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## GOLDA MEIR ADDRESSES U. N. ASSEMBLY; APPEALS FOR ACTION ON SUEZ BLOCKADE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir today told the UN General Assembly that the United Nations could bring peace to the Middle East by insisting upon Israel's right to freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal.

Addressing the morning session of the Assembly, Mrs. Meir emphasized that the claims by the United Arab Republic and other Arab states to alleged "rights" of practicing illegitimate warfare against Israel impede peace and cooperation in the entire Middle East area. She cited Egypt's blockade tactics against Israel and told the Assembly that the issue affects the United Nations directly as well as many maritime nations with whose shipping Egypt has interfered.

Referring to the UAR's invocation of an "alleged state of war" against Israel as a pre-text for Egypt's actions in the Suez Canal, Mrs. Meir told the Assembly:

"For any member of the United Nations to affirm that it is in a state of war with another member, and entitled to exercise rights of war, is inadmissible. From this rule, no state can claim itself exempt, nor can the United Nations permit of any exception. It must never be forgotten that this so-called state of war is not simply a relationship affecting only the two states in conflict with one another. It has serious repercussions on other members of the international community."

### Warns Israel Will Not Accept Present Situation in the Suez Issue

"Israel," Mrs. Meir warned, "is not prepared to accept, and should not be expected to accept a situation in which she is singled out for illegal discrimination. Moreover, we believe that the United Nations itself cannot accept this situation."

Referring to the speech made in the Assembly yesterday by the first of the Arab speakers at this year's session--Abdul Monem Rifai, of Jordan--Mrs. Meir pointed out that "Arab voices calling for war and preaching destruction" are "in harsh discord with the efforts of the family of nations at this very moment to mobilize all resources of mind and spirit in a supreme effort to preserve peace."

"The bellicose attitude and activities towards Israel of the Arab countries of the Middle East, led in this day by the United Arab Republic, show little sign of relaxing, and have taken on new and ominous form," the Israeli Foreign Minister told the Assembly.

Mrs. Meir summarized Egypt's recent actions against Israel in regard to Suez Canal shipping. She reminded the Assembly that several ships carrying Israeli goods had been stopped as they attempted transit through the Canal, and that a Danish ship, the Inge Toft, "is being held to this day at Port Said."

This interference with the transit through the Canal of goods from Israel "is without any precedent prior to six months ago," she asserted. The actions, she held, constitute "a new policy, one obviously aimed, for reasons best known to the ruler of the United Arab Republic, at inflaming a long-standing issue and creating fresh tensions."

### 330 Ships of 21 Nations Affected by Anti-Israel Blockade of Suez

The international implications of Egypt's Suez Canal blockade were spelled out by Mrs. Meir when she told the Assembly that 330 ships, belonging to 21 different countries, are on the Arab blacklist. The incidents of Suez shipping interference in the last six months alone, she said, have involved the interests of 10 countries. She listed these as Ceylon, Denmark, West Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Liberia, Malaya, the Philippines, Switzerland and the United States.

Mrs. Meir recalled the Constantinople Convention of 1888 which provides that the Suez Canal should always be "free and open, in time of war as in time of peace, to every vessel of commerce or of war, without distinction of flag." She also referred to the Security Council resolution of 1951 which reaffirmed that principle.

She recalled another Security Council resolution of 1956 to the same effect, pointing out that Egypt itself pledged "uninterrupted navigation for all nations" in a declaration filed

officially here in 1957. She also pointed out that President Eisenhower pledged that Egyptian prevention of Israeli shipping from using the Suez Canal "should be firmly dealt with by the society of nations."

Egypt is also continuing its "vicious attacks on Israel," she said, through radio attacks broadcast by Radio Cairo. Mrs. Meir quoted "the remarkable outburst" of UAR President Gamal Abdel Nasser who announced last July that "every Arab was looking forward to the next round in which the decisive battle will take place to get rid of Israel."

"Statements of this kind," the Israeli Foreign Minister said, "are characteristic of the incessant war propaganda carried by Cairo, poisoning the minds of old and young." Such statements, she held, "violate various United Nations resolutions condemning war-inciting propaganda, including the resolution sponsored by 10 Arab states adopted unanimously in the summer of 1958 at a special emergency session of the Assembly devoted to the Middle East crisis."

#### Cites Hammarskjold's Fruitless Efforts to Solve Suez Problem

The efforts of the Arab League's boycott committee, with headquarters in Cairo, affects not only Israel, Mrs. Meir stated, but also "dozens of states and hundreds of individual firms elsewhere in the world." These efforts, she said, are not only "a manifestation of the spurious claim to rights of war against Israel" but also "constitute a serious and unwarranted barrier to international trade."

Mrs. Meir expressed appreciation for the efforts to solve the Suez problem, made "so far without avail," by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold "and certain member states." She referred to the statements made here in the last week by various delegation leaders who "have again upheld the principle of free shipping for all nations in the Suez Canal." She called on the United Nations to see to it that all members observe these UN principles:

"1. The principle that no member state is entitled to claim or exercise rights of war, whether by interference with the freedom of shipping or by economic boycott or any other means.

