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## GOLDA MEIR OFFERS NON-AGGRESSION PACT TO ARAB STATES IN U.N. ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A non-aggression pact was offered today to the Arab countries by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, addressing the United Nations General Assembly. She also proposed that the UN start the job of attaining general and complete disarmament by using the Middle East "as a pilot project for the solution of the overall problem."

The Israel Foreign Minister also offered "regional cooperation" with the neighboring Arab countries in development programs, particularly with regard to water resources. She addressed the UN Assembly not only on Israel-Arab issues but also on various other major problems facing the current session of the General Assembly.

Mrs. Meir's 90-minute speech was loudly applauded by many delegations, including a number of representatives of the new African and Asian nations. It was an address which was seen as observing Mrs. Meir's own plea for the avoidance of "bellicose" propaganda and threatening verbal attacks against any and all nations.

Above all, Mrs. Meir pleaded with the General Assembly to re-establish and reaffirm universal acceptance of the principle of negotiation on all international issues. "If this Assembly," she said, "will succeed in rededicating itself to the universal and total implementation of the principle of negotiation--then, indeed, it will be a historic Assembly."

### Says Israel Willing to Negotiate with Arabs on Every Issue

All issues, she asserted, including those dividing the Arab States from Israel, can be settled by negotiation. She expressed Israel's readiness and willingness to negotiate with the Arab states on every issue at dispute between them. Israel's belief, she emphasized, is that negotiation "is the only alternative to war."

"For our part, we remain ready to negotiate at any time or place, with any Arab leader, and without prior conditions, in order to settle the differences between us," Mrs. Meir stressed. Pending "the willingness of the Arab governments to conclude a final peace settlement," the Israeli Foreign Minister told the Assembly there are no steps that could be taken "to relax tensions, allay mutual fears and pave the road to peace."

These steps, she said, include "an Arab-Israeli non-aggression pact, the parties to which would undertake to respect each other's territorial integrity and political independence, to refrain from all hostile acts of a military economic or political character, to settle all existing and future differences by pacific means, and to cease incitement and inflammatory propaganda."

Mrs. Meir told the Assembly it "must not minimize the dangers of Arab belligerence and its implications not only for Israel but for the United Nations and world peace." She pointed to the tawny Arab refugee problem--which is the only, major Arab-Israeli issue on the agenda for debate at the current Assembly session--as a dangerous situation. "The Arab refugees," she asserted, "are being kept as a potential spear-head for another attack on Israel."

### Refers to Arab Refugee Problem; Anticipates Detailed Discussion

Saying Israel's delegation would discuss the refugee problem in detail later, when it arises before the Assembly's Special Political Committee, Mrs. Meir declared: "I would, however, say this--the number of Arabs, who upon the prompting of their leaders, left the area which is Israel today, is about equal to the number of Jewish refugees who came to Israel from Arab countries. We received these Jewish refugees as our brothers, took care of them and rehabilitated them. Had the Arab countries acted likewise--the Arab refugee problem would no longer be with us."

Mrs. Meir pleaded with all governments, large and small, to adhere to the principles that the only alternative to war is negotiation. The smaller countries, she said, should not only exhort the major powers to negotiate, but "we have a duty to practice ourselves what we say to the larger" states. "Let no one of us," she urged, "preach the duty of negotiation to others--whilst, at the same time, refusing to apply it to conflicts in which he himself is involved."

She asked all member states of the United Nations to enter "a formally binding instrument by which each government would unreservedly pledge itself to implement certain basic

principles." Then, making the offer of an Arab-Israeli non-aggression pact as a start, she came to the issue of general and complete disarmament which is before this year's Assembly, and told the delegates:

"We propose that, simultaneously with the search for a general agreement on disarmament, we should seek to reach agreement also on disarmament with mutual inspection and control for specific zones or situations of international tension. Such a scheme would serve as a pilot project for the solution of the overall problem; Israel is prepared to elaborate a program to that end, and we call upon the Arab states to cooperate with us in this venture."

