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## Jarring Announces Peace Talks To Begin Tomorrow At UN On Ambassadorial Level

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Talks "for a just and lasting peace" will begin between Israel and the Arabs on Tuesday, United Nations Middle East mediator Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring announced here today. Dr. Jarring's announcement was made at UN headquarters just 17 days after the United States sponsored cease-fire along the Suez Canal went into effect. Dr. Jarring said the talks would be held in New York. The initial stages will be at the level of the UN ambassadors of Israel, Egypt and Jordan. But, he added: "It continues to be my hope" that the talks would be elevated to the level of foreign ministers. Israel had been insisting the talks should be held at a foreign minister's level since the latest U.S. peace initiative was launched. Asked whether the three-month cease-fire which went into effect on Aug. 7 would be expanded, Dr. Jarring said, "I would be happy if the cease-fire can be prolonged. But I would be even more happy if we can reach a solution before the cease-fire ends." In his first statement to the press in almost three years in his Middle East role, Dr. Jarring said, "I feel sure that the parties will enter the discussion with the firm intention of finding a solution. I hope that with good will, they will in time reach an agreement on a just and lasting peace."

Questioned on the procedures to be used in the talks, Dr. Jarring replied that he would see the negotiators "one by one." He added, "I don't think that in a problem like this, text books are written on how to behave... We have to play it (by ear) to see which way we can find in the future." Asked if he was thinking of any time limit for the talks, Dr. Jarring said, "I am not planning, just hoping that everything will go with speed... We shall start tomorrow and I hope to continue every day without delay. I assure you, I am not looking for delay." Israel designated yesterday Foreign Minister Abba Eban as chief negotiator at the peace talks and UN Ambassador Yosef Tekoah as alternate. Mr. Eban, who has no travel plans until next month when he is scheduled to address the UN General Assembly, will continue the negotiations when it reaches the ministerial level. The move by Israel in naming both its foreign minister and ambassador was seen here by diplomatic sources as a compromise with Egyptian and Jordanian approaches that the talks be conducted - at least at the beginning - on the ambassadorial level. Israeli leaders, including Mr. Eban, have made it clear too that the talks must be conducted on the ministerial level to prevent the negotiations from being downgraded.

## Israeli Reaction To Fulbright: Peace With Secure Boundaries Before Withdrawal

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Political circles here, reacting to United States Sen. J.W. Fulbright's personal Middle East peace initiative, said last night that "There must first be a peace settlement with secure and agreed borders--then only can we talk about an Israeli withdrawal (from occupied Arab territories)." Mr. Fulbright called over the weekend for Israeli acceptance of "a peace settlement providing for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories and for a just settlement of the refugee problem." Regarding Sen. Fulbright's proposal for an American guarantee of Israel's security, the political circles said that "Once a peace settlement is achieved Israel will of course welcome any additional international guarantee for her security, but such a guarantee can never be in lieu of a peace settlement."

## State Department To Withhold Comment On Fulbright Message Until Careful Study Made

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (JTA)--The State Department is "not in a position to comment" at this time on Sen. J.W. Fulbright's proposal for a United Nations-imposed settlement in the Middle East and United States-guaranteed Israeli security, Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said today. The spokesman would say only that Sen. Fulbright had apparently given his plan "much thought" and that the State Department would "study it carefully." He said he did not know if Israel had made a similar proposal to the U.S. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from diplomatic sources that the State Department did not know of the Fulbright proposal until Saturday. Attendance at the Senator's press conference on Friday announcing his plan was by invitation only, it was reported. Sen. Fulbright formally delivered on the Senate floor today his 15,000-word proposal, the text of which was released in advance last Friday. His press secretary, Hoyt Purvis, said today that the proposal had been made "primarily as a possible contribution to the overall consideration of the problems of the Middle East, and beyond that as a means of stimulating in the Congress what should be done."

