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EBAN, JARRING MEET TO DISCUSS PEACE MISSION RESUMPTION; ISRAEL READY FOR RESUMPTION ON BASIS OF RESOLUTION 242 Jarring Mission Not Renewed At This Time

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 16 (JTA)--The United Nations' Middle East emissary, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, called on Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban this morning "to discuss the resumption of his (Dr. Jarring's) mission under Security Council Resolution 242," according to an Israeli statement. The meeting, which lasted an hour at the Plaza Hotel, was scheduled at the Swedish envoy's request. Yesterday he met for an hour with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad.

As all three men are due to leave New York by week's end, it appeared that the two sides had not sufficiently resolved their incompatible stands on territorial withdrawal to warrant reactivation of the Jarring Mission. It seemed, therefore, that the next development would be a renewed attempt by the United States to effect an interim agreement.

Eban, who was accompanied this morning by Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, contended, according to an Israeli statement issued after the meeting, "as he had already made clear in the General Assembly," that Israel was ready for a resumption of the Jarring mission on the basis of Resolution 242.

Citing the report of the recent African peace mission, which found a willingness for peace by both sides, Eban stated to Dr. Jarring that there was "a sufficient basis for detailed and concrete negotiations on all points at issue between Israel and Egypt." Riad, however, reiterated the Egyptian view yesterday that negotiations cannot begin until Israel agrees beforehand to withdraw.

Observers here viewed the meetings as more in the way of sounding out the concerned parties in the aftermath of Monday's vote in the General Assembly than a formal peace-seeking mission resumption. It appeared to some that Israel and Egypt were willing to give the US at least one more chance to mediate an interim agreement. Washington's desire to concentrate on this specific issue was given Monday by Ambassador Christopher H. Phillips when he stated, during his explanation of why the US abstained from voting, that the US policy had not changed in any way.

STATE DEP'T DOES NOT SEE JARRING TALKS A RESUMPTION OF PEACE MISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (JTA)--The State Department indicated today that it does not view Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring's talks with Israeli and Egyptian diplomats as a resumption of the UN mediator's Middle East peace-seeking mission. Robert J. McCloskey, State Department spokesman, said at today's news briefing that it cannot be concluded "that this is a literal and formal resumption" of the Jarring Mission.

McCloskey noted that Dr. Jarring was conducting his talks under the mandate of the UN Security Council Resolution 242. He replied affirmatively when asked if this week's General Assembly resolution had no bearing now on the Jarring mission. One of the resolution's operative paragraphs stated: "...Further invites the parties of the Middle East conflict to give their full cooperation to the special representative in order to work out practical meas-

ures" to guarantee "the territorial inviolability and political independence of every state in the area," to achieve "a just settlement of the refugee problem," and to guarantee "freedom of navigation through international waterways in the area."

State Department sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it was unlikely that Egypt would ask for a Security Council meeting to affirm the resolution adopted by the Assembly Monday night. Earlier reports indicated that Egypt would try to call for a Council meeting within 10 days.

PREMIER MEIR THREATENED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Police are investigating a letter received yesterday by Premier Golda Meir which warned, "If you don't outlaw autopsies by hospital pathologists we will exert cruel pressure on you and on your family or even you may fall victim." The letter, apparently from religious zealots opposed to autopsies, was the first threat against a leading public official. Hitherto, zealots have been harassing pathologists who perform post mortems at government and public hospitals. The letter was signed by "members of the Bnei Brak and Jerusalem Zealots Association."

ISRAEL PREPARED TO EXCHANGE EGYPTIAN POW'S FOR ISRAELIS HELD BY EGYPT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said last night that Israel was prepared to exchange all Egyptian prisoners-of-war in its custody for all Israelis held captive by Egypt. But Dayan said he doubted that the Egyptians would agree despite the fact Egyptian POWs by far outnumber the Israelis.

Dayan spoke to newsmen at a military hospital where he greeted Eyal Aohikar, a wounded Israeli pilot who was returned yesterday after spending nearly 17 months in an Egyptian prison hospital. Aohikar, who was shot down over Egyptian territory on June 30, 1970, was exchanged for four Egyptian soldiers and six civilians. The exchange under the auspices of the International Red Cross, raised hopes here that Egypt would soon return four Israelis captured during the past two years.