"2. The principle of respect for the political independence and territorial integrity of all states in the region.

"3. The principle that disputes must be settled by pacific means in accordance with the Charter."

"The Israel Government," she said, "subscribes wholeheartedly to these principles and is fully ready to cooperate in measures which may relax existing tensions in the Middle East. The United Nations is entitled to look to the Arab countries of the Middle East that they too act in conformity with those principles."

#### Arab Delegate Says Suez Canal Will Not Be Opened to Israel

Exercising his "right of reply"--which is rarely done in general debate in the United Nations General Assembly--Farid Zeineddine, of Syria, Deputy Foreign Minister of the United Arab Republic, delivered a vitriolic 15-minute speech attacking Mrs. Meir as well as Israel and Zionism. He charged that Mrs. Meir had presented "an ambiguous and confused" picture of the Middle East problem which, he said, had been "created by Zionism" and was made possible by "British colonial bayonets."

The UAR delegate said that the entire Zionist concept is "based upon racial and religious discrimination" and "breeds anti-Semitism." He accused Mrs. Meir of stating "many things which unfortunately are contrary to the fact." He alleged that in citing a warlike statement by President Nasser of the UAR, Mrs. Meir was telling only a "part of the truth" because Nasser was only replying to a similar statement made by Israel's retired Gen. Moshe Dayan.

He told the Assembly that, while the UAR was at present widening and deepening the Suez Canal, "for the benefit of navigation," these benefits would not be provided "at the expense of the Palestine refugees or of Israeli aggression."

After Mr. Zeineddine had voiced his reply to Mrs. Meir, a spokesman for the Israel delegation said: "The hostile, bellicose tone of the United Arab Republic intervention underscores Mrs. Meir's contentions regarding Arab attitudes toward Israel and appear to be in sharp contrast to her call for a relaxation of tensions and the pacific settlement of issues outstanding between the nations of the Middle East."

Outright support for Israel's insistence on freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal was voiced here today by Halvard Lange, Norway's Minister of Foreign Affairs, when he addressed the General Assembly today.

"As one of the leading maritime nations," he said, "Norway firmly believes in and has a vital interest in upholding the principle of free navigation in international waterways. We therefore view with concern the fact that this important principle, in some instances, does not seem to be applied with regard to the passage of ships and cargoes in the Suez Canal. It is our conviction that the traffic through this international waterway, which is so important for world trade, should be free and unhindered for ships and cargoes of all nationalities."

### MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL TO STUDY AMERICAN AID

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Four United States Congressmen, members of an International Operations subcommittee of the House, arrived today to study implementation of the United States aid program. The group, headed by acting chairman John Monagan, Connecticut Democrat, also visited Spain and Turkey. The Congressmen are scheduled to return to the United States Sunday.

In another phase of the American aid program, Ogden Reid, the American Ambassador to Israel, unveiled plaques in Hebrew and English last night paying tribute to the generosity of the American people.

The unveiling took place at the gate of the James de Rothschild Youth and Community Center on Mount Carmel. The Center and a garden near it were financed with the help of 250,000 Israel pounds contributed by the United States under a special cultural program.

### U. N. BODY REPORTS ON FUNDS RELEASED BY ISRAEL FOR ARAB REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel has released Arab refugee bank accounts previously blocked in Israel valued at 2,781,164 British pounds sterling (about \$7,800,000), according to a report filed here today with the United Nations General Assembly by the UN Conciliation Commission for Palestine.

At the same time, the Commission reported that it has compiled records of 450,000 parcels of Israel land for which Arabs claim ownership and is now in process of determining the monetary value of each parcel.

The Commission has been engaged in these tasks since 1952. In the report today, the Commission made it clear that its work of identification and valuation of Arab refugees' land "constitutes a prerequisite for any settlement with regard to the right of individuals to their immovable property." However, the Commission added, its work does not "lay down a basis for overall settlement of the Arab refugee problem."

The Commission reported, concerning Arab bank accounts previously blocked in Israel, that the 2,781,164 pounds worth of assets have for the greater part not yet been claimed by the owners. The Commission has advertised in refugee camps calling on the owners to claim their money. The accounts released to date by Israel include only deposits in Palestine branches of Barclay's Bank.

The Commission reported that Israel has also released, as it had promised, safe deposit and safe custody items owned by Arab refugees. These items are now in custody in Arab countries. But, the Commission added, "it should be noted that very few applications have been received" from Arab refugee claimants for these valuables."

### ARMISTICE BODY CENSURES ISRAEL FOR ATTACK ON EGYPTIAN AIRLINER

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- In the absence of Israeli representatives, the UN Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission today "strongly blamed" Israel for an attack by four Israeli fighter planes on an Egyptian airliner over the Gulf of Akaba on September 13. The commission called the incident a "flagrant breach" of the armistice agreement and demanded that Israel refrain in the future from any such action.

