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## GOLDA MEIR PLEADS AT U. N. FOR "ACTION NOW" ON ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 5. (JTA) -- An impassioned plea that the United Nations attack the basic and fundamental problems of peace-making in the Middle East now, was made in the General Assembly here today by Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel.

Addressing the Assembly in the general debate, during which representatives state the major foreign policy aims of their governments, Mrs. Meir told the UN that Israel is still waiting for a "clear, simple, binding answer" to questions she addressed to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld on October 30 as to whether Egypt considers itself in a state of war with Israel.

Pointing out that as recently as last Sunday the Cairo radio boasted that fedayeen commandoes have decided to launch "a fierce campaign within Israel during the coming winter season," Mrs. Meir asked the Assembly: "Can the United Nations make itself responsible for the restoration once again on our southern borders of murder and sabotage units pursuing a one-sided belligerency?"

Mrs. Meir told the Assembly that the blockade of the Gulf of Akaba, through which Egypt has been halting shipping bound for the Israeli port of Elath, had been ended by Israel's Sinai campaign. She said: "The battery of guns installed a few years ago by the Egyptian Government on the desolate and empty shore of the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula for the sole, illegal purpose of preventing the passage into the Gulf of Israel of shipping no longer exists. Would it not be grotesque for an international body to permit the creation anew of the conditions which made that blockade possible, or to permit Egypt to perpetuate unhindered its parallel blockade in Suez. We cannot believe that that is the case. To do so would constitute a distortion of the very meaning and essence of the Charter."

### Reminds Soviet Union of Its Former Praise for Israel

Once during her 45-minute address, Mrs. Meir mentioned openly the Soviet Union. She pointed out that in 1948, when the Security Council adopted a resolution favoring the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, the Soviet representative to the UN praised Israel's efforts to live peacefully with its neighbors. Mrs. Meir continued: "The truth is that since 1948 nothing has changed in Israel's desires and intentions."

Charging that Egypt and the other Arab states have been using the armistice agreements as "one way streets," insisting that Israel must keep the peace while the Arab nations are entitled to the privileges of war through attacks of both regular troops and commandoes, Mrs. Meir said: "I say again neither peace nor war can be unilateral. A boundary must be respected by two sides. It cannot be open to fedayeen and closed to Jewish soldiers."

Israel's requirements, the Foreign Minister told the Assembly, are simple. "What does Israel want?" she asked. "We wish to be secure against threats to our territorial integrity and national independence. We wish to be left alone to pursue the work of developing our country and the building of a new society founded on social justice and individual liberty. We wish to cooperate with our neighbors for the common good of all the people of our region."

### Challenges Assembly to "Raise Voice" for Basic Peace Settlement

Mrs. Meir challenged the Assembly to speak out in behalf of a basic peace settlement "with the same vigor and insistence" with which it had dealt with the recent events. "Can this Assembly," she asked, "leave this subject without raising its voice, with all the authority it carries, in a call to all the governments of the region immediately to enter into direct negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a peace settlement? We, the people of Israel, believe not only in the necessity but also in the possibility of peace."

The Israel statesman reminded the Assembly of the blockades, boycotts, bombings and fedayeen attacks to which Israel has been subjected without halt since 1948. Then she told the delegates of 79 nations:

"It would be idle to pretend that the present situation can be discussed without regard to this background, or that the causes that precipitated Israel's recent security action can be ignored. If this Assembly is genuinely determined to restore peace to the Middle

East, it must first determine the source from which these aggressive policies derive. It will serve little purpose to isolate one link in the chain of circumstances, to thrust the weight of resolutions upon one incident without considering the total effects.

"Unless the United Nations is prepared to use its influence to prevail upon the countries of the Middle East to negotiate a fundamental solution, the Middle Eastern cauldron will continue to seethe and the region will be a powder keg for others anxious to exploit its inflammable possibilities. Not only the well-being of Israel but perhaps the peace of mankind demand that the question of responsibility for unrest in this part of the world be squarely faced and the causes of tension removed," the Israel Minister stated.

