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ISRAEL CRITICAL OF THANT'S REQUEST THAT ISRAEL WITHDRAW AS MINIMUM CONDITION FOR PEACE MISSION RENEWAL

Israelis Insist That Pre-Conditions Would Empty Talks Of Any Meaning

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Israel has again criticized Secretary General U Thant for his renewed request for a change in Israel's position on withdrawal from the occupied territories as the "minimum condition" required for reactivating the peace-seeking efforts of Swedish diplomat Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring. The Secretary General warned that "new fighting will break out sooner or later" in the Middle East if the impasse on peace talks continued. He made the statement in his annual report on the work of the UN, issued in connection with the opening today of the 26th General Assembly.

Last February, Dr. Jarring asked Egypt for a commitment to a peace agreement and asked Israel to commit itself to withdrawal from the entire Sinai Peninsula once the agreement was reached. Egypt agreed and Israel did not. Israel then said that it remained willing to resume talks without prior conditions and expressed criticism of Dr. Jarring for going beyond his mandate under Resolution 242 in asking for a withdrawal commitment. In his report, Thant observed that "until there has been a change in Israel's position on withdrawal, it would serve little purpose to reactivate the talks" by Dr. Jarring.

Thant added that if Israel continued to refuse to accept that condition, steps must be taken by the Security Council and its members "with influence on the parties concerned." In regard to Israel, this was understood to mean the United States. Thant dismissed the United States effort for an interim Egyptian-Israeli agreement on reopening the Suez Canal--which brought about a cease-fire in August, 1970--with the comment that "the information so far available does not indicate that an agreement" on an interim pact "can be reached in the near future. But time is of the essence."

Dr. Jarring and the Big Four foreign ministers, as well as of the Arab countries and Israel, are expected at the UN this week, to make both their annual addresses to the General Assembly and for behind-the-scenes consultations. The Secretary General said that if such consultations failed to produce some movement, "the United Nations and particularly the Security Council will have to review the situation once again and find ways to enable the Jarring mission to move forward."

Talks Must Be Free Negotiations

A spokesman for Israel's UN Mission said there was "nothing new" in the Secretary General's comments, in his annual report, on the Middle East, adding that his views "are well known." The spokesman said that "it is also well known that no peace talks can be effectively conducted and that any talks would be emptied of all meaning if they were turned into an attempt to impose pre-conditions on the parties." The statement added that "demands for pre-conditions are a sure way to block progress and create deadlocks in any type of negotiations, especially peace talks."

This, the statement asserted, "is precisely what happened with the Jarring talks. The way to over-

come the deadlock created in them is not by solidifying it further through insistence on the very pre-conditions which brought the deadlock about, but by ensuring that the talks are pursued in the normal manner of free negotiations in which neither party insists upon forcing its diktat upon the other as a condition for continuing the exchange of views."

Observers here noted that in effect, Thant had called both on the US and on the Security Council to exert pressure on Israel to agree to withdrawal from the Sinai. Dr. Jarring's "aide memoir" of Feb. 8, which Israel had rejected, in effect embodied a policy statement by US Secretary of State William P. Rogers, issued in Dec. 1969, calling on Israel to return to the pre-Six-Day War armistice borders, with "unsubstantial modifications," a position which has remained the basic view of the Nixon Administration on what Israel must do to make movement toward a Mid-East settlement possible.

SOME 200 SOVIET JEWS STAGE SEVERAL ROSH HASHANAH ACTIONS ON THE ISSUE OF EMIGRATION

Three Jews Arrested At Choral Synagogue; Friends Clash With Soviet Police; Three Released

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Some 200 Soviet Jews were reported here today to have staged several Rosh Hashanah actions in which they defied Soviet authorities on the issue of their insistence on the right to emigrate to Israel. In one action, the Jews forced officials to release three Jews who had been arrested outside Moscow's Choral Synagogue. The American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry said today that in one action, 75 Jews, whose names were not immediately learned, signed a letter demanding to see officials of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and followed up that action with a visit by 110 Jews to the Committee headquarters in Moscow.

They won an admission from a Central Committee official that there were "individual cases" of Soviet Jews who had been denied receipt of affidavits sent to them by relatives in Israel--without which exit documents are refused--and that Jews had been refused exit permits without explanation. The official, Albert Ivanov, head of the administrative section of the Central Committee, also told a delegation of five Jews representing the 110 protesters, that in such cases, the Jews had the right to appeal to the courts.

