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## Rogers Scheduled To Announce U.S. Jet Decision And Mideast Peace Initiatives

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA)--The new American peace initiative in the Middle East appears to be nearing a climax with a public announcement tomorrow of its outlines by Secretary of State William P. Rogers. The American diplomat is expected to announce also the decision on the sale of jets to Israel at a press conference here in the morning before leaving on a two week trip to Asia at the end of the week. Informed sources here say the plan has been circulated in detail to Israel and the Arab states as well as to the Soviet Union, Britain and France. The plan is believed to adhere closely to the terms of the United Nations Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 Mideast resolution and to call for the revival of the peace-seeking mission of the UN's special envoy, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring. Reports reaching here indicate that Israeli officials are unhappy with the course the American initiative seems to be following and are alarmed by indications that the Nixon administration's decision on the sale of more combat jets to Israel will be conditional on its acceptance of the plan. Reports from Arab capitals stress military mobilization for a new full scale war with Israel but at the same time a willingness to "listen" to the American proposals. Lebanese sources have described the plan as "a little better" than previous proposals. But Palestinian guerrilla leaders are said to be deeply concerned that any moves toward a political settlement of the Mideast conflict would undermine their position and frustrate their aspirations.

Reports here say that the Soviet Union, by tacit agreement, has put a brake on the escalation of its military involvement in Egypt. Soviet-piloted jets have refrained from interfering with Israel's almost daily bombardment of Egyptian positions in the Suez Canal zone. Soviet SAM-3 anti-aircraft missile sites have been deployed extensively deep inside Egypt but there is no evidence that they have been extended to the canal zone. The Israelis for their part have confined their air attacks to the canal zone and a narrow corridor just west of it. The United States has so far withheld the sale of more Phantom and Skyhawk jets requested by Israel. According to sources here, the Nixon administration has been exerting pressure on Israel to take certain steps that would break the present Mideast deadlock. The Nov. 22, 1967 resolution calls for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories in return for Arab recognition of Israel's right to sovereign existence within secure borders. The sources say the administration understands the Arab refusal to recognize and negotiate with Israel while its forces occupy Arab lands and the problem of Arab refugees remains unsolved. In effect, Israel is being asked to commit itself to a substantive step in return for Arab commitments for which there can be no absolute guarantee, although the U.S. stands committed to support Israel's continued existence.

## U.S. On Tightrope: Seeks To Satisfy Israel, Soviet Union, Arab States And Guerrillas

(According to Christian Science Monitor's Washington correspondent Saville R. Davis, "The American initiative seems to be headed toward arrangements that would be largely private, with only part of the iceberg appearing above the surface. They would balance undertakings between the big powers and between them and the leaders of both sides in the Middle East, which would be hammered out in secrecy at first, and then put through the face-saving process of negotiations under the auspices of Mr. Jarring. Only the ultimate results would be made public." Mr. Davis believes that both the U.S. and the Soviet Union are aware of the dangers of a Big Power confrontation in the Mideast and are seeking to avoid it by holding their respective forces in leash. Both sides want to see a restoration of the cease-fire that could eventually lead to an agreement between the two to limit arms supplies to their respective clients, Mr. Davis said.) (The London Guardian's Jerusalem correspondent Walter Schwartz reported today that the Israelis apparently know most of the contents of the new American "package deal" and don't like it. Total silence has been imposed on officials in Jerusalem "but it seems clear that diplomatic hatches are being battened down for the third crisis in relations with Washington in six months," Mr. Schwartz reported. He said Israelis expect the crisis to be as severe as that which followed Secretary of State Rogers' announcement of his Mideast program last December. But the mood is not desperate. "In the long run it is felt that Israel will be able to appeal to the American public over the heads of Nixon and Rogers," the Guardian correspondent said.)

Washington Post correspondent Jesse W. Lewis Jr. reported from Beirut today that Palestinian guerrilla groups fear they are being ignored by the new peace moves and are preparing to oppose them. The fragmented guerrilla movement has coalesced somewhat since the fighting in Jordan two weeks ago between King Hussein's troops and the Palestinians. From their point of view, the new peace moves are aimed at dividing them. They fear a "sell out" from the recent meeting of Arab leaders in Tripoli, Libya, citing statements which seemed to distinguish between "genuine" and "extreme" guerrillas. The latter designation has been applied to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine headed by Marxist Dr. George Habbash. Mr. Lewis quoted a spokesman for the Front as saying, "If Nasser makes peace with Israel he will be gambling with his own existence, his regime, his person, his place in history." (Christian Science Monitor correspondent John K. Cooley reported from Beirut today that the Tripoli meeting was concerned with strengthening the Arabs' eastern front against Israel and its coordination with Egypt's strategy on the Suez Canal line. But the new American peace proposals which have at least some support from the other Big Powers were very much in the air, Mr. Cooley said. "Their attractiveness to Arab capitals would be enhanced if they did not include announcement of any new U.S. warplane deliveries to Israel and if the Soviet Union and France, sympathetic to the Arab position, were associated with the new initiative," Mr. Cooley wrote.) According to Washington reports, Secretary Rogers' expected announcement on the jet sales to Israel will be couched in terms least likely to touch off anti-American demonstrations in the Arab world.

