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U Thant And Dr. Jarring To Meet In Geneva; Expect To Discuss Mideast Mission

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. Feb. 16 (JTA)--One of the subjects which United Nations Secretary-General U Thant is expected to discuss with Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, his special representative for the Middle East, when they meet in Geneva on Wednesday is the possibility that Dr. Jarring immediately resume his Mideast mission in an attempt to cool down the situation there, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

Mr. Thant announced today that "in view of the increasingly severe deterioration" in the Middle East situation, he had asked Dr. Jarring, now serving as Swedish Ambassador in Moscow, to meet him in Geneva Wednesday. His announcement stated that the two men would "discuss the situation in general and the roles of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative in seeking to cope with it." Mr. Thant will proceed from Geneva to Burma on a personal visit and will return to New York about Feb. 27.

The Jarring mission to the Middle East was shelved last spring when the Four Powers - the United States, Soviet Union, Britain and France - began talks aiming at agreed "guidelines" to be given Dr. Jarring for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Four Powers have not reached agreement on any guidelines and, despite repeated American concessions, have not approached agreement on any major issues.

UN Secretary-General Concerned Over Intensified Arab-Jewish Fighting

Mr. Thant is known to have been increasingly concerned over the stepped-up pace of the Arab-Jewish fighting and to be apprehensive that Israel and the Arab states are on the verge of fullscale renewal of the war. Gen. Odd Bull, the head of the UN cease-fire observation team in the Middle East reported to him that the cease-fire agreements which halted the Six-Day War in June 1967 were virtually dead letters. Mr. Thant is known also to believe that some form of cease-fire arrangement must be enforced immediately to prevent a widening of hostilities.

France has proposed that Dr. Jarring be sent to the Middle East immediately to seek renewed compliance with the cease-fire agreement. The United States and Britain have also strongly stressed in Four Power meetings the urgency of compliance with the agreement but the Soviet Union has not gone along with them. President Nasser of Egypt denounced the cease-fire last August when he proclaimed a new war of attrition against Israel. His argument, echoed by the Soviet Union, is that the cease-fire agreement would crystallize Israel's retention of the territories it occupied in the Six-Day War.

The understanding here was that Mr. Thant and Dr. Jarring would not necessarily discuss restoration of the cease-fire agreements but the possibility of Dr. Jarring persuading both sides to reduce their military activities and, in general, observe a cooling off period. The Secretary-General was said to believe that the present state of near-warfare has made attempts at settlement by diplomatic means almost impossible and that the only hope of averting a conflagration would be if both sides limited their military activities and gave the diplomats a chance to work. Gen. Bull, who flew here for consultations with Mr. Thant, was to return to his Jerusalem headquarters almost immediately. He had a conference with Mr. Thant today as did Ambassador Armand Berard of France.

Zambia, With Close Ties To Egypt, To Establish Diplomatic Relations With Israel

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The Central African republic of Zambia, a neutralist country that has had close ties with Egypt, has decided to establish diplomatic relations with Israel and exchange ambassadors, it was announced here today. There is an Israeli technical mission already in Zambia which was formerly Northern Rhodesia. The country has usually voted with the Arabs in the United Nations.

Three Israeli Soldiers Wounded When Car Strikes Mine; Shooting Incidents Reported

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Three Israeli soldiers were injured last night when their car struck an anti-vehicle mine in the northern Gaza Strip near Khan Yunis. A military spokesman reported a series of shooting incidents and mortar shellings in the Golan Heights last night and this morning and in Upper Galilee near the Lebanese border, which caused no casualties or damage. A private home in the Upper Galilee settlement of Dishon was damaged early this morning by explosives planted by saboteurs from Lebanon. The occupants of the house were unhurt. They were identified as Itzhak Cohen, his wife and four children who were asleep at 4:45 a.m. when the explosion set their kitchen on fire. The Cohen family lost a son, Joseph three years ago. He was killed when he stepped on an anti-personnel mine in the settlement's football field.

