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De Facto Truce Extension Will Nullify Standstill Agreement

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Political circles here conceded today that if the Suez cease-fire is extended beyond its Thursday (Nov. 5) deadline by de facto agreement rather than a formal agreement, it would be pointless for Israel to complain any further about Egyptian violations of the standstill aspects of the truce. The circles noted that Egypt and Israel will no longer be bound by the truce provisions which forbade any alteration of the military position in the truce zone--provisions which Israel claims Egypt has violated repeatedly by the introduction of Soviet missiles into the standstill zone after the cease-fire went into effect last Aug. 7. If the cease-fire is extended by de facto agreement, Egypt will be legally free to move any number of missiles it chooses into the canal zone. Israeli complaints, while valid, would be meaningless, the circles pointed out, inasmuch as Israel has pledged that it will not be the first to start shooting. Israel will continue to consider itself bound by the cease-fire of June, 1967 that ended the Six-Day War. That agreement contained no standstill provisions. There has been no official comment so far on what Israel would do if Egypt continued its missile build-up in the canal zone but refrained from opening fire.

Israel In 11th-Hour Move To Stop Afro-Asian Draft; Latin American Draft Submitted

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 3 (JTA)--The third and final Middle East draft resolution was submitted to the General Assembly this morning as the Israeli delegation worked furiously behind the scenes to block it and the earlier Afro-Asian-Yugoslavian draft. The new draft, sponsored by 20 Latin American countries, voices "full support" for the full implementation of Security Council Resolution 242; endorses the Gunnar V. Jarring peace mission; calls for resumption of the Jarring talks "as soon as possible"; recommends an extension of the Mideast cease-fire "for at least three months," and asks Secretary General U Thant to report within two months on the progress of the Jarring talks. This draft is deficient, by Israeli standards, in that it makes no reference to Egyptian violations of the standstill provisions of the cease-fire agreement. Its sponsors are Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela. Israel's principal target, however, continues to be the Afro-Asian draft submitted last Thursday, largely because it emphasizes the occupation of Arab territories, wrongly interprets Dr. Jarring's mandate, does not condemn belligerency, and makes no reference to Egyptian missile violations.

An Israeli spokesman asserted today that his delegation was engaged in "an 11th-hour struggle to make absolutely sure that this worst and most damaging draft resolution is defeated." He noted that half of its sponsors do not even recognize the State of Israel. (Since the introduction of the Afro-Asian draft by 16 nations, it has picked up five more sponsors--Equatorial Guinea, Malaysia, Mongolia, the People's Republic of Congo and Sierra Leone. The Nigerian delegation proposed an amended text today, but the Israeli spokesman said the revisions did not alter the "pro-Arab" thrust of the measure.) In the Assembly plenary today, Jordanian Ambassador Muhammad H. el-Farra demanded that Israeli withdrawal begin with Jerusalem. Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in his reply, declared that territorial boundaries were subject to negotiation, and again assailed the "partisan" Afro-Asian draft as a major threat to the United States peace initiative and to the Jarring mission itself--even if Egypt were to "rectify" her missile violations. Israel is known to favor a delay on the voting, which could come by tomorrow. In any case, she is attempting not merely to dissuade other nations from backing the Afro-Asian measure but to get them to oppose it instead of abstaining.

U.S. Plan Acceptable With Reservations; Italy, Belgium Support Resolution 242

Israel is hoping that the three resolutions under consideration--the Afro-Asian, the American and the Latin American--will be decided by a two-thirds vote, and that Arab attempts to gain a majority-rule vote will be beaten back. By this afternoon Israel had not formally announced how she would vote on the U.S. and Latin measures, but it was believed she would accept the American plan despite reservations over what she terms its vagueness about the Egyptian violations. The U.S. draft recommends only that the parties "(take) into account the obstacles and difficulties which have arisen since the cease-fire standstill agreement went into effect." It is technically possible for more than one draft resolution to pass. Meanwhile, there was further Israeli opposition last night to the speeches in recent days by British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home and British UN Ambassador Sir Colin Crowe. An Israeli spokesman at the UN said that in view of Britain's assertion that a Mideast peace cannot be imposed by outside powers, "it is hard to understand why they think it is useful now to enter the negotiations themselves and thereby prejudice their outcome and set the prospect of peace some distance backwards." The spokesman added that "No Israeli government will accept the kind of role which Sir Alec Douglas-Home outlines, since he proposes, in effect, to restore the situation which brought about the explosion in 1967."