## Schumann Reports U.S., Soviet Mideast Stands Have Drawn Close To French Position

PARIS, June 24 (JTA)—Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann reported to the Cabinet today that both the United States and Soviet stands on the Middle East have drawn closer to the French position. "America has drawn closer to our stand that Israel must withdraw its forces from the occupied territories, while Russia has also drawn closer by accepting that Israel's existence behind safe and recognized borders must be guaranteed," M. Schumann said. Both points have been stressed on a number of occasions by President Georges Pompidou and other French officials. The Foreign Minister made essentially the same remarks at a press luncheon here yesterday when he said the American and Soviet shifts represented "the beginning of a new hope" for a peaceful settlement in the Mideast. When asked whether the shift would be followed by a change in France's arms embargo against Israel, M. Schumann replied, "On the contrary, this change only goes to vindicate our stand. A change in the embargo policy is less likely now than ever before." At today's Cabinet meeting, the Foreign Minister reiterated that "only through Big Power consultation and agreement can a solution to the Mideast crisis be found." Other French officials are claiming credit for what they see as an American-Russian rapprochement on the Mideast. They say it is a "triumph" of French diplomacy that brought the superpowers together, due to "France's efforts and independent policy on this subject."

The Soviet Ambassador to Egypt, Sergei Vinogradov, arrived here today for top-level talks on the Mideast with M. Schumann and other senior foreign ministry officials. Sources here said he might also meet with Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas. Mr. Vinogradov was formerly Moscow's Ambassador to France. The government announced the appointment of a new French Consul General in Jerusalem today. He is Paul Antoine Henry who replaces Christian Fouache d'Hailloy. M. Henry served as diplomatic adviser to former President Charles DeGaulle and served as Consul in Bonn and Rome. A joint communique issued yesterday by Pres. Pompidou and visiting Rumanian President Nicolau Ceausescu stated that both countries are in agreement on the way to achieve peace in the Middle East and share a common anxiety over the growing tensions and increased hostility in that region. The section of the communique dealing with the Mideast stated that application of the United Nations Security Council's Nov. 22, 1947 resolution was the essential condition for a Mideast settlement. "Both countries consider that peace in the Mideast must be based on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from all occupied Arab territory, the recognition of the right to existence, independence and territorial integrity of all states in the region and the settlement of the Palestine refugee problem in conformity with the legitimate interests of the refugees," the communique stated.

## Ben-Gurion, Suffering From High Blood Pressure, Vomiting Spells, Admitted To Hospital

TEL AVIV, June 24 (JTA)—Former Premier David Ben-Gurion, suffering from high blood pressure and vomiting spells, was admitted yesterday to Tel Hashomer Hospital for tests and observation. Hospital directors said the tests would attempt to determine the source of Mr. Ben-Gurion's ailments. The Israeli statesman, who recently resigned from the Knesset, is 83 years old.

## Israeli Jets Blast Guerrilla Bases On Mt. Hermon, UAR Claims Israel Hit Hard

TEL AVIV, June 24 (JTA)—Israel Air Force jets attacked guerrilla bases on the southwest slopes of Mt. Hermon in Lebanon today and returned safely to their bases. The target area, east of the Hasbani River, is known as "Fatahland." An Egyptian military spokesman in Cairo claimed that Egyptian heavy artillery "inflicted heavy casualties" in an attack today on an Israeli engineering unit in the southern sector of the Suez Canal. He also said that Egyptian anti-aircraft gunners had fought off a three-and-a-half-hour raid by 26 Israeli planes in the northern and central sectors. A Jordanian spokesman in Amman said that Jordanian and Israeli forces had engaged in 35 minutes of artillery, mortar and machinegun combat in the South Jordan Valley today. He said there were no Jordanian casualties. Guerrilla sources in Amman said Palestinian leaders will continue to insist on the disbanding of Jordanian army units. The Palestinians will be meeting soon with a high-level peacemaking committee representing Egypt, Libya, the Sudan and Algeria. The guerrillas have condemned a number of Jordanian officials as "reactionary" and have blamed Jordan's "thunderbolt" unit for inciting the recent Jordanian-Palestinian hostilities. A resident of the refugee camp at Djabaliya in the Gaza Strip was injured this morning by a grenade thrown near the camp clinic. Some bazooka shells were fired last night into the Golan Heights from Syrian territory, but there was no damage.