The Conference said it had been informed that a group of the People's Police came to the Choral Synagogue on Rosh Hashanah eve and arrested Viktor Maksimenko, 19, Leonid Trilinok, 18, and a third Jew, immediately identified only by his last name, Levin. The three Jews were taken to the local police station and en route, another group of Jews--presumably friends of the three detainees--interceded and exchanged blows with the police. Some 40 Jews then went to see Nikolai Savkinin, chief of the local police station, which is near the Choral Synagogue, and gave him a letter signed by the 110 Jews, protesting the arrests. Conference officials noted that the signatures were arranged within an hour of the arrests. Several hours later Conference officials reported, the three Jews were released.

Conference officials also confirmed reports that Jewish activists openly distributed in Moscow yes-

terday a letter signed by nearly 1,000 Jews, timed for the opening of the United Nations 26th General Assembly today. The letter, addressed to Soviet leaders and to the General Assembly, demanded help to emigrate to Israel. The signers represented Jews from 20 Soviet cities and towns, half of them in the Republic of Georgia, where Jews previously had reported a rising incidence of anti-Semitic verbal and physical attacks.

Jews Issue A Number of Demands

Experts on the Soviet scene here called the petition distributed to newsmen in Moscow the result of the most widely coordinated effort at signature collection for such appeals since Soviet Jews began efforts for emigration in defiance of Soviet officials. The petition declared that "the issue of free emigration of Jews to Israel is not a new one and is becoming more acute with every passing day. More and more Jews realize, and then openly proclaim, that they do not want to assimilate with other peoples. This movement has its historical causes and cannot be stopped by administrative directive." The petition also asserted that in the Soviet Union, "there is no future for us as Jews."

The Conference reported that a delegation of five Jews, most of them known as Jewish activists, was received by members of the Central Committee at the Communist Party headquarters. They were listed as Pavel Goldstein, a former political prisoner, Boris Orlov, Gavrill Shapiro, Vladimir Rosenblum and Viktor Polsky. They met with Ivanov, Maj. Gen. Shukavey, identified as the Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs, Ovchinyakov, identified as deputy chief of Ovir, the office for visas and registrations, and an unidentified member of the Central Committee.

Ivanov initially told the delegation of five Jews that "the Jews have no right to emigrate. Everybody has a right to apply individually. The state then has a right to decide." The Jewish delegation then handed Ivanov a list of Jews who had sworn that they had been denied receipt of affidavits from relatives in Israel and other Jews who were refused exit permits without explanation. The official told them that "such allegations may be considered a provocation," which appeared to be a threat to the Jews present.

The visiting Jews then presented several "demands" to Ivanov, the Conference said. These included a request that officials stop harassing Soviet Jews applying for emigration, that reasons be given for refusal to give exit documents and that Soviet authorities determine the accuracy of such complaints and not require Jews to provide the evidence. Prior to the meeting, several busloads of police came to the Communist Party headquarters but there was no police action during the three-hour meeting. The delegation also said that they had not received Rosh Hashanah greetings from relatives and friends in the United States which they knew had been mailed to them.

TASS SAYS USSR SEEKS POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN MIDEAST; GROMYKO, ROGERS TO HOLD BILATERAL TALKS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Tass the Soviet News agency, in its Moscow dispatch today, said that the Soviet Union was prepared to participate, along with other permanent Security Council members, in creating "international guarantees" for a political settlement in the Middle East. According to the dispatch, filed from New York, Tass discussed the opening today of the United Nations General Assembly, and said that there is "no doubt" a broad discussion will be held on "eliminating consequences" of the Israeli "aggression." Tass said that the Soviet Union favored a political settlement based

on the Security Council Resolution 242.

Meanwhile, State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey listed the Middle East in citing a list of topics which Secretary of State William P. Rogers will discuss with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on Friday night at a Soviet-American dinner which Rogers will host at the Waldorf Towers in New York City. McCloskey also mentioned other topics but stressed the Middle East.

In response to newsmen's queries, McCloskey declined to say what was the current thrust of US discussion on the Middle East. Asked whether the US had been in touch with Egypt and Israel about the desirability of exercising restraint in connection with the weekend flareup of fighting on the Suez Canal, he said "I don't think in any high level or in any more dramatic way than we have counseled this kind of restraint as a continuing matter." Asked about the reports in Egypt's influential daily Al Ahram that Israel had moved artillery to the Suez Canal, he said he had no information "at hand."

