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## Cabinet Meeting, Mrs. Meir's Speech Postponed; Dayan, Gahal Ministers Balk At U.S. Plan

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir continued today to press for governmental unity behind the United States peace plan amid reports that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan may resign if the plan is accepted. Dayan was reported as "not enthusiastic" about the American initiative because it does not guarantee Israeli possession of the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip and a territorial link to the Strait of Tiran at the tip of the Sinai desert. Although the U.S. proposal does not mention specific areas, it was not addressed to Syria, which has not endorsed the Security Council resolution of Nov. 22, 1967, and it is believed the U.S. is not insisting on Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Government leaders here have indicated a willingness to negotiate all occupied areas except the Heights and Jerusalem. Gen. Dayan also wants to maintain Israeli forces on the Jordan River to prevent crossings by Arab troops, while at the same time granting autonomy to the Arabs on the occupied West Bank. A Foreign Ministry spokesman described the reports of Gen. Dayan's possible resignation as "rumors." The only top Israeli official to take a public stand on the U.S. plan is Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, who endorsed it yesterday. Mr. Allon, speaking to an audience of high school newspaper editors, said the government should accept it and thus make possible the reactivation of the peace mission of Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring.

The extraordinary cabinet meeting scheduled for this morning was abruptly postponed until tomorrow. Premier Meir, whose scheduled address to the Knesset on Monday was postponed until today, put it off again until next Monday--to give her time to study American "clarifications" of Israeli doubts about a temporary cease-fire and to rally the dissident Gahal Ministers behind the initiative. It was learned today that the six Gahal Ministers in the 24-member cabinet remain basically opposed to the U.S. plan. The government could force a majority decision of 18-6, but would prefer to have the entire coalition in unanimity. There is said to be no friction among the Gahal Ministers, three of whom--Ezer Weizman, Transport and Communications; Elimelech S. Rimalt, Posts; and Aryeh L. Dultzin, Minister-Without-Portfolio--have softened their position. The other three Gahal members--Menachem Begin, Minister-Without-Portfolio; Yosef Sapir, Commerce and Industry; and Haim Landau, Development--are hesitant over acceptance. The six cancelled yesterday's intra-factional meeting pending the conclusion of the cabinet meeting. A qualified positive Israeli response to the initiative is expected. That feeling was given additional weight last night when Shmuel Tamir, head of the Free Center Party, a minor opposition faction, predicted that "we shall be the only group to vote against acceptance." Mr. Tamir wants an American-Israeli military pact and Israeli membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization prior to her agreement on a cease-fire.

## Rabin: Israel Insists Checks On Guerrilla Activity Be Part Of Cease-Fire Agreement

WASHINGTON, July 28 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin confirmed late yesterday afternoon that his government is insisting that checks on guerrilla activities be part of a cease-fire arrangement. He told newsmen that a cease-fire could be viable only "in regard to everything that is done or not done from their own (Arab) territories." He added that newsmen "can imply" from that comment that the subduing of terrorist activities by the Jordanian government is essential. American officials indicated yesterday that the U.S. will endorse that condition. Ambassador Rabin made his remarks after an hour-long meeting with Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of States for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. The subject of the meeting was "guidance" on Israel's sought-for "clarifications" of the provisions of the United States-proposed temporary cease-fire. It was the third Rabin-Sisco conference since Egypt's acceptance of the U.S. initiative last Thursday. State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey told newsmen today that he had "nothing to report on the Middle East," other than to say there would be no meeting this week between Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin and Mr. Sisco. He declined comment on a London Times report that the Soviet Union has sent a third shipment of arms to Libya.

## Guerrillas Vow Bloodbath If U.S. Plan Accepted; Egypt Closes Guerrilla Radio Stations

Meanwhile, reports received here from various Arab capitals showed continuing and growing rifts between the governments and guerrilla groups over the acceptance by Egypt, Sudan and Jordan of the U.S. peace plan. Reports from Egypt today stated the government ordered a "temporary" shut-down of two Cairo-based guerrilla radio stations, the Voice of Palestine and the Voice of Saïqa, because of the attitude of "some Palestinian organizations towards Egypt's acceptance of the American initiative." The Cairo newspaper Al-Akhbar also issued a broadside against the guerrilla groups. In addition, Dr. Hassan al-Kholy, representing President Gamal Abdel Nasser, flew to Damascus to confer with President Nureddin al-Attasi, presumably to urge reversal of Syria's opposition to the initiative. The authoritative newspaper Al-Ahram rejected curbs on guerrilla activities under the U.S. plan, saying the plan, "even if it were implemented, does not constitute any new position for the Palestinian resistance organizations." Al-Ahram averred that the American cease-fire proposals apply only to the Suez Canal front because Egypt two years ago denounced the 1967 United Nations cease-fire there. The proposals do not apply to Jordanian terrorists, it claimed, because Jordan has never denounced the 1967 cease-fire. The Egyptian paper Al-Akhbar scored the drive for joint anti-truce guerrilla action.

