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Rogers Expects Response Soon From Arabs Rather Than Soviets On U.S. Peace Initiative

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA)--Secretary of State William P. Rogers said today that "we expect a response some time soon" on the United States' Middle East peace initiative, "possibly from Arab rather than Soviet sources." He said he had obtained that word from Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin yesterday. Mr. Rogers, holding his first news conference since his return Sunday from an international tour, called the SAM-3 missile activity in Egypt "a very serious development" in which "all parties are well aware of what the risks are." The Secretary asserted: "I think their (the Soviet Union's) presence there is part of their foreign policy. They feel it helps their position with Egypt and other Arab countries." He added: "We would not expect them to leave readily, but it is conceivable that part of the settlement under the Security Council resolution would be the removal of foreign troops from the area." On the question of more American jets for Israel, Mr. Rogers stated: "We stand where we stood when I had my last press conference (here)." At that time, June 25, he held a jet decision further in abeyance and said, "I think for the moment the emphasis should be on diplomatic initiatives, and announcement now would be counter-productive." Asked whether he thought Israel would launch a pre-emptive strike across the Suez Canal, Mr. Rogers replied: "I hope not. Everyone is quite aware of the risks that would be involved."

Eban: Israel Said Yes Eight Times To UN Resolution; Reaffirms Concessions For Peace

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban today told the Knesset that between May 1968 and July 1970 Israel had on eight occasions placed on record here its acceptance of the United Nations Security Council resolution of November 22, 1967 and listed the occasions on which Israeli ministers or other official representatives had reiterated acceptance of the resolution. Mr. Eban, quoting Gahal Knesset member Zvi Zimmerman, said "We offer real concessions for a real deal." The Foreign Minister added that Israel is ready to make "territorial concessions" as part of a peace settlement with the Arabs but that Israel would not surrender all of the territories it won during the Six-Day War. He was summing up the political debate in the Knesset which followed his policy statement on Monday. Mr. Eban said that his suggestion that Egypt and Israel should send authorized representatives to an agreed place for informal talks had met with a very favorable reception in many capitals, including those of Western Europe with the exception of Paris. "Our proposals," he said, "are not a tactical trick. They are not a bait for public opinion. We make our proposals in the sincere expectation that they will be accepted."

113 Soviet Jews Issue Appeal For Permission To Emigrate To Israel

LONDON, July 15 (JTA)--One hundred thirteen more Soviet Jews have issued appeals for permission to emigrate to Israel, according to reports received here. In Moscow, three petitions were signed by, respectively, 45 and 10 Moscow Jews and 30 Latvian Jews and sent to the Supreme Soviet. In Riga, Latvia, late last month, it has been disclosed, 28 Jews urged foreign scientists at a chemical convention to "raise your voice in the defense of our rights and render us assistance in our age-long dream to unite with our relations in Israel. The letter from the 10 Muscovites--who included Boris Zukerman, physicist; Josif Kerler, Yiddish poet, and Klara Vinokurova, widow of Yiddish writer Leon Lermontov--contended that if their plea was not acceptable to the Kremlin, they should under the law be arrested for sedition.

The 28 physicians, architects and engineers who made the Riga plea included Mrs. Silva Zalmanson, one of the first group of eight Soviet Jews arrested in mid-June on charges of attempting to hijack a Soviet plane in Leningrad. The London Telegraph said today that a group of Muscovite Jews have proposed that the Supreme Soviet pass a law guaranteeing repatriation of Soviet Jews to Israel. (In Jerusalem, Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili said of the three Moscow petitions: "This spontaneous appeal is proof of the daring and of the severe distress of our brothers in the Soviet Union. Despite the discouraging reports of the steps which the Soviet authorities have recently taken against Jews desiring exit visas to Israel, the plea goes out--and not only from the State of Israel--for understanding and response to Jews anxious to be reunited with their families, a principle which has also been affirmed by the Soviet authorities on more than one occasion.")

