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## Dayan Proposes Israel, UAR Re-Negotiate Truce On Basis Of Mutual Disengagement

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan proposed last night that Israel and Egypt re-negotiate their Aug. 7 cease-fire agreement on the basis of a mutual disengagement on both sides of the Suez Canal. Gen. Dayan made the proposal at a closed meeting of the Labor Alignment's Knesset faction from which the press and even ministerial aids were excluded. The substance of his remarks was leaked to newsmen later by highly reliable sources. Gen. Dayan said that the new cease-fire agreement should supersede the Aug. 7 agreement which was extended on Nov. 6 for another 90-day period and should go into effect before the extension expires on Feb. 5, 1971. He said the new accord should be based on physical arrangements of a permanent character but declined to spell out what those arrangements might be. Knowledgeable sources believe Gen. Dayan has in mind a mutual reduction of forces along the Suez Canal front. Two months ago, the Defense Minister reportedly suggested the creation of a demilitarized zone of 10-20 miles in width on both sides of the waterway.

The report was subsequently denied but has persisted. Some press reports here last week said Gen. Dayan intended to present such a plan to high Nixon administration officials when he visits the United States next month. Such a development could lead to re-opening the Suez Canal. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported on Sept. 9 that a proposal by Gen. Dayan to re-negotiate the cease-fire was under consideration on the highest government levels and that it might be taken up in Washington by Premier Golda Meir who was at that time preparing to visit the U.S. Nothing further was heard about the plan publicly until last night's meeting. Gen. Dayan reportedly told the Labor MKs that a new situation has arisen in the Arab world since the death of Egypt's President Nasser and the collapse of the so-called Arab Eastern command against Israel as a result of the Jordanian civil war last September. Gen. Dayan reportedly stated his view that the Egyptians now prefer a political settlement to war. Asked why he advocated a return to the Jarring peace talks, he reportedly replied that the negotiations would avert a clash with the Soviet Union whereas if they were not resumed Israel faced the danger of a confrontation with the Russians.

## Metullah Shelled For Second Consecutive Night; Deny Egypt Fired On Israeli Planes

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18 (JTA)--Metullah in Upper Galilee was shelled for the second consecutive night last night but no casualties or damage was reported. A military spokesman said the first salvo of mortar shells exploded shortly after one a.m. and a second salvo landed about a half hour later. Israeli units returned the fire as the population took to bomb shelters. The all clear was sounded at two a.m. The shells came from Lebanese territory in the vicinity of a Lebanese Army post. A military spokesman today denied foreign press reports that Egyptian anti-aircraft gunners fired on Israeli reconnaissance planes flying over the west bank of the Suez Canal ten days ago. The spokesman said that no such incident occurred and that no Israeli planes were over the west bank of the Canal at the time.

## Allon: Jordan Regime Most Stable In Area; Peres: Palestinian Entity Unrealistic

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA)--Two Israeli cabinet ministers had words last night that should be comforting to King Hussein of Jordan. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon said that Hussein's regime, once considered the shakiest in the Arab world, is now the most stable. Transport Minister Shimon Peres, who has been sounding out West Bank Arab leaders recently, dismissed the idea of an autonomous "Palestinian entity" as "unrealistic." Mr. Allon addressed the Engineers Club here. He said the stable conditions in Jordan resulted from the breaking up of terrorist organizations in that country and the upheavals that recently occurred in Syria and Iraq. He described King Hussein as one of the central figures in the Arab world and said that he was ready to continue the cease-fire and, in fact, was responsible for the quiet conditions that now prevail along the Israel-Jordan border.

Mr. Allon made no mention of reports that he met secretly with King Hussein on several occasions, most recently during the latter part of October. Those reports, published by Time magazine this week, were vigorously denied here and in Amman but are widely accepted as being true. Mr. Peres spoke at the jubilee conference of Wizo, the Women's International Zionist Organization, in Tel Aviv. He said that a new kind of relationship has emerged between Jews and Arabs for the first time in history in the occupied territories. He said that time should be the prime factor in resolving the seemingly insoluble Arab-Israeli conflict. The approach to peace, Mr. Peres added, should be gradual, allowing each country to attain that which it considers most important. For Israel, he said, it would unhindered navigation through the Straits of Tiran and for Egypt, the resumption of normal life along the Suez Canal.

