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Big Four Power Representatives Schedule Resumption Of Talks On Middle East

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. Jan. 13 (JTA)--Representatives of the Four Powers were scheduled to resume their talks on the Middle East situation today despite the airing of a fundamental disagreement between the Soviet Union and the United States which could be bridged only if one side or the other abandoned its professed position on the role and function of the intervening powers. Lord Caradon was expected to offer a new British "suggestion" at today's meeting.

The Soviet Union made it clear in its note of December 23, made available to some correspondents in Washington yesterday by the State Department, that it was firmly committed to the proposition that it was up to the Four Powers to determine the nature of the settlement and impose it on Israel and the Arab states. The professed American position has been that the Four Powers should agree on guidelines of a settlement which would be negotiated by the conflicting states with the mediation of Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations special envoy for the Middle East.

But Israel has complained that while the United States has been stating that the peace settlement must be reached by negotiations between the Middle East states involved, the United States has, in fact, been making proposals for settlement which spell out all the conditions except minor details and thus, in effect, would blueprint the settlement which Israel and the Arab states would be required to accept.

(In Washington today, Robert J. McCloskey, State Department spokesman, said the United States "was soundly disappointed" by the Russian note. He termed it a serious setback to the cause of peace in the Middle East and represented a "negative and retrogressive" attitude. McCloskey said the Russian position could only serve delaying the return of UN special Middle East envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring to his mission.)

The Soviet note made it clear that the only areas of agreement which had been reached between the Soviet and American positions were those in which the Americans yielded on issues of principle and moved toward the Soviet position. The Soviet note rejected application of the "Rhodes formula" for Arab-Israeli talks, called for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories to be completed before "de jure cessation of the state of war," rejected the concept of any role for Israel in determining the disposition of the Gaza Strip, affirmed the principle of freedom of navigation of the Suez Canal "for the vessels of all countries in accordance with the Constantinople Convention of 1888 now in effect" and said that questions of navigation of the Strait of Tiran and Gulf of Akaba "must be considered and solved in conformity with generally recognized principles of international law which will guarantee to a sufficient degree free passage for the vessels of all countries through these waterways."

The Soviet note made it clear that the Soviet insistence on a "package deal" conforming to the Nov. 22, 1967 resolution of the United Nations Security Council barred peace between Israel and any one of the belligerent Arab states until peace with all could be achieved.

But the crux of the Soviet position was that the Four Powers had to lay down a complete peace program with only minor details to be discussed between Israel and the Arabs. Moscow rejected the concept of a Soviet-American agreement on "neutral formulas" for Dr. Jarring to submit to the belligerents. The Russians argued that this "in effect, (would) shift the main emphasis, in working out an agreement on basic aspects of the settlement, over to contacts between the parties through Ambassador Jarring."

The Russians argued that "such an approach is especially unwarranted under the present circumstances when the situation in the Middle East has sharply deteriorated in view of the delay of the settlement, because of Israel." It added that "as we understand it, the objective of a joint Soviet-American document should be as far as possible a sufficiently detailed elaboration of the essence of the fundamental aspects of the Middle East settlement. Also, it would hardly make sense to negate the work already done, aimed at working out agreed positions of our countries by following the United States proposal to limit ourselves to 'neutral formulas' alone."

The Soviet note rejected the proposals contained in the American note of October 28 - the text of which the State Department has not yet released but is expected to do so soon. Moscow characterized this note as "one-sided" and "pro-Israel" and charged that it actually represented a withdrawal from positions previously taken by the United States, notably on the Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories conditions of which Washington had spelled out in earlier proposals. The Russians, however, called for "further active efforts on the part of the big powers - permanent members of the Security Council - within the framework of bilateral and four power contacts for the purpose of finding mutually acceptable ways of a Middle East settlement." The UN ambassadors of the Four Powers, meeting this afternoon at the home of Lord Caradon of Britain, were scheduled to review the work of their deputies at a meeting last week.

Israel Air Force Strikes Hit Egyptian Military Targets Eight Miles From Cairo

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets struck at will today at Egyptian military targets in the Nile delta and within eight miles of Cairo. It was a second time in a week that Israeli bombers penetrated far behind the Suez Canal zone. The raids confirmed previous reports that Egypt's radar warning system has been virtually destroyed.

A military spokesman said all aircraft returned safely after hitting the Khanka Army camp just outside of Cairo where Egyptian Air Force equipment is stored, and Tel El Kabir, a camp in the Nile delta. He said only light anti-aircraft fire was encountered. Israeli pilots reported seeing Egyptian fighter planes take off but they made no attempt to challenge the Israeli aircraft.