Israeli Jets Attack Targets In Jordan, Egypt; Dayan Says Soviets Continuing Flights

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets attacked targets in Egypt and Jordan today and returned safely to their bases. The attack over Jordanian territory lasted almost an hour and concentrated on guerrilla bases and Jordan Army positions. A military spokesman said Jordanian regulars were aiding guerrillas who shelled Yardenia and Beth Yosef settlements in the Beisan Valley last night. Metullah, Israel's northernmost settlement, came under mortar attack from Lebanese territory last night and this morning. Some cultivated farmlands were set on fire but there was no further damage reported in either attack and no casualties. Israel Air Force planes ranged over the northern and southern sections of the Suez Canal zone today bombing artillery emplacements. Cairo reported that 20 Israeli planes struck at military positions at Port Tewfik, Port Suez, Callah and Qantara. According to Cairo the planes were engaged by Egyptian anti-aircraft defenses. Jordan reported today that Israeli air craft strafed a village near the Syrian border wounding 13 farmers. An Israeli military spokesman said Jordanian Army regulars have been aiding guerrillas in stepped up attacks on Israeli

border settlements. He said the cooperation was the result of an accord signed last week between King Hussein's government and the Palestinian guerrillas. Two Arab saboteurs were killed this morning in a clash with an Israeli patrol north of the Banias River on the Golan Heights. One Israeli soldier was injured in this clash.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan today refused to say whether the Israeli Air Force had been instructed to avoid engagements with Soviet pilots "under any circumstances." The question had been asked at the beginning of today's Knesset meeting. At the same time Gen. Dayan said it was not true that Soviet pilots in Egypt had been instructed to discontinue their operational flights for the time being. On the contrary, he said, "The Soviet pilots are continuing their flights. Elsewhere, too, Soviet participation in the Egyptian conduct of the war has increased. Egypt's anti-aircraft defense system for instance now has more Soviet personnel than before." In answer to questions, Gen. Dayan made the following points: the presence of foreign mercenaries with Arab armies had not been proven although Israel had information that "foreign volunteers" from various countries were serving with Arab guerrilla forces in Jordan. He did not identify the countries. He said Israel hadn't clashed with the volunteers yet. Up till now not a single mercenary has been encountered or captured. Since the end of the Six-Day War Israel has lost 14 planes on the Suez Canal front. (The Egyptians claim to have shot down 202 of Israel's planes.) The Egyptians have never yet taken a single Israeli position. There are 11 Israeli prisoners in Egypt including two civilian employees of a "shekem" military canteen. Israel has 69 Egyptian and 39 Syrian prisoners.

Gen. Hod Says Israel Studying SAM-3s So Israel Can Master Them When Need Arises

TEL AVIV, July 15 (JTA)--The commander of Israel's Air Force believes that the threat posed by Soviet SAM-3 missiles in Egypt can be mastered. "We study everything possible about the SAM-3s and we shall be able to tackle them when the need arises," Gen. Mordechai Hod said in an article published yesterday in the Air Force periodical. "I do not think it will be a greater problem than we have faced in the past," he wrote. Gen. Hod disclosed that Israeli experts have introduced some modifications in the U.S. supersonic F-4 Phantom jet fighter-bombers to make them more suitable to Israeli Air Force needs. He said additional modifications might be made. Gen. Hod said that Israel has made modifications in all combat aircraft acquired abroad.

Mayors Back From Leningrad Report Deceit, Delay And Trickery by Soviet Authorities

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA)--Deceit, delay and trickery by Soviet authorities in connection with the participation of an Israeli delegation in the International Congress of Twin Cities in Leningrad was reported yesterday by Oved Ben-Ami, mayor of Nathanya and head of the delegation. "After receiving our Soviet entry visas in Paris after a delay, the representative of the Soviet travel agency in Paris told us there was no room for us on the plane to Leningrad," Mr. Ben-Ami told newsmen at Lydda Airport. "We shouted at the man and threatened to call a press conference to tell the world how we had been tricked. It was only then that arrangements for our flight were made--and when we were on board the plane we saw that it was nearly empty." The five-man Israeli delegation attended the conference last week on an official invitation. They were the first non-Communist Israelis in the USSR officially since the Six-Day War.