ISRAELI SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SOVIET, EAST EUROPEAN MEETINGS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Officials here have reported that an Israeli scientist had been invited to serve as chairman of the opening session of an international scientific conference to be held in Moscow Oct. 4-16. Prof. Michael Sela, dean of the biology faculty at the Weizmann Institute, was scheduled to leave today for a visit to East European countries. During that visit he will be chairman of the opening session in Moscow of a World Health Organization seminar on the structure of antibodies.

Prof. Sela also will visit Rumania and attend tomorrow the seventh meeting of the Federation of European Biochemical Societies in Varna, Bulgaria. Four other Weizmann Institute professors also are attending the Varna meeting. In Rumania, Prof. Sela will be guest of the Rumanian Academy of Sciences and will participate Sept. 28-29 in Rumania's first symposium on immunology, his specialty.

BOMB SCARE EMPTIES SYNAGOGUE

GREAT NECK, N.Y., Sept. 21 (JTA)--Some 2,700 worshippers left Rosh Hashanah services Monday at Temple Israel of Great Neck after police found a bomb in the synagogue's lavatory. Rabbi Mordecai Waxman advised the worshippers to leave after the discovery. Services were resumed an hour later after removal of the device. Police said the explosive consisted of chemicals in a plastic pill container. The Nassau County police bomb squad wrapped the bomb in a blanket and took it to a nearby parking lot where it was detonated.

FRENCH JEWS IN UNPRECEDENTED TURNOUT FOR HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

PARIS, Sept. 21 (JTA)--The Chief Rabbi of France, Dr. Jacob Kaplan, called on this nation's Jewish community to demonstrate during the coming year more support for Israel than ever before. Rabbi Kaplan's Rosh Hashanah message was broadcast Sunday over French radio during a special program devoted to the Jewish High Holidays. Jean-Paul Elkann, president of the Paris Jewish Consistory, in a Rosh Hashanah message, expressed the hope that all those who had somewhat abandoned Judaism and the community during the past year will use the occasion of the holidays to return.

With a record number of 100,000 worshippers attending the New Year's services and at least as many expected to attend Yom Kippur services in the Paris area, the Consistory prepared 90 synagogues and houses of worship.

SPECIAL TO THE JTACOUNTRY CLUB ACCUSED OF BIAS
AGAINST JEWISH APPLICANTS

TUCSON, Arizona, Sept. 21 (JTA)--The Tucson Jewish Community Council has accused the Tucson Country Club of discriminating against Jewish applicants. This has resulted in members withdrawing from the club and the canceling of some scheduled events. While the president of the country club has stated that the club has never refused to admit anyone on the grounds of religion, a member of the club has stamped the membership as "first class bigots." The problem surfaced this July when an Amateur Athletic Union diving meet was scheduled at the club. In a letter to the A.A.U. of the United States, Jack J. Sarver, president of the Tucson Jewish Community Council wrote: "When an athletic event is scheduled at such an institution, those who are discriminated against are put in the position of either dropping out of competition or of attending the event at an institution where they are not welcome and which they would not frequent except under compulsion."

John B. Kelly Jr., the A.A.U. president wrote back that "it is not the A.A.U.'s job to police these clubs as to whether or not they discriminate in their membership policy." Competition sanctioned by the A.A.U. must permit any registered A.A.U. regardless of race, creed or national origin to compete, Kelly wrote. He added, "I would assume that a prerequisite for membership in the Tucson Community Council would require an affiliation with the Jewish religion. Certainly the A.A.U. has no objection to this, or any of your members joining the A.A.U." As a result of publicity about the event, the director of the county parks and recreation department was instructed not to use the Tucson Country Club for county-wide events in the future.

Last week a new car dealer in Tucson cancelled a cocktail party and previewing of 1972 models that was scheduled to be held at the club. James H. Click, head of Jim Click Ford, sent a telegram to the invited guests stating: "My wife and I regret to announce that due to conditions beyond our control, we find it necessary to cancel our cocktail party and preview at the Tucson Country Club." Click was persuaded to cancel the previewing at the club by Sarver who showed him a copy of a letter sent to Henry Ford II stating the Council's feeling towards having a public event at the Tucson Country Club.

A committee of Tucson Country Club members was formed several weeks ago to look into the alleged discriminatory policies of the club. The committee would like to incorporate in the club's constitution that membership should be without regard to religious affiliation. At present the club's constitution does not state this one way or the other. The board of the country club has refused to meet with its members, however.

