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## Malik: Mideast Peace Is Contingent On Israeli Withdrawal From Occupied Territories

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 16 (JTA)—The "key, crucial, decisive question" which is holding back a solution of the Middle East conflict in the Big Four talks "is the withdrawal of Israel from all of the occupied territories," Yakob Malik, Soviet Ambassador to the United Nations, declared at a press conference here today. "If there is a dispute or disagreement within the Big Four, it is because we insist firmly that all Israeli troops, as aggressors, should be withdrawn," Mr. Malik said. "If this is not solved, then nothing will be solved," he asserted. Ambassador Malik's press conference, the first held by the Soviet diplomat in more than a year, was called on the occasion of the Lenin Centenary. Speaking in Russian through a translator, Mr. Malik said there were less important problems in the Mideast and all will have to be solved together, but nothing could be solved without Israeli withdrawal. "Aggression must not pay," he declared, adding in an obvious reference to the United States, "Some of the conferees adhere to another view" and "would reward aggression."

Mr. Malik insisted that "The withdrawal must be to the line from which the aggression began. Some have a different view. They talk of alterations. We are opposed. If withdrawal is solved then it will not be difficult to solve all the other questions and arrive at the solution defined in Resolution 242 of the Security Council of Nov. 22, 1967—the achievement of a just and lasting peace and all other points called for." Ambassador Malik added, "This is the gist of our difficulties and disappointments and the essence of what we are trying to do in the Big Four, and that is why there has been no achievement of any positive results." Asked if he thought President Nixon's decision to withhold more aircraft from Israel would improve the situation vis-a-vis the Soviet Union, Mr. Malik replied that he attached "not too much importance to that." He said America is continuing to supply arms to Israel under previous contracts and "the first is that the (Nixon's) decision was not a decision to withhold but merely a postponement of such a decision."

## U.S. Economic Assistance To Israel Bolsters Its War Potential And Arrogance

Mr. Malik said that U.S. economic assistance of \$100 million to Israel is of "great importance to Israel because it strengthens its war potential and arrogance." Strengthening Israel's "arrogance," Mr. Malik went on, is probably as important to it as new Phantoms "because she is not in particular need of these aircraft." Asked about reports that Soviet personnel are stationed near the Suez Canal and whether this "direct intervention" by a major power in the Mideast would further the cause of peace that Lenin advocated, Mr. Malik replied that Lenin was on the side of the oppressed. This, he said, was the main difference between the U.S. and Soviet positions—which side should be given assistance, the victims or the aggressors? He strongly condemned the "barbarous" bombing of the Arabs and the "monstrous murder of innocent populations" by Israel. He repeated the Egyptian claim that an Israeli air raid on April 8 hit a primary school in which, according to Mr. Malik, 105 children were killed. The figure given by Cairo was 30 children.

Mr. Malik was asked if he didn't think the cease-fire resolution and the Security Council's Resolution 242 were not binding on both sides. He replied that the cease-fire resolution was a temporary measure taken in the expectation that "within a few days" the Middle East problem would have been settled. He said Israel ignored the Security Council's resolution which was tantamount to violating the cease-fire resolution. He said it was the Israelis, not the Arabs who are bombing civilians. Mr. Malik discussed a variety of world problems outside of the Middle East. He said the Soviet Union "strongly condemned terrorism in any form." He made the statement in connection with recent diplomatic kidnappings in Latin America, not terrorist activity in the Mideast.

## Sisco Extends Visit In Israel; Reports Say He May By-Pass Amman Due To Disturbances

JERUSALEM, April 16 (JTA)—Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco extended his stay in Israel by one night for further talks with Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon. As of 9:30 p.m. local time he was meeting Premier Golda Meir in her Tel Aviv office for what was described as a "summing up" talk. Mr. Sisco was originally scheduled to go to Amman late this afternoon. (The U.S. State Department announced in Washington today that Mr. Sisco decided to "defer" his visit to Amman "in view of recent developments" there. Department spokesman Robert McCloskey said he would go directly to Beirut, Lebanon before attending a U.S. chiefs of mission meeting in Teheran next week. The State Department said that Mr. Sisco's decision to bypass Jordan was made in conjunction with U.S. Ambassador Harrison Symmes in Amman.)

