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Israel Seeking Ways To Develop Unified Position On Return To Peace Talks

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The political statement that Premier Golda Meir was to deliver to the Knesset this week was postponed today until next Monday in order to give the government more time to develop a unified position on the question of Israel's return to the Jarring talks. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that barring unforeseen events, Foreign Minister Abba Eban will not cut short his present visit to the United States to return home to participate in the cabinet debate. The spokesman said there was "no rush" about reaching a decision on the Jarring talks and added that the U.S. was not exerting any pressure on Israel and making no demands even though Washington is anxious for the talks to resume. He said the subject would be discussed very thoroughly in the cabinet and at lower levels though it was unlikely that a decision will emerge from next Sunday's regular cabinet session. In any event, the Knesset will not begin its debate until Mrs. Meir delivers her speech. Mr. Eban is expected home at the end of next week.

Whatever new position may emerge from the cabinet there was no concealing the fact that a rift has developed between Mrs. Meir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who reportedly advocates Israel's return to the stalled peace negotiations whether or not Egypt corrects its past truce violations. Remarks to that effect by Gen. Dayan in a speech to the Haifa Engineers Club Saturday reportedly embarrassed Mrs. Meir whose public stand has been that Israel will accept nothing less than complete withdrawal of Egypt's Soviet-made missiles from the cease-fire zone as a condition for its return to the Jarring talks. A statement was issued on Gen. Dayan's behalf yesterday claiming that his Haifa remarks were "misinterpreted." But 45 minutes later, the armed forces radio station, "Galei Zahal" broadcast the full text of the Defense Minister's speech including the passage in which he specifically called for Israel's return to the Jarring talks. Political circles here believe the government is edging toward a return to the Jarring talks. This view was supported by reports today that Foreign Minister Abba Eban is negotiating a new formula with the U.S. which would enable Israel to return to the talks without risking too much militarily and without losing face.

Mr. Eban is reportedly insisting on U.S. guarantees that would preclude any future deception on the part of Egypt. His discussions with American officials are said to revolve around the formulation of such conditions. In addition, Mrs. Meir wants a contractual obligation from the U.S. to continue to deliver arms to Israel. At present the arms are being supplied on a day-to-day basis. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon told a convention of immigrants from Morocco today that Israel seeks an ultimate solution of the Middle East problem through peace, not war, and that the Jarring talks offer a road to peace. He said the Arabs "cannot force us into a peace we do not want and we do not want to enforce the kind of peace the Arabs won't accept." "Hence our readiness to accept the American initiative in both of its parts--the cease-fire and the Jarring talks," Mr. Allon said. He added that Israel's withdrawal from the Jarring talks was not a pretext for their suspension but a response to Egypt's violations of the cease-fire. He said Israel could not go on with the talks as long as the violations remain uncorrected.

Sen. Jackson: Israel Would Be Unwise To Return To Talks Before Missile Roll-Back

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9 (JTA)--A United States Senator told Israelis today that it would be "unwise to return to the (Jarring) talks" before the Egyptians rolled back their Soviet missile batteries from the Suez cease-fire zone. Sen. Henry M. Jackson, Democrat of Washington, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, spoke to newsmen after landing at Lydda Airport from a special U.S. Airforce plane that brought him to Israel on what he described as a "private visit." Sen. Jackson declared that "if the Russians and Egyptians are in earnest about continuing the Jarring talks" they had better remove the missiles installed during the previous 90-day cease-fire. Stressing that he was expressing his private opinion, the Senator said a missile roll-back must be "a pre-condition for continuing the talks" because "you can't make a deal with the Russians by concessions." He said that continued deployment of missiles in the truce zone would aggravate the situation and observed that the U.S. had a "real reply" to the missiles "which would balance the situation." He did not specify what it was. Sen. Jackson is presumed to have been referring to increased U.S. military deliveries to Israel. He will be in Israel for five days during which he will meet with Premier Golda Meir and other Israeli political and military leaders. Sen. Jackson said this visit could be considered a private visit because he brought no official message with him.