In Leningrad, Mr. Ben-Ami said, "The news of the presence of an Israeli delegation spread rapidly among the local Jews. Wherever we went we were spotted and welcomed by Jews. Some even came to our hotel rooms to talk with us. For us this was an exciting meeting with brothers--like the meeting of Joseph with his brothers in ancient Egypt." The delegation leader added that he was "still shaking with emotion" over young Soviet Jews telling him in Leningrad that "they would even walk to Israel on foot if they could find the slightest crack in the wall that surrounds them." Another Jew there, he said, came to his hotel room "at the risk of his life" because "he felt he had to pour out the bitterness within his heart before a visitor from Israel." Mr. Ben-Ami concluded that his delegation's presence in Leningrad was, nonetheless, an overall success, as it had served as a counter-balance to harangues by the Arab delegates.

Mapam Central Committee Ratifies Party's Decision To Accept Two Ministry Poses

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA)--The Mapam Central Committee today ratified the party's decision to accept two ministry positions held in reserve for them in the government. Victor Shemtov, who has been serving as Minister Without Portfolio, becomes Minister of Health. Nathan Peled, a former ambassador to Bulgaria, who has been serving as Political Secretary of Mapam, becomes Minister of Immigrant Absorption filling the vacancy created last month by the death of Israel Barzilai. Mr. Peled was elected to the post by the Mapam Central Committee, defeating Aharon Efrat, a member of Histadrut's Central Committee, by a vote of 87 to 73.

Israeli Technical Assistance To Latin America To Be Stepped Up Under New Two-Year Pact

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA)--Israeli technical assistance to Latin America will be stepped up under the new two-year pact signed here over the weekend by Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and representatives of the Organization of American States, it was reported here yesterday. The Israeli government will be contributing \$250,000, and the Inter-American Bank another \$500,000, for the extension to Latin America of Israeli OAS rural and urban aid programs carried out in Central America and the Caribbean over the past four years. The new programs will include training courses in Israel for Latin American agronomists; an ecology conference in Rehovoth in August, 1971; experimental citrus plantations in Uruguay; new settlements linking Brasilia, the capital of Brazil, with Belo Horizonte; development projects in Paraguay and the possibility of establishing an arid-land institute with Argentina, Mexico and Chile.

Muskie Calls On Administration To Replace Rhetoric With Concrete Support Of Israel

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA)--Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, Democrat of Maine, has issued his first major statement on the Middle East calling on the Nixon administration to replace its "intensified rhetoric" on the Middle East situation with "visible and concrete support of Israel's defense in the form of urgently needed jet aircraft." Sen. Muskie was one of the 76 Senators who last month made a similar written appeal to Secretary of State William P. Rogers. In his latest statement the 1968 Vice Presidential nominee said: "We must recognize that the long-term interest of the United States in the Middle East are far greater than in Indochina...For months, American friends and critics have been uncertain as to our intentions and our commitment...This deteriorating situation requires more from the administration than intensified rhetoric." Mr. Muskie called for "a significant, credible response to the Soviet escalation in Middle East tension" as "the best security against the outbreak of major hostilities while we explore other initiatives for peace."

The Democratic leader endorsed "an enduring Mideast peace on the basis of the November 22 (1967) resolution" of the United Nations. He said he opposed a solution imposed on the parties by other nations, declaring that "Israel and its neighbors must work out together the details of their future relationships." He called on Israel to "express its willingness to make withdrawals from the occupied territories," and on the Arabs to "express their willingness to guarantee the right of Israel to live in peace." Sen. Jacob K. Javits told a news conference today that the USSR's Mideast buildup constitutes "a direct challenge to Western Europe's security." He said he found general agreement on this during his tour of European capitals, but that concern there was largely of a "theoretical nature."

Visitors To Youth Assembly Ousted; Some Cheered Plea For Soviet Jewish Emigration Rights

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 15 (JTA)--The chairman of the United Nations World Youth Assembly, Fawaz Najia of the General Union of Palestine Students, called on UN security guards to clear the visitors' gallery yesterday when a number of visitors cheered a plea for Soviet Jewish emigration rights by Dennis Praeger of the United States delegation. Several ambassadors of member nations, including Yosef Tekoah of Israel, protested the "drastic action" to UN authorities. They said Mr. Najia should have consulted first with Secretary General U. Thant, as the visitors were the guests of member nations. The Assembly rules give the chairman authority to order security guards to expel visitors or speakers creating what he considers disturbances. Mr. Najia did not exercise that authority earlier in the session when cheers greeted another speaker's remarks. His order to clear the gallery during the remarks by Mr. Praeger, a 21-year-old representative of Hillel, was met with cries of "Fascist!" from the visitors. Mr. Tekoah met Tuesday afternoon with Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Under-Secretary General for Special Political Affairs, as part of a series of regular consultations. No details were disclosed. Meanwhile, the Israeli delegation submitted its resolution proposing a Palestinian state separate from Israel as "the only durable solution" if accepted by both sides. No action on the resolution is expected until at least Thursday, when the plenary meets.