A military spokesman said that mortar shells were fired this morning at Israeli positions on the southern slope of Mt. Hermon. The shelling came from Lebanese territory where Israeli troops observed a skirmish between Lebanese Army regulars and a guerrilla band. Three Israeli positions in the Golan Heights were attacked last night from Syrian territory. Bazookas and automatic fire were aimed last night at a mobile border police patrol between Manara and Margaliot near the Lebanese border.

\$2.8 Billion Budget Presented To Knesset; 56 Percent For Defense And Debt Repayment

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir presented a \$2.8 billion budget for fiscal 1970 to the Knesset today. He said 56 percent of it would be spent for defense needs and the repayment of debts. The defense budget reached a record \$1.171 billion of which, Mr. Sapir said, \$650 million will have to be expended in foreign currency. He said that Israel's foreign currency reserves were already below the \$400 million level and the drain was continuing at the rate of a half million dollars a day. Mr. Sapir said it might take more than a year before new fiscal measures by the Government can stem the outflow. In this connection he said the Government's policy was to foster a rapid increase in the gross national product, increase the competitiveness and profitability of Israeli goods and services on the world market, restrain private consumption and maintain a stable economy.

Mr. Sapir said that despite the record outlay for defense, Israel had to maintain its present level of social services and absorb an estimated 50,000-60,000 new immigrants expected to arrive this year. The Finance Minister said that defense costs have risen sharply in the last four years. He noted that in fiscal 1966, the last pre-war year, the defense budget amounted to \$420 million. In the current fiscal year it passed the one billion dollar mark. Mr. Sapir said that \$91 million has been allocated for immigrant housing this year, over and above the initial absorption costs which are borne by the Jewish Agency. He said social services and education had priority and new development plans such as the road construction, electric power, postal and telephone services and water pipelines would have to be curbed proportionately.

New Oil Pipeline Linking Eilat With Ashkelon In Operation Since February 1

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Israel disclosed today that its new 42 inch oil pipeline has been in operation since Feb. 1 linking the port of Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba, with Ashkelon on the Mediterranean coast some 160 miles away. The \$150 million project by-passes the Suez Canal which has been closed to all shipping since the June, 1967 Arab-Israel war and has always been closed to Israeli ships and cargoes. The pipeline is now operating at an annual capacity of 20 million tons. The installation of more pumping stations will increase it to an eventual 60 million tons per annum.

At the Eilat terminal, the oil is taken from supertankers that bring it to Israel from sources which remain undisclosed to prevent Arab boycott action. At Ashkelon it is loaded into smaller tankers for transshipment to southern and western Europe. Israel is confident that it can sell the surplus oil to European sources although the price is higher than oil shipped exclusively by tanker around the Cape of Good Hope. A British tanker presently at Ashkelon is the first vessel to load oil passing through the new pipeline. The 121,000 deadweight ton Swedish-built Israeli tanker Nivi brought the oil from sources described only as "East of Suez." Israel's Zim Lines has ordered two more tankers of 250,000 tons deadweight capacity and is considering three more such ships.

Cost Of Living Drops 0.2 Percent; Welfare Payments To Be Increased By 15 Percent

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The cost of living index dropped 0.2 percent in January due mainly to a drop in the prices of clothing and footwear, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported today. The drop occurred before the introduction of new sales taxes and tariffs a week ago. Seasonal sales in apparel shops brought the price of clothing down by five percent last month. The price of shoes declined by four percent and there was a decrease in the price of vegetables. The Ministry of Public Welfare announced that payments to needy families will be increased by 15 percent bringing the average monthly relief payments to slightly over \$15. The amount is still below the poverty line which Bank of Israel researchers place at \$20 per month. The Ministry reported that 9000 families are currently on welfare. Their payments cease when family income exceeds the welfare payments.

