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## Britain's UN Envoy Defends Resolution 242; Opposes Measures To Alter It

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 2 (JTA)--Britain's Ambassador to the United Nations today strongly defended the Security Council's Mideast Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967 and declared that his government could not support any measures by the General Assembly to "amplify, modify or alter" it. Sir Colin Crowe, addressing the General Assembly in the course of its continuing debate on the Mideast, defined Britain's position on an Arab-Israeli settlement in terms virtually identical with those used by Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home in a speech to Conservative Party leaders in Yorkshire Saturday. Sir Alec's speech drew reactions of "shock" and "disappointment" from Israel and pro-Israel circles in Britain and elsewhere. But Sir Colin emphasized in his presentation today that there was nothing new in Britain's position and that all of the points made derived from Resolution 242 and other Mideast resolutions adopted by the UN since 1967 and were in fact reiterated by Britain's representatives at the Four Power Mideast talks. Sir Colin spoke as the General Assembly had before it two draft resolutions aimed at the resumption of the Arab-Israeli indirect peace talks under the auspices of UN mediator Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring. A draft sponsored by 19 African and Asian countries plus Yugoslavia, also reaffirmed that territories occupied by force must be restored and that the rights of Palestinian Arabs were a pre-requisite to a just and lasting peace.

A United States sponsored resolution, introduced last Thursday, urged all concerned to create "the conditions necessary to establish the confidence in which the parties could resume discussions promptly" through Dr. Jarring and calls for implementation of Resolution 242 in all of its parts. The American resolution was the only one of the two that contained a reference, albeit an oblique one, to Egyptian violations of the Suez cease-fire. It also called for a three month extension of the cease-fire which expires at midnight, Thursday, Nov. 5. The Afro-Asian draft does not mention an extension of the cease-fire. Sir Colin, referring to both drafts, said it was understood that the Afro-Asian sponsors may be prepared to include a paragraph calling for a temporary extension of the cease-fire. He said that everyone has agreed that there were two elements to Resolution 242 of equal importance "and one cannot be taken without the other." He said these were commitments to peace on one hand and withdrawal and boundaries on the other. The commitment to peace, he said, required the parties not only to terminate all states and claims of belligerency but to recognize the sovereignty, territorial integrity, inviolability and political independence of their neighbors without resorting to threats or use of force and to restrain hostile acts originating on their territory.

### Sir Colin Calls Essentially For Israel's Return To Pre-1967 Boundaries

Sir Colin's elucidation of the boundary question was identical with that of Sir Alec Douglas-Home. He called essentially for Israel's return to its pre-June, 1967 borders with only minor alterations of the old frontiers with Jordan which, he pointed out, were not internationally recognized boundaries but armistice lines. It was Sir Alec's view on the boundaries question and his assertion that the status of Jerusalem is still a matter for agreement that aroused Israel's ire and the same reaction was expected to Sir Colin's statement today. But the British UN Ambassador went further to mention in detail two other points which the Israelis had criticized Sir Alec for omitting. These were freedom of navigation for all shipping through the Suez Canal, Straits of Tiran and Gulf of Aqaba and the establishment of demilitarized zones in the territories evacuated by Israel.

Speaking of Resolution 242, Sir Colin said, "We have serious doubts about whether it is proper for the Assembly to attempt in any way to alter a resolution of the Security Council...But more important than our doubts about the legal position is the firm conviction that it is unwise for the Assembly to attempt to alter Resolution 242... (which) still commands the support of the great majority of the members of the United Nations. We believe it should therefore hang on to this resolution and attempt to build on it." (Foreign Office officials in London claimed today that there were no grounds for the bitter reaction in Israel to Sir Alec's statement on Mideast policy. They insisted that the statement was not pro-Arab and was not inspired by the talks last week between Sir Alec and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko as some Israeli circles charged. A Foreign Office spokesman said Sir Alec was reiterating British policy which had been stated on many previous occasions. It was merely thought opportune to re-state the British position while the General Assembly is discussing the Middle East, the spokesman said.)