## Israel Reports Egypt Working On 6 To 15 New Sites Ready To House Missiles

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Israel's last two complaints about Egyptian missile construction during the standstill cease-fire--her fourth and fifth--dealt with work on six to 15 new missile sites, according to reliable sources. Those are in addition to the six to 15 missile-equipped sites reported by Israel on Aug. 19. The newly reported bases are not yet equipped with missiles, but their installation is a matter of only hours. This means that since the early part of last week Egypt has doubled or more than doubled her positions along the Suez Canal, and those positions are effective more than 20 kilometers (12 1/2 miles) into the Israeli half of the cease-fire zone, which is 50 kilometers (31 miles) wide. Israel's fifth complaint was registered with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) yesterday. Its fourth complaint was registered on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from reliable sources in Jerusalem that the United States has in fact accepted the main points of the Israeli charges, but it is not yet clear whether Washington will publicly admit it, having gone on record as saying the charges were "very difficult to prove or disprove." The new American position, it was learned, was conveyed to Israel in

high-level talks over the weekend in Jerusalem and Washington, including meetings in the Israeli capital between Foreign Minister Eban and U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour. It was also learned that Israel will continue to observe the standstill cease-fire provisions no matter what Egypt does--as long as that policy is compatible with Israeli national security.

### Mrs. Meir: Israel Heading Toward Peace Talks With Sincere Desire To Reach Accord

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir said last night that Israel was "heading towards so-called peace negotiations with the sincere desire and hope of reaching peace agreements," but that her nation was "determined to defend every single right exactly as all powerful nations have the right to defend their security." She told the 500 delegates to the Israel Bond Organization conference that Israel wanted "real peace and not make-believe settlements," so that "future generations will not have to go to war again and again." That, she said was her country's "sacred duty to our young people and the children of future generations." But she cautioned "our friends in the world" that "if they want the negotiations to be fruitful they must do everything so that Israel can sit at the negotiations table as a strong state and not as a weak one." Israel's "friends," she continued, "have a choice--either help us in our struggle or see us struggle alone."

In that connection, she added "we are not fooling ourselves" about the "brutal power of the Soviets" that "stands against us" in addition to Arab power. "I do trust our pilots," she declared. "I trust our boys in the trenches, our children in the shelters and their mothers. I trust the people of Israel, who are not panicking although they are not fooling themselves about the so-called peace negotiations. I trust the Jewish people and I trust you." Mrs. Meir said Israeli pilots in enemy captivity were holding onto their military secrets with all their strength, even to the point of avoiding medical treatment that might act to draw the information out of them. The Premier said Israel must remain strong because at the first sign of weakness she will lose all her "friends."

### Two Senators Favor Joint U.S.-Soviet Inspection Of Mideast Cease-Fire

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Two Democratic Senators have proposed that a joint Soviet-American inspection force supervise observance of the Middle East cease-fire by Egypt and Israel. Sen. Harold E. Hughes of Iowa and Sen. Alan Cranston of California, have written to Secretary of State William P. Rogers expressing their "deep concern" over reported Egyptian violations and urging Mr. Rogers to "move forcefully now to take what we believe would be a dramatic and effective means of maintaining the cease-fire and standstill." The joint Big Two police force, they said, "would reassure both parties (Egypt and Israel) that their military positions would not be jeopardized while the (peace) talks are going on." Sen. Hughes and Sen. Cranston are leading liberals. The former has been spoken of as a possible 1972 Presidential candidate.

### Second Algerian Uncovered As Secret Service Official; IFALPA Seeks Algerians' Release

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA)--An Israeli Army spokesman announced today that Ali Bel Aziz, one of two Algerians removed from a British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) plane which had stopped at Lydda Airport 10 days ago while enroute from Hong Kong to London, was a high official of the Algerian Secret Service. Mr. Bel Aziz had been posing as a businessman. His identity was discovered after the Army had moved into the case taking over from civil authorities. Mr. Bel Aziz's companion, Maj. Khatib Jaloul, had earlier been identified as the head of the Algerian Secret Service. Army spokesmen said the investigation was continuing. It was indicated in political circles that the two Algerians may now be considered to be prisoners of war as the Algerian government has declared that she was at war with Israel.