Israel has been boycotting the commission's meetings for the last three years. Israel did not attend the last meeting, either. The UAR brought about the meetings by its claim that Israeli military planes fired on the Egyptian airliner in an attempt to force it to land on Israeli territory. The plane flew on to Cairo. Israel had denied that its planes did any shooting.

### GERMAN GROUP ARRIVES IN BELGIUM FOR TALKS ON RESTITUTION TO JEWS

BRUSSELS, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- A West German delegation arrived here today to continue negotiations for an agreement on application of the West German restitution law for the looting by the Nazis of furniture of Jews in Belgium during the German occupation.

It was reported that the negotiations were virtually completed and that a round sum will be paid each victim. Conclusion of the agreement will take place in West Berlin where officials of the Assistance to Jewish War Victims will meet with West German officials on September 29.

Indemnities will be paid to all Jews, without regard to differences as to their nationalities, who had their furniture damaged or confiscated during a special Nazi campaign.

### NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION ANNOUNCES \$21,250,000 CAMPAIGN GOAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York will seek to raise an unprecedented campaign goal of \$21,250,000 to maintain its 116 member hospitals, health and welfare agencies and to finance new advances in medical and social services in these agencies, it was announced today by Irving Mitchell Felt, chairman of the 1959-60 campaign. The campaign goal of \$21,250,000 is the largest for local health and welfare services in the history of philanthropy, Mr. Felt said.

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mayor Robert F. Wagner will be principal speakers at the opening dinner of the campaign to be held next Tuesday evening, at the Hotel Plaza.

# DR. SCHWARTZ TAKES ISSUE WITH COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ON BOND SALES

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, today took issue with the American Council for Judaism whose president, Clarence L. Coleman Jr., yesterday declared that the efforts to sell Israel bonds in synagogues during the forthcoming High Holy Days are "a desecration of Judaism's most solemn and spiritual days."

"The participation of synagogues in the Israel bond campaign is not a new program," Dr. Schwartz said. "It has been an integral part of our activities at this time of the year, ever since the first Israel bond issue was floated in this country in May 1951. These activities have had the approval of leading American rabbis as well as rabbinical bodies, and religious sanctions have also been given by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

"It has been a traditional practice among synagogues of every branch of Judaism in the United States to link the High Holy Days with specific endeavors for Israel and for other Jewish causes. Mr. Coleman is entitled to express his opinions, but he is in no way authorized or equipped to speak for religious Jewry. We are confident that the action of the American Council for Judaism will not diminish or interfere with this important project on behalf of Israel."

# ORT CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON ADOPTS NEW PROGRAM FOR MASS-TRAINING

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The 15th biennial convention of Women's American ORT today adopted a resolution expanding ORT activities through a new program for mass training.

The new program will assist individuals who do not qualify for the standard ORT vocational training and technical high schools. The new undertaking will be applied in North Africa, France, Austria, Poland and Israel.

# JEWS IN BRAZIL MUST VOTE ON ROSH HASHANAH IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Brazil's compulsory voting law applies to Brazilian Jews regardless of Jewish holidays and they must vote in the October 4 municipal elections, a date that coincides with the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

A regional electoral tribunal ruled to that effect today, holding there was no legal basis for an exemption for Jewish voters. Under Brazil law, those staying away from the polls are subject to fines.

# CHICAGO FEDERATION GETS FUND FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JEWISH STUDENTS

CHICAGO, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Income from a trust fund valued at \$1,100,000 will be available for scholarships for Jewish students under administration of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, it was announced here today. The fund was created by Jerome M. Levie, a Chicago shoe manufacturer, and a sister and brother.

Net income from the Marcus and Theresa Levie Educational Fund will be used for scholarships "to aid worthy and desirable persons of Jewish faith in Cook County, Illinois, to acquire or complete their professional or vocational educations. The Federation board will name a special committee to administer the scholarship funds.

# N. Y. STATE GRANTS ANOTHER \$25,000 TO YESHIVA UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- A grant of \$25,000, the second from the New York State Mental Hygiene Department for a Yeshiva University teacher training program in New York City's battle against juvenile delinquency, was announced today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, University president.

Teachers are trained in the program, which opened last year with the first \$25,000 grant to the University's School of Education, for New York City's "600" schools. Problem and delinquent children are sent to these schools for special handling.

# CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS GETS UNITED SYNAGOGUE'S COMMUNITY AWARD

MONTREAL, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The United Synagogue of America has awarded its Solomon Schechter Award for Community Achievement to the Canadian Jewish Congress to mark the 200th anniversary of Jewish community life in Canada and in recognition of the notable record of service and achievement.

Mr. Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, has been invited to the closing banquet of the biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America on November 18 as its guest of honor to accept the award on behalf of the organization which is the representative of Canadian Jewry.

# CHICAGO JEWISH FINANCIER TO BUILD TOURIST HOTEL IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Morris Dewoskin of Chicago, head of a chain of 17 American midwest hotels, has accepted a recommendation of the Israel Treasury to build a tourist hotel at Caesaria, the Israel Finance Ministry reported today.