### British Minister Fails To Convince Israelis Sir Alec's Views Not Bad

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA)--A visiting British Minister tried to no avail today to reassure angered Israeli officials that Sir Alec Douglas-Home's statement of Britain's Mideast policy at a Conservative Party meeting Saturday was not as bad as they thought it was. Joseph Godber, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs said that whoever read Sir Alec's statement carefully "would find that it is not so negative in its character" and was not a deviation from Britain's support of the Security Council's Resolution 242. Mr. Godber arrived here for a four-day visit to attend the annual Balfour Day dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association and to meet with Israeli government leaders. But he found his hosts in a bitter mood. Sir Alec's speech was denounced as "unrealistic" and "an inaccurate interpretation which does not follow from the resolution itself." A Foreign Ministry spokesman rejected a claim broadcast by BBC this morning that Israel had "over-reacted" to Sir Alec's speech. They admitted however, that the speech contained nothing new.

## Israelis Score Afro-Asian Resolution As One-Sided, Roadblock To Jarring Talks

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Political circles here denounced the Afro-Asian draft resolution now before the UN General Assembly as a one-sided document the adoption of which would remove the basis on which the Jarring peace talks can be resumed and conducted. They said the resolution, sponsored by 19 Asian and African states and Yugoslavia consisted largely of parts of the Security Council's Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967 lifted out of context to favor the Arab interpretation. According to these circles, the main task before Israel's UN delegation is the defeat of that resolution. They claim, on the basis of information from New York, that over a third of the member states have been lined up, though it is not certain whether all of them will vote against the resolution or merely abstain. If all cast negative ballots, the draft is sure to be defeated, the Israelis said.

## Total Arms Imports Will Be \$1 Billion In 1971; U.S. Deliveries Satisfactory

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Israel's total arms imports totalling \$800 million this year, will rise to \$1 billion next year, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said today. For the sake of comparison, Mr. Sapir noted that in 1966 and 1961 the arms import figures were \$160 million and \$11 million respectively. He explained that the expenditure of \$1 billion next year would depend on the approval of all Israeli arms requests from the United States. Well-informed sources said in this connection that there was every chance that those requests would be met, judging by the rate and volume of the current arms deliveries from the U.S. In this respect Israel has no complaints.

## Probe Extended Into Near Mid-Air Collisions Over Lydda Airport

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2 (JTA)--A series of narrowly avoided mid-air collisions over Lydda Airport--the most recent involving an El Al transport carrying Premier Golda Meir to the United States--has led to a full scale investigation of allegedly serious safety shortcomings at Israel's only international air terminal. Minister of Transport Shimon Peres appointed a committee of aviation experts to investigate the incident two weeks ago when Mrs. Meir's plane and its escort of Four Phantom jet fighters, almost collided with an Israeli transport plane shortly after taking off from Lydda. The incident was disclosed a week after it occurred, leading to charges by the Israeli Airline Pilots Association that the Ministry was trying to hush up the affair. According to the newspaper Maariv, there have been 58 complaints of near accidents in local airspace since the beginning of 1970.

Israeli air investigators said the number would have been higher if the pilots had reported all cases, Maariv reported. Of the 58 complaints, 46 involved near collisions between civilian airliners and military planes and 12 were between Israeli and foreign civilian airliners, the paper said. The most serious occurrence was last July 8 when an El Al Boeing 707 jet nearly collided with a BOAC VC-10. The El Al captain complained that only at the last minute did the Lydda control tower instruct the British jet to change course. Pilots blame the situation on the fact that Lydda has only one international landing strip. They also cited a shortage of navigation equipment in the Lydda control tower, poor discipline of the personnel and the need for stricter procedures to be followed by the control tower and planes. Mr. Peres has since announced that his ministry will spend \$8 million in the next few years on sophisticated electronic equipment and navigational aids at Lydda.

## Chomsky, Jewish New Left Leader, Endorses Secular State To Replace Israel

EVANSTON, Ill., Nov. 2 (JTA)--A Middle East settlement that would replace Israel with a secular state in which Israelis and Palestinians would share in a federal government, was endorsed here last night by Dr. Noam Chomsky, a leader of the New Left and professor of linguistics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Chomsky, who is Jewish and describes himself as a non-Zionist Socialist, was the featured speaker at the third annual convention of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates held at Northwestern University. The Mideast solution he favors is similar to that proposed by El Fatah, the Palestinian guerrilla organization and far more extreme than the kind of settlement the Arab states, such as Egypt and Jordan, profess to favor. It would include the entire area of what is now Israel plus the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank. The plan drew the unanimous support of the 500 delegates--mostly Arab-Americans and Arab nationals resident in this country--although there were sharp differences of opinion over the methods to be employed in establishing a bi-national state. Some speakers were less vociferous than others in their criticism of Israel and U.S. support of Israel.