Soviet Position At Big Four Meeting Appears More Flexible Than In Past Few Months

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 15 (JTA)--Informed sources reported the Soviet position seemed more flexible at today's meeting of the Big Four than it has been in the past several months, during which time the USSR's Middle East position was described by diplomatic sources as "intransigent." Soviet Ambassador Yakob A. Malik was the only ambassador at today's meeting, held at the residence of the British deputy. The other ambassadors, who are on vacation, were represented by their deputies. A diplomatic source said nothing new emerged from today's meeting. "Everyone is marking time waiting to see what the responses are to the United States and Soviet Union peace initiatives," the source said. The deputies will meet again on Friday and the Big Four on August 5. Ambassador Malik was reported to be preparing to leave for vacation and is not expected to return until the General Assembly reconvenes in mid-September.

Report That Several Countries Have Agreement With Kremlin To Return Jews

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA)--An expert in Russian history asserted today that "it is commonly known in Russia" that a number of Asian and European countries have an agreement with the Kremlin to return Soviet escapees, especially Jews seeking to emigrate, within 48 hours. Dr. David Korn, professor of Russian history and literature and chairman of the Russian and German Department at Northwestern University here, identified some of those countries as Iran, Turkey and Finland. He spoke at a news conference at which Dr. Isaac Franck, executive vice president of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, described the alleged June 15 attempted hijacking of a Soviet airliner by Lenin-grad Jews as a "fabrication" akin to the 1948 Jewish "doctors' plot" to kill Stalin. "This attempt to strangle the yearning of many Jews to go to Israel and to kill off any public expression of this yearning by the fabrication of a 'Jewish plot' is not an unfamiliar pattern," Dr. Franck said. Dr. Franck also said that the JCC opposes the Administration's District of Columbia Crime Bill because its provisions for "no-knock" entry by the police, pre-trial detention and wiretapping recall "painful historical memories" of Nazi Germany.

More Tourists Coming To Israel From Bonn This Year Than In 1969

BONN, July 15 (JTA)--Israel is more popular than ever with West German tourists. There were 30.9 percent more German visitors there so far this year than for the corresponding period last year, according to figures released today. In April, 1970, 1569 Germans went to Israel compared to 1167 in April, 1969. West Germans comprise five percent of all foreign tourists to Israel, up from 4.2 percent last year. A youth delegation of Histadrut, Israel's trade union federation, is visiting West Germany at the invitation of the German Trade Union movement. The youngsters have inspected industrial plants at Nuremberg and in the Ruhr and have had contacts with German workers.

Administration Official Warns Inflammatory Rhetoric On Mideast Could Harm Initiatives

WASHINGTON, July 15 (JTA)--A high administration official warned yesterday that inflammatory rhetoric on the Middle East could harm the delicate American diplomatic initiatives now under way. The official spoke at a special State Department briefing for 475 visiting state and locally elected office holders. He made his remarks when pressed by some of his visitors as to why the administration was not more forthright in aiding Israel and warning Moscow against military intervention. Under rules of the briefing, the official could not be identified or quoted directly. He said that because of the sensitive nature of Mideast diplomacy, the U.S. was being very careful in its public comments. He quoted President Nixon's July 1 television statement that the U.S. would do everything necessary to maintain Israel's deterrent military power. According to the official, the President's words were about as firm as could be made publicly at this time. He said the administration believes that any rhetoric about the Mideast situation tends to be inflammatory.