US-Russian Accord On Middle East Not Acceptable To Israel If Not Consulted

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir said today that if the United States were to reach an accord with Soviet Russia on a Middle East settlement without consulting Israel, "We will have to tell our friends in Washington, 'sorry, absolutely unacceptable.'" Speaking to a group of visiting American-Jewish newspaper editors, Mrs. Meir said however that she believes Israel "has a friend in the White House" and that America would never force it to withdraw from Arab territory without a genuine peace settlement.

Mrs. Meir attributed the failure to achieve peace to President Gamal Abdel Nasser, of Egypt who, she said, was "obsessed" with the idea of trying to destroy Israel and was "frustrated" because he tried three times and failed. She said Nasser's preoccupation with war against Israel to the neglect of grave social and economic problems in Egypt, served the interests of Soviet Russia. "Russian interest can thrive only as long as there is no peace and as long as Nasser thinks a tank is more important than a tractor," according to Mrs. Meir.

The Prime Minister's Office said today that a United Press International dispatch which quoted the Premier as saying that there is no chance for a Mideast peace as long as Nasser continues to rule Egypt was "incorrect." The correct quote, according to the Prime Minister's Office was, "As long as Nasser is the ruler of Egypt I cannot say when there will be peace."

French Foreign Minister Schumann Vows Not One Mirage Will Be Sent To Israel

PARIS, Jan. 13 (JTA)--French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann stated flatly today that his Government "will not deliver a single Mirage to Israel" and will do nothing "to endanger France's newly won popularity with the Arab countries." M. Schumann's remarks, reportedly made at a closed door meeting with the parliamentary group of the governing Gaullist party, was regarded here as the most important and clearest statement of French policy made in recent months.

The Foreign Minister was summoned by the Gaullist deputies to explain the Government's Middle East policy in light of France's new arms deal with Libya at a time when it maintains a strict arms embargo against Israel. The Libyan deal will provide that country with 50 Mirage jets. M. Schumann reportedly told the Gaullists that the Government's chief preoccupation was to do nothing that could endanger France's popularity in the Arab world. He said France could not consider the delivery of any arms to Israel because that would jeopardize this policy.

Sen. Javits Assures Israelis U.S. Policy Aims To Preserve Balance In Middle East

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Senator Jacob K. Javits assured Israelis today that United States policy was to preserve the military balance of power in the Middle East and that the U.S. would provide Israel with arms should the balance tilt against it. The New York Senator, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, spoke to newsmen prior to his departure for Turkey.

Sen. Javits spent three days in Israel on what he said was a private, unofficial visit. But during his stay he sought to convince Israeli leaders that there has been no erosion of America's basic support for Israel. He conceded that there was an erosion in U.S. - Israel relations which he attributed to "misunderstanding." Sen. Javits said that Secretary of State William P. Rogers' Dec. 9 statement of U.S. Mideast policy was now "obsolete" because the American proposals have been rejected by the Soviet Union. Israelis were alarmed by Mr. Rogers' proposal that Israel withdraw from virtually all occupied Arab territories in return for a binding peace commitment from the Arabs.

Sen. Javits condemned France's sale of Mirage jets and other modern arms to Libya. He said they could easily reach the Israeli front but that the U.S. would readjust the arms balance should it change. Sen. Javits said he was convinced of Israel's sincere desire for peace and of its ability to withstand a war of attrition for as long as necessary. The Senator said that while his visit was in a private capacity he intended to report what he saw when he returns to the U.S. He said he would do his utmost to see that the Government gives favorable consideration to Israel's requests for more military and economic aid.

Dr. Goldmann Urges Jewish Communities To Provide Relief For Biafran Victims

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress urged Jewish communities the world over today to join in national and international efforts to provide immediate relief to the victims of war. Dr. Goldmann referred specifically to the civil war in Biafra, just ended, which, he said, "with its terrible toll of life and unspeakable sufferings rends the conscience of humanity."

Soviet Union's Attitude Toward Palestine Guerrillas Soon To Undergo Test

BOSTON, Jan. 13 (JTA)--The Soviet Union's "ambiguous but slowly warming attitude" toward the Palestine guerrillas will be put to the test in the near future when Yasir Arafat, head of the El Fatah and of the Palestine Liberation Organization, visits Moscow, the Christian Science Monitor reported from Beirut. Arafat, who failed in his bid to get massive financial support for the terrorists from the oil-rich Arab countries at the Rabat summit conference, will seek financial and military assistance from the Soviet Union, according to the Monitor's dispatch from John K. Cooley. Arafat's talks with the Russians, it quoted pro-guerrilla sources in Beirut as reporting, will "deal with the size of political, military and financial assistance that the Soviet Union may be prepared to extend to the Palestinian revolution."