## Orthodox Warn Bloodshed, Violence Possible If Auto Race Is Held On Sabbath

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA)--The Supreme Court will consider an application tomorrow for an injunction against the Minister of Police, the International Racing Association and the Mayor of Ashkelon to prevent an international automobile race from taking place there on the Sabbath. The application was filed by religious elements as Orthodox spokesmen warned of violence and possible bloodshed if the race is held next Saturday as scheduled. The court will also hear a plea by two Ashkelon residents who claim the crowds would prevent their attending Sabbath services. (In Tel Aviv, Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro, Minister of Justice and Acting Minister of Police, rejected a request by religious party leaders that the race be banned because crowding would endanger public safety. He said the German and Israeli organizers of the event had received the proper permits and the police could not interfere.)

One warning was sounded by Dr. Itzhak Raphael, leader of the Knesset faction of the National Religious Party. Other religious spokesmen said yeshiva students planned to spend the night at Ashkelon so that they could demonstrate and stage mass-prayer rallies at the racetrack. The three religious political parties have made a major issue of the forthcoming race but failed in their efforts to get the government or the Knesset to act to ban it. Israeli States Attorney Meir Shamgar held last week that the race was a private event and the government had no right to interfere. Agudat Israel failed to get the sponsors of the race to call it off. The sponsors reportedly agreed to cancel if the protesters purchased all of the tickets in advance, but the religious group was unable to raise the necessary funds.

### Israeli Youths Rebuffed In Attempts To Establish Jewish Settlements On West Bank

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA)--Three groups of young Israeli nationalists were rebuffed today in attempts to establish their own Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Each of the three groups, numbering several dozen members each, went to a different place--Tel Ras, Beth El and the environs of Nablus. They pitched tents and started unloading household equipment, but military police ordered them to pack up and leave. They offered no resistance. These were not the first individual attempts to settle in the West Bank. The nationalists knew in advance they were doomed to failure because the government has decided on a strict policy of settling the occupied territories only in accordance with its own strategic plan while forbidding--forcibly if need be--any private moves. It is believed that the private organizers, who call themselves the Organization for Settlement in Judea and Samaria, are seeking maximum publicity. They distributed to the press, early in the morning, stenciled background sheets detailing where they would set up their tents. An ideologically kindred group calling itself the National Movement organized demonstrations today outside Deputy Premier Yigal Allon's home in the Old City of Jerusalem and opposite the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv.

### Magen David Adom Sends Medicine To East Pakistan; New Cholera Cases In Gaza Strip

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18 (JTA)--Magen David Adom, Israel's official Red Cross agency, shipped \$14,285 worth of medicines and first aid equipment to East Pakistan last night for the victims of a cyclone and tidal wave that may have taken as many as 300,000 lives. The government said it would continue to send aid to the stricken area in response to appeals from the International Red Cross and United Nations Secretary General U Thant. Cholera has broken out in the flooded province. A new outbreak of cholera was reported in Israeli-occupied territory today. Five cases were registered as cholera suspects in the Gaza Strip. A father and his five-year-old son live in a refugee camp. The other suspects are from urban areas. All have been hospitalized.

### Egyptian Cabinet Reshuffled; Riad, Sidky, Marei, Gomaa Four New Deputy Premiers

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18 (JTA)--Egyptian Premier Mahmoud Fawzi has reshuffled the 32-man Egyptian cabinet, adding four new Deputy Premiers and severing seven members of the preceding cabinet of the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser. The Deputy Premiers-designate are Mahmoud Riad, 53-year-old Foreign Minister, who will oversee all foreign affairs matters; Dr. Aziz Sidky, 50, a Harvard graduate and Minister of Industry, Petroleum and Mineral Wealth, who will supervise industrial production and the Ministries of Economy, Planning, Electric Power and Treasury; Sayed Marei, 57, Minister of Agriculture, who will handle the Ministries of Irrigation and Land Reclamation plus all agricultural matters; and Sharaway Gomaa, 50, Minister of the Interior, who will supervise public services, including transportation, health care and education.