Reports from Amman stated that yesterday's demonstration of an estimated 5,000-15,000 youths and guerrilla bands fizzled out without incident after original and sporadic reports that fights had

broken out in the Jordanian capital. The demonstration took the form of a four-hour march in protest over the acceptance of the U.S. peace plan. It was reported yesterday that Lebanon and Kuwait have also accepted the initiative. The Amman march was coordinated by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Many of the guerrillas bore arms, contrary to the terms of their July 7 pact with the government. Demonstrators carried signs reading "The guns of our fighters will determine the fate of the Palestinian people" and "We will change the area into hell if settlement is imposed." Meanwhile, the El Fatah newspaper said yesterday in Amman that the Palestinian National Congress will hold a meeting of Arab "brothers" at the bid of the 10-group Central Committee of Guerrilla Organizations. The Committee also called for the coordination of the various groups for concentrated anti-Israel activities designed to sabotage implementation of the U.S. initiative. El Fatah asserted that "Even if all Arab rifles fall silent, our rifles will continue shooting at the enemy." There were also reports that Iraq called today for the creation of a "united front of Arab regimes and other forces opposed to the American peace plan in the Middle East - a united front which would work against implementing the plan." In Algiers, the semi-official paper Al Moudjahid expressed solidarity with the guerrillas.

### Expert Says Total U.S. Support Of Israel Only Way To Limit Soviet Mideast Influence

WASHINGTON, July 28 (JTA)--A Middle East expert told the House Foreign Affairs Committee today that the United States interest in the Middle East is to limit the Soviet influence, and that unmitigated support of Israel is the only way to achieve this. Marver H. Bernstein, dean of the Woodrow Wilson Graduate School of Princeton University, in testimony before the Middle East Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said: "Settlement of the refugee issue or establishment of the sovereignty of the Palestinian Arabs will not resolve the crisis over Soviet control of the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East generally...therefore the United States interest lies in maintaining a balance of power that maintains Israel's strength vis-a-vis its neighbors." Mr. Bernstein said that the Soviet strategy is no longer to continue hostilities to assure the Arab need for their help, but warned that if hostilities do continue "the next step is probably (Soviet) participation in full scale combat."

Alvin J. Cottrell, a staff member of the Center for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University, agreed with Mr. Bernstein that "the problem is no longer a local or regional conflict." Mr. Cottrell added, "Stability may be imposed over the area. The question is who will impose the stability." Mr. Bernstein gave a nine point program for peace: a United States policy of unequivocal strength; military and economic assistance to Israel; convincing the Western nations to stop supplying the Arabs with arms; deploying additional Polaris units to the Sixth Fleet; no troop reductions in Europe as long as there are Soviet troops in Egypt; reaffirming the United States intent to maintain the balance of power; warning the Soviets that their presence at the Suez Canal is unacceptable; insistence that a firm, secure peace is the only answer; and support of Israel once peace is made.

### Dayan: Israel Can Withstand Dictates From Friends, Foes, But Can't Dispense With Allies

TEL AVIV, July 28 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan today told a meeting of student journalists that Israel was "strong enough to withstand dictates from friend and foe alike," as "our strength is sufficient in men, equipment and technology." However, he added, "we are not strong enough to be able to dispense with allies even if we have to win them at the price of compromises and meeting some of their demands." While he spoke, Air Force planes for the 68th straight day attacked Egyptian positions along the Suez Canal. The attacks were against fortifications and emplacements along the southern and northern sectors of the canal. All planes returned safely. (In Cairo, an Egyptian spokesman claimed an Israeli Mirage had been shot down yesterday.) A Lebanese youth who entered Israel today was captured by a security patrol while returning to Lebanon. He was taken to the border station at Roash Hanikra in good physical condition. Representatives of the Red Cross were there to supervise his return to Lebanon. An Israeli civilian pickup truck was attacked yesterday morning while on its way to the Southern section of the Golan Heights. The vehicle was damaged but no injuries were reported.