In view of the Soviet Union's professed commitment to the Security Council resolution of Nov. 22, 1967 outlining the basis for settlement of the Mideast conflict, the Russians are expected to avoid full-fledged recognition of Arafat by having the terrorist and his aides received by a Soviet non-governmental "solidarity organization" rather than by the government. Cooley reported marked differences between "Soviet diplomats accredited in Arab capitals, policy-makers in the Kremlin and diplomats engaged in big-power discussions" over policy on the guerrillas. He said "the new Russian-Palestinian contacts may help finally to crystallize the Soviet stand on the guerrillas."

Jewish Students' Group in West Germany To Combat Anti-Zionist Arab Propaganda

BONN, Jan. 13 (JTA)--The General Organization of Jewish Students in West Germany announced today that they will increase their activities to counteract anti-Zionist Arab propaganda at German universities and high schools. The student group said the attacks on Israel stem from German leftists and Arab students. They said they will also launch a campaign to arouse public opinion against the treatment of Jews in Soviet Russia.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban is due here on Feb. 23 on what will be the first official visit by a ranking member of Israel's Cabinet to West Germany. But before Mr. Eban arrives, Bonn will be visited by Bahdat Talhouni, the Premier of Jordan. Mr. Talhouni is due here on Jan. 26 and will stay until Feb. 2. The weekly news magazine Die Welt today criticized France's sale of 50 Mirage jets to Libya and the reported Franco-Israeli arms negotiations. The magazine said the weapons would be used against Israeli villages. It noted that Iraq regards itself in a state of war with Israel and has refused to accept the United Nations cease-fire.

President Nixon Urged To Ask President Pompidou To Halt Sale Of Arms To Libya

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--The president of the United Synagogue of America urged President Richard M. Nixon yesterday to intervene with President Georges Pompidou, of France to halt the flow of offensive weapons to Libya "in behalf of Middle East peace." Jacob Stein said the United Synagogue, the congregational branch of Conservative Judaism in the United States, was appalled by France's announced sale of modern weapons, including 50 Mirage supersonic jet fighter-bombers, to Libya.

He noted that President Pompidou is scheduled to visit the U.S. next month and asked President Nixon to "impress upon him the grave consequences of his action in contributing heavily toward an arms imbalance in the Middle East and thus playing into the hands of Soviet Russia by adding fuel to the fires stoked by the Kremlin in this strategic part of the world."

Mr. Stein said the clause in the French-Libyan deal prohibiting the transfer of the Mirages to any third party "is not worth the paper it is written on in view of the record of Libya and her partners in the breach of previous contracts." Moreover, he said, the French arms deal is a "blatant breach of its own embargo on all belligerents in the Middle East by singling out Israel and depriving her of essential defense material."

Denials Made That France And Iraq Negotiating On Supersonic Mirage Jets Sale

PARIS, Jan. 13 (JTA)--The French Defense Ministry and the Iraqi Embassy here both denied yesterday that negotiations are going on over the sale to Iraq of the newest model of France's supersonic Mirage jet, the F-1. The Ministry said that no talks with Iraq are going on at the moment. Observers here noted however that France had persistently denied for weeks that it was negotiating the sale of Mirages to Libya, a deal that was confirmed last week.

The Mirage F-1 is not scheduled to go into production until next year. King Faisal of Saudi Arabia who is here on a private visit, was received by President Georges Pompidou yesterday. He said later that their talk covered general matters pertaining to the Middle East situation but no "precise subjects." He said he was "very optimistic" about commercial relations between his country and France.

(The semi-official Cairo newspaper Al Ahram reported that the sale of British Centurion tanks to Israel would be discussed at a meeting of Arab ambassadors to open in London shortly. The paper said that Egyptian leaders have already brought up the matter with British officials visiting Cairo. Britain has reportedly agreed to sell Centurion tanks to Israel but is still hedging on Israel's request to purchase the newer, more powerful Chieftain tanks.)

Neo-Nazi Youth Group Spewing Anti-Semitic Hatred On Campuses And In Cities

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--The National Youth Alliance, formed early last spring as a "new right" student group to counter activities of left-wing radicals and black extremists on campuses, is now spewing a neo-Nazi ideology, according to a study in the latest issue of the ADL Bulletin, a publication of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

"The NYA has become a movement of native American fascism," stated J.Q. Purcell, staff member of ADL's civil rights division and author of the study. "It is promoting a clearly neo-Nazi ideology. Its ranks, and even its leadership, bulge with white racists and anti-Semites of long repute." The NYA emerged from the "Youth for Wallace" movement.