(Palestinian mobs led by armed commandos set fire to the U.S. Information Service library in Amman yesterday and invaded the U.S. Embassy compound, in violent demonstrations against the Sisco visit. Reports from Amman today said mob frenzy reached such a peak that the "Palestine Armed Struggle Command," the umbrella agency for some eight Arab guerrilla groups, issued orders banning further anti-American demonstrations. According to the reports, guerrilla leaders blocked a march in Amman today in defiance of the orders. In the expectation that Mr. Sisco would arrive there this afternoon, the Palestinians had called for a stoppage of all traffic and a general strike to make Amman "a dead city" when the American diplomat arrived.) Mr. Sisco was taken on a tour of Jordan Valley settlements today and viewed the damage to homes caused by recent shelling from Jordan. He was accompanied by Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar Lev and Gen. "Motta" Gur, commanding officer of the Northern

Command. Mr. Sisco entered the home of a family at Yardenia where a ceiling was destroyed by mortar and bazooka shells two nights ago. He also visited Geshar which was shelled only 12 hours before. Mr. Sisco said nothing and refused to reply to questions by newsmen accompanying the party. But he reportedly listened intently to Army officers and civilians who described the situation in the border settlements. Mr. Sisco dined tonight at the home of U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour who also invited Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon. He had a two and a half hour "working session" with Mr. Eban yesterday and met with the Israeli Foreign Minister for a second hour-long meeting in the evening before attending a state dinner in his honor at the Eban home. According to informed sources, Middle East problems were the main topic of conversation at the dinner.

### Feelings Expressed That Israeli Newspapers Exaggerate Importance Of Sisco's Visit

Political circles here said today that Israeli newspapers were exaggerating the importance of Mr. Sisco's visit to Israel. The American diplomat met yesterday afternoon with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and high ranking military officers at the King David Hotel. Informed sources said the discussions centered on Israel's need for more U.S. warplanes to balance the Russian-built SAM-3 anti-aircraft missiles being installed in Egypt. Among the military men who spoke to Mr. Sisco were Gen. Bar Lev, Gen. Aharon Yariv, chief of intelligence; Deputy Defense Minister Tzvi Tzur and Gen. Shlomo Gazit, officer in charge of the occupied territories. The newspaper Maariv said today that Mr. Sisco declined a request for a meeting with a number of Arab notables from the occupied territories. According to Maariv the Arabs are associated with a movement to establish a "Palestinian entity" on the West Bank and if Mr. Sisco met with them it could be considered an affront to King Hussein, of Jordan. Such a meeting might imply that the U.S. had reservations over the stability of the Hussein regime, Maariv said. Mr. Sisco reportedly declined on the grounds that his timetable is already overcrowded.

In Washington, Secretary of State William P. Rogers said today that he was not very optimistic about a breakthrough in the Middle East conflict as a result of Mr. Sisco's visit there. In an interview for German radio and TV aired Thursday at 9 p.m. German time, Rogers suggested that Sisco's visit would do nothing to ease tensions in the Middle East. "There doesn't seem to be much give on either side at the moment," Rogers said. "If the parties would agree to negotiate--if they would get together and talk about the future, we think there is a chance that something could be worked out. But I must say that at the moment we are not very optimistic." He said that the Soviet Union may be working at cross purposes with those countries that want peace. "There is a very strong likelihood that the Soviet Union would prefer what is referred to as 'controlled tension' in the area rather than permanent peace."

### Israeli Jets Attack Egyptian Military Targets; Israeli Soldier Killed, One Wounded

TEL AVIV, April 16 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets attacked Egyptian military targets in the southern and central sections of the Suez Canal zone for an hour yesterday evening and returned safely to their bases. Israel Army Pvt. Joseph Bergmann, 19, of Ramatana, was killed and another soldier was wounded by Egyptian gunfire in the canal zone yesterday afternoon. Four Israel Army positions in the southern and central sectors of the Golan Heights were hit by bazooka and small arms fire yesterday. The fire was returned. There were no Israeli casualties. Jordanians fired mortar shells at Kibbutzim Ashdod Yacov and Geshar in the northern Beisan Valley last night, sending settlers to their bomb shelters, but no casualties were reported. Slight damage was sustained by the electric generator at Geshar. Several Katyusha rockets were fired from Jordanian territory last night in the direction of the Timna copper mines in the Negev. The fire was returned and there was no interruption of work at the mines and no casualties were reported.

