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Peace Talks Continue Without Tekoah; First Talks On Cease-Fire Violations, POWs

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 26 (JTA)--The Middle East peace talks continued today despite the absence from New York of Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah. Mr. Tekoah, who met twice yesterday with Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, departed for Israel last night, some 12 hours after the talks began, to confer with Israeli government leaders. Dr. Jarring conferred today with Abdul Hamid Sharaf, the Jordanian ambassador to the United States, and with Dr. Mohammad H. el-Zayyat, the Egyptian ambassador to the United Nations. Mr. Sharaf, who is sitting in for Muhammad H. el-Farra, the Jordanian ambassador to the UN who is now in Amman conferring with his government, said he would return to Washington this afternoon but would be on call for further talks with Dr. Jarring. A UN spokesman said the absence of Mr. Tekoah "does not affect the talks themselves. The talks are going on and will continue. There are other things to do and Jarring is maintaining other contacts." The spokesman said he doubted that Dr. Jarring knew in advance that Mr. Tekoah was preparing to return to Israel. UN officials declined to speculate as to the reasons for Mr. Tekoah's departure. It was known Monday night, however, that the Israeli envoy was scheduled to leave the next day. The general feeling among diplomatic sources was that Mr. Tekoah returned to Israel to provide government leaders with the initial mood of the talks, the subjects discussed, and to get further instructions on continuing talks until Israel's chief negotiator, Foreign Minister Abba Eban, arrives in New York late next month or early October for the 25th session of the General Assembly.

Sources here said the main topics of discussion between Mr. Tekoah and Dr. Jarring and between Dr. Jarring and Dr. el-Zayyat yesterday and today concerned Israel's complaints of continuing cease-fire violations by Egypt and Israel's request for a prisoners-of-war exchange. It was learned that Mr. Tekoah told Dr. Jarring that if the Arabs want to show good faith they can begin by releasing Israeli prisoners. Dr. Jarring was reported to have replied that this was not under his mandate as peace mediator. Dr. el-Zayyat, after emerging from his conference with the peace envoy today, told newsmen that Israel was "raising pseudo issues." The Egyptian ambassador agreed that this problem was not part of Dr. Jarring's mandate. However, according to a report dated April 27, 1970, issued by the UN's Special Committee that was then investigating the condition of human rights in the occupied territories, Dr. Jarring was instrumental at least once in obtaining the release from Israel of a number of Egyptian consuls who had been captured by the Israelis during the Six-Day War. According to testimony given the committee by one Tewfik Wasfi, Dr. Jarring intervened on the behalf of the consuls in January 1968 while he was stationed in Jerusalem. Yesterday, neither Dr. Jarring nor Mr. Tekoah would disclose the contents of their talks. After seeing Dr. Jarring at 9:30 a.m., Mr. Tekoah returned shortly after 3 p.m. for his second visit. Sources at the UN said the second visit was arranged so that Mr. Tekoah could check on the Arab views before returning to Israel and to indicate that Israel was serious about the talks. (Mr. Tekoah, who arrived at Lydda Airport in Tel Aviv this afternoon, refused to elaborate on his talks with Dr. Jarring).

Talks Expected To Move To Ministerial Level Next Month When Ministers Arrive At UN

Dr. el-Zayyat told newsmen, after his conference with Dr. Jarring, that the first cease-fire violation had been committed by Israel and was reported to Egypt "within three hours" of the start of the 90-day truce on August 7. He said there had been no public announcement of this at the time because "if you are going to sail one way you should not row the other way. If we are trying to make here a constructive effort, there should be no destructive statements." (Israel has issued five complaints of cease-fire violations, including the movement of missiles and the construction of missile bases within the 32-mile standstill zone, to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. The first complaint was issued a few days after the cease-fire went into effect.) Dr. el-Zayyat said he was satisfied with the first session and declared that Egypt was engaged in an "earnest search for peace." Mr. Tekoah also told newsmen yesterday that if the "governments are desirous of obtaining a genuine peace, we are confident this will be possible." The talks at the UN are expected to proceed slowly and at an uneven pace until the foreign ministers of Israel, Jordan and Egypt arrive in New York for the General Assembly session. At that time, it is expected that the talks will move to the ministerial level. Dr. Jarring indicated as much when he told a news conference on Monday: "Israel has appointed its Foreign Minister as the delegate and the Permanent Representative (to the UN) as alternate. As for the other, I know that their Foreign Ministers will be here and, of course, I will be seeing all of them...When the Foreign Minister arrives here, he supercedes the Permanent Representative automatically." Yesterday, after lunching with Secretary General U Thant, Dr. Jarring reportedly stated: "We have begun. We will continue."