Beigin To Lead Knesset Opposition To Return To Peace Talks; Wants Elections First

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--A bitter fight is shaping up in the Knesset should the government recommend Israel's return to the Jarring peace talks. It will be led by Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut wing of the Gahal faction, Israel's second largest political party. Addressing an audience of 200 at the Herut national convention here last night, Mr. Beigin demanded new elections before the government takes any position involving territorial concessions. He said it was inevitable that Israel would be forced to give up part of the occupied Arab territories if she returned to the Jarring talks. It was on that issue that Gahal walked out of Premier Meir's coalition government last July when the cabinet agreed to accept the American peace initiative including indirect talks with the Arabs under Dr. Jarring's auspices and a 90-day cease-fire. Since then Mr. Beigin and his colleagues have become more adamant. They regard the subsequent truce violations by Egypt as a vindication of their position and they apparently believe that their views are shared by a large segment if not a majority of the

Israeli public. Denouncing the Jarring talks as a "trap," Mr. Beigin claimed last night that the government has no mandate from the people to agree to territorial concessions.

The Herut leader charged that concessions were clearly implied by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan when he expressed support of the Jarring talks in a speech in Haifa last Saturday. Although that was denied in a statement issued on behalf of Gen. Dayan, Mr. Beigin insisted that the Defense Minister was trying to prepare Israeli opinion for concessions when he said "We have to take a plunge into some very cold water in order to reach a haven of peace." Mr. Beigin also objected to statements by Gen. Dayan, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and other government leaders that Israel is militarily stronger now than it was three months ago despite the Egyptian missile build-up in the Suez truce zone. He said such statements were an invitation to the United States to force Israel back into the Jarring talks on grounds that Israel is not really imperiled. According to Mr. Beigin the Arabs will agree to only one kind of settlement, the kind that will lead to the destruction of Israel. He charged that that would be the only outcome of the Jarring negotiations. In a message read to the convention, Premier Meir expressed hope that "our joint experience in the government will help create an atmosphere of national responsibility befitting a nation engaged in a struggle."

Rogers Encouraged By Talks With Eban, Riad; U.S. Still For Rectification

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (JTA)--There were no new proposals and no new developments at Secretary of State William P. Rogers' week-end meeting in New York with Israeli and Egyptian Foreign Ministers, but Mr. Rogers "was encouraged by the conversation," State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said today. Mr. Rogers' New York talks with Abba Eban and Mahmoud Riad were an "attempt to assess the situation" and to determine "Where do we go from here?" Mr. McCloskey said. Asked to forecast when the Jarring peace mission might be reactivated, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State replied: "No one can tell you when the talks will resume--no one." Mr. McCloskey was questioned on reports that the United States has given up on attempts to effect "rectification" of Egyptian missile violations in the Suez Canal standstill zone. "That would not be correct," he said of the reports. Pressed on why he had not mentioned "rectification" in a recent briefing devoted to the Middle East, which had led some newsmen to conclude the U.S. was downplaying an Egyptian missile rollback, Mr. McCloskey remarked: "I thought I spoke to that last week with constructive ambiguity."

Mr. McCloskey also said there was no significance in the finding of an American corporal's identification card in Jordan by Palestinians. The soldier has been in Amman since February as an Embassy aide, Mr. McCloskey indicated, and to suggest that he was involved in September's Jordanian civil war "is to stretch credulity to its outer limits." The State Department official repeated administration assertions by declaring: "I can assure you that there was no American involvement." (In Cairo earlier today, El Fatah leader Yassir Arafat had displayed the ID card and identified its owner as an American marine named Mark Lenner. He said the card had been found in Ashrafiya Hospital in September and that it proved "an American command" led the Jordanian Army fighting against the guerrillas. He also charged the Central Intelligence Agency with attempting "the liquidation of the Palestine resistance.")

El Fatah Claims Credit For Bus Terminal Bombing; Warns Of More To Come

LONDON, Nov. 9 (JTA)--An El Fatah leader claimed credit for last week's fatal bomb explosions in the Tel Aviv bus terminal and warned yesterday that they were "the start of more and bigger operations within our occupied homeland." The boast was made by Abu Iyad, El Fatah's No. 2 man, in a statement published in the guerrilla newspaper Fatah in Amman, Jordan. The bomb blasts at midday last Friday killed a 26-year-old Israeli student and injured 34 other persons. More than 1200 Arabs were rounded up for questioning and nine are being held as prime suspects. Abu Iyad claimed that "the Tel Aviv operation" and future stepped-up raids were possible because the truce between the commandos and King Hussein "provides us with a better atmosphere in Jordan and we can operate more freely." Meanwhile, Jordanian troops are reportedly patrolling the borders to prevent hit-and-run assaults and shellings of Israeli settlements which could bring Israeli reprisal attacks and which would violate the cease-fire that Jordan has accepted. As a result, the guerrillas appear to be resorting to infiltration tactics and terrorist attacks in Israeli population centers.