Two of them are pilots--Lt. Dan Avidan shot down Dec. 14, 1969 and Menahem Eini, shot down July 18, 1970. Both were wounded. The other two, Mordechai Cohen and Mordechai Babil, civilian employees of the Army Canteen Service, were captured by Egyptian commandos on Feb. 11, 1970. The Red Cross is expected to press for their release. Aohikar told Dayan that he was well treated in the Egyptian hospital and received devoted care. He was in excellent spirits and doctors say he may recover fully from his wounds but will require extensive treatment. The young flyer received well wishes and a bouquet of flowers from Premier Golda Meir.

U.S. TO DISCUSS WITH SOVIET PLEDGE BY RUSSIAN ENVOY TO EGYPT THAT USSR WILL SUPPORT EGYPTIANS IN PEACE OR WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (JTA)--The State Department said today that it would take with Soviet authorities a reported pledge by the Russian Am-

ambassador in Cairo that the Soviet Union would support Egypt in peace or war. The statement by Ambassador Vladimir Vinogradov was quoted in the Cairo newspaper Al Gomhuriya. If it proves correct, it will be the first time that the Soviet Union has publicly expressed its backing for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's declaration that Egypt would fight to regain the Sinai peninsula from Israel if there is no political solution.

It was not clear whether the State Department will take up the matter through the Soviet Embassy here or the US Embassy in Moscow. According to Al Gomhuriya, Vinogradov told newsmen in Cairo, "We support Cairo's desire, whether it is for peace or battle because in either case it will lead to liquidation of the (Israeli) aggression." The Ambassador reportedly added, "If the situation is to be war, we will support you to make it a war with a minimum of losses. We shall stand with you as always in war and peace."

5 GERMANS HONORED FOR SAVING JEWISH LIVES

BONN, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Five Germans who saved Jewish lives during the Nazi regime at great risk to themselves, were awarded medals and citations here last night by the Yad Vashem, the Israeli memorial foundation for Nazi victims. The presentations were made by Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Horin. He noted that eight other Germans--six women and two men--were to receive medals but were too ill to attend the ceremonies. He said special ceremonies would be held for them at a later date.

Last night's recipients were Dr. Otto Moericke and his wife, Gertrud, of Freudenstadt who sheltered a Jewish couple, strangers to them, in their small home although they had six children; Maria Nickel, who sheltered a pregnant Jewish woman in Berlin, helped her give birth and hid her and the baby during the war years; Dr. Kaethe Schwartz, who sheltered a young Jewish girl, Inge Deitsch, at her Berlin home. The girl is now Berlin correspondent of the Israeli daily, Maariv. A posthumous award was presented to the late Dr. Albert Tiltz, who was active in the anti-Nazi underground. It was accepted by his son, Wilhelm.

500 DEMONSTRATE AGAINST CORRUPTION; DEMAND RESIGNATION OF SAPIR

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Demonstrations against corruption were staged here and in Tel Aviv yesterday. About 500 Hebrew University students and Black Panthers massed outside the Knesset building to demand the resignation of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. Inside, the Knesset was engaged in a heated debate over allegations of scandal in government-owned corporations currently under investigation and heard Sapir pledge that the full weight of the law would be applied against anyone found guilty of misconduct.

The demonstrators accused the government of laxity in detecting waste and mismanagement in public corporations. They carried placards reading, "Sapir Does As He Pleases" and "Sapir Must Go." Several students smashed replicas of ancient pottery to dramatize their complaints that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan is engaging in illegal archaeological activities. Dayan is an amateur archaeologist.

About 250 members of the Tel Aviv branch of the Black Panthers demonstrated in busy Dizengoff Circle last night against alleged corruption in government economic enterprises. They claimed it was costing the taxpayers millions which could be used to improve conditions for the poor. Apart from an unsuccessful attempt to disrupt traffic, the demonstration was orderly.

The Knesset, meanwhile, seemed to echo the man-in-the-street. It adopted a resolution yesterday

expressing its displeasure with the moral climate and administrative deficiencies in Israeli business enterprises, including firms owned wholly or partly by the government. The resolution urged the government to correct the situation and apply punishment where due. It also called for intensified supervision over state-owned corporations. The resolution was drafted by a coalition committee headed by Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili.

Earlier, Sapir presented the Knesset with a long list of measures proposed to tighten control over government owned and other public enterprises. The measures were prompted by the investigations now underway into charges of corruption and mismanagement in the affairs of the bankrupt Autocar Co., the Vered water resources development company and the Nettei Neft oil drilling company, all government owned.