### Arab Presides Over Knesset Meeting For First Time; Urges Arabs To Make Peace With Israel

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA)--For the first time an Arab presided over a meeting of the Knesset. Seif Eddin Zouabi, 56, of Nazareth, who last year had been elected Deputy Speaker, sat on the Speakers dais today and urged Arabs beyond the borders to make peace with Israel. Mr. Zouabi opened the Knesset by saying "It was my privilege to have been a member of the Israeli parliament since its inception. I am proud of this. I have often urged the leaders of the Arab states not to think of war because war does not solve any problems, it only complicates them." Minister of Commerce and Industry Joseph Sapir, who spoke after Mr. Zouabi, congratulated him and said he should like to regard Mr. Zouabi's role as Speaker as "a good omen for the future, and I wish you success in fulfilling your tasks." Mr. Zouabi is now a Labor Party candidate for the office of Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

### Jews In Portugal Will Not Be Affected By Salazar's Death, Says Samuel Haber

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA)--Portugal's 600 Jews will not be affected politically by the death yesterday of former Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, according to Samuel L. Haber, executive vice chairman of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Dr. Salazar, who was Premier of Portugal from 1932 to 1968, organized a Nazi-like youth corps in the late 1930s, traded with the Axis powers as well as with the Allies and was a supporter of Generalissimo Francisco Franco of adjoining Spain. Mr. Haber, questioned by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, declared that there were "no problems" for Jews in Portugal "at any time during the whole Salazar period." He said there has been "absolutely nothing" to indicate a change in those conditions under Premier Marcello Caetano, who was made head of state less than two years ago when Dr. Salazar went into a coma.

## Thant Clamps Embargo On UN Reactions To Events Relating To The Middle East

UNITED NATIONS, July 28 (JTA)--Secretary General U Thant today clamped an embargo on United Nations reactions to events relating to the Middle East. The official stance taken by Mr. Thant and UN spokesmen was "no comment" on the developments regarding the United States peace initiative, the possibility of the resumption of Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring's peace mission, and the arrival in New York this evening of Maj. Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo who on August 1 will replace Gen. Odd Bull as chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) in the Middle East. A UN spokesman said: "We have instructions to say nothing about the Middle East." The silence by Mr. Thant was attributed by one source to the Secretary General's reluctance to "rock the boat" with any statement "during this period of sensitive negotiations and studies by the Arab nations and Israel of the United States peace initiative" that could be seized by either the Israelis or the Arabs as an indication of official UN approval or disapproval of the U.S. peace plan. One diplomatic source hinted that Mr. Thant preferred to say nothing at this time because he had apparently been "burned" by his press comments in Geneva earlier this month when he characterized the Soviet peace plan as concrete, interesting, new and realistic thereby leaving the impression that he was downgrading the American peace plan. A week later, Mr. Thant met with President Nixon and other high ranking administration officials but offered no specific comment on the U.S. peace plan.

Meanwhile, it is expected that the U.S. will ask the Big Four to endorse its peace plan when the ambassadors meet again next month. It is understood that the U.S. is anxious to have the Big Four endorse the resumption of Dr. Jarring's peace mission which has been stalled because the ambassadors have not been able to agree on any guidelines. Dr. Jarring, who is the Swedish ambassador to the Soviet Union, has reportedly been reluctant to resume his mission without a firm mandate from the four powers. United States Secretary of State William P. Rogers, in his letter to Egypt on June 19 outlining the U.S. peace proposals, wrote: "In our view, the most effective way to agree on a settlement would be for the parties to begin to work under Ambassador Jarring's auspices" and that the outcome of the discussions between Egypt, Jordan and Israel on the UN Security Council's cease-fire resolution "would be in the form of a report from Ambassador Jarring to Secretary General U Thant." A spokesman for the UN said there are no travel plans for Dr. Jarring at this time. The Swedish diplomat is currently vacationing in southern Sweden. United Nations spokesmen were equally silent about the nature of Maj. Gen. Siilasvuo's three-day visit to UN headquarters. The spokesmen would say only that he was coming here "for consultations." Asked if Maj. Gen. Siilasvuo would discuss strengthening UNTSO forces or reorganizing them to be more effective, the official answer was "No comment."

