials had remained in Damascus to press for release of the passengers. The officials are R.W. Wilson, International vice-president of TWA, and John L. Gaiser, General manager of Saudi Arabian Airlines, of Jeddah Saudi Arabia. TWA has an assistance program with the Arab line.

Repairs are virtually completed on the TWA plane at Damascus and the possibility exists that the plane will leave Damascus by the end of December. No definite plan has yet been made to remove the plane, the TWA spokesman said.

### Communist States Use Refugee Debate As Forum For Attacks On Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 3 (JTA)--The Soviet Union and its allies continued today to use the General Assembly's Special Political Committee as the arena for slashing attacks on Israel completely unrelated to the reported of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees which was theoretically the subject for debate.

The ball was carried at today's session by Nikolai Shapapov of Byelorussia, who accused Israel of being a tool of the "imperialists" in a sinister conspiracy to bring down the Arab governments. He accused Israeli "extremists" of erecting "massive fortifications" in the occupied territories with the aim of holding on to them despite United Nations resolutions. The behavior of the Israelis in the occupied territories, he asserted, was reminiscent of that of the Hitler occupation forces in World War II.

Mr. Shapapov told the committee that assistance provided to the refugees through UNRWA was "like a drop in the ocean" compared to the immense profits Western oil companies were extracting in the Middle East. In 20 years, he said they had taken \$12 billion in profits out against an investment of \$1.5 billion. It was the oil monopolies, he said, which had "armed Israel and pushed it to aggression."

### Mrs. Meir Reported In Difficulties In Attempt To Form Broad-Based Government

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir who appeared to have firm control of political events only two months ago, is in serious difficulties in her attempts to form a new national coalition government that will include all of the country's major political factions. Mrs. Meir asked for and received from President Zalman Shazar last Sunday a ten day extension in which to accomplish the government-building task that she failed to complete during the first 21 days of her mandate.

Mrs. Meir's efforts to form a national coalition government have been thwarted so far by a sharp ideological polarization among the political factions that must be included in any broadly based coalition. These differences have been "seemingly impossible to accommodate," Washington post correspondent Alfred Friendly reported from Jerusalem today. He predicted that "whatever the outcome, the prime minister will be left with an uneasy and feuding cabinet within the ranks of her own Labor Party, quite apart from the Mapam-Gahal fight."

Under Israeli law, Mrs. Meir will be entitled to a final 11-day period after the present extension expires. But the idea of requesting more time is said to be personally distasteful to the 71-year-old Premier. Some political observers say she will not ask for another extension but will either relinquish her mandate if she fails to form a broadly based government or try to set up a coalition between her Labor Alignment and one of the minor parties, probably the Independent Liberals.

Such a coalition would be a fragile one, especially at a time when Israel faces a worsening Middle East situation and many serious problems on the home front. Therefore Mrs. Meir has been trying desperately to form a coalition that will include Gahal (Herut-Liberal Alignment) the nation's second largest political party, and the National Religious Party which ran third in the Oct. 23 Knesset elections.

Originally Mrs. Meir left the hard bargaining to an inter-party committee headed by minister of Justice Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro. The committee made progress as long as general issues were discussed. But when it came to the crucial question of allocating portfolios among the coalition partners, the bargaining collapsed.

### Vatican Radio To Broadcast Jewish Musical Program Tonight

ROME, Dec.3(JTA)--The Vatican Radio will broadcast an entire program of Jewish interest tomorrow night, the eve of Chanukah, Vatican officials revealed. This is believed to be the first program of its nature to be carried by the Vatican broadcasting services. The 30-minute program will include Hebrew melodies, Jewish liturgical chants and traditional Sephardic music. Alice Gabbi, Jewish mezzo-soprano, will be featured on the program.

### Eichmann Aide Goes On Trial For Third Time On War Crimes Charges

VIENNA, Nov.3(JTA)--An aide to Adolf Eichmann, who admitted helping to transport hundreds of thousands of Jews to the Auschwitz death camp, went on trial here Tuesday for the third time in five years on war crimes charges.

