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## Israel Set To Accept, With Qualifications, U.S. Peace Plan; Rioting Breaks Out In Amman

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--Official caution here contrasted with rioting by youths and guerrilla bands in Amman today as the Israeli government deliberated its response to the American peace initiative and pro-Palestinian Jordanians protested the Hussein government's acceptance of it. The Israeli cabinet held a lengthy and secret session yesterday and afterwards issued a noncommittal statement. As of yesterday it was believed that Israel is seeking three major guarantees from the United States before accepting its proposal: The guarantees are that the U.S. make clear how the Arab states can be prevented from using the proposed three-month-or-more cease-fire for an unchallenged military buildup; that the U.S. agree that renewed mediation by United Nations representative Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring be unconditional, that is, without a priori Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories; and that the U.S. commit itself unequivocally to the maintenance of Israeli independence and security.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from a well-informed source that the cabinet is likely to decide tomorrow on a qualified acceptance of the U.S. plan, with additional conditions attached. One is that shooting not become "legal" again after the expiration of the temporary cease-fire--Israel maintaining that United Nations Security Council Resolution 233--the Six-Day War cease-fire--is still valid. Another, an outgrowth of the first main guarantee, is a guarantee of effective supervision of the temporary shooting halt so that neither side can take military advantage of it. A third condition is Israel's insistence that the Jarring mission not be used as a pretext for attempts by the Security Council to reinterpret its Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967, by revising its first provision to require Israeli withdrawal from "all" or "the" occupied territories instead of just "occupied territories."

The generally favorable attitude toward the U.S. plan by the Israeli Ministers is believed to have been directly inspired by President Nixon's message to Premier Golda Meir last Friday, in which he is believed to have reassured Israel over her fears, delivered through Ambassador Walworth Barbour. An individual who spoke with Mrs. Meir just before and just after her meeting with Mr. Barbour said the contents of the Nixon message "could be practically read off Mrs. Meir's face--before, she betrayed anxiety, afterwards, she radiated confidence." The rightist, nationalistic Gahal Ministers, JTA learned, do not fully share the Premier's optimism, but are not expected to oppose acceptance of the U.S. plan after receiving Washington's clarifications of the cabinet's challenges. Mrs. Meir, who postponed yesterday's Knesset speech, is now expected to speak tomorrow. It was reported today that Washington and Moscow have agreed that the U.S. will not sell Israel any more jets if the Soviet Union will not send Egypt any more weaponry. It is believed that American pressure on Israel to accept the U.S. plan emphasizes the probability of adverse world reaction to a rejection, rather than dangling the threat of a jet cutoff.

## Arab Nations Split On U.S. Plan; Jordan's Acceptance Described Positive By McCloskey

In Amman, rioting broke out in the streets this morning as young Jordanians sympathetic to the Palestinian cause expressed their rage over the Jordanian cabinet's acceptance yesterday of the U.S. plan. The cabinet--the majority of which over-ruled the pro-Palestinian minority and engineered what was announced as a unanimous acceptance--knew that such a decision would cause dissension and perhaps a cabinet crisis. But, although Palestinians account for more than half of Jordan's population and gained leverage in their July 7 pact with the government, the cabinet was believed to feel that the Army has regained its military dominance over the guerrilla groups. With Egypt, Jordan and the Sudan having accepted the American initiative, Iraq and Syria having condemned it and the guerrillas having rejected it outright, the Arab League has suffered a serious split. And Israel is reportedly very much aware that the spotlight is now on her more intensely than it has been in many months. Although she has criticized aspects of the U.S. plan, notably the cease-fire, she will now find it very difficult, if not impossible, to reject it out of hand in the face of its acceptance by the two top Arab leaders. A favorable response is thus expected.

