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Schumann Indicates France Supports Big Four Mideast Demilitarized Zones Formula

PARIS, March 9 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann indicated today that France is supporting a Four Power Mideast peace formula that would establish demilitarized zones between Israel and the Arab states manned by United Nations peace-keeping forces and would require Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories, but not unconditionally. Addressing a foreign press luncheon here, M. Schumann said he believed the four powers--United States, Soviet Russia, Britain and France--were reaching some kind of accord but not one based on Israel's unconditional evacuation. According to the French diplomat, the formula taking shape would link Israeli withdrawal to a statement from Egypt, possibly registered with the UN Secretariat, pledging not to attack Israel and to keep the peace. A second phase of the formula would concern itself with a solution of the Arab refugee problem and negotiations wherein Israel and the Arab states would work out mutually acceptable boundaries.

M. Schumann said France would like to see a return of the UN peace-keeping force to the area but under an agreement that would not lead to their hasty withdrawal as in 1967. He stressed that neither France nor the other Big Powers expected Israel to withdraw unconditionally from the territories it occupied in the June, 1967 war. That assertion indicated a reversal of past French and Soviet policy which supported the Arab demand for Israeli withdrawal before any peace-making machinery was put into operation. The Foreign Minister, who accompanied President Georges Pompidou on his American visit earlier this month, insisted that France was not against Israel. He said, however, that his government would judge Israel on its approach to the Four Power talks which Israel, hitherto, has bitterly rejected. "If Israel realizes that France's only interest is peace and that France wants a solution insuring Israel's survival, relations between Paris and Israel will become normal again," M. Schumann said.

Fighting Erupts In Golan Heights And Beisan Valley; Israeli Guard Kills Saboteur

TEL AVIV, March 9 (JTA)--Fighting erupted in the Golan Heights and in the Beisan Valley area last night. A saboteur was killed by an Israeli guard near Nahal Golan after the settlement came under mortar and bazooka fire. Three Israeli Army positions in the heights were also fired on from Syrian territory. The fire was returned and no Israeli casualties were reported. Three Israeli soldiers were injured by Egyptian mortar fire in the northern sector of the Suez Canal zone today. Katyusha rockets were fired from Jordan at Beisan township last night in the first attack there since last Dec. 22. Israeli artillery, which had been idle for two months, returned the salvos. There were no casualties or damage in the village. Israeli patrols and military positions near Kibbutz Maoz Chaim in the Beisan area came under shell fire Saturday night but no casualties were reported.

The Army announced an escalation of incidents along Israel's borders and cease-fire lines during the week that ended last Saturday. The total for the period was 226 with 127 occurring in the Egyptian sector alone. A military spokesman said that only four of those were serious enough to have been reported. The rest were described as minor clashes or intermittent shooting. Along the Jordanian border, 79 incidents occurred and there were ten each on the Lebanese and Syrian borders, a military spokesman said.

UN Spokesman Says There Is No Sign That Dr. Jarring Will Return To Mideast

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 9 (JTA)--A United Nations spokesman made it clear today that there is no present intention of having Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring return to the Middle East to resume his peace-seeking mission. The United Nations special envoy will arrive here Tuesday to consult with Secretary-General U Thant on the status of his mission and its prospects. The length of his stay here will be determined by Dr. Jarring himself, the UN spokesman declared. Asked whether Dr. Jarring would resume his mission, the UN spokesman replied, "yes. In New York." His answer gave rise to belief among some correspondents that Dr. Jarring would resume contacts with Israel and the Arab states through their missions here.

The UN spokesman also made public Mr. Thant's response to a question previously addressed to him as to whether he had found any forward movement in the meeting of the Four Powers here last Thursday. Some reports had indicated progress had been made during the meeting, although the American delegation had indicated that the progress had been in a change of tone by the Soviets rather than in position. Mr. Thant's reply was that there had been a slight forward movement.