A British spokesman insisted today that the Douglas-Home and Crowe statements were "wholly consistent" with Resolution 242 and did not recommend an imposed settlement. (UN observers said the Afro-Asian draft was more acceptable to the United Kingdom with its amendments, but there was no word on how Britain would vote.) The U.S. is understood to consider the Afro-Asian draft as "one-sided" and "pro-Arab," with the Latin American draft more acceptable despite "some defects." U.S.

diplomats feel a one-third-plus-one bloc can be obtained to block the Afro-Asian measure. In the Assembly debate late yesterday afternoon, Ambassador Piero Vinci of Italy called for "full implementation" of Resolution 242 and reactivation of the Jarring mission "as soon as possible" to head off "potentially the most dangerous (situation) in the world." In support of Israel, Mr. Vinci urged the Assembly to avoid "any provision that could be interpreted by anyone as an interference in the functions exercised by the Security Council" and to avoid "upsetting the delicate balance of principles and provisions" of the Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution. Ambassador Edouard Longerstey of Belgium also urged the Assembly not to upset the "fragile compromise" of Resolution 242. Italy and Belgium thus joined the U.S. as Israel's strongest--if not only--supporters in the fight to protect Resolution 242 from "erosion."

Mrs. Meir In Britain: Will Seek Clarification Of British Mideast Policy

LONDON, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir of Israel arrived here from Canada last night without fanfare and under tight security arrangements. She will spend most of today and this evening in meetings with Anglo-Jewish leaders and Jewish leaders from the Continent who have come to Britain to see her. Tomorrow afternoon she has a working meeting with Prime Minister Edward Heath which will also be attended by Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home. Mrs. Meir is expected to ask for a clarification of British Mideast policy which was stated by Sir Alec in a speech at Harrogate Saturday that has been bitterly criticized by Israel. Essentially the same statement of policy was made to the United Nations General Assembly in New York yesterday by the British Ambassador, Sir Colin Crowe. Israeli spokesmen here claim that the British Foreign Secretary went beyond the spirit of the Security Council's Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967 and gave it a pro-Arab slant. Sir Colin Crowe's ardent defense yesterday of Resolution 242 in the General Assembly reportedly mollified Israeli feelings somewhat. He made it clear that Britain would not support any attempts by the Assembly to alter the resolution thereby upsetting its delicate balance.

Mrs. Meir's meetings with British leaders are expected to be cordial. Mr. Heath will give a luncheon in her honor Thursday which will be attended by Sir Alec and other senior officials and by Israeli Ambassador Michael Comay, Embassy Minister Eitan Ruppin and senior members of Mrs. Meir's entourage. Premier Meir will return to Israel Friday. Duncan Sandys, a Conservative MP and former Minister, said today that "any settlement in the Mideast must clearly afford Israel a reasonable prospect of future peace behind secure and recognized borders as stipulated by Resolution 242." The Times said editorially today that Israel has two legitimate grounds for criticizing Sir Alec's speech. First, it said nothing about Russian missiles which are "the real stumbling block to a settlement...The missile moves were bad precedent and Israel has a right to go on pointing to them," the Times said. Secondly, Sir Alec's reference to Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights "is clearly ridiculous." However, the Times went on "The Israelis weaken their case when they treat return to the 1967 frontiers as treason." Norman Fowler, a Conservative MP said today that he could understand Israeli sensitivity to any changes in Britain's Mideast policy which they claim to have detected in Sir Alec's speech. "Yet in the case of Sir Alec's speech, I believe they have over-reacted," he stated in an article published in the Evening News.

Allon Says Israel Need Have No Regrets For Accepting Cease-Fire Truce

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Acting Premier Yigal Allon said last night that Israel need have no regrets over its acceptance of the Suez cease-fire because it is militarily stronger now than it was three months ago when the truce went into effect. Mr. Allon, who addressed members of the Labor Alignment's Knesset faction, was apparently referring to the new supplies of arms Israel has received from the United States since the truce began to counter the Soviet missiles introduced by Egypt into the truce zone. The Acting Premier said that if he had a choice between the pre-cess fire situation without the missiles and the situation now, he is not sure which he would prefer. He added, however, that this did not imply acquiescence in the Egyptian cease-fire violations. But some observers, recalling recent statements by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan on the enhancement of Israel's military strength since the cease-fire, detected a possible move to soften Israeli opinion for an eventual compromise over the Egyptian violations. Mr. Allon said he thought the Egyptians would continue the cease-fire on a de facto basis beyond its Thursday (Nov. 5) expiration time because the new Egyptian regime was weak and needed some time to consolidate its position. He warned however that the Egyptians could not indefinitely continue the present situation of no war and no peace talks. Sooner or later they will have to take a step toward a decision, he said.