## CBS Newsman Says Soviets' Friendship With Arabs Responsible For Anti-Jewish Campaign

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA)--"The Russians are really not interested in anti-Israel propaganda as much as simple expansion into the entire area of the Middle East," according to William Cole, the CBS News correspondent who was expelled from the Soviet Union on June 29. Asked if that policy pits the USSR directly against the United States in the Mideast, Mr. Cole replied, in a CBS Radio network interview scheduled for broadcast Friday: "Yes, it does, very definitely." Mr. Cole, questioned by network correspondent Alexander Kendrick, added that "the new friendliness between the Arabs and the Russians" is responsible for the attempted repression of Soviet Jewry's back-to-Israel campaign. Mr. Cole, who was expelled for "activities incompatible with the status of a foreign journalist," said he believed it was for his "contacts with the dissident movement there." In an interview scheduled for broadcast Thursday, Mr. Cole noted that the Kremlin's propaganda campaign has been "so tough, many Jewish leaders say that it's not anti-Zionist, they say it's outright anti-Semitic." Included in the campaign, he said, is "outright job discrimination against Jews."

The CBS broadcast will include an emigration plea, recorded by Mr. Cole, by Josef Kazakov, the engineer-father of Yasha Kazakov, who conducted an eight-day hunger strike in New York to publicize his family's and other Soviet Jews' plight. "We want to go to Israel because we regard Israel as our homeland," Mr. Kazakov said. "Our son lives there, whom we love very much and without whom we cannot live...We don't want to criticize or censure our system...We are convinced that eventually we will receive permission to go to Israel, since our desire to live there is guaranteed by Soviet law, by the international obligations assumed by the Soviet Union and by decisions of the United Nations and all countries. The refusal to allow us to emigrate is a mistake, and with the help of international organizations the solution of the question of our departure will be speeded up..."

## Eban Repeats Demand That Greece Not Release Terrorists; Probing Role Of Red Cross

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban repeated in the Knesset today his demand that the Greek government repudiate its agreement with the hijackers of the Olympic Airways plane and refuse to release the seven convicted terrorists. Mr. Eban was replying to a question by Shmuel Tamir of the "Free Centre" on "the attitude on the Greek government to air piracy by Arab murder gangs and the necessary measures against this." "We believe that a deal made with criminals for criminals is invalid," He added that efforts to convince the Greek government not to release the terrorists are still continuing. "At the same time we are investigating very thoroughly the part played by the representative of the Red Cross in this affair."

### SPECIAL LATE BULLETIN

## Gahal Cabinet Ministers Meet In Five-Hour Session On U.S. Plan; May Resign From Cabinet

JERUSALEM, July 28 (JTA)--A cabinet crisis appears to be looming in the aftermath of a closed-door five-hour meeting of the Gahal cabinet group late tonight. The Gahal members discussed their party's position regarding the United States peace initiative and took a secret decision. One Gahal cabinet minister, however, said upon emerging from the meeting: "It is possible that we may have to resign from the government." The Gahal group is concerned with the possibility of having to evacuate occupied territories. Before tomorrow's crucial cabinet meeting, Gahal ministers are to discuss the situation with Premier Golda Meir and with other government ministers.

## Israeli, Arab, American Scholars Join In Research Effort To Find Peaceful Mideast Solution

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA)--An international research group composed of Arab, Israeli and American scholars will undertake a broad-ranging program of research in an effort to promote a peaceful solution to the Middle East crisis, it was announced today by The Fund for Peace, a New York educational foundation supporting the project. Joseph P. Lyford, president of the Fund, termed the collaboration of Arab, Israeli and U.S. experts "an encouraging and desperately-needed initiative" which the Fund hopes will "stimulate other rational efforts by the world academic community to examine the possibilities for conciliation of Arab-Israeli differences." The Arab-Israeli Research and Relations project will operate on the fundamental assumption, Mr. Lyford said, that "the issues in the Middle East which threaten the security of the entire world cannot be allowed to drift or be solved by force. It is a tragic fact that despite the growing threat of a large-scale war, the expenditure of huge amounts of money, and increasing loss of life, very little has been done by the world academic community to subject the key issues of the Middle East crisis to the sort of persistent examination which can lead to practical operational recommendations."