### Students At Tel Aviv University Vote 113-97 In Favor Of Dr. Goldmann's Views

TEL AVIV, April 16 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the center of a bitter controversy in Israel over his aborted plan to meet with President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, received a vote of confidence from students at Tel Aviv University after speaking there last night. The vote was 113-97 in favor of Dr. Goldmann's views on Middle East peace. Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, reiterated his opinion that Israeli foreign policy was not sufficiently flexible and not realistic. He advised the government to drop its insistence on direct negotiations with the Arabs and to become more active in the pursuit of peace. Dr. Goldmann told the students, "The thought of another war robs me of sleep because the Russians would not allow another Arab defeat."

### Mrs. Meir Offers Fervent Prayers For Safe Return Of Astronauts; Students Express Concern

JERUSALEM, April 16 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir has written to President Nixon to add Israel's "fervent prayers" for the safe return of the Apollo 13 astronauts, whose moon voyage was aborted following a power failure. Mrs. Meir asked Mr. Nixon to "inform their families that here in Israel all our hearts are with them," and said "we are filled with admiration for the courage they and their dear ones in space are showing in this hour of trial." (In Tel Aviv, the Central Pupils Council, comprised of representatives of that city's public and secondary schools, presented United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour with a letter of concern for the astronaut's safety in their "perilous journey.")

### Dayan Discloses Egypt Has Set Up Number Of SAM-3 Missile Bases

JERUSALEM, April 16 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan disclosed in the Knesset yesterday that Israel has information that Egypt has already set up a number of Soviet-made SAM-3 anti-aircraft missile bases. He also reported that during the first three months of 1970 a total of 44 grenade-throwing incidents in the Gaza Strip caused six deaths and injuries to 196 persons. Five of the dead were local residents, as were 179 of the injured, he said.

## Four Powers Said To Be Marking Time In Their Talks Until Sisco Returns

UNITED NATIONS, April 16 (JTA)--Diplomatic sources reported today that "very little progress" was made during yesterday's Four Power talks and that the ambassadors are "marking time" until Joseph Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, returns from his Middle East "orientation trip" with an assessment of the situation there. The Big Four are scheduled to meet again on May 5. The Big Four deputies, who held four meetings this month in an effort to draw up a memorandum, will meet again tomorrow. A spokesman for the British said today that a memorandum had been submitted by the deputies to the Four Power ambassadors in time for yesterday's meeting but that it was not a complete memorandum. He described it as nothing more than a "stock taking" document. The spokesman said it is expected that a completed memorandum will be ready for the May 5 meeting.

A diplomatic source described the deputies' document as merely listing "negative" and "positive" points of agreement and disagreement the Four Powers have reached in their talks to date. The source said the memo did not go beyond that which the ambassadors had themselves reached in terms of what progress they had made when they asked their deputies on March 31 to draw up the memo. A British diplomatic source said there is "a possibility" that the deputies may not be able to reach agreement on a unified memo by May 5, and that in order to expedite the Big Four talks they may submit "majority" and "minority" memos. "One always hopes," he said, "that this will not occur, but one cannot promise that a unified report will be submitted." He added that a majority-minority report is "meaningless."

### Michael Stewart: Israeli Withdrawal And Questions Of Boundaries Are Inseparable

Referring to the statement Monday in the House of Commons by Evan Luard, Joint Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, that Lord Caradon has proposed a Mideast settlement based on Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and Arab recognition of Israel, the British spokesman said the proposal had been put forth at the deputies' meeting and not at the ambassadors' meeting. "The British put this forward in good faith as a step in dealing with the Middle East situation," he said. "Mr. Luard's statement spells out our point of view." Mr. Luard had also referred to the possibility that at some later date, preferably after Ambassador Gensar V. Jarring had resumed his peace mission, the Big Four would invite "the parties in conflict" in the Mideast to participate in the deliberations. The British spokesman said, "The United Kingdom is not seeking to float this as a proposal at this time." Such meetings, he said, depend on "timing." He said reference to this type of meeting has been made by Lord Caradon at Four Power talks.

