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Israel Softens View Of Jarring Letter; No Crisis Of Confidence; Rabin Returns To U.S.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Israeli leaders appeared to have second thoughts today about making a major issue of a letter sent by United Nations special envoy Gunnar V. Jarring to UN Secretary General U Thant last week stating the basis and objectives of Arab-Israeli peace negotiations. The text, which Mr. Thant released last Friday, omitted certain conditions stated by Israel in its note of acceptance of the American peace proposals. The omission was deemed sufficiently serious to call Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin home from Washington for urgent consultations. A Cabinet minister told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent today that there was no justification to assume that a "crisis of confidence" was developing between Israel and the United States. Ambassador Rabin, who attended yesterday's cabinet meeting and had lengthy conferences with Premier Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban, left today to return to Washington. Government spokesman Michael Arnon said the Prime Minister "has come to the conclusion that Ambassador Rabin's presence is no longer required." He was originally supposed to have stayed for Wednesday's cabinet meeting.

There were also reports that Mrs. Meir wants to cancel a major political statement announced for delivery to the Knesset on Thursday in which she was expected to reiterate Israel's demands that its future borders must be "defensible." Mr. Arnon said, "No cancellation has been made," but added, "there is a long time between today and Thursday." The Jarring-Thant letter which stirred the excitement here and apparently chagrined government leaders, repeated the statement drafted by U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers last June 19 which he asked Israel, Egypt and Jordan to subscribe to as the formal basis for re-activating Ambassador Jarring's peace mission. But it did not contain the basic condition stated by Israel, in its formal note to Washington, for accepting the 90-day cease-fire and other elements of the U.S. peace initiative. That condition was that "Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the 1967 conflict to secure and agreed boundaries (are) to be determined in the peace agreements." Officials here were unclear whether the omission was deliberate, an oversight on the part of Dr. Jarring, or something done at the request of the U.S. State Department. Other, relatively minor conditions inserted in the reply at the request of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, were also omitted.

But Israeli officials noted that President Nixon had informed the government that its reply was satisfactory, notwithstanding the reservations. They said that failure to mention them in the Jarring letter did not mean that they were rejected. The State Department has stressed in its contacts with Israel that Egypt's reply to the U.S. also contained reservations and conditions which were omitted from the Jarring letter. Well informed sources here told the JTA today that "Such disagreements must be clarified at an early stage or else they would grow in number." The source added that "It would be premature to draw far-reaching conclusions." Reports today that Foreign Minister Abba Eban would go to New York this week were not confirmed by the Foreign Ministry. A Ministry spokesman said Mr. Eban had no plans to travel in the near future. The reports gave rise to speculation that he would be Israel's representative at the peace talks under the auspices of Ambassador Jarring. Mr. Eban said the talks would be on the foreign ministerial level but gave no indication when they would begin or where they would be held.

Big Four Seen As Factor In Favoring Rogers' Wording Of Letter Jarring Gave Thant

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring's failure to include Israel's condition for withdrawal from occupied territories in his letter to Secretary General U Thant appeared to hinge on a decision reported taken by the Big Four at their meeting last Wednesday, sources here said today. According to this view, the Big Four felt that inclusion of any conditions for a peace settlement in the Middle East would rock the delicate international diplomatic boat and stymie negotiations. That is why, one source noted, the Big Four met for an inordinate length of time - almost three-and-a-half hours - and why, according to reports, France's Ambassador Jacques Kosciuszko-Morizet left the Big Four meeting to call his embassy "for instructions from his government." On Friday, Mr. Thant released his statement that he had been informed "by the government of the United States that the peace proposal initiated by the government has been accepted by the governments of Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Republic." He added: "Subsequently Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring...has been given confirmation of these acceptances by the permanent representatives to the United Nations of those three governments. The "acceptance" by the three Middle East governments and the subsequent "confirmation" was the basis for the resumption of the peace mission.