\$1.3 Billion Foreign Trade Deficit For End Of Fiscal Year Predicted By Sapir

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir predicted a \$1.3 billion foreign trade deficit for Israel by the end of the current fiscal year, a \$200 million increase over his original prediction. Addressing the praesidium of the Economic Conference for Israel here last night, he said that \$800 million of the deficit represented imports for defense. Mr. Sapir saw no improvement in Israel's foreign trade position until 1975. By then, he said, it was hoped that industrial exports would contribute an additional \$500 million to Israel's side of the trade balance and that imports valued at \$300 million would be replaced by Israel-made goods. He said that if the present cease-fire continues for any length of time, there may be a decline in Israel's defense requirements. "We must be ready for such a hopeful outcome and I have already asked my staff to study the question," Mr. Sapir said. The Finance Minister warned on a recent radio broadcast that a switchover from a war to a peace economy could have serious repercussions and might create unemployment for the first time since the June, 1967 war.

Pincus Urges Narrowing Of Income Gap Between North African, Western Immigrants

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9 (JTA)--The chairman of the Jewish Agency urged a convention of Moroccan Jews today to encourage immigration to Israel of their fellow Jews still in Morocco and of thousands of other North African Jews who have found "temporary settlement" in France and Canada. Louis Pincus told the 200 delegates that efforts must be made to bridge the gap that still exists between the earnings and educational standards of immigrants from Asia and Africa and those from Western countries.

YIVO Gathering Told Jewish College Courses Irrelevant To Needs Of Young Jews

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Jewish courses on most American college campuses are "irrelevant" to the needs of young Jews searching for Jewish identity and commitment. If such courses are to become meaningful to Jewish students, they must be moved away from their present orientation of teaching about Jews in terms of ancient history or theology, and towards teaching the history of 19th and 20th century East European Jewry where the roots of modern Jewish life lie. This view was expressed by Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, a historian and sociologist long active in Jewish communal affairs, at a luncheon held yesterday by the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. More than 300 persons active on behalf of YIVO attended the luncheon, marking the 30th anniversary of YIVO's existence in the United States and honoring Dr. Nathan Reich, active in YIVO for three decades, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Dr. Reich, Professor of Economics at Hunter College, is chairman of YIVO's Board of Directors and its Commission on Research and Training. Dr. Shapiro said that Jewish youth would be able to relate to the heritage and history of East European Jewry in the last century and a half because this period is closest both in time and historical circumstances to that of today. For this reason, Dr. Shapiro said, the YIVO Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, of which he is secretary, was established in 1968 to develop "cadres" of Jewish professors able to teach about this period. The Center gives special seminars for graduate students and provides them with consultants and source material in this field.

Dr. Martin Peretz, Assistant Professor of Social Studies at Harvard University, said that the period of most recent American Jewish history, "characterized by a sense of security about being a Jew in America without concern for the content of this Jewishness, has come to an end." This "Jewish euphoria" was shattered by the threat to Jews' "psychological security" from those involved in causes to which Jews, particularly youth, had committed themselves. The anxiety of Jewish youths about Israel, threatened by the "hostility and indifference" of so many American liberals and radicals, and their bad experiences among blacks, in whose struggle so many Jews participated, has created a "bridge" to Jews in the community whose anxieties young Jews can begin to understand. "Blacks became role models for young Jews," Dr. Peretz continued. Young Jews realized that if blacks, "in their act of finding their identity, are turning against us, doesn't it make sense for us to search for our past and sense of connection with other Jews?" Being caught between a right wing inimical to Jews and a left "unable or unwilling to recognize Jews as a distinct people with a distinct identity," has given rise to a "new introspection" among young Jews, which is likely to persist. Mr. Morton J. Merowitz, a graduate student at Yeshiva University, was awarded a prize at the luncheon for his work on Dr. Max Lillienthal, a pioneering American Jewish educator, submitted to the 21st annual YIVO Essay Contest.