Elaborating the British attitude toward Israeli withdrawal and boundaries, Michael Stewart, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, told the House of Commons: "To this withdrawal all the Four Powers are agreed, and both the parties (Israel and Arab states) in a general sense have agreed. But when one speaks of withdrawal one is obliged to speak, in almost the same sentence, of boundaries...It seems to me that the question of withdrawal and the question of boundaries must be taken together as a matter of plain common sense." Mr. Stewart added that in discussing boundaries "it is legitimate to speak of small alterations in the interests of security to those boundaries which existed at the beginning of the 1967 war." The Secretary of State noted that there are no "difficulties" in terms of boundaries between Israel and Egypt and between Israel and Lebanon. But, "the boundary between Israel and Jordan presents greater difficulties." In this case, he said, Britain takes the same view as the United States that "modifications would have to be made." Boundaries concerning Jerusalem, Mr. Stewart added, is an "idle" question "until we have got further in solving the other questions in dispute." Mr. Luard had indicated that one of several "essential commitments" for a Mideast settlement involved the solution of the "complex problem of Jerusalem."

## Sen. Scott Urges U.S. Support Of Israel; Favors Direct Talks Between Jews And Arabs

CHICAGO, April 16 (JTA)--Sen. Hugh Scott, Republican of Pennsylvania, urged complete support of Israel to prevent full-scale war in the Middle East and declared that "America's best interest lies in strengthening Israel and not weakening her." Sen. Scott called for personal discussions between Arab and Jewish leaders. "Until the Arabs are willing to meet and so long as they insist on a state of war and encourage their terrorists to attack, there should be no more pressure on Israel to yield a single inch of territory and expose her people to further aggression," he stated. "There should be no more pressure on Israel to accept Arab threats, boycotts, blockades, and terrorism as something normal and reasonable." The Senate minority leader expressed his viewpoint in an introduction to a book, "Crisis and Conscience in the Middle East" by Dr. Christian E. Hauer, to be published on May 1 by Quadrangle Books.

## Canada's Anti-Hate, Anti-Genocide Bill Passes House Of Commons By 89-45 Vote

MONTREAL, April 16 (JTA)--The government sponsored anti-genocide, anti-hate propaganda bill passed third and final reading yesterday by a vote of 89-45 in the House of Commons after a week of sharp debate. The bill now goes to the Senate, which must accept it with all the amendments voted in Commons. Senate approval is considered a formality. Most of those who voted against the bill in the House were Conservatives and members of the New Democratic Party. Several, during the week long debate, expressed the view that the bill's passage would signify a corrosion of the Canadian Bill of Rights. The measure, which was first introduced by the Prime Minister, would punish up to five years imprisonment persons who engage in written or oral incitement to genocide against any ethnic or national minority.

## Stevenson Urges Administration To Clarify Its Position On Sale Of Planes To Libya

MT. CARROLL, Ill., April 16 (JTA)—Adlai E. Stevenson III, Democratic Senatorial candidate, said today that he was not satisfied with the reply he received from the U.S. State Department to a recent query he made concerning the Nixon administration's intentions on arms supplies to the Middle East. Mr. Stevenson, who is Illinois State Treasurer, said the administration has made it simply clear why it refused to comply with Israel's request for additional aircraft, but "What is it doing with respect to the Arab states? Will it cancel the contract it renegotiated with Libya in 1969 for the supply of additional F-5 fighters?" Mr. Stevenson made public a letter he received from the State Department March 31 in reply to his query. The writer, David D. Newsom, said there had been "no discussions with the new Libyan government about the sales of additional aircraft beyond the ten delivered in 1968 and the eight contracted for in 1969." He said "the situation has changed since the original contract was signed" and "the question of the delivery of planes under contract is, therefore, under review."

