Dr. Jarring Will Not Resume Mideast Mission Until There Is A Sufficient Basis

GENEVA, Feb. 19 (JTA)—Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations special representative to the Middle East, will not resume his peace mission, at least not in the immediate future. This announcement was made here today by UN Secretary General U Thant before departing from the Geneva Airport to Burma. "I had a comprehensive and useful discussion with Ambassador Jarring last evening and again today on the situation in the Middle East in the context of the Security Council resolution of Nov. 22, 1967," said Mr. Thant. "We have come to the conclusion that, for the moment, there is no sufficient basis for Ambassador Jarring to reactivate his mission. We will continue to maintain our contacts and communications as in the past and as soon as there is a sufficient basis for the resumption of his mission, Ambassador Jarring will undertake it."

Asked whether he regarded his earlier statement that the Middle East was heating up dangerously as consistent with the apparent lack of any action, Mr. Thant replied "the actual situation in the Middle East is primary concern of the Security Council and, for that matter, the primary concern of the permanent members of the Security Council. It is not directly related to Ambassador Jarring's function which essentially can be summarized in a few words, that is to promote agreement. The actual military situation is the primary concern of the Security Council, not Ambassador Jarring." He declined to reveal whether he specifically asked Dr. Jarring to resume his mission.

Israel Official Terms Nixon's Foreign Policy Statement 'One Of Clearest'

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19 (JTA)—The first official reaction to President Nixon's foreign policy message to Congress yesterday came from Gideon Rafael, director general of the Foreign Ministry, in a radio interview last night. Mr. Rafael said that Nixon's call to Soviet Russia to halt its intervention in the Middle East was "one of the clearest statements made by the American administration in recent years as regards Soviet intentions to exploit the conflicts in the area." Asked if he though the message implied that Israel would get the American arms it asked for, Mr. Rafael said "In this matter we have no need for guesswork. We are in dialogue with them (the Americans). I call your attention to the passage in the President's message in which he said that the United States will supply arms to friendly nations as the need arises."

Egyptian Planes Attack Israeli Positions; One Israeli Soldier Killed; One Wounded

TEL-AVIV, Feb. 19 (JTA)—Egyptian jets attacked Israeli positions in the southern section of the Suez Canal zone three times today. According to a military spokesman a morning attack caused no casualties or damage. He said there were no casualties either in two afternoon raids. An Israeli soldier, Sgt. J. Almalan, 21, of Tel Aviv, was killed today in an exchange of fire between Israeli and Egyptian forces in the canal zone. Another soldier was wounded in a fire exchange in the northern sector of the zone.

Three Arabs Who Attacked El Al Passengers To Face Charges Of Murder

MUNICH, Feb. 19 (JTA)—Formal charges of murder and attempted murder will be filed shortly against three Arab terrorists who attacked El Al passengers at Munich Airport a week ago, injuring one and injuring 23 others. Authorities here said that the preliminary investigations are nearly completed and a report will be submitted to the Prosecutor.

Suit Against Government Seeks To End Military Exemption Of Yeshiva Students

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19 (JTA)—An Army reserve officer has brought suit against the Government to end the exemption of yeshiva students from military service. The suit named Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. The Supreme Court opened hearings yesterday and will decide whether Gen. Dayan will be required to answer the suit. Yeshiva students in Israel have been exempt from military service since the state was established in 1948. They remain one of the few drift exempt groups in a country where every able-bodied male and female faces military conscription. The plaintiff in the case, a mathematics student, claimed that the policy was politically motivated and therefore invalid. He said the exempt status of some 5000 yeshiva students imposed undue hardship on reservists who must serve for longer periods owing to the nation's mounting defense needs since the June, 1967 Six-Day War. He said his own studies had been interfered with and that the drafting of yeshiva students would ease the burden somewhat for all.