Rabbi's Investiture Attended By Jews, Non-Jews, Whites, Blacks, Clergymen

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 9 (JTA)--In an unusual ecumenical investiture, the nation's first rabbi to serve on the faculty of a Roman Catholic college, Rabbi Bernard M. Cohen, was installed Friday as the fifth rabbi of Sinai Temple. More than 2000 persons - Jews, Gentiles, blacks and whites - prayed together for Rabbi Cohen's success as spiritual leader of the 2800-member synagogue. Among those present watching the rabbi accept his pulpit were 100 Roman Catholic and Protestant clergymen dressed in their clerical robes. Rabbi Cohen succeeds Rabbi Herman E. Snyder who served this congregation for almost 25 years. Rabbi Snyder will continue to serve as rabbi emeritus. The 40-year-old Rabbi Cohen was the first rabbi on a Catholic college faculty at St. Mary of the Woods College, St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana, where he taught history for eight years while serving simultaneously as spiritual leader of the United Hebrew Congregation in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Scheel Visits Auschwitz; 32nd Anniversary Of 'Crystal Night' Marked In West Berlin

BONN, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Walter Scheel yesterday became the first German cabinet minister to visit the site of the former Auschwitz concentration camp at Oswiecim, Poland. In that country to discuss reconciliation with Polish officials, Mr. Scheel was visibly moved as he wrote in the memorial book following his tour of the camp: "In the face of these horrors, this inhumanity, it must be our task to preserve these highest values: the dignity of man and peace between nations." Mr. Scheel also became the highest German official to visit Poland since the end of World War II. The minister, who is usually smiling and ebullient, was silent and grim-faced as he was shown the Auschwitz crematoria and museum. His visit was covered by German television.

In West Berlin, the 32nd anniversary of the mass destruction of German Jewish property on "Crystal Night" was marked today by Lord Mayor Karl Schuetz, who visited the Jewish community building, laid a wreath and said no one must forget that event. On Nov. 9, 1938, there began a 14-hour rampage during which German homes, synagogues and shops were smashed and burned and at least four persons were killed, and after which some 25,000 Jews were arrested. The catalyst for the destruction was the assassination of 32-year-old Third Secretary Ernst Edward von Rath by 17-year-old Herschel Feivel Grynszpan, who had been angered by the expulsion of his fellow Polish Jews from the Reich. Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels said the mass wreckage represented "the justified and comprehensible indignation of the German people over the odious Jewish murder in Paris."

132-Year-Old Jewish Cemetery Rededicated; Declared A National Monument

MARACAIBO, Venezuela, Nov. 9 (JTA)--A 132-year-old Jewish cemetery, one of the oldest on the South American continent, was rededicated at Coro near here today after restoration by the government with funds provided by the Sephardic community. The ceremonies were attended by Dr. Jose Curiel, Minister of Public Works, who is himself of Jewish origin. Dr. Curiel is a descendant of Joseph Curiel, a Jew from Curacao, N.W.I. who was a friend of Gen. Simon Bolivar, the national hero who liberated Venezuela from Spanish rule. The land for the cemetery was purchased by Joseph Curiel in 1838 after his daughter died of typhus. The Jewish community that he founded at Coro survived for 80 years but disappeared as a result of its isolation and intermarriage. The burial ground has been declared a national monument.

Students, Faculty Members, B'nai B'rith Leaders Assail Anti-Semitic Statement

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Nov. 9 (JTA)--An attack on Jews made in the course of an address about two weeks ago at Brooklyn College by a black educator, James Garrett, has stirred up a controversy among students, faculty members, college officials and religious leaders on the campus. The controversy was kindled by a report in a recent issue of Kingsman, the Brooklyn College student newspaper, which stated that Mr. Garrett, Director of the Center for Black Education in Washington, D.C., had told a meeting of the Martin Luther King Jr. lecture series at the college that, "It is the Jew in particular who has kept the black man under chains." In the aftermath of the outrage expressed by several students, and religious leaders of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations at the statement, charges and counter-charges, denials and disavowals were printed in the Nov. 6th issue of the Kingsman. John W. Kneller, President of Brooklyn College, stated that although he was not certain of the veracity of the reported statement, he nevertheless decried "racism or any other form of prejudice which has taken place at Brooklyn College." Professor Daniel E. Mayers, chairman of the Afro-American Institute, claimed that Mr. Garrett's statements were totally distorted in the news account and contended that to "impute to Mr. Garrett the idiotic remark that the 'Jew controls the means, services and owns the land' is downright insulting." Mr. Mayers insisted that Mr. Garrett had said that while people have oppressed black people and that in the course of his remarks, "Mr. Garrett identified certain groups of whites" which included Jews as agents of oppression.