## Jewish Families From Violence-Torn Belleville Planning To Emigrate To Israel

PARIS, June 24 (JTA)—Many Jewish families in the Belleville quarter of northeast Paris are planning to emigrate to Israel in the wake of last week's violence in which Arab mobs wrecked 40 Jewish-owned shops and battled police for hours. According to the Israeli Consulate here, several dozen Jewish families from Belleville have applied for information concerning immigration facilities and travel to Israel. The quarter has been calm since the disturbances. But police still patrol the streets and a special guard has been posted outside the local synagogue which the Arabs tried to set afire during the riots. Belleville Jews are mainly from North Africa.

## Mrs. Meir Did Not Snub Wife Of Gabon's President; Was Attending Barzilai Funeral

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)—A Foreign Ministry spokesman explained today that Premier Golda Meir's presence at the funeral of Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Barzilai had prevented her from receiving the visiting wife of Gabonese President Albert-Bernard Bongo. Gabon had recalled its ambassador over the incident, charging Mrs. Meir had snubbed her First Lady despite an invitation. Diplomatic relations, however, have not been severed, as the Gabonese Embassy here continues in operation. Israeli Ambassador David Ephraïm is attempting to smooth over the incident with Gabonese officials in Libreville. Gabon is the smallest of the former French Equatorial Africa territories.

## Board Of Deputies Of British Jews Warns Arrest Of Jews In Soviet Union New Intimidation

LONDON, June 24 (JTA)--The reported arrests of eight Jews in Leningrad and the search-raids of Jewish homes there and in other Russian cities, produced a warning from the Board of Deputies of British Jews today that the Soviet Union has begun a campaign of harassment and intimidation against Jews who have applied for permission to emigrate to Israel. The statement said thousands of applications for exit permits have been filed by Russian Jews "initially encouraged to do so by a promise given by Premier Kosygin in Paris in December, 1964" that Jews would be allowed to re-unite with their families abroad. "It is feared that the arrests that have already taken place are intended to instill fear into these applicants and particularly threaten the safety and freedom of those who have positioned the United Nations for assistance," the statement said, and added: "In the present climate of hostility such developments must cause concern for the welfare of the three million Soviet Jews. All those concerned for human rights must surely see the danger of once again treating this vulnerable Jewish minority as a scapegoat." Reports reaching here quoting "dissident" sources in Russia identified the eight Jews alleged to have been arrested while at work or at their homes in Leningrad. They are Vladimir Mogilever, 30, an engineer, married with one child; Lassek Kaminsky, 40, an engineer, married with two children; David Chernoglas, agronomist, married with one child; Gille Gutman, 37, an engineer, married with one child; Lev Kornblit, mathematician, married with one child; Lev Shapiro, 30, an engineer, unmarried; Solomon Dresner, 38, an engineer, married, with one child; and Anatoly Golfield, 24, an engineer, unmarried.

## National States Rights Party, KKK Political Arm, Calls For Mass Killings Of Jews, Blacks

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 24 (JTA)--A call for the mass killing of Negroes and Jews was sounded at the recent convention of the National States Rights Party at Newport, Ky. and was greeted by cheers from the audience of 200, some of whom "leaped to their feet applauding enthusiastically," Louisville Times staff writer Jim Rennelsen reported. The speaker was Newman Britton of Decatur, Ark. and the session he addressed was private. Newsmen and television cameras were excluded. Mr. Rennelsen's report was based on tape recordings and accounts of delegates. Earlier speakers called for the repatriation of blacks to Africa and sending their "Jewish friends" with them, but Britton urged a blood bath. "The blood will flow from every Jew in Anglo-Saxondom," he shouted. "It seemed to be what most of his audience wanted to hear," Mr. Rennelsen said. The National States Rights Party has been identified as the political arm of the Ku Klux Klan. In addition to Britton, the convention was addressed, in public session, by J.B. Stoner, national chairman and the party's candidate for governor of Georgia. "Stoner's public speech was replete with racial slurs against Negroes and Jews but it did not approach the virulence of the speeches delivered by Britton and officers of the organization, Mr. Rennelsen said.

