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## GOLDA MEIR INSISTS: PEACE NOW; FREE SUEZ NOW; ABSOLUTE DISARMAMENT NOW

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Israel persists in her demand for direct peace negotiations with the Arab leaders, despite their insistent rejection of such proposals, but the Jewish State also demands immediate freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal "whether there is peace or not," Israeli Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir declared here today.

She spoke on a coast-to-coast television interview over the National Broadcasting Company's network, replying to questions posed by the program's head, Dave Garroway, and by NBC's United Nations correspondent, Pauline Frederick.

Asked what Israel's "constructive ideas and proposals" would be, to make Arab-Israeli peace talks "fruitful," Mrs. Meir replied:

"Well, you see, maybe this is a weakness in the position of Israel--that we are not asking anything from the Arabs. We are not asking any additional territory. We are not asking anything except peace, and we realize that that's weak. If we were asking something of them and they were asking something of us, there would be more possibility of a compromise, probably. But this is our position and we cannot change it.

"You know that we said to the Arab countries over and over again--I mean from the United Nations or from Parliament--that we are prepared, and we suggest to them that we meet without any preconditions, so that if they have any demands, and if they have any grievances of any kind, let them put them on the table when we are negotiating. We are so convinced that it is in the common interest that we have peace, that we know that, if once we meet and begin peace negotiations, there is no doubt that we will end up with a piece agreement between us."

Summarizing the Arab reactions to the peace proposals she laid before the UN General Assembly, the Israeli Foreign Minister said: "There have been reactions in two quarters. First, quite a few of the heads of the Arab delegations immediately asked for the right of reply, as though the asking for peace was an attack upon them. And then Mr. Nasser, in a speech in Aleppo the other day, said that never would he meet Mr. Ben-Gurion, and never would he acquiesce to the existence of the state of Israel. But we will keep at it."

## Asserts Israel's Existence Does Not Depend Upon Nasser's Acquiescence

"You can exist without his acquiescence, I believe," commented Mr. Garroway. "Yes," Mrs. Meir replied, "but we are conscious of the fact that it would be much better for us and everybody concerned--as much for the Arab states as for us--if there was peace in our area. But our existence does not depend upon Mr. Nasser's wanting us to exist or not."

On the Suez question, Mrs. Meir stated: "As to the shipping through the Suez Canal, that we demand whether there is peace or not, because, according to the decisions of the Security Council, both in 1951 and in 1956, the Canal, being an international waterway, should be free for shipping of all countries irrespective of any political situation whatsoever. So, whether there is peace or not, we stand on our right that we should be allowed not only to send our cargo, which Mr. Nasser does not allow now, but even our boats. The situation has become worse since 1958 because, until then, at least Israel cargo could go through the Suez Canal. Now he doesn't even allow that--not only Israeli boats but on boats of other flags."

The Israeli Foreign Minister had this to say about the disarmament problem: "Our proposal was for disarmament--absolute disarmament both of Israel and the Arab states. Send the armies away so that they can do the work in the fields and factories--and, of course, with mutual control. That is what we suggested, and suggest, because we believe that there is no country in the Middle East that really can afford this arms race. At any rate, we do not want it, and we suggested it to the Arab countries. We are prepared; at any moment that they are prepared to disarm--we will disarm."

Asked by Mr. Garroway whether Israel was prepared for partial disarmament and the banning of outside weapons, Mrs. Meir affirmed: "No, we are prepared to disarm--absolutely. We're in a world of tension, and we have a little world of tension of our own, and that is the tension between Israel and the Arab countries. At least if we take this tension away from the world, it seems to us that it would be a contribution to world peace in addition to the value that it would mean to all the people in our area."

## STATE DEPT. NUDGES ARAB DIPLOMATS FOR MEDDLING IN U.S. ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The State Department has remonstrated with Iraq, as a result of an Iraqi diplomatic note urging steps to silence pro-Israel statements by Senator John F. Kennedy, Democratic Presidential nominee, it was disclosed today.

G. Lewis Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, wrote the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. on behalf of Secretary of State Herter. Responding to a JWV protest against Arab intervention in the American election campaign, Mr. Jones said "our point of view with regard to the domestic character of our presidential election" was "made clear to the Iraqi authorities." Mr. Jones told the JWV: "You may be assured that the Department would oppose any intervention in the domestic affairs of this country."

Commenting on a recent Washington speech by Ambassador Mustafa Kamel, of the United Arab Republic, Mr. Jones said it "gave the Department concern, and this was brought to the Ambassador's attention."