Dr. Chomsky said it was clear that the Palestinian groups could not create their state by military force. If they persisted, he said, they would destroy themselves or cause a nuclear war on the Middle East. He said that Israel, on the other hand, had attempted through force of arms to destroy the commando movement, "but the more they win by force, the more they lose." He claimed that Israel has "brought the Russians further and further in, created an even higher degree of hostility toward themselves and kept the Arabs united against them." Dr. Chomsky said that "Israel can argue with reason that she cannot give up territory without guaranteed security. But there is no such thing as a meaningful security guarantee. And the more Israel must depend on her own armed strength, the more dependent she has become on outside support." Dr. Chomsky claimed that there were Israelis willing to consider a secular bi-national state to which the Palestinian refugees could return. "Certainly it would mean some abandonment of independence but this would be a small price compared with the loss Israel and the Palestinians are now suffering through their growing dependence on other groups, including the great powers," Dr. Chomsky said.

## Israel Scores Special Committee On Human Rights As Arab Propaganda Tool

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 2 (JTA)--The Israeli Mission declared today that its delegation would not participate in a consideration of the report of the UN Special Committee Investigating Human Rights in the occupied territories. The two-year-old committee, the mission said, has "since its inception...

merely served as a tool of Arab propaganda." It is composed of Somalia, Yugoslavia and Ceylon, all of which "have no diplomatic relations with Israel and have identified themselves with Arab hostility towards Israel," the mission continued, noting that "all uncommitted states that were approached refused to serve on the committee." The committee, the Israeli Mission asserted, "proceeded to organize a spectacle of hearing 'evidence' from witnesses most of whom were supplied by the Arab governments and organizations." The result, Israel said, "is a compilation of dated and already refuted Arab propaganda allegations and distortions." Emphasizing "the freedoms enjoyed by the inhabitants of these (occupied) areas to a degree unparalleled in most Arab states," plus what it called the United Nations' failure to investigate the "maltreatment" of "innocent Jews in certain Arab countries," the mission said it would not take part in a debate on the committee's report.

### Histadrut Campaign In U.S. To Be Merged With Emergency Campaign Of UJA

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2 (JTA)--The Histadrut campaign in the United States will be merged with the Emergency Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal in 1971. A decision to that effect was passed by the Histadrut Central Committee last night following explanations by the head of the Histadrut campaign, Yehoshua Levi. It was agreed that the Histadrut campaign organization and administration will place itself at the disposal of the UJA Emergency Campaign--just as in 1967 after the Six-Day War. Mr. Levi stressed that it is a merger and not the integration of the Histadrut campaign with the UJA. Moreover, it was agreed that the Histadrut projects benefiting from Histadrut campaigns--like vocational schools, and sickfund clinics--will continue to receive their shares from UJA income. A delegation of the Histadrut campaign leadership from the U.S. will be here next week to discuss with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and agency people the details of the temporary merger of the two campaigns.

### Mayors Of Nathanya, Leningrad Clash On Resolution Dealing With Arab Refugees

LE HAVRE, France, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Mayor Oved Ben Ami of Nathanya and the Mayor of Leningrad clashed here last night at a meeting of the executive committee of the International Federation of Twin Cities attended by delegates from 14 countries. Later the Israeli and a member of the Soviet delegation reached a compromise on the text of a resolution adopted by the Federation. Middle East politics were introduced to the proceedings by Leningrad's Mayor who urged the Federation to take a stand on the return of Palestinian refugees to their homes and against the occupation of territory belonging to other nations. Mayor Ben Ami protested that the meeting was intended to promote peace and brotherhood. He asked whether the Federation, which hopes for a united Berlin, was going to advocate a re-division of Jerusalem. The compromise resolution spoke about the need to ease the suffering of populations as a result of the wars in Vietnam and the Middle East. The reference to the Palestinian refugees was eliminated.