Nixon, Top Aides Discuss Mideast Situation And U.S. Role In Mideast Talks

(Meanwhile, the role of the Big Four in the developing efforts to reach a Mideast settlement appeared to be diminishing while the possibility of Big Two talks - the United States and the Soviet Union - seemed to loom larger as a way of complimenting the peace talks under Dr. Jarring. This possibility emerged yesterday from a meeting between Pres. Nixon and his top foreign advisors, Secretary of State William P. Rogers, Assistant Secretary Joseph J. Sisco, and Henry Kissinger, the President's national security advisor. The four officials met in the summer White House at San Clemente, California, to discuss the Middle East situation and the role of the U.S. in the Israeli-Arab peace talks. According to reports, there was agreement that for the next few weeks the U.S. would watch the negotiations now being conducted on the ambassadorial level. Next month, when the ministers of Israel, Egypt and Jordan come to New

York for the opening of the 25th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the talks are expected to shift to the ministerial level. At that time, according to reports, the U.S. will step in as a "friend of the court" in an effort to help Dr. Jarring with what was termed as quiet diplomacy. Along with the ministers from the three Mideast nations, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Sisco will also be in New York for the opening of the General Assembly. American officials were reported convinced that Moscow does not want a Mideast flareup and feel that the most important talks may be between Mr. Rogers and Mr. Gromyko. Dr. Jarring had already indicated in his news conference on Monday that the Big Four would play less of a predominate role in the peace negotiations and that he would keep them informed through normal channels as members of the Security Council.)

Tekoah In Israel For Consultations With Eban, Possibly Too With Mrs. Meir

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoah, the Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, returned here temporarily this afternoon, having left New York last night after his introductory talks with Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the UN's special Middle East mediator. Mr. Tekoah is here for consultations with Foreign Minister Abba Eban, and will apparently meet also with Premier Golda Meir. He had said in New York he would be away for "the time it takes for the consultations," adding that he was sure "my Arab colleagues" would understand the importance of his mini-mission. The ambassador refused here to elaborate on his talk with Dr. Jarring or to confirm if he had brought up the questions of Egyptian violations of the standstill cease-fire and prisoners in Arab hands. Mr. Eban had said yesterday in Jerusalem that Mr. Tekoah's instructions for the peace talks included the raising with Dr. Jarring of the issue of Egyptian missile movement and construction during the standstill period. Mr. Tekoah said today that he expected the peace talks to rise to the Foreign Ministers level when the ministers arrive at the UN for the General Assembly's 25th anniversary session, which opens Sept. 15.

McCloskey Says Tekoah's Return To Israel Not Viewed As Withdrawal From Peace Talks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (JTA)--State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey indicated the State Department was not troubled by Mr. Tekoah's return to Israel just as the peace negotiations were getting under way. "I don't look at it as a withdrawal," he said. "My understanding is that he will return and resume his role." Asked whether Egypt or the Soviet Union has replied to Washington's request for an explanation of their missile-construction activities during the standstill cease-fire period, Mr. McCloskey said he would "have to refrain from public bookkeeping on what is going on back and forth." He would say only that there was "continuing contact" on the matter. Mr. McCloskey said the State Department was discussing with Israel the matter of the two Algerian officials detained by Israel the past 12 days. Asked whether the U.S. was urging their release, he replied: "I'm not sure that I would put it that sharply," explaining that Washington preferred to consider the matter more in terms of civil aviation problems in general than in terms of Israeli-Algerian friction.