Report Nazi Centers Operating In South Africa, Guerrillas Being Trained Near Bonn

NEW YORK, July 15 (JTA)--"It's being openly stated in South Africa that two secret Nazi centers are operating in the apartheid country," Atlas magazine reports in its current issue. One, formed near the end of World War II, is comprised of former SS members, and the other, called "The Spider," is a successor to the pre-war rightist organization called "The Link," the magazine says. The aim of the latter seems to be "to unite Nazi sympathizers all over the world," the magazine says, adding: "Reportedly more Nazis are now hiding in the Republic of South Africa than in any country outside Europe with the exception of Argentina." The magazine also reported that more than 40 Arab guerrillas - 22 Jordanians, 12 Egyptians, three Frenchmen, three Iraqis, three sympathetic Germans, and even some Americans - are being trained in commando tactics near Bonn. The group, part of the Palestinian Liberation Army, is called Mudshahid El Falastin and is being instructed in the arts of grenade throwing, Molotov cocktail mixing, document faking and radio communications "in the Venusberg woods above elegant homes," Atlas says. The group is also said to include some Italians and an Irish blonde.

Rabbi, Priest Appeal To Kidnapper To Surrender; Use Synagogue, Church As Sanctuary

LANSING, July 15 (JTA)--Two religious leaders, a rabbi and a priest, today called upon the kidnapper of 16-year-old Laurie Murningham to release the girl unharmed and to turn himself in. "We will not testify against you. We will not even identify you. This is a ministerial prerogative," Rabbi Philip Frankel said at a news conference attended by the Rev. Jerome MacEachin, a Roman Catholic priest, and Max E. Murningham, the missing girl's father and a former mayor of this city. Rabbi Frankel appealed to the kidnapper to use synagogues and churches as sanctuaries. It was announced that a tri-faith Laurie Murningham Reward Fund had been set up and the fund now contained \$16,500. "This fund will be made available to the abductor if he turns himself in with my daughter alive," Murningham said. No trace has been found of the girl or her abductor. Lansing residents have been asked to search their property for any sign of the girl or her kidnapper.

Self-Styled Nazi Pleads Guilty, Apologizes For Using Abusive Language Toward Jews

TORONTO, July 15 (JTA)--A 29-year-old self-styled Nazi has pleaded guilty and apologized in court for using abusive language toward Jews in a city park more than two years ago. John Beattie was fined \$50 or ten days in jail and was allowed one month to pay, ending a case that had followed a tortuous legal course that took it as high as Canada's Supreme Court. The maximum penalty for the offense is a \$300 fine. Charges were brought against Beattie for violating a city parks code that forbids the use of loud or abusive language. On May 5, 1969, at a neo-Nazi meeting in Toronto's Allen Gardens, he harranged against Jews, Zionists, Israel and its Prime Minister, Levi Eshkol. The case moved slowly through municipal and provincial courts. At one point a court of appeals held that the city's bylaw was invalid because it interfered with freedom of speech which is under federal jurisdiction. But that finding was overruled by the Canadian Supreme Court which referred the case back to the original city magistrate, Tupper Bigelow. In court several days ago, Beattie dismissed his lawyer. He admitted his language had been abusive but that he had "naively" thought he had a right to say such things. Now, said Beattie, he wanted to apologize to any persons or people he had offended.

Israel And The Netherlands Sign Agreement For Scientific Cooperation

JERUSALEM, July 15 (JTA)--An agreement for scientific cooperation between Israel and the Netherlands was signed recently in a ceremony in The Hague, it was announced here yesterday. It calls for research in the life sciences to be carried out at the Weizmann Institute and at a number of Dutch institutions. The Netherlands government is providing \$24,000 to finance the work. This is the first time that it has ever allocated funds for research outside of Holland.

Meyer L. Prentis, Former Head Of Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation, Dead At 84

DETROIT, July 15 (JTA)--Meyer L. Prentis, whose financial acumen helped guide General Motors through its crucial formative years, died at his home here today after a long illness. Today was his 84th birthday. Mr. Prentis joined General Motors in 1911 as chief accountant and auditor. Five years later he was appointed comptroller and in 1919 he was elected treasurer. He held that post for 32 years, until his retirement in 1951. Both during and after his close association with GM, Mr. Prentis was active in civic organizations and philanthropic endeavors, especially in Detroit. As a former Trustee of Temple Beth El, he led the drive to pay off the mortgage on the present Temple. He was a former head of the Jewish Welfare Federation, was elected to the society of Honor, Reform Jewish Appeal 1970, and was a founder of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Funeral services will be held at Temple Beth El here tomorrow.