Israel Willing To Sign Peace Treaty With Lebanon On Basis Of Present Boundaries

JERUSALEM, March 9 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said last night that Israel was prepared to sign a peace treaty with Lebanon tomorrow on the basis of the present boundaries. But, he said, there was not much chance that Lebanon could make peace even though it has no basic quarrel with Israel. According to Mr. Eban, Beirut is a virtual captive of the other Arab states, shackled to their policies, particularly those of President Gamal Abdel Nasser, of Egypt. Mr. Eban spoke at the 81st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the

rabbinic arm of American Reform Judaism. His remarks were made as a new crisis simmered along the Lebanese border resulting from increased terrorist activities in that sector and Israel's retaliatory raid Saturday which destroyed five houses in Aita es Shab village said to have been used by terrorists.

Beirut meanwhile seemed to be heading for a new showdown with Palestinian guerrilla bands on its territory and the guerrillas themselves were split into radical and more moderate camps. Terrorist activities along the Lebanese border have spread from the eastern part of the frontier to the sensitive western coastal region. This has brought sharp warnings from Israel to authorities in Beirut, conveyed through the United Nations truce supervision forces. Alarmed Beirut authorities have requested support from the four major powers--United States, Soviet Russia, Britain and France. They have also reportedly demanded that the guerrillas adhere to an agreement reached in Cairo last Nov. 6 between the Lebanese military commander, Gen. Emil Bustany, and Yasser Arafat, chief of El Fatah.

The agreement permitted guerrillas to use certain infiltration routes into Israel from Lebanon but forbade them from firing on Israel from Lebanese territory. These terms are reportedly observed by El Fatah but not by the adherents of the smaller, more radical guerrilla groups such as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Syrian-sponsored Al Saiqa. Syria has warned meanwhile that it would act "strongly and firmly against any attempts to suppress the Palestinian commando movement." Syrian intervention was partly responsible for the near civil war that broke out in Lebanon last October and was ended by the Nov. 6 truce in Cairo. Authoritative sources said here today that Israel has received no warning from France regarding possible action by Israel against Lebanon. Beirut radio claimed today that such a warning had been sent to Israel through diplomatic channels.

Romain Gary Rejects Pleas Urging Him Not To Take Stand On French-Israeli Dispute

PARIS, March 9 (JTA)--Romain Gary, the well known author and former French diplomat, revealed today that he has received hundreds of letters from French Jews urging him not to take a stand on France's dispute with Israel in order to avoid possible anti-Semitic repercussions. M. Gary, who is half Jewish, said in a letter published in the weekly Figaro Littéraire that French Jews who raised the spectre of anti-Semitism over support of Israel were themselves cooperating with anti-Semitism and encouraging racist feelings. He said the letters he had received were in response to his letter, published in Le Monde last week, urging respect for everyone's right to an opinion. "To refuse to take a stand so as to avoid complications is the surest way to invite grave complications," he said. He said persons who used the threat of anti-Semitism to stifle opinions were themselves anti-Semites. "I cannot believe there are many of this sort, for to believe that anti-Semitism can exist in France is not to believe in France himself," M. Gary wrote.

American Reform Rabbi Says Jewish Education In U.S. Is Total Failure

JERUSALEM, March 9 (JTA)--An American Reform rabbi said today that Jewish education in the United States was "a total and devastating failure." Rabbi David Polish, of Evanston, Ill., spoke during the 81st annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the rabbinic arm of American Reform Judaism, of which he is vice president. The convention is the organization's first to be held in Israel. Rabbi Polish said Reform synagogues should spend an estimated \$5 million of their annual religious school budgets to send youngsters on part time study programs to Israel. The order of priorities must be reversed, he said. "First, it is necessary to obtain the commitment of the young and then they should be given a Jewish education." Orthodox day schools that try it the other way around have proved a failure, he said.

Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, of Boston, president of the CCAR charged the Soviet Union with "cold-blooded libel against Jews all over the world" in its latest campaign against Israel and Zionism. He said the campaign was designed to carry out Russia's "imperialistic designs for influence in the Mideast." He charged the Soviet authorities with using "coercion and blackmail to compel some Jews within the Soviet Union to affix their signatures to transparently specious anti-Israel statements."

Mrs. Meir Urges Israel's Friends To Send More Arms To Preserve Mideast Arms Balance

JERUSALEM, March 9 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir urged foreign businessmen attending a conference devoted to investments in Israel's tourist industry to tell Israel's friends abroad to send more arms to preserve the Mideast balance of power. "As we do not intend to commit suicide and as our neighbors are constantly being fed with better weapons and aid, we must ask our friends in the world not to let us stand alone but to send additional arms," she said. Some 60 projects designed to stimulate tourism in Israel will be proposed to foreign businessmen at the conference. The projects to be discussed at the conference total investments of nearly \$100 million. The parley, sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism headed by Moshe Kol, opened here yesterday and will reassemble tomorrow at the seaside resort of Herzliya.

Kehilla Building In Buenos Aires Tarbombed By Neo-Fascist Group

BUENOS AIRES, Mar. 9 (JTA)--The Kehilla building was tarbombed at dawn today. Leaflets signed "Guardia Restauradora Nacionalista" were thrown around identifying the tarbombers as members of the neo-Fascist organization. The facade of the building was also smeared with letters. Though the incident was reported on local television, newspapers carried no account of the incident. Several of the Jewish-owned buildings have been tarbombed in recent weeks.

Javits Describes Plight Of Palestinian And Jewish Refugees In the Middle East

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--Sen. Jacob K. Javits Republican of New York, said today that the Palestinian refugees are becoming as much of a problem to the Arabs as they have been to the Israelis. In accepting the International Rescue Committee Freedom Award at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria, Javits said: "Life has been very harsh for the Palestinian refugees--largely because that is the way radical Arab politicians insisted it be, for their own political purposes. Now those who sowed the seeds of discord, and nourished them for twenty years, are reaping the whirlwind."

Javits said that the refugee guerrillas "have no more respect for (the Arab) governments than those governments have shown for their welfare, rights and aspirations over the past two decades." He added, however, that he felt the new Palestinian nationalism and self-assertion might lead to a bettering of the refugee's condition. "The Arab refugees, however, are not the only large body of refugees who have been set adrift in the Middle East," Javits said. He said that the Jewish community in Iraq has gone from 150,000 twenty years ago to 2,500 today; in Morocco the Jewish population went from 450,000 to 50,000. In Algeria, 178,000 of the 180,000 Jews emigrated, and only a handful of Jews remain in other Arab states.

Many of the refugees went to Israel. Others settled in Italy, France, the U.S. and Canada. "At least they are resettled and free," Javits said, "not so, tragically, for the estimated 100,000 Jews remaining in Arab lands." He added, "these Jews in Iraq, Syria, Egypt and other Arab lands, are the other Middle Eastern refugees, the final remnant of ancient communities, who cry out not from camps or billets, but from the terror filled prisons and cities of land that hold them hostage in ignorance and in fear."

Rostow Calls For U.S., UN And NATO Nations To Unite To Prevent Mideast War

HARTFORD, Conn., March 9 (JTA)--Eugene V. Rostow, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs in the Johnson Administration, yesterday urged that the United States, the United Nations and the NATO nations join in a "co-ordinated diplomatic offensive" to prevent a Mideast war "in the not too distant future." While endorsing additional U.S. Phantom jets for Israel to "help to persuade President Nasser and the Soviet Union that a 'war of attrition' against Israel is not only a crime but a folly," Mr. Rostow called on the U.S. to guarantee a peace treaty and on the UN to seek a new ceasefire and peace negotiations. Mr. Rostow, now a Yale Law School professor, spoke to some 425 Jewish leaders meeting in the University of Hartford at a conference of the Emergency Connecticut Jewish Leadership Delegate Assembly on Peace in the Middle East.