Some 50 Congressmen Sign Declaration Of Concern About Israel; To Be Given To Pompidou

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (JTA)—Nearly 50 Congressmen have signed a Declaration of Concern About Israel to be given to French President Georges Pompidou next week when he addresses a joint session of Congress. The sense of the Congress declaration, written and circulated for the first time, by Rep. Robert H. MacDonald, Democrat of Massachusetts, expresses "grave concern over French policy in the Middle East." Continuing, the Declaration stated, "Recognizing that the situation there borders on yet another full scale war, we feel reason and caution to be of paramount importance insofar as the policy of all parties involved is concerned."

The Declaration asks the French to join the United States in securing an end to the conflict.
in working for direct negotiations between the Arabs and the Israelis "in an effort to settle this tragic conflict." MacDonald conceived the declaration to offer an alternative protest to Congressmen who did not want to either boycott or walk out on Pompidou's speech next Wednesday, but felt concern over the French sale of 110 Mirage jets to Libya and the French embargo on the 50 jets Israel ordered and paid for. MacDonald's covering letter accused France of a "potentially disastrous course" in the Middle East. He plans to continue soliciting signatures until the hour of Pompidou's visit, and then present the petition to the French President. If he gets a majority of both Houses supporting the Declaration, MacDonald hopes to arrange a formal presentation.

Supreme Court Postpones Hearings On The Issue Of Sabbath Television In Israel

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19 (JTA)—The Supreme Court yesterday granted a postponement requested by the States Attorney in hearings on the issue of Sabbath television. The request was a surprise as the States Attorney said previously that he would press for a ruling. He asked for a postponement in order to consult with the Cabinet, giving rise to speculation that the Government may decide to drop the whole matter. The hearing opened yesterday was on an order nisi ordering the Prime Minister to show cause why she should not desist from interfering with the Friday eve telexcasts. Last November Mrs. Meir issued orders overruling a decision by the Israel Broadcasting Authority, a quasi-independent body, to establish television on a seven-day basis. But her orders were nullified by an injunction obtained at the last minute from the Supreme Court and Israelis have had Friday eve television ever since.

The Supreme Court noted at a previous session that Mrs. Meir's original ban was limited to the period until a new cabinet was formed. One Justice said that now that a cabinet exists the proceedings were pointless. The granting of a postponement by the Supreme Court freed the Cabinet from the rule that matters sub judice may not be discussed outside of the court. The Cabinet is known to be divided over Mrs. Meir's action. It is not known what stand the National Religious Party will take. Some observers said the Orthodox ministers might be content to let the matter rest in view of the recent Government compliance with Orthodox demands on the issue of who is a Jew.

Sharp Increase In U.S. Students And Faculty Members At Hebrew University

JERUSALEM, Feb. 19 (JTA)—The Hebrew University reported today a sharp increase in guest lecturers and faculty members from the United States paralleling a rise in student enrollment from the U.S. Americans constitute some 1200 of the approximately 3200 overseas students enrolled at the University which has a total student body of 15,000. The University said the number of American students has tripled since the June, 1967 Six-Day War. Twenty permanent settlers from the U.S. have joined the faculty and there are 65 American guest lecturers on the campus out of a total of 100. The faculty has been enlarged by 40 other immigrants from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, Italy, Poland, Switzerland, Britain and West Germany.

Mayor Lindsay Sends Telegram Expressing Sympathy To Wife Of S.Y. Agnon

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (JTA)—Mayor John V. Lindsay today sent the following telegram to Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem: "Please convey my deepest sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of Shmuel Yosef Agnon, Nobel Prize winner for literature, he left an imprint not only on Hebrew literature but on world literature as well. Through his writing, a notable chapter of Jewish history was illuminated, bringing to life the rich and vital world of 19th century Eastern Europe. I well remember his visit to City Hall, when the city was privileged to have him as our guest. My fellow New Yorkers join me in this expression of sorrow for his passing. We shall all be the poorer for his absence."