ARGENTINA'S PRESIDENT PRAISES DAIA

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Gen. Alejandro Augustin Lanusse, President of Argentina, in a New Year's message to the DAIA, the central body of Argentine Jewry, expressed his personal greetings and the gratitude of his government and Argentina's people to the Jewish community for its spiritual, material and cultural contributions to Argentina for more than 100 years. In his message, the President added: "I take this opportunity to stress that the government relies on the valuable participation of this important section of our citizenry for each implementation of intentions for great national accord in order to consolidate authentic rule of institutions, economic expansion and social plenitude for the nation."

ROSH HASHANAH, YOM KIPPUR
SERVICES IN US, ABROAD

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Yom Kippur services will be held, as were Rosh Hashanah services, in Vietnam and at more than 700 other foreign and domestic military installations, aboard Army transports and Navy vessels on the high seas, and at Veterans Administration Hospitals. It was announced by Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, N.Y., and chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy. Rabbi Sandrow also announced that where possible, leave was granted to men in the armed forces to travel home for the holidays. Others were offered home hospitality in local communities.

On Thursday, during the 10 days of repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the major Jewish women's international organizations --WIZO, Moetzet Hapahalot/Pioneer Women, International Council of Jewish Women, Religious Women Mizrahi and Hadassah--will observe a World Day of Intercession on behalf of Soviet Jewry, particularly the women which include Silva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, Ruth Alexandrovich and Ratza Palatnik. Meanwhile, national and regional Jewish organizations announced that more than one million Rosh Hashanah greetings were sent to Soviet Jews this year.

Tens of thousands of New Yorkers were provided with special arrangements to celebrate the High Holy Days through the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies agency network serving the New York metropolitan area. In a message addressed to the Jewish community, Lawrence B. Buttenwieser, Federation president, expressed the hope that the New Year would be, "A year in which each of us undertakes an intensified personal commitment to the principles of concern and compassion of our fellow man which represents the highest ideals of our Judaic tradition."

The New York Society for the Deaf held services in its headquarters in the Emanu-El Midtown YM-YWHA with Rabbi David Rabinowitz, the only deaf ordained rabbi in the United States, conducting services. A choir interpreted in sign language the musical portions of the service. The Hebrew Educational Society opened its facilities for the High Holidays to the Brooklyn Hobrow Association for the Deaf, the only Jewish deaf society in Brooklyn with the largest and oldest congregation for the deaf in the world. The Jewish Braille Institute provided Braille prayer books for blind worshippers in their home congregations.

PINCUS HAILS ROLE OF ZIONIST IDEAS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21 (JTA)--Louis Pincus, Jewish Agency chairman, stated in his Rosh Hashanah message that Israel continues to be hemmed in by expanding Soviet imperialism and aggressive moves by the Arab world. He hailed the inroads Zionist ideas had made in Jewish circles this past year and saluted the new and potent partnership between the Jewish communities and fundraising agencies throughout the world. "In conveying my greetings to world Jewry," Pincus stated, "I with the people of Israel wish the Jews in Russia and in the Arab countries peace and strength, fortitude and deliverance." He also expressed the hope for a year of prosperity to the Jews in the diaspora and for enhanced allyship. The Chief Rabbi of the Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities warned in their messages that current trends of behavior are in conflict with traditional teachings and called for a return to the Torah.

JTA SPECIAL ANALYSIS**THE UN AND THE MIDEAST: HISTORY AS TRAGEDY**

By MURRAY ZUCKOFF, JTA News Editor

The Middle East will be a topic for discussion at the 26th session of the United Nations General Assembly which opened today, but it will not be the priority topic. The United States has seen to this by injecting the admission into the UN of the Peoples Republic of China as the focal issue to preoccupy the various delegations. This move by the US, historically progressive and based on a multitude of economic and political considerations, is also a stratagem to keep the Middle East question in the background and in the back rooms for as long as possible to avoid a head-on collision at the General Assembly between the involved parties.

The efforts to achieve a genuine and lasting peace in the Mideast will receive the divided attention of the delegates to the Assembly. Prospects that peace in the Mideast will be achieved by any Assembly action is as remote now as it was in the past. In fact, even more remote. Within a week of the opening of the Assembly, a number of developments transpired that reinforce this prospect. Jordan launched an attack in the Security Council against Israel for "Judatizing Jerusalem" as part of a plan to establish an "expanded Zionist empire." Egypt downed an unarmed Israeli transport plane killing seven of its crewmen. Britain's Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home visited Egypt where he declared that Israel should return to its mandatory boundaries as a prerequisite for peace.

