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Rogers-Gromyko Talks Seen Crucial To Future Of Cease-Fire, Jarring Talks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The upcoming talks of Secretary of State William P. Rogers with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad are regarded by diplomatic sources here as crucial to the future of the Suez Canal cease-fire and the stalled Jarring peace talks. Mr. Rogers will have his first meeting with Mr. Gromyko on Friday. Mr. Riad addresses the United Nations General Assembly Friday and is expected to meet with Secretary Rogers that day. The Secretary of State is expected to confront the Soviet and Egyptian diplomats with the issue of cease-fire violations in the Suez standstill zone. Informed Israeli sources here say the positions of the U.S. and Israel on this matter have never been closer. Both insist that the Russians and Egyptians must acknowledge that the violations exist, something they have publicly denied up to now. But the U.S. and Israeli positions are, admittedly, not identical. Israel has demanded restoration of the military status quo that existed before the truce went into effect on Aug. 7. The U.S. has spoken of "rectification" but has refused to define that term in the cease-fire context. According to Israeli sources, the differing concepts of "restoration" and "rectification" have so far been avoided in discussions between the U.S. and Israel. But they are considered likely to come up as a practical matter in the talk between Mr. Rogers and the Soviet and Egyptian ministers. The Russians are expected to ask bluntly what the U.S. and Israel would "settle for?"

Officially, Israel will settle for nothing less than complete withdrawal of all of the missiles it claims Egypt has introduced to the standstill zone after the truce went into effect. Some observers believe the U.S. might settle for a token withdrawal as evidence of good faith. The Israeli Embassy here has gone out of its way to deny a recent television news report that Israel was softening its attitude on a missile roll-back. The Embassy declared that Israel's position was unchanged. Informed Israeli sources here go to great lengths to emphasize that Jerusalem and Washington are in fundamental accord. They say there has been no pressure on Israel to return to the Jarring talks and that Secretary Rogers expressed to Foreign Minister Abba Eban at their meeting yesterday U.S. understanding of a sympathy with Israel's position on the cease-fire violations. Both Israel and the U.S. want the cease-fire to continue beyond its Nov. 5 deadline, the sources say. They note that Israel-U.S. solidarity has already weathered such crises as the Jordanian civil war and President Nasser's death. The Israelis acknowledge that the U.S. is anxious for the Jarring talks to resume and will not jeopardize prospects for their resumption. But the U.S. has accepted Israel's view that the Egyptians and Russians cannot have both the talks and the military advantages gained through their cease-fire violations.

The U.S. agrees with Israel that the violations are the main obstacles to the talks and must be removed. The Israelis contend that the U.S. is not overly concerned by the hiatus in the talks because they would have been suspended now in any event had they been in progress at the time of Nasser's death. Israelis are less concerned by the verbal offensive coming out of Cairo since Nasser died than with the anticipated Arab political offensive in the UN. The Israelis recognize that the post-Nasser leadership in Egypt must affirm its loyalty and adherence to Nasser doctrines for internal reasons. Arab rhetoric in Cairo or in the General Assembly is not overly disturbing as long as the Arabs do not seek to alter the Security Council's Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967. Israeli sources expect an attempt by Egypt to amend the resolution or draft a collateral one in which Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories will be stressed. Israel believes the U.S. would veto such a resolution in the Security Council or persuade its friends to oppose it if it came up in the General Assembly. According to the Israeli view, the U.S. will not tolerate any tampering with resolution 242 because it is the basis of the American peace initiative in the Mideast. The Israelis also believe that the Russians place too much value on resolution 242 which is acceptable both to themselves and to the U.S., to allow it to be drastically altered.