Ambassador Kamel had denounced the American Jewish community and called on the estimated 4,000 Arab students here on temporary visas to enter American election activity. He urged the students to propagandize against candidates, including Senator Kennedy, who support Israel. The JWV had protested both the UAR Ambassador's speech and the Iraqi action. The Iraqi anti-Kennedy note was handed to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

## JAVITS OPPOSES U.N. SEAT FOR NASSER, CHALLENGES LEHMAN'S POSITION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob J. Javits today took issue with former Governor Lehman's accusation of the State Department's "supine acceptance" of the United Arab Republic's candidacy for a seat on the United Nations Security Council. Mr. Javits declared he was doing "everything I can to help our Government find another candidate for this Security Council seat." "I hope sincerely," he added, "that Sen. Lehman will join me in this approach."

In a statement here, Sen. Javits declared: "I am pleased to note that Senator Lehman has come full circle in his position on the candidacy of the United Arab Republic for a seat on the United Nations Security Council. In his letter of October 19, Sen. Lehman now charges the Department of State with 'supine acceptance' of Nasser's candidacy. This is a marked retreat from his first letter in which he accused the Government without any basis in fact of supporting the UAR."

"There is a very great difference between supporting a candidate and trying to find a new one who will be satisfactory. The UAR should not be elected to this seat, and Sen. Lehman and I agree on this."

## U.S. PLEDGES \$23 MILLION OUT OF \$29.3 MILLION TOTAL FOR ARAB REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Twenty-seven countries pledged a total of \$29,348,000 here today to help finance the 1961 operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. Dr. John H. Davis, the director of the agency furnishing relief to the Arab refugees, had asked for \$40,600,000 for the financing of his ordinary operations and special educational programs for next year.

Of the total pledged today, at a special conference held for the purpose by the General Assembly, the United States offered \$23,000,000, with the proviso that sufficient other monies would come in, so that the U.S.A. will pay no more than its customary 70 percent share of UNRWA costs. Britain pledged \$5,400,000.

## STONE, KIESLER HONORED AS U.J.A. MISSION STARTS WORK IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Two members of the United Jewish Appeal's special 120-man study mission, which arrived here Tuesday for a 12-day study of conditions in Israel, received special honors, as the mission today managed to dovetail ceremonials and amenities with a program calling for a survey of the country and talks with high-level leaders of the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency.

Dewey D. Stone, of Boston, was made an Honorary Fellow of the Weizmann Institute of Science, at Rehovoth ceremonies attended by Mrs. Vera Weizmann, widow of the late first President of Israel. Adolph Kiesler, Denver philanthropist, was guest of honor at a special dinner in celebration of his eightieth birthday.

## J.W.V. WOMEN HIT INJECTION OF 'HATE LITERATURE' IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Mrs. Bertha Krause, president of the National Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, warned today that "a huge bulk of hate literature might flood the mails during the closing days of the election campaign." Launching a drive against "a rising tide of vicious, anti-Catholic hate literature," she urged public repudiation of "these salacious hate publications."

### AMERICAN, ISRAELI TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS CO-SPONSOR NEW INSTITUTE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Seventy students from 31 countries began attendance today at a school sponsored jointly by the Israeli and American trade union movements to teach African and Asian union members how democracies can organize economic planning and social development.

The Afro-Asian Institute for Labor Studies and Cooperation was opened yesterday but, since the permanent building of the institute is not yet completed, the official opening ceremony will be held early next year. Sponsored by the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation and the AFL-CIO, the institute originally had provided courses for 60 persons twice a year. When 134 applications were received, it was decided to expand facilities. The 70 students each received a scholarship for the first six months course.

Eliahu Elath, former Israel Ambassador to Washington, and George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, are co-chairman. The AFL-CIO has agreed to cover half of the operating costs of the institute.

### ISRAEL FINDS DEARTH OF GERMAN INTERPRETERS FOR USE AT EICHMANN TRIAL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Despite the strong impression made by the mass German Jewish immigration of prewar years on Israel's cultural, economic and social life, a mass shortage of German-Hebrew translators was revealed today.

Most of those who have applied for positions as translators at the forthcoming trial of Nazi mass murder specialist Adolf Eichmann were found either wanting in knowledge of German, or too old to stand the strain of rapid-fire simultaneous translations.

Police have initiated a special course in which 16 younger Israelis are receiving training as German-Hebrew interpreters.

### ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Finance Ministry announced here today that a \$7,500,000 grant has been approved by the United States for the Israeli purchase of surplus wheat and soya beans in the U.S.A. An additional \$30,000,000 grant is expected in the form of U.S. surplus foods.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Leo Dultzin, director of the Jewish Agency's economic department, told a press conference here today that out of \$173,600,000 loaned by the Government to industry, only about \$2,000,000 went to small enterprises. On the basis of those figures, he averred that the Government does not do justice to the middle class immigrants here.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Eight European construction companies, and five Israeli firms have submitted bids for the new Haifa Port development, the Transport Ministry announced here today. The bids, to be awarded soon, specify completion of the port development by the summer of 1961.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A one-year graduate course in social medicine and public health, leading to the degree of Master of Public Health, will be inaugurated this year at the Hebrew University, the institution's officials announced here today. The course will be open to medical or dental graduates as well as to holders of bachelors' degrees showing special previous training.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A worldwide mass pilgrimage to Israel, to mark Israel's 13th year of statehood, its Bar Mitzvah year, is being organized for next Passover, it was disclosed here today. The Bar Mitzvah celebration, which will begin on Independence Day, is expected to bring a record number of tourists.