Chosen as liaisons between President Sadat and the cabinet were Sami Sharaf, a former aide to President Nasser, to be Minister of Presidential Affairs; Mohammed Hafez Ismail, ex-intelligence chief, who will coordinate ministry affairs; and Dr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, Ambassador to France, who will effect the Premier's decisions. Also named by Dr. Fawzi were Hassan al-Badawi, Minister of Justice; Badr Eddin Ahmed Ghazy, Culture; Helmy el-Said, Electric Power; Abdel Latif Boltia, Labor; Saad Zayed, Housing and Utilities; Hassan el-Tohamy, Tourism; Hamdi Ashour, Internal Trade and Mohammed Abdullah Marzaban, Economy. The designations must be approved by President Anwar Sadat. All are believed to be in their 40s or early 50s, whereas Premier Fawzi was 70 on Sept. 19. (Premier Sadat will be 62 on Christmas Day.) The new cabinet members were reported chosen for administrative skills, not ideology.

### Ministry Of Education, WZF Agreement On Jewish Education In Diaspora Approved

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA)--The Government-Jewish Agency Coordinating Board approved today the agreement recently concluded between the World Zionist Federation and the Ministry of Education and Culture on cooperation in the propagation of Jewish education in the Diaspora. The principal benefit of the agreement is that the difficult job of recruiting Judaica teachers for Jewish schools outside Israel will be taken over by the Ministry. A special section to be called the Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora will be set up for this purpose within the Ministry. One of the major difficulties in the recruitment of Israeli teachers for service abroad is that they stand to lose their seniority rights and other social benefits if they stay away for long periods. Under the new agreement, the Ministry of Education promises to see to it that Israeli teachers who return home after a lengthy period of expatriation do not become worse off financially than those of their colleagues who stayed at home.

### European Community Parliament Approves Commercial Treaty With Israel

STRASSBOURG, Nov. 18 (JTA)--The plenary reunion of the European Community Parliament has approved the commercial treaty signed last June with Israel. This resolution, which was adopted by all parliaments of European member countries, excluding Communist delegates, underscores, among other things, that only a customs union or free exchange area can satisfactorily solve economic relations between the European community and Israel.

## Jarring Returning To Moscow; Little He Can Do Until Talks Resume, Thant Says

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 18 (JTA)--Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, Secretary General U Thant's personal Middle East mediator, will return to Moscow, possibly as soon as tomorrow, because, in the words of a Thant statement, "until talks can be resumed there is little more he can do at United Nations headquarters." Mr. Thant's statement said the Swedish ambassador to the Soviet Union "is well-advised to return for the time being." Mr. Thant emphasized that Dr. Jarring has informed Israel, Egypt and Jordan of his "constant availability" and his willingness to "return within a matter of hours" should conditions warrant. Israeli Premier Golda Meir, softening her position on her government's return to the negotiating table, said Monday that it would do so if "the proper conditions" are met. For the first time she did not insist on rectification of Egyptian missile violations as a prerequisite. This will not be the first time Dr. Jarring has left the United States since Israel withdrew from the peace talks in late August after one session. An Israeli spokesman said today that Dr. Jarring recently assured Israel that there had been no change in the provisions of his mandate and that he still considered it based on Security Council Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967.

In his statement, Secretary General Thant said it was "not reasonable to expect the talks will resume." He added that there would be "frequent and regular communications" between him and Dr. Jarring during the latter's absence from New York. A British spokesman said today that Dr. Jarring had informed the British ambassador, Sir Colin Crowe, of his decision yesterday, and that Sir Colin had fully agreed there was "nothing for him to do" here. The British spokesman stressed that the Jarring mission should not be considered "abandoned." One Western diplomat said Dr. Jarring's departure should not be deemed a slap at Israel. The diplomat said he not only hoped for but expected the peace talks to be resumed by the end of the year. The negotiator is obliged to report to Secretary General Thant by Jan. 5 on the progress of his stalled three-and-a-half-year-old mission. Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban was scheduled to confer this evening in Washington with Secretary of State William P. Rogers and then fly to London.