Israel Conferring With U.S., Other Governments To Forestall Mideast Debate In UN

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Israel is urgently trying to forestall a Middle East debate at the United Nations General Assembly on grounds that it would be unproductive and destroy chances of finding a peaceful solution. The Israeli government has been in close contact with the United States State Department and with other Western governments on this matter, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned reliably today. The Egyptian government has indicated its intention of seeking a new UN resolution on the Mideast that would castigate Israel and embarrass the U.S. Israeli sources say the Arabs once again are trying to use the UN as the rostrum for unbridled attacks on Israel. Israel believes that the Security Council's Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967 offers sufficient scope for a peace agreement. Arab intentions seem to be to draft a collateral resolution with the main emphasis on Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

Arab UN Delegations Mapping Strategy For Anti-Israel Barrage In General Assembly

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 14 (JTA)--Frustrated in his Middle East peace mission, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring was expected to return here tonight from Moscow for "as long as it is necessary and useful," a United Nations spokesman said today. Meanwhile, Arab delegations were preparing a verbal anti-Israel onslaught for Oct. 26 or 27 in the General Assembly's plenary session, to which, according to sources, Israel will reply. Sources said there was disagreement among the Arabs over the scope of their attack. Egypt was believed to favor limiting the attack to the question of Israeli withdrawal from

occupied Arab territories under the terms of Security Council Resolution 242. Other Arab states were said to favor the inclusion of criticism of Israel's position on the Palestinian refugee problem. The Israeli Consulate said today that Premier Golda Meir will address the Assembly the morning of Oct. 21 and will attend President Nixon's UN Day dinner for heads of state in Washington the evening of Oct. 24. Although formal Mideast negotiations have been halted because of Israel's back-out pending rectification of Egypt's standstill violations, Dr. Jarring will be available to any parties who wish to see him. Specific appointments, however, will not be announced. A United States spokesman declined to say whether Secretary of State William P. Rogers will call on Dr. Jarring during the 10-day UN commemorative session, which opened today.

But Mr. Rogers, who arrives here tomorrow afternoon, has scheduled a meeting for late Friday afternoon with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad. The UN spokesman said it was possible that a Security Council meeting on the Foreign Minister level will be held Oct. 21. If it is, it will probably be a closed session. The American spokesman emphasized that the U.S., which caused the suspension of the Big Four deputies' talks by withdrawing from them charging lack of progress, has no intention of seeking a suspension of the ambassadors' talks as well. "Quite the contrary," he said. The UN spokesman said that the four draft resolutions and two proposed amendments on the strengthening of international security were under consideration by the officers of the First (Political and Security) Committee, following the conclusion of two weeks of debate. One of the draft resolutions is a pro-"liberation movement" document submitted by the Soviet Union and seven other socialist countries. The U.S. was urged today by Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn of Boston, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, to support the admission of Communist China to the UN. The Reform leader called on President Nixon and Secretary Rogers to end America's "game of pretense" over the issue. "We can never seriously progress on the road toward world peace by denying the existence of the Chinese People's Republic," he declared, reiterating a long-held position of the CCAR.

Report U.S. Supplying Israel With Weapons To Compensate For Missiles Build-Up

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Nixon administration sources have let it be known that the United States is supplying weapons to Israel, including aircraft, to compensate for the strengthening of Egypt's Soviet-missile system in the Suez Canal cease-fire zone. The disclosure was made on Monday to a group of news executives by administration officials at a background briefing in Hartford, Conn. A transcript was released here yesterday. It was the first official confirmation of long standing reports that the U.S. has been shipping arms and other military equipment to Israel since it confirmed Israel's charges that the Egyptians were introducing new missiles into the cease-fire zone despite the standstill truce that went into effect Aug. 7. Release of the transcript was regarded as a deliberate move in the current diplomatic jousting with Moscow over the alleged truce violations. According to the disclosures, Israel is receiving more U.S. aircraft, air-to-ground missiles, electronic jamming devices and other weapons. The administration officials said they were intended to restore the pre-cessate-fire balance of strength in the canal zone.

Body Of Young Man Returned To Israel; Was On Mission To Save Jews In Moslem Country

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Henry Malka was brought "home" today to be buried in the Negev township of Dimona, east of Beersheba. The township turned out to pay a last homage to a youngster it never knew but whom it regarded as a local hero. Malka, born in a Moslem country that still cannot be identified because of security reasons, was sent back to his place of birth at the age of 21 with the mission of saving that country's Jews. He was killed there. The exact nature of his mission remains a secret. Several years ago his body was smuggled to France where it was buried. It is not known why his body was not returned to Israel at that time. Until recently his parents were unaware of his whereabouts or his death. His body was returned to Haifa last night and he was buried in Dimona today. His parents will receive a special grant and a scroll bearing his name will be donated to the Dimona Synagogue.