Dr. Jarring's letter to Mr. Thant included Mr. Rogers original wording that one of the conditions for establishing "a just and lasting peace" was to be based on "Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in the 1967 conflict." Dr. Jarring's letter even included the original cease-fire dates - June 1 to October 1 - which was officially amended in a footnote to conform to the new cease-fire dates from August 7 to November 5. Spokesmen for the UN said today there was no official comment either by Dr. Jarring or Mr. Thant on the Israeli Foreign Ministry statement on Friday reiterating Israel's official reply to the U.S. peace initiative which was forwarded to Washington and to the UN asserting that withdrawal "to secure, recognized and agreed boundaries (was) to be determined in peace agreements." One UN spokesman said "I refuse to be drawn into" a discussion as to why Dr. Jarring's letter did not take into consideration this condition or whether the parties in the conflict actually signed the state-

ment Dr. Jarring gave Mr. Thant. Meanwhile, UN spokesmen said Mr. Thant "understood that the representatives of the United Arab Republic, Israel and Jordan were now contacting their governments on site, time and representation." The spokesmen also said that Dr. Jarring was continuing his consultations and awaiting the "modalities" of the next steps in the negotiations.

Report Israel Told Peace With Egypt Will Require Withdrawal From Part Of Territories

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The United States has given certain promises and intimations to Israel and Egypt which induced them to accept Secretary of State William P. Rogers' peace initiative, it was learned here today. According to informed sources, these were conveyed to the respective governments by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Joseph J. Sisco. Mr. Sisco reportedly promised the Egyptian government the U.S. would do all it could to see to it that Israel evacuated a major part of the occupied Arab territories in return for a peace treaty with Egypt. Mr. Sisco is also reported to have made it clear that the U.S. would not tolerate Soviet assistance to Egypt, in an attempt to cross the Suez Canal and breach the Israeli lines. The American stand indicated to Egypt that the U.S. was the key to the return of its lost territories and at the same time intimated to the Israelis that they can have peace only if they agree to withdraw from the major part of the Arab lands they occupied in the June, 1967 war. According to sources here the American position explains the fact that Moscow has not acceded to Egypt's request for military assistance in crossing the Suez Canal. The Kremlin wants to avoid a confrontation with the U.S. and induced President Nasser to accept the American peace plan, the sources said.

Israel, Egypt In Bitter Dispute Over Implication Of U.S. Peace Proposals

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Israel and Egypt were involved in a bitter argument today over what is implied by the U.S. peace proposals that both have accepted. According to the semi-official Cairo daily Al Ahram, Egypt has been assured that the U.S. initiative implies a total Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories it occupied in the June, 1967 war. Israel contends that the U.S. made no such commitment. Political circles here said Cairo was "deluding itself." They said "the authors of the American initiative have made it clear on many occasions that the Security Council's resolution does not require Israel to withdraw to the lines of June 4, 1967," the eve of the Six-Day War. Rather, the Israelis say, the resolution on which the peace initiative is based, requires negotiations to delineate future boundaries.

Circles here said this principle has been given public expression by Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco in press interviews. They said that in contacts between Washington and Jerusalem it was plain that this is not a new point but has been a basic aspect of American Mideast policy since 1967 and has been repeatedly stressed. "If unauthorized interpretations are already being spread by Cairo before negotiations have even started, it proves that the parties had better get down to the business of solving practical problems instead of arguing about outside interpretations and formulations," one diplomatic observer said here today. He said that only Israel and Egypt can make commitments to each other and what has not been agreed upon between the two cannot be taken as a commitment. Al Ahram and Cairo radio congratulated the U.S. yesterday for the omission of Israel's basic condition for acceptance of the peace initiative from UN envoy Gunnar Jarring's letter to Secretary General U Thant. The condition was that Israeli withdrawal and future boundaries were to be determined by the peace treaties. The Egyptian media charged that Israel was trying to stalemate the UN peace efforts.

Rabin Says Site Of Israeli-Arab Talks To Be Announced Within Next Few Days

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin said today that he expected the site of Arab-Israeli peace talks under United Nations envoy Gunnar V. Jarring to be announced within the next few days. Also to be announced is the diplomatic level on which the talks will be held, Ambassador Rabin said. He spoke to reporters at the airport prior to leaving on his return trip to Washington.