Britton blamed the country's ills on the white men's "error" in misconstruing the commandment "thou shalt not kill." He claimed that Moses only meant that "White brother shall not kill white brother" but that it was permissible to kill "in defence of our homes, our way of life." He said he regretted his service in World War II which he said was started by Jews to set white people to killing other white people. He also deplored the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals. Other speakers claimed that Jews were behind the disorders at Kent State University in May and acted with glee that three of the students killed by National Guardsmen were Jews. Dr. Edward Fields, a Georgia chiropractor who is national secretary of the Party said Jews were behind Negro riots. Jerry Pope, the party's organizer in Kentucky lectured on Bible history to "prove" that the Jews were not "the chosen people" and that Christ "was not a Jew." One delegate from New Jersey referred to that state as "Jew Jersey."

## Majority Of Latin American Jewish Youth Alienated From Judaism, Attracted To New Left

TEL AVIV, June 24 (JTA)--A majority of Jewish youth in Latin America is alienated from Judaism and identifies with the New Left, delegates to the eighth biennial convention of the World Council of Synagogues were told here today. The body, which represents Conservative Judaism in 26 countries, was addressed by Rabbi Mordechai Meyer, of the Latin American Council of Synagogues. According to the speaker, 80 percent of Latin American Jewish youth are completely out of touch with Judaism. The remaining 20 percent are affiliated with synagogues, Zionist organizations and youth movements. For the majority, however, Judaism and Jewishness is alien and it associates itself with revolution and the New Left. Rabbi Meyer said the problem was universal as youth everywhere is in a revolutionary mood and seeks a changed world. But in Latin America the problem is more acute than in other places because the social gap between classes is so visible and the goal of social reform is so attractive, he said. He urged new efforts to bring Jewish youth back to Judaism.

Mordechai Bar On, an Israeli member of the Jewish Agency Executive, said that Israeli Jewish youth, even the secular, have much more Judaism imbued in them than most other Jewish youth because he lives in a Jewish environment and is involved in Jewish communal life. Prof. Bernard Mandelbaum, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, stressed the identity between Judaism and universal social justice. He spoke of Israel as the center of Jewish life. Of the youth problem he said, "We must seek every priority of education so as not to lose these good young people. They must be brought to see the eternal values of our great tradition which are the source not only of Israel's redemption but the world's redemption." The convention adopted a resolution declaring the Conservative movement's solidarity with Israel's struggle for peace and survival. Other resolutions condemned Soviet military involvement in the Mideast and the treatment accorded its own Jewish citizens. Morris Spitzman was re-elected to a second term as president of the World Council of Synagogues.

## Liberals Seek To Free Hess; Scheel Says The Label War Criminal Not Correct

BONN, June 24 (JTA)--The Free Democrats (Liberals) meeting in congress here, voted yesterday to ask their chairman, Foreign Minister Walter Scheel, to make every effort to free Rudolf Hess and other "war criminals." Mr. Scheel said that some prisoners serving time in Italy and the Netherlands as major war criminals have only been labeled as such but are not so in actuality.

## Student Rabbis To Live, Work In Slum Areas; Only Program Of Kind Under Jewish Auspices

NEW YORK, June 24 (JTA)--Five Reform student rabbis will live and work in the slums of urban centers in the fourth year of the Rabbinic Internship in Urban Affairs program, Rabbi Balfour Brickner reported today. The project, the only one of its kind under Jewish auspices, is a program of the commission on interfaith activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Jewish Chautauque Society. Rabbi Brickner is commission director. The student rabbis and the cities in whose ghettos they will live and work for about 10 weeks, starting next month, are: Nicholas Behrman of Philadelphia, in Boston; George Stern of Philadelphia, in Philadelphia; Ronald Shapiro of Minneapolis, in Milwaukee; Ralph Mechtelberger of Forest Park, Ill., in Chicago, and Steven Mullinger of New York in Washington, D.C. All are students of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform seminary. The internships are sponsored locally by Jewish community relations agencies. Each intern agrees to live in a slum area, working with Protestant and Catholic urban clergymen to study directly the problems of the urban poor, to provide help in anti-poverty programs, to study the response of public and private agencies to ghetto needs and to study attitudes of the local Jewish community relative to the urban crisis.