(In Washington, State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said the Jordanian acceptance had been received over the weekend and is "similar to the reply from the UAR." He said he "would describe it as positive." Asked to elaborate on Secretary of State William P. Rogers' June 25 statement that a temporary cease-fire will permit the parties to "stop shooting and start talking," Mr. McCloskey said that "there is more substance to it than that cursory remark." He added that self-policing during the cease-fire was "not necessarily" envisioned. This led observers to speculate that there is truth to reports that a temporary cease-fire agreement would include prohibitions against any military preparations during that period. Mr. McCloskey would not elaborate on this, saying only that after peace talks begin, "then we will go into the anatomy." He said it would be "imprudent" for him to comment on a not-yet-delivered Israeli response. Israel's Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin met this afternoon for a "guidance" consultation with Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

(Diplomatic sources in Washington said the Big Four ambassadors would "probably" take up the new developments following a positive Israeli reply. They said the administration expected that the formal Iraqi and Syrian responses would be "rational and reasonable," although they noted that the

Rogers initiative was not addressed to them.) The Syrian condemnation of the U.S. plan, broadcast over Damascus Radio late yesterday, contended that "The latest so-called American peace initiative is only a link in the chain of successive imperialist plans which are put forward with the aim of covering the real objectives of the aggressors and concealing the actual aims of imperialism." The statement, made by militia commander Haditha Murad, called the plan "a betrayal of the Arab nation and the Palestinian people." But it did not refer directly to Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who a month ago said his country and Syria were "in agreement" on the U.S. plan. (In Amman today, Yassir Arafat, the spokesman for El Fatah, said he had invited Cuban Premier Fidel Castro to visit Jordan so the guerrillas can "benefit from your experience in the revolutionary field.")

### Israeli Jets Down Two, Possibly Three, Soviet-Made MIGs During Suez Canal Battle

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--Egypt today lost two and possibly three Soviet-made MIG-17s in air battles over the Suez Canal as Egyptian planes attacked Israeli canal positions for the first time in several weeks. The Egyptians struck in the northern sector twice today, injuring four Israeli soldiers. Israeli planes, all of which returned safely, intercepted the MIGs at low altitude, downing two of them. A third was believed to have been hit from the ground, but was not seen falling. The pilots of the first two MIGs bailed out before the jets crashed in Egyptian territory. Israeli planes attacked Egyptian canal positions for the 67th straight day today, hitting fortifications, outposts, and mortar and artillery positions in the northern sector. This morning, Israeli planes struck terrorist bases and Army positions in Jordanian territory opposite the Beisan and Jordan Valleys, in response to attacks last night on Kfar Ruppin and Israeli patrols. All planes returned safely from the 30-minute mission. (In Washington, State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey declined comment on a Newsweek magazine report, which Israel has denied, that Israeli units have captured key parts of a SAM-3 missile. The magazine attributed the information to U.S. intelligence sources.)

### Stevenson Calls On U.S. To Cancel Contract To Sell Fighter Bombers To Libya

CHRISTOPHER, Ill, July 27 (JTA)--State Treasurer Adlai E. Stevenson III, Democratic candidate for United States Senator, today urged again cancellation of a contract to sell fighter bombers to Libya. He also renewed his request for a full disclosure from the State Department or the Pentagon on other forms of aid the United States is providing Arab countries including the training of Arab pilots. Mr. Stevenson renewed his requests in the wake of last Wednesday's reports that Soviet arms are being shipped for the first time to Libya. "The welcoming of the Soviets to Libyan territory by the Libyan government is an affront to this country that cannot be left unanswered. The next step," Mr. Stevenson warned, "could well be the opening of Tripoli and other Libyan ports to the Soviet Navy." He said that the Soviet Union is fulfilling "its long cherished dream of expanding into the Middle East. First in Egypt with the installation of the SAM's, shipments of MIGs and the use of Soviet personnel, and now in Libya."

Mr. Stevenson, noting the irony that in the face of this unmistakable trend of hostility, the Libyan jet contract continues to be "under review" at the State Department, declared: "There is no need for further review; it is time for action. We cannot give military aid to Libya without disturbing the precarious balance of power in the Middle East." Mr. Stevenson assailed the premier of Libya, Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi who "has taken it upon himself to organize a crusade to drive Israel from occupied Arab lands." The Democratic candidate noted that within the past week, the Libyan government announced that it is seizing assets owned by Jews and Italians, including an Italian Oil company. Mr. Stevenson first raised the question of the Libyan planes and training of Arab troops March 19. A month later, the State Department replied that the contract was under review, but made no mention of the extent of the training of Arab military personnel.