Meanwhile, two executives of the International Federation of Airlines Pilots Association (IFALPA), Jim O'Grady, president and C. Jackson, secretary, arrived here last night to negotiate the release of the two men. They met today with Arthur Lourie, the Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry. They will meet tomorrow with Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Mr. Jackson said the two men would stay until the Algerians were released. If their efforts were unavailing, he said, other IFALPA executives will arrive to pursue the goal of freedom for the Algerians. He also said that there can be no question of prisoner exchanges. Maj. Jaloul was reported to have had a hand in the detention of hijacked passengers of an El Al plane to Algeria two years ago. The plane, its 42 male Israeli passengers and its crew were held in Algeria for 39 days until exchanged for Arab terrorists in Israeli custody.

### IBO Votes To Raise \$500 Million In Next 16 Months; Calls For State Of Mobilization

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA)--The 500 delegates attending the Israel Bond Organization's Anniversary Conference last night voted unanimously to raise \$500 million within the next 16 months. They called upon world Jewry to declare "a state of mobilization" for Israel's economic survival in the midst of an "unbelievable" escalation of its defense budget. Conference president Samuel Rothberg urged Jewish communities throughout the world to discard previous criteria of financial support of Israel in order to achieve this "unprecedented goal." Abraham Feinberg, president of the Bond Organization, warned that failure to reach the goal would be a tragic event and could negate all that has happened in the last 22 years. In separate resolutions the conference paid tribute to Henry Montor who organized Israel Bonds and headed the organization for its first five years, and to Dr. Joseph Schwartz who succeeded him and who retired this year after 15 years as head of the organization.

Earlier in the day the delegates attended the cornerstone ceremony of the \$40 million oil refinery which is being constructed in Ashdod as a subsidiary of the Haifa refinery. IBO will raise \$20 million of this amount. The new refinery is expected to be in operation within two to three years. In its first stages, the refinery will have an output of 72,000 barrels a day and a storage capacity of 200,000 tons. At the ceremony, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the delegates, whom he called "true partners in the progress of Israel," the Haifa refinery operation was successful beyond expectation. It was now producing five times more than when it had been bought 11 years ago.

## 10 Cholera Cases Reported In Israel; Impossible For Disease To Spread, Officials Say

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24 (JTA)--The Ministry of Health has cancelled the leaves of all Public Health doctors, sanitation engineers and other sanitation staff members because of the 10 cases of cholera which has been reported in Israel. None of the 10 persons afflicted are reported in danger. Despite the new cases, health officials reiterated that there would be no mass inoculations against the disease even though there may be more individual cases reported. Dr. Daniel Brachott, deputy director general of the Ministry of Health and director of Public Health services said, "With our standard of hygiene and our knowledge of early detection and treatment, we are certain that the spreading of the disease is impossible. For this reason, we do not intend to inoculate the population except for medical staff and other persons who may be exposed to personal contact with cholera carriers." Meanwhile Israel repeated its charges that neighboring Arab countries were not reporting their cholera cases in violation of the statutes of the World Health Organization which imposed a duty upon all member countries to report cases of communicable diseases. He said that while there was no cooperation of any kind in the field of epidemiology between Israel and her Arab neighbors, Israel was willing to cooperate with them.

(At the United Nations in New York, Dr. Rodolphe Coigny, director of the World Health Organization announced that 28 cases of cholera had been reported in Libya, and a 20 month old boy had died of cholera in the Saida area of Lebanon. Dr. Coigny reported that Arab health ministers were meeting to find ways of dealing with the cholera problem with help from WHO officials. He said that Egypt was producing great quantities of cholera vaccine.) Despite the reports of cholera spreading in the Mideast, tourist traffic to Israel was not affected. Large numbers of tourists continue to leave France for Israel and neither Air France nor El Al report any cancellation of bookings. (In France it was reported that no cholera vaccination was needed for passengers leaving for Israel. Such vaccination is compulsory, however, for passengers leaving for Arab countries in the Middle East.) (In London, Michael Davis, an advisor to the World Health Organization and professor of Ecology at Hebrew University Medical School, stated there was no danger of an epidemic spread of cholera in Israel due to the general high standard of hygiene and water supply.) In Israel it was announced that outgoing tourists will find vaccination facilities available at Israeli ports of departure. Tourists arriving in Israel from Jordan or other Arab lands will be required to have a valid international vaccination certificate.