Golan Heights Settlement Under Attack For First Time In Two Weeks

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 (JTA)--For the first time in two weeks the settlement of Nahal Golan on the Golan Heights came under bazooka attack last night. There were no casualties. The bazookas were fired by a terrorist unit that penetrated Israeli lines. Terrorist units are gradually resuming their attacks on Israeli settlements now that the crisis in Jordan has ended.

Mrs. Meir Receives Honorary Degree From Hebrew Union College

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir accepted an honorary degree here yesterday from Hebrew Union College, the seminary of Reform Judaism, and told an appreciative audience in the college chapel that she was "confident there will be no government crisis about it." Mrs. Meir was referring indirectly to the bitter opposition toward the Reform movement by the Orthodox National Religious Party, a member of her coalition government. The Orthodox establishment in Israel refuses to recognize Reform rabbis and has tried to block their efforts to set up Reform congregations in Israel. Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the American-based HUC which recently opened its seminary in Israel, addressed himself to that problem as he conferred an honorary doctorate of humane letters on the 73-year-old Israeli Premier. Dr. Glueck said, "We shall labor quietly but determinedly for complete freedom of religious practice here in Israel in all the phases of life and are confident that such freedom will eventually be established here for all Jews to exercise their religious feelings in accordance with their own traditions and judgement." Mrs. Meir's acceptance of the degree was seen as an enhancement of HUC's status in Israel in the face of the local rabbinate's refusal to recognize it. "I am just daring enough to presume to say in the name of the whole government that we are happy you are here," she declared as the audience burst into applause.

World Bank Approves \$20 Million Loan For Agricultural Program In Israel

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The World Bank announced today that it has approved a \$20 million loan in support of an agricultural credit program in Israel. The loan is intended to increase the production and export of high-value crops such as flowers, sub-tropical fruits and off-season vegetables. The lending program, to be assisted by the loan, will be carried out by three banks engaged in agricultural credit: The Israel Bank of Agriculture, Ltd. (IBA); the Yaad Agricultural Development Bank, Ltd. and Nir, Ltd. The loan will be guaranteed by the State of Israel. It will be for a term of seventeen years, including a four year grace period, with interest at 7 1/4 percent. IBA will relend part of the proceeds to its own customers and the remainder to Yaad and Nir for relending to their customers. Loans to ultimate borrowers will be for terms of ten to fifteen years, including grace periods ranging from two to seven years with interest at nine percent.

The loans will be mainly to cooperative farm enterprises, including kibbutzim which are based on communal ownership, production and consumption, and to moshavim, each consisting of 50 to 150 individual farms. The export crops to be grown include roses, carnations and gladioli; subtropical fruit, avocados, mangoes, tangerines and grapefruit and such off-season vegetables as lettuce, carrots and artichokes. At full development in the ninth year, the annual value of the exports is expected to reach \$17 million. The total cost of the program is estimated at \$50 million. The \$20 million bank loan will cover 40 percent of the total corresponding to the foreign exchange component of the credit program. The World Bank said in its announcement that farming in Israel has undergone great changes in the past 20 years during which new crops have been introduced and technological advances have resulted in increased yields.

General Assembly Urged To Put Teeth Into Anti-Hijacking Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 14 (JTA)--The General Assembly's Sixth (Legal) Committee launched today a discussion of "Aerial Hijacking or Interference With Civil Air Travel," heard two speakers and adjourned until an unspecified date. Carlos P. Romulo, Foreign Minister of the Philippines, said that last year's Assembly resolution on hijacking which granted nations legal measures to combat that crime, had "thus far failed to achieve its meritorious aims," with the incidence of hijacking greater now than then. Gen. Romulo referred to a report by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) indicating that from Jan. 1, 1969, to last July 1, there were 18 incidents of skyjacking and 14 incidents of airline sabotage and armed attacks involving 7,000 passengers and the aircraft of 87 countries. Such incidents have risen sharply since July 1, he noted, recommending that the Assembly deal with the problem "in much the same way as it has expressed itself on flagrant violations of human rights."