The Ministry of Commerce plans to order Israel's textile industry to curtail the production of semi-finished goods such as thread and cloth and concentrate on finished clothing and knitwear for export. A bulky report produced by a study commission under the auspices of the Productivity Institute concluded that Israeli labor is not cheap enough to allow it to compete on the international market in intermediate textile products. The report said that if the industry switches over to finished goods it could become profitable within five years. At present many textile factories are run at a loss and receive subsidies from the Government.

Knesset Holds Memorial Service For Levi Eshkol On First Anniversary Of His Death

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The Knesset held memorial services today for the late Premier Levi Eshkol on the occasion of the first anniversary of his death. President Zalman Shazar was present. Speaker of the Knesset Reuben Barkat delivered a eulogy. A minute's silence was observed and the Knesset adjourned for a half hour before resuming its regular business.

Supreme Court Opens Hearings On Controversial Issue Of Friday Night Television

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The Supreme Court opened hearings yesterday on the controversial issue of Friday night television. The testimony was devoted mainly to technical and legal points. The hearings will continue at a later date.

The court has before it two orders nisi, one upholding an interim order it issued last November establishing Sabbath television and another demanding its cancellation. The interim order was issued by the court after Premier Golda Meir acted under pressure from the Orthodox political parties and overruled a decision by the Israel Broadcasting Authority to permit telecasts on a seven day basis.

Eban Arouses Anger In West Germany With Remark Allegedly Made Before Leaving Israel

BONN, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban has aroused a storm of anger here on the eve of his first visit to West Germany by a remark he allegedly made before departing from Israel yesterday. Mr. Eban was quoted as having told newsmen at Lydda Airport that he would not visit Germany in a private capacity. His forthcoming visit is an official one, at the invitation of the Federal Government. Newspapers reacted violently to what they considered a rebuff and emotions are running high in official quarters and among the public. Newsmen wanted to know if the Cabinet had given any consideration to Mr. Eban's remark. The Government spokesman, Konrad Ahlers said it had not because it was not the Government's business. Stringent security measures are being taken to protect Mr. Eban in the wake of last week's Arab terrorist attack on El Al passengers at Munich Airport. The itinerary of his West German visit has not been announced.

(Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel was received by Queen Juliana of The Netherlands today in Amsterdam. He met later with Prime Minister Pieter DeJong and with the President of the Dutch Senate. Mr. Eban also had a lengthy discussion with Foreign Minister Joseph Luns. He arrived here yesterday on the first leg of a European tour that will take him to Belgium, West Germany and Luxembourg. He met with the Liberal Dutch Senator, Sidney Vandenberg and with 250 Dutch industrialists at the latter's home in Wassenaar. Mr. Eban reportedly stressed the necessity of Israel's admittance to the European Economic Community. Dutch police meanwhile have posted guards at Jewish community buildings in Rotterdam and Arnhem. The Israel Embassy and other Jewish premises in Amsterdam were placed under police guard yesterday.)

Acts Of Vandalism Against Jewish Institutions Linked To Extremist Groups

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Recent acts of vandalism against Jewish institutions here are linked by local Jewish leaders to extremist groups acting in concert with Arab League agents, who are fostering anti-Semitism in the guise of anti-Zionism. The situation was the subject of a letter sent to the Minister of Interior, Gen. Francisco Imaz, by the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry. The letter noted that tar bombs were thrown two weeks ago on the building housing the Sociedad Hebraica Argentina. Since then the local Wizo (Women's Zionist Organization) and B'nai B'rith headquarters were similarly attacked and shots were fired through the windows of the Jewish Education Center. The DAIA attributed these acts to anti-Jewish incitement in newspapers and books published by extremist nationalist organizations with which the Arab League has had close contacts.