Gen. Weizmann Asserts There Must Be No Territorial Concessions To Arabs

TEL-AVIV, Feb. 19 (JTA)—There must be no territorial concessions whatever to the Arabs, Gen. Ezer Weizmann, Israel's Minister of Transport, declared at a United Jewish Appeal fund-raising dinner here last night. Gen. Weizmann, former commander of the Israel Airforce, was named to the Cabinet by the Herut faction. He is not a member of the Knesset. He told his audience, "We must be suffering from some psychosis to think that we have to give back territory." He maintained that "Once the ancestral Israel is in our hands, any talks with the Arabs must be centered on Israel's rights with no territorial concessions." Gen. Weizmann, a nephew of the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President, did not specify what he meant by "ancestral Israel."

Surgeons Amputate Leg Of Israeli Actress Hanna Meron; Amputation Below Knee

MUNICH, Feb. 19 (JTA)—Surgeons today amputated the left leg of Hannah Meron, the 46 year-old Israeli stage and screen actress who was seriously injured in last week's Arab terrorist attack on El Al passengers at Munich Airport. The amputation, below the knee, was performed at the Recht Der Isar Hospital here by Chief Surgeon Georg Maurer. He said it was necessary because damaged blood vessels caused circulation problems which threatened gangrene. Miss Meron's husband was at her bedside. Her general condition was reported to be improved.

(In Montreal, Samuel Chait, President of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada, sent a telegram to the Secretary of State for External Affairs condemning "the outrageous attack against El Al at Munich Airport." Mr. Chait stated that this attack "continues the series of acts of savagery against innocent civilians menacing all peaceful air travel." The telegram continued: "May we request the Canadian Government to condemn in strongest possible terms such criminal activities and all those who encourage and endorse them? We believe our government has a responsibility to help ensure that such brutal terrorism cease and hope it will exert its influence to secure the safety of all civilian air travel." Similar telegrams were sent to Secretary General U Thant, United Nations; International Civil Aviation Organization; and International Air Transport Association.)
Palestinian Arabs Plan Demonstration Against Eban When He Arrives In West Germany

MUNICH, Feb. 19 (JTA)—The Palestine Arab Committee here said today that it plans to go ahead with demonstrations against Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban despite a decision by leftist German students to call off a planned demonstration of their own. The students had asked the Arabs to cancel their plans in view of the current situation. The latter claimed that there was "pogrom-like" incitement against German anti-Zionists and their Arab friends. Mr. Eban, currently visiting Belgium, will arrive in West Germany over the week-end on his first visit to this country.

Brown Says Israel Should Try For Cease Fire Now; Jews Wrong To Attack Nasser

LONDON, Feb. 19 (JTA)—George Brown, the volatile deputy leader of the British Labor Party and a former Foreign Secretary, drew more heckling than applause when he addressed a meeting of the Labor Friends of Israel in the House of Commons yesterday—and seemed to enjoy it. "Every Englishman will fight to the last Frenchman; every Kuwaiti will fight to the last Egyptian and every Western Jew will fight to the last Israeli," he declared at one point. "That's an insult," shouted Brown's listeners. "Shut up," Mr. Brown shouted back.

The subject of his talk was his recent visit to Israel and Arab capitals. He urged British Jews, "For heaven's sake, say to Israel, 'Try at this moment to get a cease-fire and a basis for talks.' I don't believe that bombing is going to get you anywhere." Mr. Brown maintained that President Gamel Abdel Nasser, of Egypt, was the only Arab leader capable of making an agreement with Israel. "The Jews are wrong to attack Nasser. I think he is an honest man," Mr. Brown said, adding that he was also very fond of Israeli Premier Golda Meir. "I think the Israelis know they need Nasser and Nasser knows that he needs Hussein," Mr. Brown said referring to King Hussein, of Jordan. He said no one knew how many wars the Arabs could afford to lose, "but I do know that Israel can only lose one."

Three Arabs Arrested In Munich Airport; Charged With Planning Hijack Of Airliner

MUNICH, Feb. 19 (JTA)—Munich Airport police arrested three armed Arabs boarding a Yugoslavian airliner Tuesday night and charged that they planned to hijack it to an unknown destination. Police testified in magistrates court that the three passengers were carrying loaded pistols. An English language leaflet was found on the person of one of them urging passengers to remain calm. Munich Airport was the scene of a fatal attack last week on El Al passengers.