The State Department's letter referred to President Nixon's March 21 statement that American policy "is to maintain a military balance between the forces in the area and to assure that Israel is not placed in an inferior position." Mr. Stevenson commented, "The fate of Israel is at stake and I for one am not satisfied that its future is secure. And it must be." He asked, "Are we to go on training Jordanians, Iraqi and Libyan pilots? What commitments for the supply of additional hardware and training personnel do we have?" Mr. Stevenson urged the administration "to put forth a more determined effort to reach an agreement with the other supplier nations on the limitation of arms to the Middle East." He acknowledged that "The Soviets may make such an agreement difficult or even impossible to achieve." Mr. Stevenson is a son of the late Adlai E. Stevenson, former Governor of Illinois and the Democratic Presidential candidate in 1952 and 1956.

## Albany State U Administration Refuses To Close School For Passover; Students Vow Boycott

ALBANY, N.Y., April 16 (JTA)—An official student boycott is expected at Albany State University next week as a result of the administration's refusal to shut down the school for the Passover holidays. Rabbi Leonard M. Kaplan, P'nai M'ritz Hilliel adviser on the campus, informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "The way things look now, classes will not be officially closed, since there is not enough time for the necessary administrative procedures." He said however that "it is almost certain that the administration will give the Jewish students a commitment that in the future the university will be closed on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and the first two days of Passover." The student council at Albany State has demanded that President Allen Kunitz close the university for Passover just as it is closed for the Christmas and Easter holidays. They said that since 46 percent of the student body is Jewish, they should not be discriminated against. Dr. Kunitz has asked the faculty not to penalize students who do not attend classes on April 20, 21 and 22 and not to hold examinations and labs on those days. The students say this is not enough. They argue that the university is discriminating against Jewish students by not permitting their religious and cultural holidays to become university-wide like Christmas and Easter. The students agreed to make-up classes if the entire university is closed for Passover but said they would not accept an extended school year if they must boycott classes in order to press their demands.

## Catholic Clerics And Lay Leaders Discuss Their Views On Israel And Jewish People

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 16 (JTA)—Some 100 area Jews participated in an "Understanding Catholicism," workshop this week at which Catholic clergy and lay leaders described the attitudes of the church on a variety of matters including Israel and the Jewish people. The workshop, held at the St. Louis Priory, was sponsored jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Archdiocesan Council of the Laity with the collaboration of the Archdiocesan Commission on Ecumenism. The Rt. Rev. Joseph W. Baker, vice chairman of the Commission on Ecumenism, conceded that prior to the June, 1947 war most Catholics were not aware "that Israel is so bound up in Christian-Jewish relations." According to Rev. Baker, the pre-1967 Vatican Council II "was more concerned with relations with Jews as a religion, and the fact that all Jews at the time Jesus lived or presently should not be held responsible for the Crucifixion. But the Six-Day War made it apparent that we did not take into account the very strong feeling of the Jewish people for Israel which is bound up in Jewish culture as well as in religious understanding."

Referring to American Catholics, Rev. Baker said, "While we hold for the need for justice and the right of Israel to exist, many of us do not know what else is expected of us." In a question period that followed, members of the audience suggested that more prominent Catholics should issue statements supporting Israel's right to exist and the need for direct Israel-Arab peace negotiations. They also suggested that leading Catholics urge the Vatican to establish diplomatic relations with Israel such as it has with numerous Arab and Muslim states. The St. Louis Review, weekly newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, commented in an editorial later that "These do not seem to be unreasonable or excessive demands on the part of our Jewish brethren." The editorial pointed out that "Apart from traditional religious significance Israel serves to assure Jews throughout the world that there is at least one place on earth which can be their homeland and in which they can always find welcome. After centuries of persecution and the experience of the holocaust of immediate memory, the importance of this value in the State of Israel can scarcely be over-emphasized."

## Jewish Philanthropies Drops Charges Against Protesters; Court Drops Case

NEW YORK, April 16 (JTA)—Judge Irving Lang of the Criminal Court of New York County today dismissed criminal trespass charges against 45 young Jewish militants who staged a sit-in, sing-in and blockade at the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies offices April 8. Federation, which had called the police to evacuate the protesters, recommended that the charges be dropped. The police had originally stated that 41 persons had been arrested. The protesters demands included expanded assistance to religious education and a \$10,000 donation to the April 24 Exodus March for Soviet Jewry.