Rightwing Isolationist Calls For Senate Rejection Of Genocide Convention

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (JTA)--A leading rightwing isolationist called yesterday for Senate rejection of the genocide convention alleging that it would curtail legal protections afforded Americans by the Constitution. The opposition to American ratification of the convention came from Dr. Clarence E. Manion, former dean of the Notre Dame University Law School, in a radio broadcast sponsored by the Manion Foundation. Manion said "internationalists" were seeking to get the American Bar Association to reverse its opposition to the convention. The ABA will meet in Atlanta Feb. 23-24. He asserted that if approved, the convention "will supersede the Constitution and become the supreme law of the land in the entire area of its sweeping coverage." The United States is the only major power which has not ratified the convention. Secretary of State Rogers and Attorney General Mitchell have advised President Nixon to seek ratification of the convention which the senate has pigeonholed for more than twenty years.

West German Government Says It Has New Information About Arson In Old Age Home

BONN, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The Government revealed today that it had "new information" that could lead to the capture of arsonists responsible for a fire in a Munich old-aged home last Friday night that took the lives of seven Jewish residents. Government spokesman Konrad Ahlers said however that it was not possible to say any more at this stage. The Government has posted a 75,000 mark (\$20,500) reward for information leading to the capture of the arsonists. Mr. Ahlers said that President Gustav Heinemann of the Federal Republic would attend the funeral of the fire victims to be held in Munich Wednesday. He said that the Minister of Interior, Hans Dietrich Genscher would also attend. He said the Government was "shocked" by the outrage and has appealed to the public to help the police in their investigation.

Five Year Preferential Pact Concluded Between Israel And Common Market Countries

BRUSSELS, Feb. 16 (JTA)--Israel and the Common Market countries have concluded a five-year preferential trade agreement that includes pledges on both sides for substantial reductions in tariffs on industrial and farm products. The agreement will go into effect after approval, expected this summer, by the Council of Ministers of the ECC and ratification by the Israel Knesset. Under the agreement Israel pledges tariff reductions of up to 45 percent on a wide range of industrial and agricultural goods it imports from Common Market countries. The latter have granted an immediate tariff cut of 40 percent on Israeli citrus and set an annual quota of 300 tons on Israeli exports of cotton textiles. The agreement applies to Israeli imports worth \$82 million and to Common Market imports estimated at \$86 million.

Hadassah Announces \$1 Million Research Fund For Medical Center In Jerusalem

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)--The launching of a special one million dollar medical research fund for the staff at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem was voted at the Mid-Winter Conference of Hadassah. The urgency of this campaign was stressed in view of the curtailment of research funds from Washington sources, "thus endangering the results of many important research projects."

AJ Committee Charges Black Panther's Anti-Zionist Statements Close To Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)—The American Jewish Committee charged today that the activities and statements of the Black Panthers had been so consistently anti-Zionist and anti-Israel that it was almost impossible to make the distinction between that attitude and anti-Semitism. In a report issued by Seymour Samet, Director of its Intergroup Relations and Social Action Department, the Committee noted that "for a variety of reasons, attacks on Jews as Jews are no longer politically effective in this country. In recent years the anti-Semite has conveniently camouflaged his purpose under a cover of anti-Zionism." The study, prepared by Milton Ellerin, Director of AJC's Trends Analyses Division, includes compilations of public statements during the past few years by Panther functionaries, and editorials and news stories in *The Black Panther*, the Party's official publication, all of which indicate the group's support of El Fatah and the Arab guerrillas, and opposition to Israel and its supporters.

The AJ Committee study quotes Panther Minister of Information Eldridge Cleaver, in a December 1969 interview in Algiers, as stating that "Zionists, wherever they may be, are our enemies. We totally support the armed struggle of the Palestinian people against the watchdogs of imperialism." The report also quotes a news story from the International edition of the *Herald Tribune*, which reported on December 29, 1969 in a story from Algiers that El Fatah leader Yassir Arafat and Cleaver hugged and kissed each other at a meeting with Palestine refugees here, then Cleaver climbed the rostrum to deliver a fierce attack on American Zionists. The study quotes the Jan. 30, 1970 report of CBS correspondent Richard C. Hottel from Algiers on an El Fatah-Black Panther alliance. The El Fatah guerrilla organization, Mr. Hottel declared, "is discussing training Black Panthers in actual combat against Israel to prepare them for a sabotage and assassination campaign in the United States."