The interns also is expected to make proposals on action programs the Jewish community might undertake for the urban poor. Each intern prepares a weekly report for the local sponsoring agency, to the commission and to the seminary. For the second year, a training program was held, on June 5, at the HUC in Cincinnati, for the interns. Members of the New York Metropolitan Regional Area Council, Rabbi Brickner, and Mrs. Anita Miller, Rabbi Brickner's assistant, led the all-day session dealing with Jewish communal attitudes on racial issues, possibilities for black-white cooperation, attitudes in the black communities, and priorities among the blacks for the 1970s. The orientation program was held for the first time last year for the 11 1969 rabbinic interns. As an adjunct to the 1970 program, James Michaels, of St. Paul, Minn., also a HUC student, will serve at Mount Zion Temple in St. Paul, as a year-around intern, Rabbi Brickner said, adding that his assignment will extend beyond the regular student internship program. Lewis Bornstein, another student of Paterson, N.J., and his wife are staffing an Urban Mitzvah Corps project under the sponsorship of the New Jersey Council of Reform Synagogues.

## Primary Vote In N.Y.: Four Of Five Democratic Party Nominees Are Jewish

NEW YORK, June 24 (JTA)--Jewish candidates dominated the Democratic state ticket this morning following yesterday's primary election, in which only 24 percent of the 3.6 million eligible voters participated. Four of the five nominees on the state slate are Jewish, with the fifth a Negro, and all live in New York City or Westchester County. The ticket is headed by Arthur J. Goldberg, former Secretary of Labor, Supreme Court Justice and ambassador to the UN. Mr. Goldberg, who will be 62 on Aug. 8, is making his first try for elective office. The Chicago-born diplomat was the youngest of eight children of Russian-Jewish immigrants, Joseph and Rebecca Perlstein Goldberg. The nominee, who voted at Temple Emanuel-El, defeated Howard J. Samuels, an upstate Jewish businessman and former head of the Small Business Administration. Rep. Richard L. Ottinger, 30-year-old Congressman of Westchester and Putnam Counties, is the Democrats' Senatorial candidate. Finishing second and third in the four-man race were Paul O'Dwyer, brother of the late Mayor William O'Dwyer and a longtime pro-Israel activist, and Theodore C. Sorensen, former White House aide, whose mother was Jewish. Mr. Ottinger is the wealthy son of U.S. Plywood founder Lawrence Ottinger. He is a nephew of Albert Ottinger, unsuccessful Republican opponent of Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1928 gubernatorial election, and a nephew of State Supreme Court Justice Nathan Ottinger.

Arthur Levitt, State Controller since 1964, was unopposed--as usual--in the Democratic primary. He will be 70 on June 28. The fifth man on the ticket is State Senator Basil A. Patterson of Harlem, a Roman Catholic and president of the New York chapter of the NAACP. On the Republican ticket, chosen earlier and headed by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, there is one Jewish nominee--Louis J. Lefkowitz, Attorney General since 1967. He will be 68 on July 3. There are no Jews on the Conservative Party's state ticket. The Liberal Party lineup consists of Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Lefkowitz, Mr. Levitt and Republican Sen. Charles E. Goodell. Rep. Leonard Farbstein, 76 years old and a 14-year Congressman, was defeated in the Democratic primary in Manhattan's 19th District by Mrs. Bella Abzug, a Jewish lawyer and activist in the anti-war and women's liberation movements. Mrs. Abzug, who is in her 40's, is a first-time political aspirant. One of her most vocal partisans was Barbara Streisand. Rep. James H. Scheuer defeated Rep. Jacob H. Gilbert for the Democratic designation in the reapportioned 22nd Congressional District of the Bronx. Democratic Rep. Edward I. Koch, a career Congressman who has been a leader in the anti-war movement, was renominated in Manhattan's 17th C.D. In the Republican Congressional primary yesterday, Rep. Ogden R. Reid, a former ambassador to Israel, was renominated in the upstate 26th C.D. and will run in November for a fifth term.

## Nine JDL Members Served With Criminal Warrants, Charged With Disorderly Conduct

PHILADELPHIA, June 24 (JTA)--Nine members of the local branch of the Jewish Defense League have been served with criminal warrants by the Board of Education for occupying the principal's office of Leeds Junior High School on Monday. The five adults and four youths were charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly blocking the office doors and attempting to tear the telephone from the wall. Rabbi Harold Novoseller, the group's leader, denied the charges. He said the JDL had merely sought to present six "suggestions" for protecting students from assault and theft by "troublemakers," including committing them to disciplinary schools, stationing policemen in the public schools and replacing "weak administrators." The arrests were believed to be the first of JDL members here. A hearing for the five adults was scheduled for June 29. The four youths will be tried in juvenile court. Rabbi Novoseller said the JDL had acted after school authorities had allegedly failed to crack down on school violence. Principal Meyer Berkowitz said there had been no violence at the school for two months.