LENINGRAD TRIAL ANNIVERSARY MARKED

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA)--The first anniversary of the start of the first Leningrad trial was marked yesterday in Riga, Soviet Latvia, by 120 relatives and friends of the defendants who held a special morning prayer service for them in the city's synagogue. The congregants came from Riga, Moscow, Kishinev, Vilna, Kiev, Leningrad and other Soviet cities. They asked the world to join in prayer with them as a "symbol of solidarity" with those sentenced a year ago, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported.

SAPIR MEETS WITH MAPAM LEADERS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir made an unprecedented appearance last night before the political committee of Mapam. Political observers said it was the first instance of a leader of one party appearing before the leadership of another. Sapir's stated purpose was to persuade Mapam to support his economic program which calls among other things for scaling down wage demands next year. Mapam, though a coalition partner, strongly opposes the Labor Party on many economic and political issues.

Sapir said after the meeting that he felt he was "among friends, not rivals." He hinted to the Mapam members that he would not run again for the Finance Minister post in the next government. "I wish all the best to whoever replaces me," he said. Sapir also said he did not think the announced intention to devalue the US dollar would lead to any serious disruption of Israel's economy. "I looked into the reactions here today and found that even the black market was unruffled," he said. Sapir has been mentioned as a likely successor to Premier Golda Meir. He is said to be her personal choice to head the government when she retires.

Soustelle Assaultants Arrested

PARIS, Dec. 16 (JTA)--French police yesterday arrested six Caen University students accused of assaulting and wounding former Gaullist minister Jacques Soustelle. The six were charged with assault and battery. Soustelle, still suffering from the effects of the attack, went to Caen today to identify the students described as "Mao-ists." He was assaulted last month.

JACOB KUTNER DIES AT 65

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Jacob Kutner, founder and publisher of this city's Portuguese language weekly, Jornal Israelita, died here at the age of 65. Born in Poland, Kutner emigrated to Brazil 40 years ago. He founded the weekly in 1945.

SPECIAL JTA ANALYSIS**WHICH WAY FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE?**

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF, JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Now that the General Assembly has given President Sadat another resolution to his liking and Mrs. Meir is back in Jerusalem with the shopping bag she carried for Phantoms apparently no fuller than when she arrived here two weeks ago, the political skies for Israel appear grayer than usual. When they will get lighter is uncertain but perhaps the silver lining is only temporarily concealed in the secret two hour talk she had with President Nixon.

Which way do the winds blow? First and foremost, as is well known since the Soviets arrived on the Egyptian scene, is the crucial matter of relations between Moscow and Washington. Without agreement between them, there can be no negotiated peace in the Middle East. After months of increasingly warm feelings looking toward detente, the atmosphere has turned cool from three Soviet vetoes of American efforts in the Security Council to halt the Indian-Pakistan fighting.

As the State Department has cautiously indicated, the Soviet role has recreated some of the atmosphere of suspicion and bitterness that must affect the Middle East and other factors in an ardently desired Moscow-Washington detente. Nevertheless, rather than cause a dangerous shift towards fighting in the Middle East, the spectre of an awful debacle on the Indian subcontinent may in fact be restraining the Soviets elsewhere.

Thus, Moscow possibly recognizes that Washington's continued embargo on deliveries of Phantoms to Israel is contingent on the Kremlin keeping a tight rein on its availability of weapons to Egypt and its use of them. American concern with Soviet gains on the subcontinent may mean stronger American blocks to Soviet expansionism in the Middle East. Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird's appeal to NATO to establish a naval force in the Eastern Mediterranean to supplement our Sixth Fleet is an indicator in that direction.

Murky Elements In Mideast Waters

Murky elements in what may be developing include: Improved Soviet allowances of Jews to go to Israel; the cry of anguish in Libya at the sight of Soviet armor killing Pakistani Moslems; the hunting by Palestinian guerrillas of Jordanian leaders; and the sight of Senators who have been opposing military credits to Israel now apparently supporting the idea or not fighting it, which may be a clue from them that they now see Israel as being of value after all to the US in world politics.

How Washington regards the Middle East situation in the realities of geopolitics and in the wake of Mrs. Meir's visit is likely to become apparent soon. Egypt is expected to take its newly won resolution to the Security Council to pressure Israel into accepting the precondition of withdrawal. This may follow hard on Ambassador Jarring's current initiative which again is regarded as certain of bogging down because Egypt insists on its own way.