### Cabinet Approves Appointment of Two Mapam Members To Ministries

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--The Cabinet approved yesterday the appointments of Minister-Without-Portfolio Victor Shemtov to be Minister of Health and MK Nathan Peled to be Minister of Immigrant Absorption. Both are members of the left-wing Mapam Party, for which the two Ministries had been held pending the party's decision to join the coalition government. The ministries have been under the caretaker supervision of Haim Gvati (Health) and Shimon Peres (Immigrant Absorption). Mr. Peled assumes the ministership left vacant by the recent death of Mapam Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Barzilai. Meanwhile, the Arab deputy chairman of the Knesset, Seif Eddin Zouabi, said over the weekend he would refuse the Labor Party's offer of the Deputy Ministership of Agriculture if Abdel Aziz Zouabi, a Mapam Arab, is given the Deputy Ministership of Health. The deputy chairman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the offer to Abdel Aziz Zouabi was "shameful" because "he has brought Communists into the Nazareth Town Council and has done other things which I don't even want to talk about." The health post candidate denied the charges to the JTA, explaining that he had merely agreed to accept Communist support in his successful bid for election to the Nazareth council.

### Prof. Tartakower Resigns As Israeli Executive Of WJC After 20 Years In Post

TEL AVIV, July 27 (JTA)--Prof. Aryeh Tartakower, 73, resigned today as chairman of the Israeli Executive of the World Jewish Congress after 20 years in the post. Prof. Tartakower, head of the Department of the Sociology of the Jews at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and a noted author and lecturer, was born in Russian Poland and emigrated to Israel in 1946. He founded the Israel Association for the United Nations in 1949 and served as its president until 1952. In the 1920s he co-founded the Zionist Labor Movement in Poland and was chairman of the Labor Zionist Party there. He will continue to involve himself in the affairs of the WJC, with which he has been associated for more than 30 years. The new chairman of the Executive is Prof. Israel Levin, 46, of Tel Aviv University.

## Nine Leningrad Jewish Families Seek United Nations Aid To Emigrate To Israel

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA)--Congressman Richard L. Ottinger of New York, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in the November elections, today made public two new petitions to the United Nations which had been smuggled out of the Soviet Union by nine Leningrad Jews seeking to emigrate to Israel with their families. At a joint news conference with Richard Maas, acting chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, Mr. Ottinger said the petitions had been intended for, but had never reached the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. Three of the nine Jews who signed the petitions, David Chernoglaiz, Vladimir Mogilever and Lasalls Kaminsky, were arrested in Leningrad last month in connection with an alleged hijacking attempt. They were among the nine Leningrad Jews who signed an appeal to the UN Human Rights Commission last February 1. Mr. Ottinger charged their arrests were reprisals for their earlier emigration appeals. The Congressman said he would personally present the petitions to Mrs. Rita Hauser, U.S. delegate to the Commission of Human Rights, with a request that she appeal to the Soviet representative for a "relaxation of the barriers against emigration to Israel." He charged that the "Soviet Union's systematic policy of cultural genocide leveled at Soviet Jews had aroused virtually no active concern on the part of the Nixon administration."

The first petition, dated May, said the nine families (24 persons) are "firm in our intention to go to the historical homeland of the Jewish people, Israel, where our relatives live. All our actions are in strict accordance with Soviet laws. We stress once more that none of (us) is connected with any State secrets of the USSR and that consequently there are no objective reasons for detaining us. We want only one thing - to make use of the natural right of every free person - to live wherever he wants. We have been trying to achieve this for many years. Our moral suffering is great. We beg you - do not remain deaf to our petition." The second petition, dated June 28, warned that a "trial is being prepared against persons who wanted only one thing: to go to Israel. They applied for permits to emigrate. They were refused. They complained to all the higher Soviet instances. They wrote to the UN Committee for the Rights of Man and now they have been arrested." The petition continued, "We don't know in what manner the organs of the KGB (secret police) will attempt to charge those arrested of any crime (in such things their predecessors had a rich experience) but we know this: the main reason for the start of the legal proceedings against them is the firm desire of those arrested to go to the historical homeland of the Jewish people in Israel."