Mrs. Meir also asked that an appeal be renewed to Egypt "to desist from the shameful and disastrous policy recently initiated of wholesale persecution of Egypt's Jewish population.

#### NO "COLLUSION" BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ISRAEL ON SINAI, COMMONS IS TOLD

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd denied categorically today any "collusion" between Britain and France and Israel in the Sinai campaign, as he opened a two-day policy debate on the Middle East which will culminate tomorrow night in a vote of confidence. Mr. Lloyd stated flatly: "There was no prior agreement between us about it."

Throughout the debate Labor MP's, led by Aneurin Bevan, attacked the government on this point, attempting to link events in the weeks before the operation in such a manner as to prove "collusion" among the three countries.

The Foreign Secretary reviewed the situation existing just prior to the Israeli attack. He noted the build-up of tension with Jordan. He placed stress on the Israeli fears resulting from conclusion of the Egyptian-Jordan-Syrian military pact in October and the mounting wave of fedayeen attacks. He also underlined Israel's continuous raising of the question of the blockading of the Suez Canal to Israel-bound shipping, terming it an "important ingredient" of the dispute.

Mr. Lloyd dealt at some length with Soviet influence in Egypt and what it might have meant for Israel and the West. He recalled that Israel had captured a million blankets and large quantities of ammunition for types of weapons which were not yet in Egypt, implying that Soviet troops would have been in Egypt in the near future. He said that the British Government believed that there had been 1,000 Soviet technicians in Egypt for servicing of equipment or training Egyptian troops.

The most friendly voice to be raised today in Israel's behalf from the Labor benches was that of Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the last Labor Cabinet, who chided Britain voting for Israel's withdrawal from Sinai. He expressed the hope that the Sinai Peninsula would now be demilitarized and that Gaza would not be handed back to Nasser. Finally, he cheered the Israel acquisition of Egyptian arms in the Sinai Desert, asserting that "they know how to use them."

#### EBAN CONFERS WITH HAMMARSKJOLD ON WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Israel delegate Abba Eban, accompanied by members of his delegation, conferred today with Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary General, and his aides. The talks covered problems connected with the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Sinai territory and the movement of United Nations Emergency Force units into the evacuated areas.

Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, will confer tomorrow with Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, on technical details connected with the UNEF take-over of Sinai territory being evacuated by Israeli troops. Their discussion, it is understood, will deal with timetables, communications and similar problems, but will not touch upon political matters.

#### EGYPTIAN MISSION IN U. S. SAYS SUEZ WILL NOT BE OPEN TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Members of an Egyptian "goodwill mission" today expressed "great appreciation for the attitude" of the United States toward Egypt and made it clear the Nasser government has no intention of allowing Israel shipping to use the Suez Canal when it is re-opened.

Dr. Hussin Kamel Selim, spokesman for the group, insisted that since the events of late October "not one foreign national has been molested" in Egypt. He said this in reply to questions about the status of Egyptian Jewry. He claimed to have left Cairo in November with knowledge that Egyptian Jews were safe in their jobs and free from all discrimination.

Hussin's group gave its interview under the auspices of the Egyptian Embassy. He said it was the feeling of Egyptian public opinion that Egypt could not consider peace with Israel until Israel returned to the 1947 partition boundaries, re-admitted or indemnified Arab refugees, and agreed to internationalization of Jerusalem.

# WAR IN MIDDLE EAST IS "INEVITABLE," SYRIA TELLS U.N. ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 5. (JTA) -- War in the Middle East was virtually threatened by Syria today when Farid Zeineddine, chairman of the Syrian delegation, told the General Assembly that under the present circumstances "a resumption of hostilities or a recurrence remains inevitable."