Anything less than an American veto of any proposal brought to the Council or any other maneuver elsewhere that weakens Israel's oft-stated position on negotiations without pre-conditions can only serve to darken the outlook for an agreed peace. An irresolute American position would be a blow to Israel but also a sign of weakness in Cairo and above all to the Soviet Union.

Not Conquest, But Peace

However, the State Department has declared

twice publicly in recent days that the parties should enter negotiations regarding an "interim agreement" without conditions. This would indicate a step back from Secretary William P. Rogers' Oct. 4 speech that led to suspicion he favored compromise on Egyptian troops crossing the Suez Canal and other matters. Regarding a full agreement, the Department's position is essentially unchanged in that it rests on Security Council Resolution 242. Through all her intense activity in Washington and with the destiny of Israel in her 73-year-old hands, Mrs. Meir reflected calm, fairness and firmness.

Israel will not be "scared or bullied," she said of Sadat's bellicosity. It is "inconceivable," she also remarked, that President Nixon would make a deal with the Kremlin that would harm Israel. Again and again she set forth Israel's aims--negotiation without preconditions; opposition to war which Israel would win but that Israel is anxious to avoid because it would mean death for both Israeli and Egyptian boys; "a fair chance" for Israel in negotiations with peace in the Middle East as its goal, not territory, not conquest, but peace. "Our one concern," she emphasized, "is peace with our neighbors." As she spoke, no fairminded observer would deny that "everybody's grandmother" was pleading a just cause.

JEWISH COMMUNITY URGED TO CHANNEL ALL AID TO SOVIET JEWRY THROUGH UJA

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA)--The American Jewish community was urged today to channel all aid to Soviet Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal. The call was issued by the Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns of the World Zionist Organization in a statement by its co-chairmen, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson and Jack Weller. The Committee, co-ordinated by the World Zionist Organization-American Section, comprises the leadership of the UJA, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the United Israel Appeal and the WZO-American Section.

Pointing out that "the needs of Soviet Jewry, including their efforts to leave Russia, and requirements while in transit to Israel and other countries, are being provided for by the agencies supported by the UJA and JWFs throughout the country in their campaigns in behalf of Israel and overseas needs," the statement "warned against minor diversionary fund-raising efforts that might cause confusion and thus do damage to the cause of the Russian Jews whom we seek to help."

Declaring that the needs of Russian Jews on arrival in Israel and elsewhere are being provided by UJA agencies the statement unequivocally said: "The considerable sums which are required can be mobilized only by the United Jewish Appeal as the central, humanitarian agency of American Jewry for overseas needs. United Jewish Appeal agencies spare no effort in bringing relief and facilities for rescue of Soviet Jews who are able to leave the Soviet Union, and for their absorption in Israel and elsewhere. In order to assist Soviet Jewry, all Jews should channel their aid through the United Jewish Appeal."

\$340,000 GIFT TO WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (JTA)--The Volkswagen Foundation of West Germany will make a \$340,000 gift to the Weizmann Institute of Science for research, it was announced today.

GARELIK CALLS FOR DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST ARAB NATIONS, USSR UNTIL JEWS THERE ARE TREATED FAIRLY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Sanford Garelik, president of the City Council, called last night for diplomatic and economic sanctions against Syria, Iraq and "even the Soviet Union" until Jews in those countries "are treated with the fairness, dignity and equality that is their due." Garelik was one of a number of high ranking city officials and Congressmen addressing a rally of some 4,000 Jews at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza opposite the United Nations to protest the oppression of Jews in Syria.

"Our job here this evening and every hour of every day is to shake the conscience of the world," Garelik said. "We must make every individual everywhere conscious of the plight of Syrian Jews--conscious of the unspeakable horrors they endure. To be guilty of silence now is to be guilty of crimes against humanity," he said, adding: "No nation guilty of such shocking immoralities should be permitted to be a member of the world community of nations in the United Nations."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) sent a message to the rally in which he declared that "The attempted exodus of Jews from Syria has come about because the Syrian government has refused to protect the rights of its Jewish citizens who are forced to live under constant threat of imprisonment and physical assault. Americans must draw upon our traditions of freedom and respect for law in registering before the world community an indictment of the Syrian government for its treatment of its Jewish citizens."