Suez Canal Front Quiet; Guerrillas Intensify Attacks On The Jordan, Lebanon Borders

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Suez Canal front remained quiet as the Israeli-Egyptian cease-fire went into its third day. But guerrilla attacks intensified on the Jordanian and Lebanese borders. Mortar and bazooka fire from Lebanese territory slightly injured a settler at Margalioth in Upper Galilee last night. Mortar shells damaged buildings at Kfar Ruppin in the Beisan Valley last night but caused no casualties. Four Arab guerrillas were killed yesterday in a clash with an Israeli patrol in the southern section of the Jordan Valley. Two Israeli soldiers sustained slight wounds. The body of a Syrian soldier was found near an Israeli outpost at Boukaata in the Golan Heights today. He was killed apparently during an exchange of fire two days ago. The government disclosed today that the Suez Canal front claimed more Israeli casualties than all other fronts combined since the June, 1967 Six-Day War. From June 12, 1967 until Aug. 8, 1970, when the cease-fire began, Israel suffered 373 dead and 1121 wounded in the Suez Canal zone. Total Israeli casualties since the Six-Day War were 642 killed and 2333 wounded.

Israeli Public Urged To Be Vigilant And Alert Against Possible Terrorist Attacks

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Amid reports that large units of terrorist organizations were massing on the Jordan and Lebanese borders, the Israeli public was urged to adopt "utmost vigilance and alertness" to prevent possible terrorist attacks in the country's populated centers. Authorities believed the guerrillas might attempt dramatic acts of terrorism against population centers to demonstrate to the world their continuing struggle against Israel. It was believed the massing of terrorist groups was for action within Amman to force the Jordanian government to repudiate the cease-fire.

Pravda Hails Cease-Fire; Warns Guerrillas Not To Create Artificial Obstacles To Peace

LONDON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda hailed the Israeli-Egyptian cease-fire in the Suez Canal zone yesterday and warned Arab states and guerrilla groups opposed to the latest diplomatic efforts not to create "artificial" obstacles to peace. The Pravda editorial was the first authoritative Soviet comment on the cease-fire that went into effect at midnight Friday. The cease-fire was reported prominently in the Russian press and radio. It was not linked to the American peace initiative but credited to the "peaceful initiative" of Egypt. Pravda affirmed that a final Mideast settlement must be based on acceptance of the United Nations Security Council's resolution of Nov. 22, 1967 "without reservations." It stressed that the resolution required the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied Arab territories and recognition by the Arabs of Israel's sovereignty. But the editorial warned that "a difficult road will have to be travelled before all problems are solved." The editorial alluded to opposition to a political settlement by Iraq, Syria and Algeria and most Palestinian guerrilla groups when it stated that "substantive and artificially created obstacles" must be overcome. In the Soviet view, objections raised to the new peace efforts in some Arab quarters are "irrational" and self-defeating to the Arab cause and therefore "artificial."

200 Students Hold Rally Protesting Soviet Maltreatment Of Jews; Burn Soviet Flag

OTTAWA, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Two hundred Jewish students from Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa joined in a quiet one-hour protest yesterday at noon outside the Soviet Embassy to protest the maltreatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. Amateur actors portrayed Soviet Jews being beaten for attempting to practice their religion. The protest was organized by the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry, a Toronto student organization. The protestors had planned to present a petition on behalf of Canadian Jewish students, but no one from the Embassy came to the door. It was announced the petition would be mailed to the Embassy. Following the singing of the Israeli and Canadian national anthems, the students moved to Strathcona Park where a Soviet flag was burned. The demonstration ended with a Tisha B'Av holiday service conducted by Rabbi Meyer Berglas of Toronto.

Poll Shows Dayan Is Leader Most Trusted; Mrs. Meir Ranks Second; Allon Places Third

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan is the leader most trusted by Israelis and Premier Golda Meir is second, according to the results of a public opinion poll published today. Asked "Who are the leaders the public can trust to guide Israel's affairs," 87 percent of the respondents named Gen. Dayan and 74 percent, Mrs. Meir. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon ran a poor third with 27 percent, followed by Foreign Minister Abba Eban (25 percent), Chief of Staff Haim Bar Lev (19 percent), Herut leader Menachem Begin (16 percent), Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin (five percent), Minister-Without-Portfolio Shimon Peres (2 1/2 percent), former Minister of Transport Ezer Weizman (two percent) and former Premier David Ben Gurion (1 1/2 percent).