Japanese Officials Trying To Cancel Plans For Israeli Police To March In Expo-70

LONDON, March 9 (JTA)--Japanese officialdom is trying, so far without success, to persuade Israel to cancel plans for four Tel Aviv policemen to march in the March 15 grand parade heralding the opening of Expo-70, Tokyo's international fair. The Israeli policemen were invited to participate in the parade along with 280 traffic police from 51 countries. But furious protests have been lodged by seven Arab countries which are also participating, it was reported from Tokyo today. The Israelis responded to polite suggestions that the four policemen might like to get "sick" by insisting that an invitation is not revocable. The Japanese Government has been delicately balanced on a tightrope in the Mideast conflict. Friendly to Israel, it nevertheless does far more business with the Arab states.

Silence About Bruno Kreisky's Jewish Background Seen As Reverse Anti-Semitism

LONDON, March 9 (JTA)--The Jewish ancestry of Austria's Chancellor-elect Bruno Kreisky was a "taboo" subject during the recent election campaign. That, according to Vienna's mass circulation newspaper Kronen-Zeitung, amounted to anti-Semitic discrimination in reverse. "Silence and hushing up--talking behind one's hand--these are just other forms of the old anti-Semitism," the newspaper said in an editorial published yesterday. The paper charged that while Kreisky's background was never referred to during the campaign, a sub-conscious appeal to anti-Semitism was contained in posters that labeled his opponent, Dr. Josef Klaus of the conservative People's Party, "A genuine Austrian."

Kreisky, 59, is the son of a Viennese Jewish industrialist. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1938 but escaped to Sweden where he spent the war years. He does not dwell on his Jewish origin and neither did his backers nor his adversaries in the political campaign. Austrian newspapers mentioned his Jewish origin briefly but only when quoting foreign press comment. According to the Kronen-Zeitung, Austrians voted for Kreisky "not because he is a Jew, nor in spite of his being a Jew. They voted for Kreisky the man, the politician." But, the newspaper said, although anti-Semitism was absent from the campaign, newspaper offices received many anti-Semitic letters opposing Kreisky and anti-Semitic remarks could be heard in every-day conversation in the streets. Austrian newspapers quoted comments from the Arab press which claimed that Dr. Kreisky, as Foreign Minister from 1959-66, demonstrated an understanding for Arab interests. Cairo newspapers warned however that as the head of a new Austrian Government, Kreisky would, as a Jew, be exposed to "Zionist pressures." When he forms his new government, Dr. Kreisky will be the first Jewish Chancellor of Austria since the republic was formed after World War I.

Jewish Communities In Various Countries Depicted At ZOA House Exhibition

TEL AVIV, March 9 (JTA)--The first of a series of monthly pictorial exhibits depicting Jewish communities in various countries opened at ZOA House here today. It was devoted to Soviet Jewry and contained documents and photographs of Russian-Jewish institutions and anti-Jewish pamphlets and caricatures issued by Soviet authorities. Next month's exhibit will center on American Jewry.

Dr. Cassin Says Jews Should Remember Nazi Terror And Work For Human Rights

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The Jewish experience during the Nazi regime makes it imperative for Jews everywhere to work for the extension of human rights, Nobel Laureate Rene Cassin yesterday told a B'nai B'rith luncheon in his honor. The 88 year-old French delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, cited by B'nai B'rith as "a noble champion of human rights," was presented with a silver menorah by Maurice Weinstein, chairman of the B'nai B'rith International Council. The affair was attended by United Nations diplomats, representatives of the UN's Non-Governmental Organizations and civic and communal leaders. Prof. Cassin, President of the Alliance Israelite Universelle and a long-time member of B'nai B'rith in France, said there was a "distinct relationship" between his work in Jewish causes and his dedication to human rights. He also emphasized that "all people have a right to have a country."