Congressman Bertram L. Podell (D., N.Y.) urged George Bush, US Ambassador to the UN, to speak out in that international body in condemnation of Syria's actions, which he described as "nothing short of spiritual and cultural genocide." He further urged the Nixon administration to "Put aside its 'even handed' Middle East policy and speak out against the Syrian tyrants. There can be no 'even handedness' when Jews are languishing in Arab dungeons."

HADASSAH LEADER CHARGES ZOA ELECTION CAMPAIGN LITERATURE DESTRUCTIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, president of Hadassah, accused today the Zionist Organization of America of distributing misleading campaign literature in the election race for American delegates to the 28th World Zionist Congress. She charged that "The ZOA's tactics are destructive to the Zionist movement and have forced all of us to spend unnecessary money and effort in rebuttal."

Mrs. Schenk noted that the ZOA appealed to the Zionist Congress Tribunal in Jerusalem and protested the election procedures adopted by the American Zionist Federation's area elections committee. "After the Tribunal upheld the AZF voting procedures, the ZOA continued to bombard the press and deluge the homes of Zionists with mail carrying misleading statements about our position as non-party Zionists," Mrs. Schenk claimed.

The Hadassah president noted that the Tribunal upheld the use of mail ballots as a proper means of election and also endorsed the AZF's plan to select 55 percent of the delegates by ballot and 45 percent by party nomination. "The ZOA protested what it calls a 'secret inter-party agreement' on the distribution of the 45 percent," Mrs. Schenk said. "The fact is the Congress Tribunal upheld this procedure ruling: 'There is nothing to prevent the parties from making agreements among themselves without participation of all parties,'" she added.

The ZOA had appealed to the Tribunal against an

agreement between Hadassah, the Labor Zionists and Mizrahi for the distribution of Congress mandates which it considered exclusionary. In its ruling Nov. 22, the Tribunal declared that agreement void and ordered the parties not to abide by it.

Mrs. Schenk further noted that the Tribunal requested that "from now on the appellants refrain from making public accusations liable to harm the entire Zionist movement." The ZOA, however, she stated, "has broken this injunction by the Tribunal." The Hadassah leader said that B'nai Zion, the American Jewish League for Israel and Hadassah, organized for the election as the United Non-Party Zionists, is the "only Zionist grouping in the US not affiliated with any political party in Israel."

COSTA RICAN ENVOY DEFENDS ISRAELI PRACTICES IN ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Costa Rica, one of six countries--all Latin American--to join with Israel in voting no on the General Assembly's pro-Egyptian resolution Monday night, defended Israel yesterday against charges of brutality in the administered Arab areas. Speaking in the Special Political Committee on the question of Israeli practices in the territories, Costa Rican delegate Benjamin Nunez said the Israeli attitude actually constituted the most beneficent occupational authority in history.

Nunez, a priest who serves as Costa Rican ambassador to Israel, suggested that the "cloud of preconceived ideas and positions" about Israeli policy could be dissipated if those delegates critical of Israel would visit him there and see the situation for themselves. The territories, he said, had freedom of religion and passage, and the Israelis were providing agricultural, health and sanitation facilities. He was shocked, he said, that the Special Committee had not accepted a single "crumb of truth" from the Israeli side before submitting its critical report.

RABBI SHLOMO KOOK, WIFE, TWO SONS AND RELATIVE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16 (JTA)--Rabbi Shlomo Kook, the chief rabbi of Rehovot and four members of his family who were killed in an automobile accident last night, were buried today on the Mount of Olives following funeral services in Rehovot and Jerusalem. More than 5,000 persons followed the funeral procession, among them Cabinet ministers and Israel's Ashkenazic and Sephardic chief rabbis. The deceased rabbi was a relative of the famous late Chief Rabbi of Israel, Yitzhak HaCoen Kook.

Rabbi Kook, 42, his wife Yehudith, 40, their sons Menahem, 10, and Nahman, 3, and a relative, Barouch Azolai of Jerusalem, were killed when their car was hit by a train at a railroad crossing near Houlida. Their daughter was seriously injured. The management of the State-owned railway has ordered an investigation. The crossing has a warning bell and lights but no protective gate. Rabbi Kook's car, a French Peugeot, was hurled about 30 yards by the collision.

Rabbi Kook was born in Jerusalem and was graduated from the Petach Tikva Yeshiva. He served in the Israel Army with the rank of Captain and later headed the Gateshead Yeshiva in England and another Yeshiva in South Africa. He was appointed Chief Rabbi of Rehovot four years ago. His wife was a lecturer at Bar Ilan University and author of a book.