## No Denial That Agreements Ending Mideast War Signed By Israel, Jordan, Egypt

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministry declined yesterday to deny a report by the El Fatah newspaper in Amman, Jordan, that draft agreements on the ending of the Middle East hostilities have been initiated by Israel, Egypt and Jordan. "We cannot comment on everything the Fatah says," the Ministry spokesman remarked. Israeli sources here informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Israel will not agree to any cease-fire that does not apply to terrorist groups, all of which have flatly turned down the American initiative and the United Nations Security Council resolution of Nov. 22, 1967, on which the plan is based. The sources noted that the Amman government, in accepting the U.S. plan, said it "cannot be responsible for the actions of the Palestinian organizations."

## Pompidou Reported Concerned With Israel's Future In Light Of Soviet Intervention In Egypt

PARIS, July 27 (JTA)--President Georges Pompidou, who has angered Israel by embargoing her 50 paid-for Mirage jets, has voiced "serious concern for Israel's future security" at all of his recent meetings with various personalities, the weekly "Nouvel Observateur" said today. President Pompidou also believes, the publication said, that the only way to safeguard Israel's security is by a preliminary joint agreement among the Big Four powers. A Big Two agreement, he feels, would protect the interests of the United States and the Soviet Union but not those of Israel. The publication said M. Pompidou has expressed concern over the immediate future of Israel in light of Soviet intervention in Egypt.

## Dr. Levenberg Warns Soviet 'Peace Offensive' Coupled With Plans For War Against Israel

LONDON, July 27 (JTA)--Dr. Schneider Levenberg, head of the Jewish Agency's British Executive, advised the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Jewish Board of Deputies yesterday that the Soviet "peace offensive" was one of "deceptive reasonableness." Dr. Levenberg, a member of the committee, said the "peace offensive" was coupled with extensive plans for large-scale aggression against Israel and was designed to delay the sale of American jets to that country. The "deceptive reasonableness" of the Soviet approach made it necessary for Israel to engage in the most flexible diplomacy, so as to appear right in addition to being right. The call for Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied territories and Israeli absorption of the Palestinian refugees was designed by the Kremlin as the only way to maintain its influence in the Arab world, Dr. Levenberg charged. Lord Barnett Janner, chairman of the committee, warned the board not to underestimate the plight of Soviet Jews. "The developments which are taking place," he said, "follow the kind of action taken in the days of Stalin." He accused the Soviet secret service of "a Machiavellian plot" in its arrests and searches of Jews and Jewish homes in connection with an alleged plane hijacking by Jews in Leningrad on June 15. Lord Janner declared that "the courage of those who have sent messages abroad have stirred the Russians into action, as they now want to justify themselves against the truth which is being disseminated."

## Major Industrial Centers In Judea, Samaria To Provide Employment Opportunities

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA)--The government has earmarked \$571,420 for the establishment of two major industrial centers, one in Judea and one in Samaria. The projects, drawn up as part of the economic plans coordinated by Minister-Without-Portfolio Shimon Peres with the help of economic experts, will foster industrialization of the administered areas and provide sources of employment for the populations there. Each of the two new compounds will employ 300 persons in modern buildings.

## Kollek: Soviets Are Not In The Mideast Just To Protect Egypt From Israel

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA)--Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem said in a television interview scheduled for broadcast tomorrow night that the "tremendous" Soviet presence in the Middle East "outweighs anything that would be necessary in order to protect the Egyptians against our possible attack." On the contrary, he said, "It certainly is directed toward strengthening Russia in the sweet waters and in the warm waters of the Mediterranean, to give them a chance, maybe, to control the oil flow to Europe and to Japan. All these efforts wouldn't be made just to defeat little Israel." Mayor Kollek was interviewed on "The David Frost Show." The Mideast crisis is thus more "an American show, maybe a major show, than ours," the Israeli mayor said, adding: "But the United States is so concerned and so much involved in Vietnam that maybe they don't see what's happening in the Middle East." A few moments later, asked whether an American Jew is an American first or a Jew first, he drew laughter and applause by saying: "It depends about which country has more to worry, and that's doubtful at the moment."