South African Yad Vashem Memorial Opened; Pledge Never To Allow Repetition Of Holocaust

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Katriel Katz, chairman of the Jerusalem Yad Vashem (Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority), and former Israel Ambassador to the Soviet Union, yesterday opened the South African Yad Vashem Memorial in the Etz Chayim Synagogue complex here at a ceremony attended by Transvaal Administrator Sybrandt Van Niekerk, Johannesburg Mayor Sam Moss and representatives of the army, diplomatic corps, Christian churches and Jewish rabbis and communal leaders. The shrine was designed by South African Jewish artist Ernst Ullmann, who was a former refugee from Nazi Germany. In his address, Mr. Katz lauded the "inspiring" nature of Ullmann's memorial and reviewed the "tragedy and heroism" of Jews during the Hitler years, the rise of Israel, and Jewish determination never to allow a repetition of the holocaust. Administrator Van Niekerk spoke of his respect for the role which South African Jews had played in the struggle of the Jewish people during the Nazi era and of the "exemplary" manner in which they did their duty to South Africa during World War II. Chief Rabbi Bernard Caspar delivered a sermon on the holocaust at the dedication service.

Cabinet Ratifies Israel's Preferential Trade Agreement With European Common Market

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Cabinet yesterday ratified Israel's preferential trade agreement with the European Common Market countries that was signed June 29. The Cabinet authorized Foreign Minister Abba Eban to notify the European Economic Community that all procedures for the entry into force of the agreement have been completed. It is expected to become effective on Sept. 1.

New Honors List Naming Peers And Knights Contains Names Of Several Jews

LONDON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The new honors list, awarded at the request of former Prime Minister Harold Wilson, contains the names of several Jews. John Diamond, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who lost his parliamentary seat in the last election, has been appointed a life peer. A knighthood went to Joseph Kagan, a Yorkshire industrialist, who with his wife survived the Nazi era in the ghetto of Kovno, Poland, and came to England after the war. Mr. Kagan is the inventor of a new type of rainwear, preferred by Mr. Wilson. Also knighted were Leslie Lever, former Lord Mayor of Manchester and a member of Parliament for many years, and Dr. Joseph Stone, Mr. Wilson's personal physician. Among the new members of the House of Lords are several prominent non-Jewish Anglo-Zionists: Anthony Greenwood, former Minister of Housing; Julian Snow, former Undersecretary of Health and Social Security; Jennie Lee, former Minister of Arts; Alice Bacon, former Minister of State at the Ministry of Education; and Irene White, former Minister of State at the Ministry for Welsh Affairs.

Three Doctors, Acquitted Of Complicity In Nazi Mercy Killings, Ordered Retried

BONN, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The West German Supreme Court has ordered that three German physicians acquitted three years ago of complicity in Nazi "mercy killings" be retried. The doctors--Aquilan Ullrich, 56; Klaus Endrueit, 56, and Heinrich Bunke, 56--were accused of participating in the gassing of 8,000 mental defectives in 1940.

Human Rights Sub-Commission Receives Report On Extent Of Nazism In Various Countries

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Commission on Human Rights' Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, which began its 23rd session today and is expected to continue its work until August 28, has been given a background report by its rapporteur Hernan Santa Cruz of Chile that there is a danger of a revival of Nazism. The report observes that "allegations" that Nazi movements exist in various countries including Argentina, Australia, Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, South Africa, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States "have been made from time to time." According to the report, however, "the facts are often difficult, if not impossible, to verify, and in most instances these movements have proved to be of minor importance, functioning outside the law or even contrary to the law, and involving a small number of persons." The report, nevertheless, warned that any movements promoting or inciting racial discrimination or Nazism, "should be condemned, declared illegal, and prohibited by law..." The study, which focused on reports that a large number of former Nazis are active in high echelon positions and in responsible public offices in the Federal Republic of Germany, cited statistics provided by the Polish government to that effect and statistics provided by Simon Wiesenthal, the head of the Documentation Center of Jewish Victims in Vienna, of former Nazis active in the East German government. The study carries a lengthy reply by the West German government repudiating charges by the Polish government.