## Upper Galilee Settlement Shelled By Mortars; Fire Returned, No Casualties

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Mortar shells were fired from Lebanese territory at Kfar Yuval in the upper Galilee early this morning. The fire was returned. There were no casualties. There was an increase in saboteur activity along the Syrian and Lebanese fronts last week but the Suez Canal front remained quiet except for three single shots which were fired from the Egyptian side of the canal without causing injury. Three Israelis were killed last week along the Lebanese border. All activity along the borders was caused by the terrorists with no military activity reported on the part of the Lebanese and Jordanian armies.

## Nasser Reported Favoring Peace With Israel As Step Toward Reorganizing Egypt's Economy

PARIS, Aug. 24 (JTA)--President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt told a secret meeting of the Executive Committee of the Egyptian Arab Socialist Union, the country's only political party, that peace with Israel was "not just a tactical move but a major strategic aim which would enable Egypt to reorganize her economy," the daily newspaper Le Monde said today, in a report from its special Cairo correspondent Eric Rouleau. Pres. Nasser was also quoted as having told the secret meeting that last spring in Paris, an Egyptian envoy had established "contacts" with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress. In its story Le Monde said, "All Egypt, popular masses and ruling circles alike, are in favor of the peace settlement and eagerly await it."

## Canadian Government To Consider Pact For Regular Montreal-Tel Aviv Air Flights

MONTREAL, Aug. 24 (JTA)--A draft air-transport agreement providing for regular flights between here and Tel Aviv will be presented to the government for final approval this week, External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp said yesterday. According to official sources, the pact provides for four flights weekly both ways, with stopovers in Paris or Geneva, plus at least one nonstop flight a week from Tel Aviv. Canada is expected to follow suit on the nonstop flight. The agreement was reached by Canadian Pacific Air Service and El Al after two years of negotiations, capped by a marathon one-week session in Tel Aviv that ended last Friday.

## Terrorists Warn Arabs Favoring Peace Initiative To Keep Quiet

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24 (JTA)--Guerrilla hostility toward King Hussein of Jordan surged again over the weekend as Al Saiqa, the Syrian-based left-wing commando organization, demanded the release of eight of its members it claimed were being held prisoner in Amman. The demand came as King Hussein returned home yesterday from meetings in Cairo with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser. Last Friday, while he was in Cairo, armed men said by Amman officials to be guerrillas kidnapped Salim al-Sharif, a Palestinian editor said to be favorable toward the United States peace initiative. There is still no word as to his fate. The kidnap appeared to be the first, or at least the first successful commando attempt to carry out their threats to deal personally with Arabs who do not support their drive to destroy Israel. In another development, Maj. Faisal Farkat, commander of the Lebanese police in the Tripoli area, was kidnapped over the weekend but released after a few hours. The abductors were said to belong to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which has, according to Haaretz, been writing to dozens of Arab personalities ordering them to "keep quiet, because you are not in a position to express positive views. The Central Committee of the Palestinian Commando Organization met in Amman over the weekend to prepare for the meeting of its National Council on Thursday.

## AJCongress Terms Agudath Israel's Criticism Of PEARL Distorted, Unjust

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- Charges by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel, that opponents of government aid to parochial schools are hostile to Jewish day schools and unrepresentative of American Jews were termed "distorted, inflammatory and unjust" by the American Jewish Congress. In a statement today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Richard Cohen, associate executive director of the AJCongress, reaffirmed his organization's view that a direct government aid to religious schools would represent a serious abridgement of the First Amendment. "We are not prepared to surrender that protection, whatever false charges of 'secularism' Rabbi Sherer may care to level," Mr. Cohen stated. Rabbi Sherer's statement criticizing the AJCongress and other Jewish organizations in the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL) was issued after PEARL filed a suit on July 30 in the U.S. District Court aimed at prohibiting expenditure of state funds on parochial schools under the Mandated Services Act. PEARL and 13 individual plaintiffs argued that the Act is unconstitutional under both the U.S. and the New York State Constitutions. Mr. Cohen noted that "representative Jewish groups" are not alone in their opposition to parochial aid. Rabbi Sherer had stated that "for years, certain Jewish organizations, spearheaded by the American Jewish Congress have brought disgrace to the Jewish name by their highly publicized harassment of the non-public religious schools in their efforts to obtain government support for their secular programs."