It was the Philippines, her Foreign Minister emphasized, that had placed the hijacking item on the committee's agenda. Gen. Romulo, a former Assembly president and former ambassador to the United States, said the item had been inscribed "primarily for humanitarian reasons, without any political or ideological motivation." Robert Fack, the representative of the Netherlands, also called for a strengthening of last year's resolution to halt the rise in "forceful diversion" of aircraft. "With the experience of recent months in the forefront of our memories," Mr. Fack said in apparent reference to the hijackings by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, "we must also take into account the fact that large numbers of innocent persons...may become involved." The speaker called on the Assembly to "speak out" on the "grave" matter by voting "additional elements" to strengthen last year's resolution. He described those elements as "rapid, strong and effective" national and international measures to deter acts of air piracy and sabotage.

Two Algerians, Detained By Israel, Freed; No Official Comment On Release

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Two Algerian nationals detained by Israel since Aug. 14 were freed today and returned home by air via London and Libya. There was no official comment on the release of Maj. Khatib Jaloul and Ali Bel Aziz, both high ranking officials of the government in Algiers. It was not clear whether their release constituted "ransom" for Israelis held hostage or prisoner by any Arab state. (According to a report from London today the Algerians held a press conference at the airport in Tripoli, Libya. Maj. Jaloul confirmed that he was a private advisor to the President of Algeria. Israeli sources had identified him as the head of Algeria's secret police. Mr. Bel Aziz, who also holds a government post, denied that he was a member of the Algerian intelligence service.) Israel took the two men into custody at Lydda Airport when their BOAC airliner landed in transit Aug. 14. Israeli authorities said they were being held for interrogation as nationals of a nation that has proclaimed itself at war with Israel. Sources here said that Israel might have freed the men sooner. But the mass airliner hijackings of Sept. 6 which delivered some 300 hostages into the hands of Arab terrorists in Jordan delayed their release. Israel refused to make any deal with the terrorists who reportedly made the release of the Algerians one of their conditions for freeing the hijacked passengers. It was expected at the time when they were first detained that they would be released quickly. Foreign Minister Abba Eban stated that it would be politically disadvantageous to hold them. But public pressure mounted against freeing the pair in view of the fact that Algeria had held passengers and crew of a hijacked El Al airliner captive for 39 days two years ago.

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Egypt Officially Calls For General Assembly Debate On Mideast

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 14 (JTA)--Mohammed H. el-Zayyat, Egypt's ambassador to the United Nations, met today with General Assembly President Edvard Hambro and asked that a full-scale debate on the Middle East be initiated as soon as possible after the 10-day UN commemorative session ends. The debate is scheduled to begin Oct. 26. A spokesman for the Israeli Mission to the UN stated: "The Egyptian request adds another obstacle to the establishment of the peace settlement in the Middle East and to the resumption of the peace talks under the auspices of Ambassador (Gunnar V.) Jarring."

City Closes Streets To Vehicular Traffic In Deference To Religious Observants

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--In a move unprecedented in this city and perhaps in the country as well, the municipal administration has agreed to deflect vehicular traffic from two neighborhoods in deference to the wishes of religious observants. Mayor John V. Lindsay announced yesterday that automobiles and trucks will be barred from the hearts of the Borough Park and Williamsburg sections of Brooklyn--both largely populated by Orthodox Jews--on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. as of this Saturday. The ban will be effective "for an indefinite period," the Mayor said, but it was understood it was likely the project would run experimentally for six to eight weeks, with the ban to be reinstituted next spring if the experiment is successful. The ban was the culmination of a series of conferences between City Hall officials and Jewish leaders of the two communities. The latter had three main objectives: To obtain for the Orthodox Jews the same right to walk freely in their neighborhoods at least one day a week as the residents in other areas where the city has been banning vehicular traffic at certain times and transforming the streets into pedestrian malls; to gain increased protection for the Jews, several of whom have been injured by cars; and to seek a reduction in the two areas' pollution level through the barring of motor vehicles.