The Polish government included charges that the National Democratic Party (NPD) "leaves its imprint of neo-Nazism and pan-German chauvinism on West German politics and public opinion"; that there are "20 ex-Nazis among the Cabinet members and Secretaries of State, 189 among the generals, admirals and senior Bundeswehr officers, 1,100 in the judiciary, 300 in the police, nearly 250 in the foreign ministry, and 120 in the top echelons of business." The West German government's reply refers to Mr. Wiesenthal's recent disclosures that about 100 professors are teaching in the universities of East Germany who already held professorships during the Nazi period and that on other occasions he pointed out that former Nazis occupy important positions in the East German government, the civil service and the press. Responding to the Polish government charges, the West German reply is that "it is common knowledge that the NPD did not win a single seat in the last elections and that its membership has been in steady decline. Referring to the number of ex-Nazis in high places, the government noted that one public official helped Jews to escape Nazi persecution, one left Germany in 1933 at the age of 19, two were in concentration camps, one was jailed for anti-Nazi activity, and one lost members of his family because they participated in the plot against Hitler in 1944.

Center For Emotionally Disturbed Children Now Part Of Jewish Child Care Association

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Jewish Child Care Association of New York has absorbed Childville, a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children, it was announced today by Norman Rosow, president, and Jacob L. Trobe, executive director of the Association. The facility will be known henceforth as the Childville Division of the Jewish Child Care Association, the announcement said. The Association, a beneficiary of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, annually serves about 1500 New York children and youth in need of residential care because of family breakdown or emotional problems. Childville, a non-sectarian agency, now serves about 45 severely disturbed boys and girls from six to 14 years old at its new residence in Manhattan and 13 other youngsters at its home in Flushing.

Its program will continue under the direction of its medical director, Dr. Morton P. Svigals, the Child Care Association announcement said. Mrs. Salim Lewis, president of Childville since 1964, has joined the JCCA's board of trustees and will serve as chairman of its Childville committee. Childville's Manhattan residence, remodelled and furnished at a cost of \$1 million, replaces an old building in the Williamsburgh section of Brooklyn. The building was acquired and renovated as a result of fund-raising efforts headed by Mrs. Lewis. It will be dedicated Nov. 1. Mr. Rosow said that with the consolidation of Childville into the JCCA, "a uniquely versatile range of treatment services geared to meet a wide variety of individual needs is now available to our city's troubled children and families under a single umbrella."

Conference Of Presidents Urges Greek Government Not To Release Arab Terrorists

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--A delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has called on the Greek Consulate here to express its deep concern over the projected release of Arab terrorists duly convicted of murder in Greek courts. The delegation pointed out that the promise made by Greek authorities under duress when the terrorists held guns against them has no "moral or pragmatic" validity. For the Greek government to let convicted murderers free is to encourage, in effect, further acts of terrorism not only in Greece but against the safety of international air travel in general the Conference asserted. The delegation pointed out to the Consulate that Americans of many different persuasions would feel that the Greek government had needlessly paid a heavy moral ransom if the terrorists were permitted to go free and continue their warfare against innocent civilians. The Greek government promised to release the Arab prisoners after six Arab terrorists seized an Olympic airliner last month, held its crew and a Red Cross representative as hostages and ordered them to fly the airliner to Egypt.

Annual Summer Institute For Jewish School Teachers, Principals Slated

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Scholars and educators from all parts of the United States will be on hand Aug. 17 through Aug. 28, to discuss various aspects of Jewish education at the 18th annual Summer Institute for principals and teachers of Hebrew and Sunday schools. The sessions will be conducted by the Bureau of Jewish Education of the Jewish Federation-Council of the Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Committee. Sydney Greenberg of the Bureau is Institute co-ordinator.