In his statement to the JTA, Mr. Cohen observed that, contrary to Rabbi Sherer's view, "we are joined in this opposition throughout the country by representative Protestant groups, by concerned Catholic lay organizations and individuals, and by civic groups that support the concept of free public education for all." These groups, Mr. Cohen noted are concerned that the siphoning off of public funds for religious schools, at a time when funds are insufficient for public schools, will further weaken the public school system. Mr. Cohen noted that of the \$28 million appropriated under the Mandated Services Act only \$1.5 million would go to Jewish day schools. "Thus, Rabbi Sherer's tax money and mine will go to support a religion to which neither of us adheres," Mr. Cohen said. "Is that his idea of Jewish education?" Mr. Cohen noted that the AJCongress supports both the right and the necessity of religious education and supports greater apportionment "of Jewish communal funds for Jewish education." He also recounted that at the recent meeting of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council the AJCongress' position was "again overwhelmingly endorsed by nearly 100 local and national Jewish agencies represented in NJCRAC. Only the Orthodox group objected to the positions adopted." The AJCongress official stated that "if any groups 'speak for the Jewish citizens of this land' on the subject of governmental aid to religious schools, it is certainly that the groups represented in PEARL - not Agudath Israel - do."

## AJCommittee Reports 13 Anti-Semitic Desecrations, Assaults This Year, 165 Acts Since 1965

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- The continued desecration of Jewish synagogues, schools, centers and cemeteries in communities throughout the United States is also "a desecration of the principle of human freedom on which this country was founded," according to Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee. Referring to a report just issued by AJC's Trends and Analyses Division, Mr. Hoffman revealed that 13 anti-Semitic desecrations and assaults had been committed since January of this year, ranging from east to west coast. "Although this is somewhat less than the number of similar incidents that occurred in the same period of 1969, it is an affront to this nation that they should have happened at all," Mr. Hoffman declared. The AJC report, a tabulation of anti-Semitic actions reported during the five-year period from July 1965 to July 1970, lists more than 165 incidents in 63 cities in 22 states. "These figures represent only those incidents that are known to have been reported to the police," Mr. Hoffman emphasized.

The AJC tabulation lists crimes that range from smashing windows to bombing and dynamiting of synagogues, overturning gravestones, destroying or damaging religious articles, rare Judaica and other institutional property, painting and carving swastikas, painting obscene words, phrases and slogans, and burglary. A study of the kinds of phrases and slogans painted by the desecrators over the five-year period indicated an increasing use of words associated with black militancy and Arab sympathies. Whereas the phrases used in 1965 and 1966 reflected Nazi thinking--in words such as "Hitler was right" and "Six million, was it enough?"--the 1970 painting included such slogans as "Nasser lives," "Support El Fatah," and "Free the 21 Panthers or face white riots." Another trend, Mr. Hoffman noted, was the extreme youth of the criminals. Arrests were made and suspects noted in only 27 of 165 incidents. Those arrested or suspected included 85 persons ranging in age from seven to 23, including two girls aged 14 and 15. In at least one incident, Mr. Hoffman revealed, the youngest apprehended was said to be "high" from sniffing polish, and in another incident two teenagers said they "did it for kicks."

## Israeli Pilot Lands Plane With 135 Passengers Safely Despite Damaged Landing Gear

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- A Boeing 707 jet with 135 passengers was landed safely by its Israeli pilot at John F. Kennedy International Airport today despite two damaged landing tires. The pilot was Capt. Oded Abarbanell of El Al, who was hijacked to Algeria on June 23, 1968, in the same plane. Emerging from the plane today just after noon, he said calmly: "I was not really too concerned." Compared with his 40-day detention in Algeria, he said, "This was not even an incident."

## Bomb Scare In Building Where JTA Is Located; Threat Against CARE Agency

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (JTA) -- Some 150 persons today evacuated the building at 660 First Avenue where the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's editorial office is located after police reported that an unidentified male had called to warn that there was a bomb in the office of CARE, two floors above the JTA office. After searching the building for almost an hour police said they could not find any bomb. CARE officials said they had no idea why anyone should want to, or threaten to, place a bomb in their office. This is the second time in a little more than a year that a bomb scare has hit this building. The last one was also directed against CARE.