A City Hall spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the plan was evolved primarily "in deference to the Orthodox Jewish beliefs" of the residents of the area, who walk in large numbers to and from synagogue every Saturday. The spokesman said the pollution factor was also "a major consideration." He called the project "an interesting experimental concept," and said the city would monitor the reactions of pedestrians. Rabbi Bernard Weinberger of the Williamsburg YMHA-YWHA, a leader in the drive for the car ban, told the JTA he thought the project "is going to work out magnificently." He said that the success of the Borough Park-Williamsburg experiment would give impetus to similar projects in Crown Heights, Brooklyn and Washington Heights, Manhattan, both largely Jewish sections, and in several Jewish sections of Queens. The Borough Park section designated for the traffic ban is 14th Avenue from 43rd to 58th Streets. The 14th Avenue bus will not be affected. In Williamsburg, traffic will be banned on Lee Avenue from Roebling to Heywood Streets, a span of half a mile. The bus on the southeast side of Lee Avenue will be rerouted to the next block over that length. The City Hall spokesman said the inconvenience to rerouted cars and trucks would be negligible.

Soviet Jews, In Letters To Nixon, ZOA, Appeal For Help To Emigrate To Israel

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (JTA)--A letter from six Soviet Jews appealing to President Nixon for help to emigrate to Israel was forwarded yesterday to the White House by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. In a covering letter, Seymour Graubard, national ADL chairman, said the six wrote "with the fervent hope that you would respond" and asked the President for "public recognition of their plight." According to Mr. Graubard the appeal was the first from Soviet Jews directed to President Nixon. He said it was brought out of Russia by an American tourist. The Zionist Organization of America released a letter today from seven Jews in Moscow stating that they were "fighting for the right to emigrate to Israel" and were "being detained by force on the territory of the USSR by the Soviet authorities." That letter, according to the ZOA, was addressed to the organization's executive director, Leon Ilutovich. Like the ADL letter, it was reportedly smuggled out of Russia by a tourist. The letter to President Nixon, written in English, Russian and Hebrew, described the signers' vain efforts to emigrate from Russia and declared, "In the name of decency, in the name of freedom, in the name of the One on whom you and many of us trust, we are asking for help." Both letters gave the full names and street addresses of the signatories. The letter from the ZOA was written in Russian and contained New Year greetings "to our brethren and friends in the United States of America and in the entire world."

Campaign Launched To Establish Jewish Studies Department At State University

BUFFALO, Oct. 14 (JTA)--Jewish students at the State University of Buffalo and the Buffalo Jewish community have joined forces in a campaign to establish a Department of Jewish Studies at the University. The University now conducts a Modern Hebrew Language program and has instituted a special Jewish History course for the 1970 Fall semester. The students believe the time is ripe, with several thousand Jewish students enrolled at the Buffalo center, for the establishment of such a program. Claiming that their cause had not received sufficient priority and consideration on the part of University authorities because of their reluctance to utilize violence and disorder to achieve their goal, the Jewish students have called upon all students and professors and members of the general community to help them overcome the "apathy" of University officials. The Buffalo Jewish community had for 10 years unsuccessfully sought the establishment of a curriculum of Jewish studies at the University.

Last year, the University agreed to establish a Modern Hebrew Language program, to be funded by members of the Jewish community, on a two-year trial basis. If the program attracted a sufficient number of students, the University agreed to assume the cost of the program. The program's success led the university to add a special course in Jewish History for the 1970 Fall semester. In their campaign to establish a Department of Jewish Studies, the Jewish students met with University executive vice president Dr. Albert Somet and won promises that the University would sponsor the Hebrew Language program and would continue the Jewish History course in the Spring 1971 semester. The students also were assured that all petitions and other materials presented to the University would be considered and replied to. The students are seeking support of the academic and general community through advertisements and petitions.

Golan Heights Settlers Preparing To Move Into Permanent Housing

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 (JTA)--The settlers at six new Israeli settlements in the Golan Heights will move into permanent housing shortly it has been reported by Dr. Raanan Welz, head of the Jewish Agency's settlement department. The new housing will give the locations the status of permanent settlements, Dr. Welz said.