Asked to compare Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser with Hitler, Mayor Kollek replied: "I think Hitler was a madman with a mad idea, to liquidate the Jews, and while Nasser has been a very aggressive enemy, and while we are the only country which is in danger of being eliminated should the Arab succeed--after all, nobody has gassed Jews in Egypt or killed them with cyanide or something of the kind." And despite the Mideast hostilities, he said, Israelis "certainly enjoy themselves." He recalled the recent 22nd Independence Day celebration: "A hundred thousand people were in the streets and dancing and singing until four o'clock in the morning or five o'clock in the morning, and to hell with Nasser, to hell with Brezhnev--they won't tell us when we should be jolly." But there are "personal" aspects to the war that are not as joyous, he observed, noting that of his son's graduating class at high school, "four are gone so far and two have lost a limb or are invalids." He continued: "You know what's happening, you know the people. The same as I know the streets of Jerusalem, I know the community and the country, and so does everybody else, and if something happens, you know who is involved. And that makes it very personal."

## Jews And Arabs Live In Peace In Jerusalem; This Could Be Example For Mideast Peace

Mayor Kollek said, however, that he has no fear--"not at all"--of walking through the streets of Jerusalem unprotected. He said a delegation of American mayors was "astonished at the fact that I walk around the city without escort, that there is no policeman outside my house." He explained that in Jerusalem "there has been no clash in over three years" between Arabs and Jews--"not in streets, and not in places of amusement, and not in shops, and not in working places where they work together." Violence, he said, "is not the atmosphere of the city"; rather, "Arabs come to my house, I come to Arab houses. We meet, we disagree, we have different opinions. They can tell them openly." Mayor Kollek conceded that "The Arabs regard us as an occupying force... They would like to see it (the city) run as a condominium. Or they would even better like us to disappear, by the force of Allah, or by pestilence, or whatever it might be." But meanwhile, he said, the Jews of Jerusalem "have taken a very simple formula," namely, "We have told them, 'Look, we're running the city now. We don't mind you coming in every day and starting every meeting by saying that you are against us as an occupying force. But once you have made that speech, come, let's discuss sidewalks, and sewage, and education, and garbage collection, and everything else.' And that has worked." Mayor Kollek observed that the Arabs of Jerusalem are "a very decent lot--very, very good people." He noted that "We have taken over five hundred Arab city officials--they certainly aren't inferior to the Jewish city officials; they are first-class people."

Jerusalem has always been an essentially Jewish city, her Vienna-born, 59-year-old mayor observed. "Nobody else made it their capital," he said, "not the Babylonians, and not the Assyrians, and not the Turks, and not the British. And the Arabs, when they had it, or half of it, they didn't make their capital there, but Hussein could have been King of Jerusalem--quite a nice title. He preferred to be King of Amman, which was a Berber village." Thus, he said, "we say we are the only ones who have a deep relationship with the city, a deeper one than the others." But, he added, "I think everybody is united in the fact that they like Jerusalem. There is a particular attachment of patriotism about it." Asked about the chance for peace in the Mideast, Mr. Kollek replied: "Well, I'm getting my salary as the mayor of Jerusalem, not as the Foreign Minister of the State of Israel. But certainly in Jerusalem you would say that it proves that people can live together."

## AJCongress Reports Nearly Twice As Much Vandalism Against Synagogues As Churches

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress today released figures its Metropolitan Council obtained from the New York City Police Department that show 633 incidents of burglary, 50 of arson and 356 of criminal mischief (vandalism) against religious institutions in the city in 1969. The figures include attacks on synagogues and churches, yeshivot, parochial schools and other religiously-affiliated centers. But while there were more than three times as many burglaries of churches as of synagogues, the Congress reported, there were nearly twice as many acts of vandalism against synagogues as against churches, which are far more numerous in the city.

The AJCongress reported that the Police Department stepped up its protection of such institutions early last year and assured the Jewish leaders that practices instituted then were still being followed. The AJCongress called the attention of synagogue and Jewish center leaders to a new state law that will go into effect September 20 and may provide relief to religious institutions from acts of adolescent vandalism. It authorizes the Family Court to order--as a condition of probation--up to \$500 in restitution in cases of malicious acts by 10-15-year olds. Moreover, it provides that a parent or guardian is liable up to that amount for "willful, malicious or unlawful damage" caused by a child 10 to 17 not properly supervised.