11 Senators, 30 Congressmen Urge U.S. Vigilance Against Cease-Fire Violations

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (JTA)--A bi-partisan group of eleven Senators and thirty Congressmen yesterday congratulated President Nixon on the United States peace initiative in the Middle East and urged vigilance to ensure that the present hope does not turn into despair. The group said in a letter to Mr. Nixon that the "American diplomatic initiative has offered hope for negotiations that could lead to a just and peaceful settlement" between Israel and the Arab countries. Signers of the letter comprise the Middle East Committee of the members of Congress for Peace Through Law, an informal body of liberal Senators and Representatives in the Republican and Democratic parties. The signers included Rep. F. Bradford Morse, Massachusetts, the group's chairman; Senators Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, and Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts, both Republicans, and Senators George S. McGovern of South Dakota, Frank Church of Idaho, Fred R. Harris of Oklahoma and William Proxmire of Wisconsin, all Democrats. Pointing out that "We recognize the serious risks involved in the standstill cease-fire," the letter added: "If either side uses this time to build up additional sophisticated military installations, the hope of the present can erode into despair and an even more dangerous situation in the future could result. Therefore, the United Nations and the two major powers must exercise vigilance and take all steps necessary to ensure that this does not occur." Israel has accused Egypt of moving forward anti-aircraft missiles in the Suez Canal zone since the cease-fire standstill went into effect August 7, but the letter did not specifically mention the accusations.

Link Between Druze Community And Israel Has Deep Roots, Says Dr. Warhaftig

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (JTA)--"The link between the people of Israel and the Druze community, including those living on the Golan Heights, is not coincidental or temporary--it has deep roots in the past and will continue for many generations to come for the benefit of both of our peoples, who have sealed their alliance with blood," Minister of Religious Affairs Dr. Zerach Warhaftig said yesterday at the traditional ceremony at the grave of the Druze martyr Al Yafouri at Birket Ram on the Heights. Dr. Warhaftig also spoke about the great economic development of the Druze villages on the Heights and about the organization of religious services. He announced that a special Druze kadi for the Heights would be appointed soon. The leaders of the Druze community in Israel and on the Heights also addressed the gathering, expressing their appreciation. They included the Sheikhs Amin Tarif, Sliman Abu Salari and Lahib Abu Rukn, as well as Kamal Mansour, the president's advisor on minorities. A former member of the Syrian Parliament, Kamal Kenj, presided at the ceremony.

Red Cross Reports Seeing Two More Israeli Prisoners Held In Egypt

GENEVA, Aug. 26 (JTA)--The International Red Cross reported today that it had succeeded in seeing two more Israeli prisoners being held in Egypt and that both of them were being well-treated. The prisoners, both pilots, were identified as Itzhak Peer and Amos Zamir, both captured more than 50 days ago.

Detention Order Signed To Permit Continued Questioning Of Two Algerians

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Army Chief of Staff Gen. Chaim Bar-Lev today signed a detention order permitting the continued holding for questioning the two Algerian high Secret Service officials who had been taken from a BOAC plane which had landed at Lydda Airport last week while enroute from Hong Kong to London. The two men, Maj. Khatib Jaloul, identified as the head of the Algerian Secret Police, and Ali Bel Aziz, a high ranking Secret Service official who had been posing as a businessman, were being held at an undisclosed hotel. Officials denied reports that the two men were on a hunger strike. The detention order, issued under regulations in force since the days of the British Mandate, was necessary since Israeli law does not permit lengthy detention without such an order. As the order was signed, two officials of the International Federation of Airline Pilots Association (IFALPA), Capt. James O'Grady, President, and Capt. Charles Jackson, Secretary, continued their efforts to secure the release of the two Algerians. They met yesterday with Foreign Minister Abba Eban without securing a release date for the two men. If their efforts were unsuccessful by next week, they said, they would call upon the chairman of the Association to "exert more pressure" upon the Israeli authorities.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of the Israeli Transport Workers Trade Union today advised the International Federation of Transport Workers that the two Algerians were being held for questioning under rules set by international law and procedures. In reply to queries from the London based Secretariat of the International Federation, TWU Secretary Yona Yagol cabled a reply that the two Algerians held in Israel were actually "high ranking officers. As such--and since Algeria openly declared that she was in a state of war with Israel--they are considered as part of the fighting forces against Israel and their interrogation is within the rights of international law and procedure." Mr. Yagol said there was no conflict between their being questioned as members of an enemy army and the right to "freedom of transport in the air." He told the International Federation that he had learned from "well informed sources" that the questioning of the Algerians would soon be over."