### B'nai B'rith Leader Praises Nixon For Forthright Response To Missile Crisis

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Herman Edelsberg, director of B'nai B'rith's International Council, asserted last night that when President Nixon "blew the whistle" on Egyptian missile violations in the Suez Canal zone, the Soviet Union was "jolted" because it had thought that the United States was "so committed to the continuation of Middle East peace talks during a national election that it would have to swallow the provocation." Addressing Jewish leaders at a conference sponsored by the BBIC and the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, Mr. Edelsberg praised President Nixon for his "forthright response" to the missile challenge. "Peace talks through Ambassador (Gunnar V.) Jarring can have no future," he stressed, "if the past remains tainted by flagrant bad faith. Rectification of the violations and restoration of 'conditions of confidence' as proposed by the United States are the precondition for meaningful negotiation." A total of 200 community and student leaders attended the one-day conference.

Mr. Edelsberg said Britain and France were being "unrealistic, if not cynical" in calling for the resumption of negotiations without regard to the Egyptian violations. The B'nai B'rith leader contended that "the Arab vendetta against Israel, while deep and strong, would not be an explosive obstacle to world peace if it were not deliberately fed by the Soviet Union." The USSR's "drive to dominate the Middle East" represents "a clear and present danger" to both Israeli and American interests in the area, he said. Dr. Daniel Jacobs, political science professor at Miami University of Ohio and an expert on international communism, told the gathering that Soviet Jews' attempts to gain emigration rights were likely to become more militant despite the probability of retaliation by the state in the form of "show trials" and increased repression. More and more non-Jewish Russians, including intellectuals and technocrats, are joining the Soviet Jews' cause, he said, adding: "The moral pressure of world public opinion, which has been influential in the past, must continue to prevent the situation of Soviet Jewry from deteriorating further."

### Health Ministry Says WHO Has Not Declared Israel To Be Cholera-Infected Area

JERUSALEM, Nov. 2 (JTA)--The Health Ministry denied today that the World Health Organization had declared Israel to be a cholera-infected area. The Ministry said that erroneous press reports to that effect stemmed from information sent to the WHO by Israel reporting a single case of cholera in the Bethlehem area. WHO, as a matter of routine, informed other member states, a Ministry spokesman said. The new cholera case, discovered last Thursday was the first in 15 days. A serious cholera outbreak which lasted from mid-August to mid-October was declared ended last month.

### Nazi Criminal Reported Unofficial Chief Political Adviser To Scheel

BONN, Nov. 2 (JTA)--A source close to Foreign Minister Walter Scheel has told the JTA that Nazi criminal Karl Friedrich Vialon continues unofficially as chief political adviser to Mr. Scheel, although he is not attached to any Ministry. Vialon was state secretary to Mr. Scheel when the latter was Minister for Economic Development in the Adenauer cabinet. During the war Vialon gave orders for the transfer of Jews from ghettos to concentration camps. He also signed documents for the seizure of Jewish property.

## Professor Predicts Majority Of Soviet Jews Would Leave If Gates Were Open

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 2 (JTA)--A political science professor said here last night that "given the reign of fear under which they live" a majority of Soviet Jews would leave Russia within a few years if the gates were open. Prof. John A. Armstrong, of the University of Wisconsin, who just returned from a trip to the USSR, addressed the first Boston Regional Conference of the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry, held at Harvard University. He described the plight of Soviet Jewry as a "vicious cycle." "Anti-Semitic policies lead to the Jewish alienation from the regime and emotional attachment to Israel. This attachment acts as a rationalization for further Soviet anti-Semitic policies," he told the 500 students and faculty members attending the conference. He said that Soviet propaganda ostensibly limited to attacks on "Zionism" and "Judaism," actually "caricature and demean Jews as an historic ethnic entity." Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that a very large portion of the close to three million Soviet Jews no longer feel they have an even minimally secure future in the Soviet Union, Prof. Armstrong said. Another speaker, Prof. Richard Pipes, director of the Russian Research Center at Harvard, traced the rise of Soviet anti-Semitism to the "burgeoning nationalisms" in the Soviet Union which are directed against various minorities. He said "there is no future for the Jews in Soviet Russia" and called their present situation "dangerous."