Maurice Schumann deplored the latest Israeli-Egyptian clashes along the cease-fire lines and was expected to renew his demand for a Big Four intervention in the Mideast. At the same time, it was learned that an important diplomatic reshuffle in the ranks of France's Foreign Ministry is expected to further weaken Israel's positions and increase the influence of the pro-Arab lobby. UN General Secretary U Thant, in his annual report to the Assembly, said American efforts in the Mideast appeared to be a failure and warned that unless Israel changes its position on withdrawal there would be little purpose in reactivating Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring's peace mission.

Israel Alone Holds Principled Position

It appears that the approach to any effective and lasting solution to peace in the Mideast will again take the form of pat formulas, stale platitudes, diplomatic maneuverings, backroom politics and long-winded rhetoric. Once again, Israel will have only itself - its eloquent and capable spokesmen, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and UN Ambassador Yosef Tekoah - to express and defend a clear and principled position for genuine Mideast peace. France and Britain, as usual, will be on the scene with too little and too late advice. Neither of these two nations can play an independent role in helping resolve the Mideast crisis. Both can be counted on to offer a few esoteric statements about the value of Big Four activity and/or the Jarring mission. But in the final analysis, they will remain junior partners in the US-USSR combine and acquiesce to whatever the two superpowers decide to do.

The Arab-African-Asian bloc will foam and bluster but they too will abide by whatever decisions are arrived at between the US and USSR. For this bloc, least of all, has the power to play an independent role in the Assembly deliberations especially if the Soviet Union appears amenable to a compromise with the US on a Mideast peace course. Jordan is already isolated from the other Arab

states as a result of its military actions against the Palestinian terrorists. Egypt is trying desperately to show that it can go it alone if necessary. The downing of the Israeli transport plane was one more effort to prove this. But this escapade and Egyptian President Sadat's this-is-the-year-month-week-day-of-decision rhetoric has failed to convince anyone that Egypt is ready and capable of launching an independent full-scale war against Israel.

US-USSR Hold Key To Mideast Peace

The key to resolving the Middle East crisis is the behind-the-scenes efforts by the US and USSR to reach a detente in the Middle East. The US is anxious to regain its economic and political foothold in the oil and natural gas economies of the Arab nations which have threatened or have actually embarked on an economic boycott. The US views the Arab nations as a vast potential market for regaining and expanding its international trade and thereby shoring up its own domestic faltering economy. The USSR, beset by economic and political troubles at home caused partially by a balking working class rebelling against the inordinate expenditures for Russian aid to Egypt, and internationally by the ever increasing role of mainland China in the sphere of international politics, desperately wants to head off an incursion by its giant neighbor into the politics of the Middle East.

Israel Faces Another Betrayal

Two developments point to the possibility that the US and USSR are preparing another Yalta-Potsdam agreement to carve out spheres of influence in the Mideast to their mutual benefit as they did in Europe at the end of World War II. The US has, so far, refused to sell Phantom jets to Israel despite bipartisan support for the sale of jets, and continues to make political and economic inroads into Egypt through the office of its unofficial ambassador Donald C. Bergus. The Soviet Union is unofficially wooing Israel by permitting a trickle of Jewish emigration and by inviting Israeli scientists and intellectuals to Soviet scientific congresses. In short, the US appears to be less benign toward Israel and the USSR less bellicose. But each is cynically disregarding the needs for a real peace in the Middle East that will assure Israel's Security.

There is an old bromide that history repeats itself twice: the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce. As the 26th session of the General Assembly gets under way, the tragic element dominates. Now, as before, Israel's plea for peace will be dissolved and ignored in the geopolitics of the superpowers. Israel lives hang in the balance as the US and USSR play out their game of international charades. The end result may very well be that the two superpowers will impose a solution by compelling Israel to withdraw to its pre-June 1967 borders. Once again the UN General Assembly will be an impotent debating society in the sphere of international politics. And once again, Israel will be caught in the squeeze play between the US and USSR. All out war may be averted, at least for the immediate period ahead, but so will all out peace. In this kind of unstable situation Israel will once again be the real loser.

\$5M PLEDGED BY ROTHSCHILD FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (JTA)--The Yad Avi Hayishu (Rothschild Foundation of Great Britain) has pledged \$5 million to Jerusalem's new Shaare Zedek Community Medical Center, it has been announced.