The "Anglo-Franco-Zionist triumvirate" is threatening the entire Middle East and seeks to bring about intervention and increase the tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union, Mr. Zeineddine declared. The Security Council should adopt sanctions against the "triumvirate," he continued. But, he said, since the veto in the Council might halt such action his country would have to exercise the "right of self-defense."

## SWISS GOVERNMENT STARTS INVESTIGATION OF ARAB PROPAGANDA IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Swiss Government is conducting an investigation of Arab League propaganda campaigns here against Israel, Britain and France, Rene Keller, a government spokesman revealed today. Switzerland has a reputation for clamping down on foreigners who do not respect her neutral status.

Keller admitted under questioning that an investigation had been launched of a champagne party thrown by Arab diplomats for foreign newsmen with the exception of British, French and Israeli correspondents. The newsmen were shown films and given pamphlets which allegedly showed Israeli and Allied troops committing atrocities. Later friendly correspondents were approached with offers of free trips to Cairo.

## U.S. MAY VOICE PUBLIC PROTEST AGAINST EGYPT'S EXPULSION OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The U.S. may be considering voicing a public protest against Egypt's expulsion and persecution of Jews, a State Department source indicated today. An official statement might be made before the United Nations. The State Department's official position on reports of Egyptian anti-Jewish action remains one of "continued study." It is known that the Department had indicated concern and may be negotiating unofficially with Egyptian leaders.

Sources within the State Department call the Egyptian action against Jews "deplorable." But they feel that figures cited by Jewish groups on the extent of the Egyptian action are exaggerated and those cited by Egyptian sources minimized. Egyptian figures put the number of Jews effected "for security reasons" in the hundreds. Jewish and Western European sources report that many thousands of Egyptian Jews have already been effected while Egypt intends even more drastic action.

## BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT ON JEWS ARRESTED BY EGYPT

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A number of British Jews in Egypt were arrested immediately after Israel started military action against Egypt and are still in prison, Commander A. H. P. Noble, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons today.

A Swiss representative has twice visited the British Jews and expects them to be released from prison shortly and deported, Commander Noble told the House. Meanwhile, they are kept in small-cells with poor sanitary facilities, but receive adequate food and reportedly satisfactory treatment.

## U.S. JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN LEADERS APPEAL FOR AID TO HUNGARIANS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious and lay leaders, in a joint proclamation on the Hungarian uprising against Soviet rule, today summoned "Americans of all faiths" to organize "an unprecedented flow of contributions for the rescue and restoration to life and ultimate freedom" of the Hungarian people.

At the same time, the group urged Americans: "to bring all possible influence on our government to aid the people of Hungary and the flood of Hungarian escapees; to become devoted advocates and supporters of Hungarian freedom; to join in the protest of free humanity against the pestilence of Communist revenge on Hungarian patriots, and their deportation to the Soviet Union."

The proclamation hailed the fact that "the Hungarian fight for liberty was a fight of all people, in which men, women and children of all backgrounds and all religious loyalties participated." It said that Roman Catholics, Protestants and Jews were involved with "equal courage and determination."

## JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN BAVARIA NAME REPRESENTATIVE TO RADIO COUNCIL

MUNICH, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The chairman of the Bavarian Association of Jewish Communities and deputy president of the State Indemnification Agency, Heinz Meier, was re-elected to the Radio Council of the Bavarian Broadcasting System for another two-year term. By virtue of the statute that established the broadcasting system, shortly after the war, the Association is entitled to nominate one member of the Radio Council.

## JEWISH CHARGES AGAINST STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL TO BE INVESTIGATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Harold B. Hoskins, director of the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, promised today an investigation of charges that Edwin Wright, assistant dean of the institute, had made biased statements about the Jews in lectures to students at the institute. Dean Wright has also been charged with attacking Orthodox Judaism.