## France Nullifies Citizenship Of Former Nationals Now Citizens Of Israel

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18 (JTA)--Political circles here saw no anti-Israel motives today behind the recent decision of French authorities to reactivate a law that withdraws French citizenship from persons who willingly accept the citizenship of another country. The law will affect some 10,000 Israeli women from France and Algeria. The Association of French Immigrants in Israel intends to file a test case in the French courts challenging the ruling. The law applies only to women, apparently because the Paris government does not want to deprive males of French citizenship, thereby releasing them from their obligation to serve in France's armed forces. The decision to reactivate the law stemmed from a 1968 amendment to Israel's Law of Return which granted new immigrants a three month period in which to decide whether they wanted to become Israeli citizens. The French say that an immigrant opting for Israeli citizenship is performing an act of free choice whereas before the amendment it was involuntary. Under the original Law of Return, any Jew settling in Israel was automatically granted citizenship the moment he arrived on Israeli soil, unless he formally rejected it. Political circles here noted that the French ruling applied to former French nationals in many other countries as well as in Israel.

## Argentina's Jewish Community Faces Troubled Future

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA)--Argentina's Jewish community is suffering from the detachment of its youth from Jewish life, according to Mrs. Rosa Perla Resnick, past director of the Jewish Leadership and Communal Service Training School, Buenos Aires. Mrs. Resnick is currently in the U.S. as a doctoral candidate at Yeshiva University's Wurzelweil School of Social Work, New York. "In Argentina," Mrs. Resnick related in an interview conducted by Yeshiva University, "the half million members of the Jewish community are grappling with the problem of how to reach the youth, how to get them closer to Jewish life. A great number of youth remains detached from the community, not caring to participate in Jewish cultural activities." According to Mrs. Resnick, the youths' disinterest in the Jewish organized community is part of the "world phenomena of Jewish alienation from the established structures in communal life." She said that about 20,000 students are enrolled in Jewish schools, with about 80 percent of the total attending schools in Buenos Aires and surrounding areas.

The great majority of school-age children, however, receive no education in spite of great efforts made by the Kehilla of Buenos Aires (Association Mutual Israelita Argentina), the central Ashkenazi communal body, and Vaad Hachinuch (Board of Education) to promote Jewish education. Mrs. Resnick observed. Half of the budget of the Kehilla is used for this purpose at the elementary and high school levels and for support of rabbinical seminaries, a seminary for Hebrew teachers and Midrasha Haivrit, the only institute for higher Jewish studies in the community. "Despite this detachment," Mrs. Resnick said, "there are signs of encouragement in that there is an important segment of the new generation of Argentinian Jews who do belong to Jewish youth centers and Zionist movements, all of which are affiliated with the Argentinian Jewish Youth Confederation."

## Chilean Jews Arrive In Israel; Some 1000 Have Left Chile Since Recent Elections

HAIFA, Nov. 18 (JTA)--Twenty-six Chilean Jews who left home out of fear of loss of professional employment arrived here today. They said around 1,000 Chilean Jews have left their country since the change of presidents, and that many of them may come to Israel. Among today's passengers was an Israeli living in Chile the past seven years. Chile's new leftist president, Dr. Salvador Allende, said late last month that Jews need not fear his regime. At that time Dr. Gil Sinay, president of the Central Committee of the Chilean Jewish community, expressed satisfaction with Dr. Allende's call for the cooperation of "loyal Jews and loyal citizens."

## National Lawyers Committee Being Formed To Represent Soviet Jews Facing Trial

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA)--Leaders of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, at a meeting yesterday with officials of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, decided to go ahead with plans for a national lawyer's committee which would attempt to represent Soviet Jews facing trial. Rabbi Herschel Schacter, chairman of the American Jewish Conference, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the committee will be headed by the Conference vice-chairman Stanley Lowell. The lawyers would seek to appear in the Soviet court. Conceding that there was not much chance of success in that effort, Rabbi Schacter added that the lawyers could gain publicity for the plight of Soviet Jews through press conferences. He said his group, with its "limited, almost non-existent staff" aided by personnel from constituent organizations, had set a budget of \$100,000, which he was "quite confident" of raising. He said he was buoyed by the "genuine enthusiasm and complete support" expressed at this week's convention in Kansas City of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Meanwhile, Albert D. Chernin, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia, will leave that city Friday for Brussels to help organize next February's World Conference on Soviet Jewry, it was announced today by the JCRC. He will be the only American Jewish communal representative on the secretariat. There are expected to be 150 Americans among the 400 delegates to the conference. Mr. Chernin's representation on the secretariat was recommended by Rabbi Schacter, who asked the JCRC of Greater Philadelphia to let him go to Brussels because "His knowledge of the problem, as well as his profound commitment to Soviet Jewry and singular professional competence, make him eminently qualified for this task." Mr. Chernin, who has frequently visited the USSR, was national coordinator of the American Jewish Conference during 1965-68. The secretariat begins its two weeks of planning next Monday.