Czechoslovak Vice-Premier Meets With Chairman Of Council Of Czech Jewish Communities

LONDON, Feb. 19 (JTA)—The Vice Premier of Czechoslovakia, Prof. A. Cervenka, received the chairman of the Council of Czech Jewish Communities, Frantisek Fuchs, at the latter's request, it was reported here from Prague today. No details were given but it is believed they discussed recent anti-Jewish references on the Czech radio and in the press.

Public Campaign Launched For Release Of Soviet Jews To Return To Homeland

LONDON, Feb. 19 (JTA)—A committee that includes an Israeli Cabinet minister and a member of the Knesset has been formed here to conduct a public campaign "for the release of Soviet Jews and their natural rights to return to their homeland." Formation of the committee was announced by the Zionist Revisionists, a militant Zionist group. Committee members include Chaim Landau, of the Herut Party, a Minister-Without-Portfolio in the Israeli government, Dr. Benjamin Halevi, MK, Joseph Klarman, a member of the Jewish Agency executive and Dr. Joseph Schechtman, an author and journalist.

Women's Group Urges Nixon To Persuade Pompidou To Deliver Paid-For Jets To Israel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (JTA)—The National Council of Jewish Women sent a telegram to President Nixon asking him to persuade French President Georges Pompidou to deliver to Israel the 50 Mirage jets that were ordered and paid for several months ago. Leaders of the National Council's groups around the country are in Washington as delegates to the bi-annual Washington Institute. Their telegram urges the President to bring the subject up with Pompidou during his visit next week. Giving the jets to Israel, would, the Council said, "in some measure mitigate the decision to sell 110 Mirage jets to Libya."

World Council Of Churches And Jewish Leaders Agree To Hold Regular Consultations

GENEVA, Feb. 19 (JTA)—The World Council of Churches and world Jewish leadership which have differed in the past, mainly over the Middle East, agreed here to hold regular consultations as "a way to share our concerns in an organized manner instead of haphazardly, as in the past." That resolution emerged from a three day joint meeting of the World Council of Churches, representing 242 Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox Catholic denominations and a 14-man Jewish delegation. The latter included representatives of the World Jewish Congress, the Synagogue Council of America, the American Jewish Committee and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

(Themaneting and its outcome were described as highly significant by Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee. Speaking at an interfaith meeting in Schenectady, N.Y., yesterday, he said "The fact that this consultation was held for the first time in the headquarters of the World Council of Churches and at the formal invitation of its general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake...signified that the World Council and world Jewish relationships moved from previously casual, intermittent conversations held in international hotel rooms onto a new plateau of official, systematic and regular exchange of views." )
Jewish Group Reaccredited For Consultative Status by United Nations' NGO

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 19 (JTA)--The United Nations' Council on Non-Governmental Organizations approved today by a vote of 8-5 to reaccredit the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. Voting for the CBJO were delegates from the United States, United Kingdom, Uruguay, France, Kenya, Ghana, Jamaica and Norway. Opposing the reaccrediting were delegates from the Soviet Union, India, Sudan, Bulgaria and Pakistan. During the debate on the status of CBJO, the British delegate, Mrs. Margaret B. Chitty, strongly defended reaccrediting the organization and stressed it had conducted serious studies of benefit to the UN. The main thrust of the opposition was that the CBJO represented a specific group interest--that of the Jewish people and Israel--rather than being concerned with human rights in general. The CBJO was the only NGO denied a definitive status last June when the two-year review ended of consultative arrangements between the ECOSOC and NGOs.