Mr. Hoskins' decision followed a meeting with Rabbi David A. Panitz of Washington's Adas Israel Congregation and an authority in his own right on Jewish history. Rabbi Panitz, on the basis of exhaustive notes by a student in a class to which Dean Wright lectured, charged that the dean had espoused "false, biased and bigoted" ideas on Jewish history and Israel's role in the Middle East. Last month Michael Tress, of the Agudath Israel of America, accused Dean Wright of attacking Orthodox Jewry in an address at the National Presbyterian Church of Washington, of which President Eisenhower is a member.

## DOCUMENTARY VOLUME ON ANTI-JEWISH ACTS PUBLISHED IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- A 540-page collection of documents on "The Third Reich and its Servants," compiled by Jewish historians Leon Poliakov and Josef Wulf and published by Arani publishers, bids fair to cause as much commotion in certain circles of German public life as a predecessor volume by the same authors, "The Third Reich and the Jews."

Illustrated with 81 photostats and pictures, the book contains a minimum of interpretative text and lets documents--most of them from Nazi sources--speak for themselves. These show mainly the part played by government officials, judges, prosecutors and army officers in formulating or carrying out the anti-Jewish policies and measures of Nazism. But some reflect the striving for decency and the humane behavior of individual Germans who refused to go along with oppression and annihilation.

The Arani publishing house is a courageous German firm close to the Social Democratic Party. Mr. Poliakov is a Russian-born historian who has lived in Paris since 1920. He directs the "Centre du Documentation Juive Contemporaine," the French Jewish institute that has specialized in research on Nazi anti-Semitic persecutions. Mr. Wulf was a member of the Central Jewish Historical Commission in Warsaw after the war and now lives in Berlin, where he is engaged in historical research on Nazi policy toward the Jews.

"The Third Reich and the Jews," the earlier volume by the same two historians, appeared just a year ago and is now in its second German printing, largely because it was warmly recommended by such personalities as Bundestag Speaker Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier and because an interpellation in the Bundestag, based on evidence contained in the book, led to the suspension of Dr. Otto Braeutigam, chief of the East European desk in the Bonn Foreign Office. English and French editions of "The Third Reich and the Jews" are in preparation. A Dutch edition of 5,000 was sold in the first month after its appearance and a second printing is in the works.

## HISTORIC DUBROVNIK SYNAGOGUE RESTORED WITH CLAIMS CONFERENCE FUNDS

BELGRADE, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Restoration of historic Dubrovnik Synagogue in the famed Yugoslav spa city is nearing completion, the Federation of Yugoslav Jewish Communities, reported today.

Funds for the job were supplied by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, from reparations proceeds and the Federation itself. The Federation has also published in English a tourist guide of Jewish monuments in Dubrovnik.

## JEWISH AUTHOR PRESENTED WITH CULTURAL AWARD BY CITY OF MUNICH

MUNICH, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The City of Munich has awarded its 1956 "Cultural Prize for Literature" to Jewish author Wilhelm Herzog, 73, who settled here in 1952 after living in Switzerland, France and America during the Nazi regime. His best known work is "The Dreyfus Affair." Together with H. J. Rehfish, he prepared a stage version that caused a great deal of attention in Germany shortly before Hitler's advent.

## NON-JEWS IN HOLLAND RAISE FUND TO BUY AN AMBULANCE FOR ISRAEL

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Dutch non-Jews have collected the equivalent of nearly \$5,000 to purchase and outfit an ambulance for the Red Mogen David of Israel, it was announced here today. The fund-raising effort was sparked by the Rev. S. P. Tabaksblat, who will shortly visit Tiberias to present the funds to Mogen David Adom officials.

## ARGENTINE LEADER LAUDS ISRAEL AT BUENOS AIRES MASS MEETING

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Argentine Socialist leader Dr. Alfredo Palacios, addressing a mass meeting in Israel, spoke glowingly today of his recent trip to Israel, where he arrived at the start of Israel's Sinai operation. He called upon the West to aid Israel instead of opposing it.