Franz Novak, 55, received an eight-year prison term at his first trial in 1964 on conviction of "consciously and deliberately" collaborating with his chief, Eichmann, in the deportations. He was Eichmann's transport officer. The verdict was annulled by the Supreme Court for technical reasons and a new trial was held. At that trial, held in October, 1966, Novak was acquitted when the jury failed to agree. The Austrian Supreme Court quashed the acquittal on grounds of insufficient legal instruction to the jury and ordered the third trial.

### Argentine Jews Call For New Security Measures Against Anti-Jewish Attacks

BUENOS AIRES, Dec.3(JTA)--Reports of a rising incidence of anti-Jewish attacks in some provincial cities during the past two weeks prompted the DAIA today to call for improved security measures for local Jewish institutions. The reports were heard at a plenary session of the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry.

The session was addressed by the Jewish Agency treasurer, Leon Dulzin, who described the situation in Israel and the need for increased immigration and tourism. The session also heard a report on a conference of Jewish leaders with the Argentine Foreign Ministry on the situation of Jews in Soviet Russia.

### Establish Lectureship Honoring Raoul Wallenberg, Wartime Rescuer of Jews

DETROIT, Dec.3(JTA)--Funds raised to establish a lectureship named for Raoul Wallenberg, the young Swedish banker who was credited with single-handedly saving the lives of thousands of Jews in Hungary during the last months of the Nazi occupation, will assure the existence of the lectureship for at least five years, the Detroit Jewish News reported.

The lectureship is being established at the University of Michigan School of Architecture from which Wallenberg graduated in 1934. The fund to establish a lectureship in his honor was opened by classmates.

Wallenberg assumed his mission in Hungary at the age of 32 as a member of the Swedish Legation Staff with special instructions to do everything possible to prevent the deportation of Hungarian Jews. He remained at the job, protecting literally tens of thousands to whom he issued documents and passports. He disappeared when Soviet Army captured Budapest and was never again seen alive. Reports persist that he is still alive, a prisoner somewhere in the Soviet Union.

### Judge Harry K. Stone, Jurist, Philanthropist, Dead At 72

BROCKTON, MASS, Dec.3(JTA)--Judge Harry K. Stone, jurist, business executive and philanthropist, died here yesterday at the age of 72. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Funeral services will be held here tomorrow. He was the brother of Dr. Dewey D. Stone, nationally known Jewish leader and former chairman of the United Israel Appeal.

The recipient of honorary degrees from Boston University and Stonehill College, Judge Stone, who had served for more than 30 years as a life member of the Plymouth County Probate Court, was one of only nine associate founders of Boston University, to be elected in the University's 100 years. He had served as a vice-president of the New England Zionist District, and had been a sponsor and underwriter of the Charna S. Cowan Student Art Rental Program at Brandeis University, where he had served as a member of the board of trustees. With his brother, Dewey D. Stone, he had been an active supporter of the Weizmann Institute at Rehovoth. The Boston University Stone Science Building cornerstone is a duplicate of the cornerstone of the Weizmann Institute building. The science building was a gift of the Stone brothers.

Judge Stone was a member of the board of trustees of Stonehill College. He was honorary Consul General of Nicaragua and held the rank of Chevalier in the French Legion of Honor.

### Gen. Yaakov Kreizer, Highest Ranking Jew In Soviet Army, Dead

LONDON, Dec.3(JTA)--A Soviet Jew who, as a General of the Army, reportedly was the highest ranking Jewish military figure in the Soviet Union, died last Saturday at the age of 64, according to the Soviet Defense Ministry. The Ministry did not indicate the cause of Gen. Yakov G. Kreizer's death. He served as a commander on the Soviet's western front in World War II.

His promotion in 1962 coincided with growing charges that the Soviet Union was suppressing Jewish religious and cultural life. Nikita Khrushchev, then Soviet Premier, cited Gen. Kreizer's top military ranking as proof that Soviet Jews were not targets of discrimination. At the start of the Nazi invasion of Russia in 1941, he was one of the first militarymen to become a Hero of the Soviet Union. He received many other decorations including five orders of Lenin. Rising through the ranks before the start of World War II, he was named commander of the First Moscow Motorized Infantry and led an effort to slow down the Nazi blitzkrieg. He had been a deputy to the Russian Republic's Supreme Soviet and to the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union.