Gov. Rockefeller Urges Republican Administration To Give Israel Military Aid

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, a Republican, has called on the Republican national administration to provide Israel with sufficient military aid to "balance the scales" in the Mideast. It is "my own firm conviction," he told the United Hias Service 86th annual meeting yesterday that "Israel's strength, Israel's security, Israel's survival" are "vital to the free world," and that immediate military assistance is "absolutely imperative." The Hias presented Gov. Rockefeller with this year's Liberty Award.

Neo-Nazi Party To Seek Court Redress Over Cancellation Of 'White Power' Rally

WASHINGTON, March 9 (JTA)--The neo-Nazi National Socialist White People's Party will seek court redress over the Arlington County School Board's cancellation of its permit for a "white power" rally at Yorktown High School. The permit was revoked because Jews and Negroes were to be barred. The National Capital Area American Civil Liberties Union, while opposing a restrictive public meeting, announced it would sue on behalf of the party's right to "hold a public meeting that is open to all or a private meeting for their own membership." The party was said to be agreeable to those terms if the county would guarantee protection from disruption. Last Saturday night, subsequent to the cancellation, six members of the party were arrested while demonstrating at the home of Assistant School Superintendent Joseph L. Ringers, who had revoked the permit.

Anti-Israel Statements By Soviet Jews Compared To Confessions In 1930's Trials

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--Charles S. Zimmerman, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, asserted that pro-Soviet and anti-Israel statements made recently by Soviet Jews were "painfully reminiscent of the confessions extracted in the highly publicized trials of Russian leaders who fell afoul of Stalin. No knowledgeable person will be deceived." Challenging the Soviet Union to allow Russian Jews to emigrate, he said that the Soviets "are now having prominent Russian Jews tell us how good life is for them in Russia. Obviously, if this is so, there is no need for the absolute ban the Soviets have imposed on Jewish emigration."

The Labor Committee president said that for Jews, life in Russia "is barren and he said that the facts of the situation made the statements extracted from Soviet Jews for propaganda "a mockery." He added that "We don't criticize those who made the statements. They are hostages of a police state and subject to pressures that can't be imagined by those whose life experience has been in a democratic society."

Jewish Leader Calls On Jewish Community To Democratically Determine Priorities

SOUTH FALLSBURGH, N.Y., March 9 (JTA)--A national Jewish leader has castigated the Jewish community for allowing fund-raising to take "complete priority in American Jewish life" to the detriment of "our major concern - the questions of Jewish education, Jewish culture and Jewish spirituality." The remarks were made yesterday by Dr. Judah Shapiro, former National Hillel Director and former chairman of the Commission for Reorganization of the American Zionist Movement, to the Labor Zionist Conference of the League for Labor Israel.

The Jewish community must begin to poll its members to determine priorities, Dr. Shapiro said. Currently, "there are no votes in Jewish life. There are no democratic forms of expression...If Jewish education or cultural effort requires support it must come as a supplicant." Describing emphasis on health and welfare aid as "unnecessary" in "these welfare days," Dr. Shapiro asserted that "In the long run, the quality of Jewish life takes the highest priority, and support for this does not in any way jeopardize funds intended for Israel."

Catholic Nun's Study Shows Oberammergau Passion Play Distorts Gospels

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The Oberammergau Passion Play contains so many "falsifications" and "distortions" that "even radical changes could not appreciably improve the distorted Gospel events" as they are described in the German production, according to a Roman Catholic nun who is the director of the Center for Biblical and Jewish studies at the Convent of Our Lady of Zion in London. Sister Louis Gabriel, writing in the current issue of Congress bi-Weekly magazine, published by the American Jewish Congress, asserts:

"After a careful comparison of the Oberammergau Passion Play with the Gospels, I am convinced that the play is in conformity neither with the truth of the Gospel nor with the spirit of Christ. Any representation of these events that haphazardly tears incidents and sayings out of context or falsifies the message of the Gospels as a whole does a disservice to the Christian faith and tends to make it seem irrelevant, not to say ridiculous, to the men of our time."