The Fund for Peace, formerly known as the Fund for Education in World Order, was founded in 1957 as a private non-commercial organization comprised of educators, businessmen, bankers and lawyers. Mr. Lyford told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the scholars who will be working on the project have requested anonymity in order "to preserve their academic objectivity." Some of the scholars, he said, will be working in the Middle East interviewing Arab and Israeli leaders while others will be working in archives and libraries around the world. A spokesman for the Fund also told the JTA that the project will last "for at least a year" and that the first part of the project is to start "soon." A committee of AIRRP coordinators, which will supervise the project, includes Professors Don Peretz of the State University of New York at Binghamton, Ahmed Haffar of the State University at New Paltz, and Simha Flapan, editor of The New Outlook in Tel Aviv. Mrs. Louise Berman, executive secretary of the research project, stated that the "studies would be conducted in as impartial a manner as possible" and will include "an examination of the whole range of Arab-Jewish negotiations beginning as far back as 50 years, and focus on the Palestinian question, on the implications of US/USSR confrontation on the Middle East, and on internal, little-publicized ideas on conciliation that have been advanced by nongovernmental sources in both Israel and the Arab countries." Additionally, Mrs. Berman said, the studies will strive to "devise practical guidelines and procedures which could help promote both this reconciliation and other steps essential to a final and peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli problem."

## Girl In Bid To Be First Trained And Accredited Cantor In Jewish History

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA)--A Connecticut girl will become the first female student at the Hebrew Union College Cantorial School here in September in a bid to be the first trained and accredited cantor in Jewish history. Cantorial school officials confirmed that Barbara Ostfeld of North Haven, Conn., will be one of 25 cantorial students at the school during the coming academic year. If she successfully completes the five-year program, she will be qualified to participate in services, though presumably only at Reform congregations. The officials said she was auditioned this past spring in a unique experience for the school officials who supervise such auditions. It was the first time in the 95 years of the school that a woman had been auditioned. Miss Ostfeld said she had wanted to be a cantor since she was a little girl. She is a student of classical music and it was her interest in singing and music which led her to choose the cantorate. School officials said that, like all other students, Miss Ostfeld will be qualified to serve as a student cantor as early as her first year, if her studies are satisfactory. Her father is a faculty member at Yale University.

## JDL Says 'Sympathizers' Will Donate \$50,000 For Purchase Of Russian Estate On Long Island

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA)--The Jewish Defense League has sympathizers who will donate \$50,000 to enable it to buy the Soviet Union's 38-acre estate in Glen Cove, L.I., to establish a Soviet-Jewish Government in Exile, a spokesman today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He refused to identify the sympathizers. (The village of Glen Cove is attempting to sell the estate on a tax-lien sale because the Russians have failed to pay \$50,000 in taxes in 1969. The Federal government says the property is tax-free under existing treaties.) The spokesman said that while a government-in-exile could be established elsewhere, it was more dramatic to establish it on property formerly owned by the Soviet Union. A government-in-exile is necessary, he said, because the Soviet Union does not represent its Jews. He did not say who had authorized JDL to establish such an organization. He also commented on the "admirable behavior" of the Glen Cove police who yesterday arrested JDL Chairman Rabbi Meir Kahane and four followers who were found on the estate grounds.

Police found slogans in Hebrew and English, "The People of Israel Lives," "Let Our People Go," and "Never Again" and several Mogen Davids were painted on the walls, on a gatepost and on the roadway. The JDL members were taken to Glen Cove police headquarters along with a truck carrying a sign "JDL Moving and Storage Co." and Rabbi Kahane's car. In the truck was a mailbox from the estate and a sign reading "New Home of the Soviet-Jewish Government in Exile," the police said. "The police were not brutal but were decent and courteous," the spokesman said. The police reported the JDL members had entered the estate by climbing over a four foot stone wall near the roadway gate. Police were alerted by a passerby who noticed the intrusion. The five JDL members were released when the Soviet Mission to the United Nations refused to press charges of criminal trespass, criminal mischief and harassment. They referred the matter, instead, to the U.S. Mission to the UN.

## Notables To Address Hadassah Convention in Washington August 16-19

NEW YORK, July 28 (JTA)--Hadassah will feature international experts in medicine, education, social work, foreign affairs and Jewish life at its four-day National Convention August 16-19 in Washington. The Hon. Gershon Avner, Assistant Director General, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, arriving from Israel, will bring with him the latest information and position of the Israeli government.