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The first group of students to complete a four-year study course at the Kfar Silver Agricultural Training Center were presented last night with graduation certificates. The group included 22 teenagers from nine countries.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- For the first time, an Israeli film producer will be a member of the jury which will pick the winners at the forthcoming international Film Festival, to be held at Rouen, France, it was announced here today. The Israeli chosen is Yona Zarecki. Two Israel-made films will be viewed by the festival judges, among 160 pictures from 18 countries.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Labor Ministry announced today it has awarded contracts for the construction of 1,979 housing units for new immigrants, ordering that the homes be rushed to completion before winter sets in. The housing will accommodate new immigrants now living in transit camps.

# FREEDOM FOR RUSSIAN JEWS, LESS ANTI-SEMITISM PREDICTED FOR YEAR 2000

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A majority of American Jewish Reform leaders believe that, by the year 2000, Jews will be actively practicing their faith in the Soviet Union, a peace treaty will have been signed between Israel and the Arab states, and there will be no merger between any of the branches of American Judaism.

The views, summarized today, were expressed in reply to questionnaires sent out by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to 1,000 rabbis, presidents and members of the boards of the UAHC and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Leaders in politics, religion, sciences, and the arts also received the document. The preliminary report was based on the first 275 answers submitted. Twenty-five of these were submitted by non-Jews.

The findings were disclosed at the opening ceremony of a four-day meeting of leaders of Reform Judaism, who met to dedicate the expanded headquarters of the UAHC here. There will be a four-day series of conferences, religious services and special ceremonies which will be attended by 1,500 lay and rabbinic Reform leaders from all parts of the Western Hemisphere.

The principle event today was the installation in the UAHC board room of a time capsule, containing on film the preliminary findings of the survey as a "Forecast for the Year 2000."

Forecasts by respondents generally reflected optimism in their predictions on the state of the world, the prospects for peace and the vitality of religion 40 years from now. Participating in the installation were Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, president of the UAHC, Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York; Judge Emil N. Baar, chairman of the UAHC board of trustees; and Max L. Koepfel, chairman of the building committee.

Famous personalities who replied included Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, the Democratic vice presidential nominee; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr; Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches; Bishop James A. Pike; Dr. Nahum Goldmann and others.

## Predictions See Jewish Vice President, No Z.O.A., More Intermarriage

The replies predicted that Reform Judaism would be the dominant faith of American Jews in 2000 and that there would be less anti-Semitism in the United States and other countries.

Mrs. Roosevelt predicted that Jews will have run for President and Vice President, and will have been elected. A two-to-one majority felt that a Jew would have run for the vice presidency by 2000 but not for the presidency.

One out of five felt Germany would be one of the foremost powers by 2000, and the majority listed Germany and Russia as the countries where there would be the most anti-Semitism.

President Eisenhower and Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Democratic presidential nominee, preferred not to answer specific questions, but asked that special material applying to some of the categories be included in the filmed time capsule to be opened in 2000.

The section on Jewish life found the respondents believing that the Yiddish press will have disappeared by 2000 but that there would still be an English-Jewish press. By a two-to-one margin, they predicted that there would be an English-Jewish daily. A majority felt that a Jewish theme would earn a Pulitzer prize. A 90 percent majority believed there would still be kosher restaurants and kosher butcher shops.

A three-to-one majority felt that both the Israel Bonds organization and the Zionist Organization of America will be out of existence by 2000. A 90 percent majority felt that the United Jewish Appeal, Hadassah and the Jewish War Veterans would still be active. There was widespread feeling that intermarriage between Jews and Protestants would increase.

## CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY TO LAUNCH FIVE-YEAR STUDY OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A five-year study to determine the present status and extent of anti-Semitism in the United States, and the "factors which maintain it," will be undertaken by the University of California, Berkeley, it was announced here today. The announcement was made jointly by Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, chancellor of the university, and Henry E. Schultz, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The study, which will get under way early next year, will be coordinated by Dr. Charles Y. Glock, director of the university's Survey Research Center. According to the announcement, the study is intended to "produce an accurate and comprehensive picture of anti-Semitism in America, to assess its current status and extent, to mark its sources, and identify factors which encourage and sustain it."

Dr. Seaborg said that, while "the University of California intends to bear the major burden of the research, we expect to enlist the collaboration of scholars from other universities. This is essential because of the size and extent of the program envisioned." The project, expected to cost \$500,000, will be financed by special gifts to the university.