Two Civilians Injured By Land Mine; Israeli Soldier Injured By Hand Grenade

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Ignoring the warnings of members of the Tel Katzir Settlement, two Europeans entered an old mine field in southern Golan Heights yesterday and were injured when a mine exploded under their feet. Alberto Fernsohn of Holland and David Mendon of England, volunteer workers at a kibbutz in the Jordan Valley, were on a hitchhiking tour during a day off from the kibbutz when they decided to explore southern Golan Heights near Tawafiq which is above Tel Katzir. They disregarded the shouts of Tel Katzir settlers who advised them not to enter the uncleared area. Both men had to be hospitalized. An Israeli soldier was wounded by a hand grenade thrown at an Army patrol in the Jebaliya quarter of Gaza this morning. A search was launched for the assailant. Mortar shells fired from Lebanese territory hit Avivim settlement in Upper Galilee last night but caused no casualties or damage. At another point on the Lebanese border, Israelis returned cattle that had strayed across the border to Lebanese farmers.

Pontiff Tells Hambro Peace Talks Highly Desirable; Urges Truce Extension

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Pope Paul VI, who on Saturday called for a Middle East truce extension and a "positive outcome" of the General Assembly debate, has advised Assembly president Edvard I. Hambro that peace talks are "highly desirable." In a message released here today, the Pontiff noted the "delicate and complex" Mideast problem and again urged a truce extension.

Jewish Federation Calls JDL Irresponsible After JDL Invades Office

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA)--The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York declared last night that it will have nothing to do with the Jewish Defense League, "an irresponsible group that is openly attempting to damage Federation and to interfere with our efforts to support the vital services of our 130 member institutions." The statement was made by Sanford Solender, executive director, after 12 JDL members, headed by their leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane, invaded the Federation's Manhattan offices, seized the telephone switchboard and refused to permit the staff to leave. The JDL members left without incident after an hour when police arrived but threatened to return and to appear at the home and office of George H. Heyman Jr., Federation president and at the home of Mr. Solender. The JDL, in a mimeographed flyer, accused Federation leaders of propagating "assimilation" and "ignoring the two most serious Jewish problems today--Jewish education and Jewish defense." The JDL demanded an immediate allocation of \$6 million for Jewish education, primarily for Jewish day schools and \$200,000 for private "safety patrols in crime-ridden Jewish neighborhoods."

Mr. Solender noted that the Federation "is prepared to meet with any responsible group in the Jewish community to discuss the program, policy and philosophy of the organization" but not with a group that spreads "untruthful and distorted statements" and "pickets our fund-raising institutions." He said "The JDL insists that Federation allocate funds for a private defense force. We have recorded our opposition to any such vigilante movement. The protection of citizens and property is the responsibility of the city police force and we are in continuous communication with the police department about matters affecting the safety of Jewish neighborhoods." Mr. Solender pointed out that the Federation presently distributes more than \$1 million to the Board of Jewish Education for direct Jewish educational services and more than a half million dollars additionally to Federation agencies for cultural and educational programs. "As an organization of the Jewish community, with a responsibility to the entire Jewish community, we will not permit ourselves to be intimidated or our work jeopardized by the tactics of the Jewish Defense League," Mr. Solender said.