Settlements Shelled; Dayan Visits Canal Front; Bar-Lev Visits Jordanian Front

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Israeli settlements and army patrols were shelled last night and this morning without suffering any casualties. Avivim Settlement in the Upper Galilee was shelled last night from Lebanese territory, Kfar Ruppin was attacked by mortar fire, and mortar fire was also directed at an army position in the same area. Mortar fire was directed at an Israeli position in the Golan Heights last night. The fire was returned. A gasoline station in Raffah in the southern Gaza Strip was demolished last night. This was the fifth time the station has been sabotaged. An investigation is under way. An Israeli patrol near Maoz Chaim in the Beisan area came under fire this morning. The fire was returned. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan today visited the Suez Canal front to inspect the soldiers and receive details of maintenance work being done on military positions. He was accompanied by General David Elazar, chief of the Headquarters Branch of the General Staff; Gen. Aryeh Sharon, commander of the Southern Front and Gen. Lenner, commander of the Armored Forces in the Sinai.

Meanwhile, Chief of Staff Chaim Bar-Lev and senior members of the General Staff visited Israeli soldiers in positions along the Jordan front. They inspected the positions, discussed with the soldiers their conditions of service and were given details of the day-to-day activity along the front. According to reports reaching here, 300 villagers from southern Lebanon descended on Beirut to demand protection against Israeli reprisal attacks against the terrorists who are based in the Mount Hermon area. The villagers, who once supported the terrorists, have turned against them, as Israeli troops blow up houses used by the terrorists and shell villages in which they seek shelter. Eleven Arabs who had been held for collaborating with terrorists, were today transferred to Jordan. The transfer was carried out in the Araba Zerba police station.

Cholera Cases Increasing; Israel Seeks Exchange Of Information With Arab States

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (JTA)--The total of cholera cases in Israel rose to 23 (including five precautionary hospitalizations) as four new cases were diagnosed here today. One of the new patients is an employee of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School here. Medical teams are still searching for the sources of the infections. Meanwhile, major cleanup campaigns have been launched by the municipalities of this city and Tel Aviv to help prevent the spread of the disease. The Health Ministry announced it has ordered anti-cholera vaccine from Europe, but only as a precaution; there are still no plans for mass vaccination. The public relations director of the United Nations World Health Organization, Dr. Morris Sinclair, voiced support today for the suggestion of Health Minister Victor Shemtov that Israel and the Arab states exchange information on the disease. He warned, however, of the political difficulties in the way of such an exchange.

Separate Fund Raising Campaigns Abroad Out For Institutions Of Higher Learning

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26 (JTA)--In view of the "immense" amount of money to be raised in the coming year by the United Jewish Appeal in the United States and by the Keren Hayesod in 54 other countries, Israeli institutions of higher learning will be asked not to conduct their own fund raising campaigns abroad, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said yesterday. Speaking to the Planning Committee for the reconstitution of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Sapir said that small drives would harm the General Emergency Campaign, and added, the institutions affected by the ban should be compensated by the campaign. Mr. Sapir said the UJA and Keren Hayesod would attempt to raise a record \$600 million in the next year while the Israel Bond Organization would attempt to raise \$400 million in addition to the \$100 million they are seeking to raise in the last four months of this year. Earlier, the Planning Committee elected an implementation committee which included Louis Pincus, chairman, Zionist Executive, Israel; Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman, Keren Hayesod - United Jewish Appeal, Israel; Edward Ginsberg, general chairman, UJA and Board of Directors member of United Israel Appeal, U.S.; and Max M. Fisher, President, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, U.S.

Telephoned Hate Messages Against Jews, Blacks, Spewed By Neo-Nazi Group

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 26 (JTA)--A strident, hysterical voice oozes messages of hate against Jews and blacks 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The voice, identified as belonging to one Charles Voros, is transmitted on public telephones by a special recorded announcement from the "National Socialist Bookstore" in this city's West Side. The messages, changed weekly, deal with the drug scene, housing problems and social ills which are attributed to Jews and blacks. The disembodied recording tells the listener to "compare our conditions to National Socialist Germany" to learn the answer to the ills plaguing American society. "The differences are eye-opening," the message recites in a monotone. "There were no dissenting, dissatisfied kids, no long-haired grown men, no drugs, no blatant sexual rampaging, no decadence. And no wonder: National Socialist Germany was free of the corruption of Marxist Jews." To shore up this contention, the message hits home with this venom: "Adolph Hitler put it another way. He said, 'Cut deeply into an abscess in our society, and crouching at the bottom you'll find a little Jew boy often blinded by the sudden light.'"