Moreover, Mr. Mayers wrote, Mr. Garrett had also condemned black oppressors. Victor Roth, the student who reported the statement by Mr. Garrett in the Kingsman, replied to Mr. Mayers' charges of distortion by reiterating the veracity of his report and added: "Mr. Garrett did not just casually mention the Jews. He singled them out as the people who are in true control of this country and thereby by the white man most responsible for the black man's plight in this country. Also mentioned was the large Jewish population at Brooklyn College." Mr. Roth noted that Mr. Garrett referred specifically to the Jewish people as "they" and "those people." In a statement about Rosh Hashana, Mr. Roth continued, the black educator said that when "they" celebrated their New Year, all the public schools and stores were closed, thereby demonstrating Jewish control of almost all goods and services in the area in which he resides (Washington, D.C.). "He (Mr. Garrett) said in effect, that society was at a standstill during this holiday period," Mr. Roth replied to Mr. Mayers' letter. "Not one other ethnic or religious holiday was mentioned by Mr. Garrett."

B'nai B'rith Hillel Leaders Say Answer To Explain Slur Is An Evasion

Rabbi Norman E. Frimer, national coordinator for Hillel affairs in the New York area and spokesman for the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation on the college campus, and his associate, Rabbi Frank E. Fischer, in a letter sent to Kingsman for its next issue, expressed their disenchantment and disappointment with Mr. Mayers' letter which did not officially disassociate the Afro-American Department from Mr. Garrett's remarks. They expressed regret that Mr. Mayers "did not avail himself of the opportunity to focus on the substantive issue of general racism against Jews." In referring to the ambiguity of Mr. Mayers' statement, the two B'nai B'rith rabbis noted that an official disassociation "would have been welcome and reassuring." It would have, they continued, "cleared some of the tension in the air and certainly aided the sorely-needed enterprise of rebuilding the bridges of communication between minority groups whose welfare and security are in reality inextricably interlocked."

Rabbis Frimer and Fischer, continuing their letter, wrote: "The 'psychology of hearing' in all of us predisposes us to be more selectively attentive to those things or words which have relevant significance. Many non-black auditors clearly heard the anti-Semitic slurs. Had the situation been a reverse one we are confident that racist remarks, no matter how slight, would have justly not escaped the sensitized antennae of many of the black listeners." Mr. Kneller, in his statement, noted that "the focus of the Martin Luther King Jr. lecture series is on strengthening unity among all people. Anything less is not in the spirit of Dr. King." Meanwhile, Elly Rosen, director of the Jewish Cultural Institute on the college campus, announced that his organization has called a meeting for tonight of presidents of all Jewish organizations on campus to "decide on positive and direct action which would, in whatever way possible, remedy the damage done by Mr. Garrett and prevent a recurrence of such hate mongering statements on campus."

Jewish Youths In N.Y., L.A. Disrupt Rallies Celebrating Bolshevik Revolution

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (JTA)--Rallies here and in Los Angeles marking the 53rd anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution were interrupted last night by students opposing the treatment of Soviet Jews. In this city, about 30 members of Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry paid admission to a "Rally for Peace and Friendship" of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, and sought to be heard following an address by Igor Bubnov of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. Dennis Prager, a student at Columbia University's Russian Institute and a delegate to the recent United Nations World Youth Assembly, rose to ask the gathering to consider "the position of the Jews in the Soviet Union." His request precipitated a 10-minute uproar, curtailing the planned program. SSSJ coordinator Glenn Richter told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the attendees "started pushing us and shoving us." The students left the Statler-Hilton auditorium and picketed and sang outside. In Los Angeles, 15 members of California Students for Soviet Jewry disrupted an anniversary rally five times, insisting that the speakers address themselves to the problems of Soviet Jewry. They were ejected by 20 policemen. Outside the hall, 500 members of CSSJ and the Southern California Council for Soviet Jewry demonstrated. "We warned that we would raise the stakes after the arrest of several Jews in the Soviet Union," explained Zev Yaroslavsky, CSSJ chairman. "We have demonstrated that we meant business. The one thing which we failed to do was to stop the meeting entirely." He added: "This is only the beginning. There will be more of such actions and in more potent form." One student in L.A. was arrested for disturbing the peace. There were no arrests in the New York action.