Left-Wing Rabbi Denounces USSR; Urges World Jewry To Support Soviet Jews

MONTREAL, Nov. 3 (JTA)--An American-born Canadian rabbi known for his left-wing views and his support of Hanoi in the Indo-China War, denounced the Soviet Union here as "a monolith afflicted with paranoia." Rabbi Abraham Feinberg, Rabbi Emeritus of Toronto's prestigious Holy Blossom Temple, addressed 500 Jewish youths and adults at a teach-in for the liberation of Soviet Jewry sponsored by the Montreal Jewish Youth Council. Rabbi Feinberg appealed to Jews everywhere to come out "in support of their Soviet brethren before the roots of their Jewish culture are erased forever." He urged them to use "every form of protest except violence." He warned the audience against those that use the Soviet Jewish problem for cold war purposes by representing Israel as a bulwark against Communism. "This is not anti-Communism that I support here but by own pro-Jewish feelings," Rabbi Feinberg declared. "I believe that Israel is the unlucky victim of a cold-blooded policy of Middle East penetration and I consider the fact that Israel must depend on arms supply from the United States and Richard Nixon as a moral tragedy of modern Jewish history, comparable with the Holocaust." Rabbi Feinberg was assailed by some members of the audience for his radical views. When pressed to state whether his Judaism or his radicalism came first, he replied sharply, "I am a radical because I am a Jew. I am not interested in any Left, old or new, when it has as its goal the extinction of the Jewish people."

Rabbi Feinberg, who is in his sixties and was once a professional singer, recently produced an album of radical songs. He is donating the proceeds to the war orphans and maimed children of North and South Vietnam. The indoor teach-in for Soviet Jewry replaced an outdoor rally that had to be cancelled owing to the Canadian government's institution of war measures to combat terrorism in Quebec. Another speaker at the teach-in, Erich Goldhagen, director of East European Jewish studies at Brandeis University, read excerpts from letters from Soviet Jews smuggled out of Russia. He said "the time for silence has passed, the time for noise and action has come. Everything we do in the Free World for Soviet Jewry is immediately heard in Russia through Kol Israel." Dennis Prager, a graduate student of the Russian and Middle East institutes at Columbia University, discussed his recent visit to the Soviet Union. "The Jews of dynamism and idealism are in the Soviet Union while the Jews of silence unfortunately are in America," Prager said. He predicted that if restrictions on emigration were lifted, one half of Russia's three million Jews would go to Israel.

Arabs At IATA Conference Defeated In Move To Impose Boycott Against Israel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3 (JTA)--An Arab attempt to impose a procedural boycott against Israel at the conference of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) which just ended in Teheran, failed by an overwhelming majority, El Al managing director Meyer Ben Ari reported today. Fifteen Arab airlines introduced a resolution which would have prevented Israel from being represented on the various IATA bodies. Mr. Ben Ari, who returned last night from Teheran, reported the move was decisively defeated. He praised IATA president Knut Hammarskjöld who denounced attacks on civil aviation and chided Arab companies that tried to draw a distinction between "good crimes and bad crimes."

Continuation Of El Al Slowdown Imperils Israel's Air Communications

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Some 450 El Al ground maintenance crew members continued their week-long work slowdown today despite an appeal from the airline management and pressure from Histadrut to end it. The El Al board of directors warned last night that if the slowdown is not ended immediately, Israel's air communications would be severely damaged and considerable harm would be caused to the workers themselves. The slowdown has forced El Al to curtail its flights out of Lydda Airport. Only four out of nine scheduled flights took off today. The slowdown has spread to electric power workers in Tel Aviv, Ashdod and Eilat who are also demanding wage hikes. Only 60 percent of normal power was provided causing some industrial plants to shut down and others to use their emergency diesel generators.

Jewish Leaders Express Sorrow At Death Of Cardinal Cushing

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA)--Jewish leaders expressed sorrow today over the death yesterday at the age of 75 of Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston since 1944 and a friend of Israel and the Jews. Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, said "Jewish people throughout the world will always remember with satisfaction Cardinal Cushing's efforts to achieve an honest and meaningful statement on the Roman Catholic Church and the Jews five years ago in Rome at the Second Vatican Council." Cardinal Cushing he said, "was at the forefront in this tremendously important endeavor" and "the positive results of Vatican Council II will be a lasting memorial to the Cardinal." World Jewry, Mr. Hoffman said, "has lost a friend and champion." Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said Jews the world over will always remember the dramatic plea Cardinal Cushing made on the floor of Vatican Council II five years ago in Rome. "His distinctive voice echoed through the chamber as he asked the Council to 'cry out' against 'any inequity, hatred or persecution of our Jewish brothers,'" Mr. Graubard stated. "He was a man of deep humanity who did indeed consider all men his brothers. The Anti-Defamation League was privileged to have worked with him in the search for better interreligious relations. His name will always evoke deep respect and profound admiration."

Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, declared that "Long before it became fashionable for Catholic prelates to participate in interreligious functions, Cardinal Cushing did so in the Boston area." The Archbishop "had many close, personal friends in the Jewish community," the CCAR leader continued, and "His concern for fairness and justice on behalf of the State of Israel always received his major priority." Rabbi Gittelsohn, spiritual leader of Temple Israel, Boston, concluded his tribute to Cardinal Cushing with: "Of him, as of great sages in our faith, do we repeat the words of tradition, 'The memory of a truly righteous person is a blessing.'"

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, stated that Cardinal Cushing's death "is an irreparable loss, not only for the Catholic community... but also for the entire religious community." The Cardinal, he said, was "a great spirit" because "he was what he enjoined others to be--compassionate and understanding." The UAHC official added that Cardinal Cushing "was a liberal in the truest sense of the word, practicing the principles of ecumenism long before the term became fashionable." Catholics' loss, the Jewish leader concluded, "is our loss as well." Cardinal Cushing, whose efforts at ecumenism extended to synagogue oratory, received a rare tribute when he implored Vatican Council II to reject the doctrine of Jewish guilt for the death of Jesus. The bishops, who normally do not applaud speakers, did so for him. The prelate wrote recently of Israel: "(It) is not just a homeland for the persecuted and the oppressed, it is not just a refuge for a people the world abused--it is for the Jews the fulfillment of prophecy, the return to the Promised Land, the realization of the divine covenant, the answer to the prayers of generations..."

Rabbi Urges Mitchell To Act Against Synagogues, Public Buildings Bombings

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Council of America called today on Attorney General John Mitchell to establish a special department to deal with bombings and other acts of violence against synagogues and churches. Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, president of the Council, which represents Orthodox rabbis in the United States and Canada, referred to the recent bombings of two Orthodox synagogues in Rochester, New York, and recent attacks on other synagogues, churches and public buildings. He said "It has become increasingly obvious that local and state police and security forces are unable to bring an end to these acts of violence. Only the organized strength of the Federal government can cope with them. We therefore call upon the Attorney General to immediately set into motion an investigation of all acts of violence and to take the necessary steps to protect our houses of worship." Rabbi Berzon said the recent bombings "are cutting into the very fabric of our society" and "society therefore must protect itself lest it be destroyed in the process." He observed that "we have too much experience with the famous bombings of Nazi Germany and other events not to be concerned with the very future of our country. It is obvious that whoever is planning these bombings desires to destroy us and to bring about a government of repression whether on the right or on the left."

44 Moscow, Kharkov Jews Plead For Fair Trial For Arrested Leningrad Jews

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (JTA)--A letter signed by 44 Jews in Moscow and Kharkov appealing to the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet to assure a fair trial for eight Leningrad Jews under arrest, was made public here today by Rabbi Steven Riskin of the Lincoln Square Synagogue. Rabbi Riskin smuggled a copy of the letter out of Russia on a recent visit there. The eight Jews in Leningrad are being held allegedly in connection with an abortive attempt to hijack a Soviet airliner at Leningrad airport last spring. However, it is widely believed they are being punished for their public expression of wishes to emigrate to Israel and that Soviet authorities are preparing a "show trial" to intimidate other Jews who have expressed similar desires. The 44 signatories of the letter to the Soviet leadership gave their home addresses and their occupations which ranged from engineers, mathematicians, and scientists to musicians, students and housewives. They referred to famous "show trials" of the past in Russia directed against Jews, from the Bellis trial in Czarist days which involved charges of ritual murder to the notorious doctors' plot of the Stalinist era. "Who will give us guarantees now that such trials will not be repeated?" they wrote. "Yes, precisely--guarantees. Because it cannot be said that we have no hope, that time has changed nothing and that in the last 20 years justice has not become more worthy of its name." The signers expressed fear "of the escalation of reprisals by the spread of trials--both a geographic spread and a spread in time. We are afraid of the possible diversity of accusations so as to distract Soviet and world public opinion." They warned that "Evil does not disappear...it merely changes its appearance and becomes more flexible, refined and sudden. When people are thrown into prisons because of their convictions, this is evil; concretely--in Syria Communists are now persecuted; this is evil," the letter said.