UN Commission Assailed For Refusal To Investigate Condition Of Jews In Arab Lands

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (JTA)--The rejection by the United Nations' Human Rights Commission of Israel's request to investigate the treatment of the Jews in Arab lands and its insistence that the investigation be confined exclusively to alleged violations of Arab rights in Israeli administered territories was scored today as a "flagrant double standard" by Jacob Stein of Great Neck, N.Y., President of the United Synagogue of America, congregational arm of the Conservative movement. Mr. Stein urged that the UN Rights Commission reconsider the just request from Israel to undertake an on the spot study of the treatment of the Jews in Iraq, Syria, and Egypt who, he charged, "are being held as hostages and deprived of all elementary human rights."

A six-man United Nations team composed of representatives of India, Yugoslavia, Senegal, Austria, Tanzania and Peru, was named last year to conduct the investigation. Mr. Stein noted that in view of the repeated refusal by UN Secretary General U Thant to authorize a simultaneous investigation of the plight of the Jews in Arab lands, Israel has barred the UN Committee from operating in its administered territories. The UN group thereupon heard testimony in the Arab capitals of Cairo, Damascus, Amman and Beirut. Mr. Stein asserted that "the report released Feb. 17 by the UN Committee of an investigation conducted inside lands at war with Israel will be in question as a travesty of impartial judgment reflecting the double standard policy practiced by the United Nations toward Israel by its heavily weighted anti-Israel membership."

Rally Against Pompidou Pledged; Pompidou Warns Of Deleterious Affect Of Rallies

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (JTA)--A pledge to participate in protests throughout the country against the visit of French President Georges Pompidou was made in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. The Conservative group condemned Pres. Pompidou for his "deception" in making 190 Mirages available to the Arab powers in their "unrestrained" war against Israel. The resolution charged that the sale of Mirages to Libya was "totally inconsistent with any legitimate security needs of Libya."

(An interview published in Life magazine, President Pompidou warned that any demonstrations in the United States against his visit, that left Frenchmen feeling insulted through their President, would not benefit the U.S., France or Israel. He minimized the effects of the sale of Mirage jets to Libya in the Middle East conflict and cited deficient pilot training as an indirect safeguard against the use of those planes by Egypt. According to the interview, M. Pompidou insisted there was no deception of the U.S, in France's deal with Libya although President Nixon was not consulted on it.)

Issac Babel And Ronald Sanders To Be Honored For Literary Contributions

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (JTA)--Issac Babel, the late Soviet writer, and Ronald Sanders, an associate editor of Midstream magazine, will be honored at the annual meeting of B'nai B'rith's Commission on Adult Jewish Education here on Feb. 22. Mr. Babel's daughter, Nathalie Babel, will receive posthumous 1970 Jewish Heritage Award of B'nai B'rith "for excellence in Jewish literature," and Mr. Sanders will receive the first "B'nai B'rith Book Award," for his work "The Downtown Jews." The awards are $1,000 and $500 respectively.

Mr. Babel wrote "Odessa Tales," about Jewish life in his native city in the 1920's. During the 1930's he was accused of Trotskyism by the Stalin regime and sent to prison, where he died in 1941. His family did not know of his death until 1954. Mr. Sanders's book, "The Downtown Jews," describes the political, social and economic fabric of the Jewish community on New York's lower East Side and how Americanization came to the immigrants. Mr. Sanders has also written several books on Israel and on socialism. The "B'nai B'rith Book Award" was established by the organization to honor "a single work of distinction, published during the preceding year, on some aspect of Judaism or Jewish life."

Gov. Rockefeller Asked By Jewish Group To Intervene In Gravediggers' Strike

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (JTA)--As the Cemetery Workers strike enters its sixth week the Emergency Committee for Jewish Burial yesterday called on Governor Nelson Rockefeller to make good a previous pledge that negotiations were to continue around the clock until a settlement was reached. The Committee's findings, according to Rabbi Samuel Schrage, chairman of the Emergency group, "are shocking." He believes that hundreds of bodies are being illegally and appallingly stored in sheds and warehouses as if they were waste garbage. "It appears that there is a real need for a criminal investigation as to the whereabouts of the bodies," Mr. Schrage said. At no point has the governor made any public statement. A letter was sent to the governor but no reply was made. The Committee's findings were expected to be made public on February 21.