## Yevtushenko Writes To Denver Resident Praising Opening There Of Babi Yar Park

DENVER, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Yevgeny Yevtushenko, the Soviet poet whose "Babi Yar" commemorates the Jewish victims of the Stalin regime, has written to a Denverite to praise the opening here of a Babi Yar Park. The 37-year-old poet, replying to the chairman of the park committee, who had advised him of the project, wrote in longhand: "My dear Mrs. Harry Hoffman: Thank you for your wonderful letter and for the photo of the Babi Yar Park. I hope to see your children playing in the shadow of the future trees--in the unforgettable shadow of the victims killed by the dirty hands of the leit (a corruption of the German word leute, meaning people). Come a time, without a crime!" The letter was authenticated by Dr. Maurice Friedberg, a Russian literature expert of the University of Indiana, who noted that the poet "has been lying low the past two years or so."

The letter, Dr. Friedberg said, "expresses gratification at the fact that at least in Denver, Colo., there will be a monument to these victims of Babi Yar, because there won't be any in the Soviet Union." The murder of thousands of Jews at the Babi Yar ravine in Kiev in 1941, when Mr. Yevtushenko was 8, instigated his controversial 1961 poem, in which he assailed anti-Semitism and took upon himself the sufferings of world Jewry, thus precipitating his persona non grata status in his native land. Mr. Yevtushenko has been reported ready to embark on another poetry-and-lecture tour of the United States. Mrs. Hoffman, who does not know Yevtushenko and wrote to him as chairman of Denver's Babi Yar Park Commission, said the Russian poet's letter arrived the same day that the first annual memorial service at the park was conducted on Oct. 6. Mrs. Hoffman said more than 200 persons attended services that day.

## Latvian Jews Subjected Almost Daily To Sneers, Anti-Semitic Expressions

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (JTA)--Jews in a major city in the Soviet Union, in which conditions are typical of the entire country, fear that they will suffer further repression in view of the constant anti-Semitic atmosphere there. This has been reported by the American Jewish Committee in a summary of the current status of Jews in Riga, the capital of the Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic. The report, prepared by the Paris office of the AJCommittee, indicates that the 30-35,000 Jews in Riga feel apprehensive over the recent arrests of several Jews in connection with an alleged plot last June to hijack a plane in Leningrad. They are also concerned about the frequent public sneers to which they are subjected and the almost constant anti-Semitic expressions and actions in everyday life. Typifying this atmosphere are the following illustrations cited in the report: "A geography course at the University of Riga. The subject is the lands of the Middle East. The professor turns to a Jewish student and asks, 'What do you think of the actions of your people?' Asks the student: 'Who are my people?' Response: 'The Israeli Aggressors.'" "A laboratory in the same city. A Jewish professional is scheduled, by virtue of knowledge and experience, to become the head of an important section he has virtually created. He is shunted aside and, it is made clear, only because he is Jewish. The post is given to an anti-Semitic colleague who creates new difficulties for him."

The report notes that the Jewish choir that once existed in the city has been forced out of existence by local officials and that Yiddish-language concerts are no longer given. The AJCommittee document indicates that "virtually all of the Jews of Riga now wish to leave for Israel. Only very few, however, are actually permitted to depart." The report adds that persons in sensitive positions who apply for emigration "are fired from their posts upon making application." In addition, the report states, "when the head of a family applies, moreover, this is immediately noted on his children's school record. Such notation cuts the youngsters off from any further, more advanced education." As far as Jewish identity is concerned, the report declares, "Riga Jewish youth have little or no Jewish education, or knowledge of things Jewish, but this generation has been driven by circumstances to be strongly Zionist."

## Ecumenical Association Embracing Major Faiths Established In Illinois

CHICAGO, Nov. 2 (JTA)--An ecumenical association of chaplains embracing the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths has been established for the State of Illinois according to an announcement by the Chicago Board of Rabbis, one of the founding sponsors and a participant in the association. The new organization, called the Illinois State Association of Chaplains, includes clergymen of the three faiths who perform pastoral duties at state institutions operated by the departments of mental health, child and family services and the department of correction. Rabbi Morris Fishman, chaplain at the Chicago-Read Mental Health Center, was elected president of the inter-faith association.