## Gift Of Torah Scroll By Synagogue To Black Jews Hailed As Act Of Brotherhood

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 18 (JTA)--The gift of a Torah scroll by this city's largest Conservative synagogue, Har Zion Temple, to the city's only black Jewish congregation, Adath Emeth Israel, was hailed today as an "act of brotherhood" by Clarence Farmer, chairman of the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations. Writing to Rudolph Windsor, leader of Adath Emeth Israel, on behalf of the commissioners and staff of the Human Relations Commission, Mr. Farmer stated: "When two groups with so many differences choose to recognize their common bonds, they remind all of us that it is better to live together in peace, sharing a world of harmony and mutual respect." The presentation of the Torah scroll last Sunday culminated friendly overtures between the two congregations over a period of several months. The Torah, in its traditional maroon velvet sheath, was reverently placed in the Ark on Adath Emeth Israel's pulpit while members of both congregations joined in prayer. The ceremony celebrated the recent acquisition of a synagogue building for the black congregation which previously had been housed in rented temporary quarters. The new building, which will be the home for a sizeable number of black people residing in the city who consider themselves to be Jews, also serves as headquarters for the Afro-Asian Israelite Cultural Center which seeks to acquaint the public with the role of black Jews in African civilization.

## Increasing Number Of Jewish Students Becoming Alienated From Judaism

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (JTA)--A New York professor of sociology presented the findings of studies and surveys here yesterday which confirmed the view of many Jews that college campuses are "the crisis area of Jewish survival." Dr. Bernard Lander, of Hunter College, said colleges have become the scene of growing alienation and defection of Jewish students from Judaism and observed that 80 percent of American Jewish youth currently attend college. Dr. Lander presented his evaluation at the concluding session of the 47th anniversary convention of the women's branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. He said a study by Prof. Ernest Van den Haag of political and religious attitudes of students at 12 colleges demonstrated that liberal arts colleges, with the exception of Catholic-oriented schools, "exercised a generally destructive effect on their students' religious convictions." He said the data showed the defection rate to be "dramatically higher" among Jewish students at those schools than among Protestant students. At Yale, the defection rate for Protestants was 20 percent and for Jews, 31 percent; at Williams College, 28 percent of Protestant and 50 percent of Jewish students had defected from their religion.

Dr. Lander said that other studies indicated that 26 percent of Jewish college students raised as Jews "no longer consider themselves Jews." Those studies found the defection rate among undergraduates to be highest among students majoring in the humanities. The study also found that 40 percent of the defectors felt "it was likely that they would marry non-Jews" while only six students who identified as Jews gave that response. Dr. Lander said studies showed that rejection of Jewish religious identity was coupled by a rejection of cultural identity as well. He said the indifference toward Israel shown by many Jewish students in the late 1950s and early '60s "is now being transformed into outright hostility." Dr. Lander added that Jewish students "have been especially affected by the virus of the New Left and anti-establishmentarianism." He declared that it was the adult Jewish community, not the college student which must bear the responsibility "for the ravage of self-rejection, New Left nihilism and drugs" among Jewish college students. He noted that such agencies as the Hillel Foundations and Yavneh Orthodox student groups on campuses have aided in serving as "countervailing influences" although such agencies on most campuses do not reach more than two or three percent of the Jewish student body.

## Uruguayan Praised For Effort To Reunite Soviet Jews With Families In Israel

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8 (JTA)--The Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee has cabled a message of appreciation to the chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee of Uruguay following the latter's resolution supporting the demand for the reunion of Soviet Jews with their families in Israel.