Dealing with public housing, the recording offered comments about "the kind of people who will be coming to take over our stable white neighborhoods." Referring to a rock festival in the area that had been cancelled but to which young people came despite the cancellation and allegedly took drugs and smoked marijuana, another recording offered an explanation of what happened there. "You will want to know how these things happen and who organizes them. You don't have to look far. It is almost a sure bet that in a day or two there will be another article about some Jew who lost a bundle when the festival was cancelled." The daily tape recordings, which have been spewing its venom for months and also provides the latest "line" according to the "National Socialist White Peoples Party." Discussions have been conducted with Ohio Bell Telephone officials about the legality of using telephone lines for hate propaganda. Officials have said they felt they could not take legal steps to halt the telephone service. It is estimated that hundreds of local residents dial the number daily - for various reasons including curiosity - and receive a full dose of ugly, semi-obscene poisonous comments.

Dr. Neshet Warns New Left Spreads Poison Against Israel; Condemns Radical Jewish Youth

STARLIGHT, Penna., Aug. 26 (JTA)--Dr. Aryeh Neshet, who fought in the anti-Nazi underground during World War II, and in the Israeli army during the Jewish state's war for independence, told 350 teen-age convention delegates at Camp B'nai B'rith there can be no peace in the world if the world permits the destruction of Israel. Russia's maneuvers in the Middle East, he said, recall Hitler's conquest of small countries that triggered a world war. Dr. Neshet, director of the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal, warned leaders of the Aleph Zadik Aleph and the B'nai B'rith Girls that "tens of thousands" of anti-Israel spokesmen, including Arabs and American adherents of the New Left, are spreading "poison" on the campus and in lecture halls. In addition, he cited television and newspaper opinion-makers who have been "disillusioned" with Israel ever since its victory over the Arabs in June, 1967. "For hundreds of years we were martyrs, scapegoats--losers. Humanitarians sympathize with us when we died by the millions. But when we decided to fight back and refused to die and made our oppressors die instead, we lost much of this 'humanitarian' sympathy, which now goes to our enemies."

The German-born social scientist sharply condemned the increasingly-vocal fringe of radical Jewish youth whose presumed "humanitarianism" leads them to side with the Arab cause. He recalled his own radical outlook as a socialist youth in Germany, when he was jailed for political activity, along with three non-Jewish friends. "Our hearts bled for the oppressed Chinese, the persecuted Cubans under dictator Batista, the enslaved Africans--for all the suffering people of the world. But when the Nazis came to power, my three humanitarian Marxist 'comrades' were wearing Hitler youth armbands. In those days, said Dr. Neshet, the Nazis justified their destruction of the Jews by linking them with the Communists, while today Communists try to justify destruction of Jewish life by depicting Zionism as a 'Nazi' philosophy. Concerning the current Middle East situation, Dr. Neshet said Israel's crisis may be greater than that preceding the war of 1967. Dr. Neshet was guest speaker at Camp B'nai B'rith, where youth leaders from all over North America as well as 22 delegates from Israel and others from England and Uruguay are holding a week of deliberations. The 47th international convention of Aleph Zadik Aleph and the 26th international convention of the B'nai B'rith Girls were concurrently in progress last weekend.

JWV Ladies Auxiliary Awards Mrs. Meir Its National Awards Plaque

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 26 (JTA)--The National Conference of the Ladies Auxiliary of Jewish War Veterans, which held its annual meeting here, decided to extend its National Award to Israel's Premier Golda Meir. The award was extended at the national banquet held last week-end by the National President, Mrs. Freida Alexander, to the Representative of Israel to the Southeastern Region of the United States, Consul General Moshe Gilboa, who accepted on Mrs. Golda Meir's behalf. The inscription on the plaque read, in part: "To the Honorable Golda Meir, Prime Minister of the State of Israel, woman of valor, courage, and wisdom." Mr. Gilboa, who was the main speaker at the Israel session of the JWV convention, emphasized that Israel has demonstrated its sincere desire to exhaust all chances offered by the recent U.S. peace proposal, despite the great risks it embodies for its security and the maintenance of the balance of power in the Middle East.

Mrs. Dawidowicz Named To Nation's First Chair On Holocaust Studies

NEW YORK, Aug. 26 (JTA)--Mrs. Lucy S. Dawidowicz, associate professor of history at Yeshiva University, has been named to the nation's first chair on Holocaust Studies, it was announced by University President Dr. Samuel Belkin. The chair, bearing the name of Paul and Leah Lewis, was established by a five-year, \$75,000 grant. As part of the program, courses relevant to the Holocaust will be taught by Prof. Dawidowicz, who has written extensively on the subject.