New Jersey Governor William Cahill Proclaims Week Of Feb. 15-21 'Israel Week'

TRENTON, Feb. 16 (JTA)—William T. Cahill, Governor of New Jersey, has proclaimed the week of February 15-21, 1970 as "Israel Week." In his proclamation Governor Cahill noted that "Israel has managed, in spite of its own struggle for survival, to offer haven and hope for the distressed of many lands and to provide a beacon of enlightenment, brotherhood and spiritual dignity for all mankind." He also indicated that Israel has remained a "bastion of democracy in the Middle East." The Governor added that "The State of New Jersey identifies with the ideals and struggles of the people of Israel." He concluded by urging "fellow citizens to join joyously in the celebration of 'Israel Week.'"

Jewish Teachers And Students Urge Federation To Allocate More Funds For Jewish Education

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)—A coalition of Jewish students and teachers called yesterday upon the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies to allocate more funds from its annual budget to Jewish education and to the setting up of a Jewish public library in the city. The coalition of religious and radical students and teachers, Concerned Jewish Teachers and Students for a Jewish Education, issued this demand at the Pedagogical Conference of the Jewish Education Committee which was attended by several hundred rabbis, educators, teachers and supervisors of Hebrew and Jewish schools in New York.

The theme of the conference was "Teaching for Lasting Jewish Values." One of the speakers was Mr. George Heyman, president of the Federation. Students from Yeshiva University, and members of the Jewish Liberation Project and the Havura, distributed leaflets contending that "the Federation allocated only 3.7 percent of its \$22 million operating budget in 1967-68 to Jewish education." A participant in the Conference reported that Allan Mintz, a member of Havura and representing the coalition, told the meeting that the demonstration was an expression of mounting anger and frustration with the Federation over its "insensitivity to the needs of Jewish youth who are striving to maintain and deepen their heritage. We do not seek confrontation with the Federation. We just want to say shalom."

Mintz, the participant noted, said one aim of the coalition is to persuade the Federation to have youth representatives on its decision making councils which deal with determining policies, programs and priorities. Last month, the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston approved the involvement of college youth in such committees there. It was one of the first actions of its type in the country. Mr. Heyman reportedly noted that the Federation cannot allocate funds for such activity when those who contribute to the agency do not concern themselves with these specific needs. "We need a broader base of contributions for this," he said. Mr. Heyman declined today to discuss what he said at the conference. He told the JTA, which called him to get elaboration, "My statement is on tape. You can get it from that. I don't have the time. I'm awfully sorry. Thank you."

Commerce Department Assailed For Authorizing Funds Fostering Anti-Semitic Bigotry

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (JTA)—Nine Jewish organizations have charged the United States Department of Commerce with authorizing federal expenditures that would "foster attendance at a manifestation of anti-Semitic bigotry." At issue are funds for improvement of a road giving access to the site of a "Passion Play" and other "tourist attractions" offered by the Elna M. Smith Foundation in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The Passion Play "is a vicious anti-Semitic tract," the protesting Jewish organizations assert. Elna Smith is the wife of Gerald L.K. Smith, long-time anti-Semitic publicist and propagandist. His "unmistakable stamp of bigotry" is on the Eureka Springs project, the Jewish organizations declare.

In a letter written by Jordan C. Band, chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body of nine national organizations and 82 local Jewish councils in cities throughout the United States, the organizations "urgently" asked Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans to reverse the authorization. They note that use of federal funds to improve the road to the site is justified by the Commerce Department on the ground that facilitating access to the Passion Play and other "attractions" will improve the economically depressed condition of the Eureka Springs area, but that no justification is given for the use of tax-raised moneys "to facilitate the spreading of the virus of anti-Semitism."