Purcell noted that part of the NYA's insidious anti-Semitic propaganda includes the view that there may be a conspiracy to force American boys to die for Israel. He reported that at a rally on the University of California campus called by NYA national organizer Louis T. Byers members of the Iron Cross Motorcycle Club, "at least two of whom were former members of the American Nazi Party," were official guards at the rally. Purcell quoted one of them saying, "We don't let any Jew or niggers into the club."

The study noted that the basic work used by the NYA to arm its members in neo-Nazi ideology is Francis Parker Yockey's "Imperium." The book has been described, according to Purcell as a second "Mein Kampf" and "has become the bible of the NYA." Yockey was active in American and German neo-Nazi circles until his suicide in a San Francisco jail after his arrest on federal charges of passport fraud.

Yockey had labelled Negroes and Jews "parasites" on western civilization and likened anti-Semitism to "the formation of antibodies in the blood stream of human pathology. In both cases, the organism is resisting the alien life," Purcell noted. The study also reported that at a meeting addressed by Byers, the Horst Wessel Lied, anthem of the Third Reich, was sung. Byers urged NYAers to read the anonymous "Myth of the Six Million," and expressed the view that "next time the final solution to the Jewish problem will be more efficiently executed." According to Purcell, the behind-the-scenes chief organizer and financier of the NYA has been Willis Carto, the American publisher of Yockey's book, "who has expressed open sympathy for Adolph Hitler." He was guest of honor at an NYA meeting "which had been marked by swastika pins and Nazi songs."

Purcell stated that the five-man advisory board of the NYA includes Admiral (Ret.) John Crommelin, who has spoken of the "Communist-Jewish conspiracy" and for many years has been a standard bearer of the racist, anti-Semitic National States Rights Party; Gen. Pedro A. del Valle, an activist in numerous anti-Semitic groups including the publishers of Conde McGinley's "Common Sense"; and Austin J. App, an apologist for German neo-Nazi movements. Richard Cotten, described by Purcell as an anti-Semitic radio propagandist, and Revilo P. Oliver, who has bewailed that the race "called Indo-European or Aryan" was imperiled by those he designated as "alien slime," round out the luminaries of the NYA advisory board.

"If a native neo-Nazi 'intellectual' idea lies at the roots of the NYA, the organization seems nonetheless ready to exploit more elemental and common phenomena - fear and backlash," Purcell stated. He warned that with the development of NYA on the right and the continuation of the radical left there could be a "dangerous polarization to the far left and far right which could bring about violent confrontations throughout our society and threaten our democratic institutions themselves."

Mystery Surrounds Appearance Of Article On Orthodox Jews In Airlines Magazine

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (JTA)--A mild mystery surrounds the appearance of an article on "Orthodox Judaism in America" in the Jan. 1970 edition of "The American Way," an inflight magazine published by American Airlines. The magazine has never before published articles on Jewish subjects and according to its editor, has none scheduled. The illustrated article, by Carol Schwalberg, claimed that Orthodoxy is the "fastest growing branch of American Judaism" and that the greatest commitment to it "is among the young."

According to Don Moffitt, editor of "The American Way" which is published for the airline by Caldwell Communications, the article was proposed by Rabbi Chaim Lipschitz, identified as the "research director" of Yeshiva Torah Vodath Mesivta in Brooklyn. Mr. Moffitt described Rabbi Lipschitz as "a very persuasive publicity man" and said he was sent to him by Juan Homs, Jr., director of sales promotion of American Airlines. Contacted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mr. Homs said the idea for the article originated with him and that he was not approached by anyone. He denied that any sales promotion objectives were involved but wouldn't say why he selected Orthodoxy rather than the other branches of Judaism. "We like to give our passengers serious articles of interest," Mr. Homs told the JTA.

Jewish Center Synagogue To Continue Draft Counseling For Conscientious Objectors

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13 (JTA)--Members of the Germantown Jewish Centre have turned down a proposal to end the draft counseling project at their synagogue. They defeated the motion by a 209-54 margin, after a heated debate. Rabbi Elias Charry, president of the Philadelphia Board of Rabbis and religious leader of the congregation, said that the validation of conscientious objectors was the business of the church or synagogue, not the government, because of the religious factor involved. He charged that while Protestants and Catholics have had draft information centers for a number of years, "we -- the Jewish group -- dragged our feet." It was in response to this situation, he said, that the Philadelphia Board of Rabbis passed a resolution to set up a number of counseling centers.