#### Stresses Friendship to Israel of Non-Arab Nations in Middle East

As in past years, Mrs. Meir emphasized the fact that the Middle East is more than an Arab area, pointing out that the Middle East has more non-Arab inhabitants than Arabs; "Israel enjoys relations of friendship," she pointed out, with all Middle Eastern peoples "except those belonging to the Arab League."

Mrs. Meir reminded the delegates that Israeli-Arab disputes do not make up "the only source of tension" in the region; Without mentioning the break-up of the United Arab Republic by Syria's secession, she referred to "recurrent crises" in the region, tore apart the image of "Arab unity" as a valid picture, and said: "The image of that unity is a somewhat battered one, and hostility to Israel is at least in part an attempt by Arab leaders to divert the attentions of their peoples from their own unresolved problems."

Since decolonization of the world is one of the important issues at this year's Assembly, which includes more than 40 new states that were formerly colonies of Western Powers, she referred to "the great process of decolonization," expressing hope for "speedy independence" for Angola, asserting that Israel's Congo policy is a position calling for "the Congo for Congolese," and in general stands for freedom and self-determination for all peoples;

In this context, she referred also to another agenda item, which would outlaw all racial and religious discrimination, and recalled Israel's trial of Gestapo Colonel Adolf Eichmann. That trial, she said, "has poignantly reminded us of the depth of human degradation and suffering to which racial hatred can lead;"

#### Declares Israel's Opposition to Moscow's 'Troika' Concept for U.N.

Mrs. Meir expressed Israel's grief at the "human tragedy, the great loss to the world" in the untimely death of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld; "The impact of this blow," she said, "has been felt not only by our Organization, but in the hearts and minds of people everywhere who saw in him the personal symbol of their hopes for a secure and decent world;"

However, she stated, the UN must face now "the problem of filling the void;" Without mentioning the Soviet Union and its drive toward a "troika" Secretariat leadership, she stated firmly: "There should be one single Secretary-General;" The "troika" concept is not acceptable to Israel, she said, since Israel "does not share the view that the world is divided into three blocs;" Each nation, she said, must determine for itself "where it stands in the affairs of the world," and not be labeled by others as belonging to one bloc or another;

She made it clear that Israel would not tolerate the selection of Mongi Slim, of Tunisia, the anti-Israeli who is now president of the General Assembly, as the top executive officer of the United Nations; Avoiding mention of either Mr. Slim or his country by name, she stated that, in Israel's view, the Secretary-General "should not be a national of a country involved in a serious conflict regarding which the Secretary-General is called upon to exercise responsibilities;" Mr. Slim's country is a member of the Arab League;

Mrs. Meir referred to the recent border incidents in which Israeli frontier patrols shot five Israeli Arab youths who refused to halt efforts to cross illegally into the Gaza Strip as "another regrettable result of the border warfare which is part of the belligerence practiced by the Arab states against Israel;" As to the Arab population inside Israel she said:

"We challenge any Arab country to match the progress in universal, free, compulsory education, health services, economic welfare, rate of employment, standards of living, status of women--which are enjoyed by our Arab citizens who comprise about 12 percent of our population;"

Mrs. Meir concluded her address with a renewed plea for negotiation as the sole alternative to war, declaring:

"Fellow-delegates: If we are convinced that the only result of modern warfare will be the annihilation of mankind, then we must accept the only decisive lesson that is left. This great Organization must have the strength to fulfill its supreme aim--the settlement of conflicts between nations in peace and for peace. For there is one fear we all share--it is the awesome fear for the fate of the earth and of man upon it;"

# ESHKOL ANTICIPATES FORMATION OF ISRAEL CABINET 'WITHIN A FEW DAYS'

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9: (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, who has been negotiating on behalf of Mapai for the formation of a new Government coalition, told President Izhak Ben-Zvi today that he hoped to be able "within a few days" to give a final and positive reply regarding his prospects of forming a coalition.

Yesterday, the Mapai negotiating committee, at a meeting attended by Premier David Ben-Gurion, reached the conclusion that there were no prospects for the formation of a "broad" coalition, composed of the parties who are participating in the outgoing Cabinet.

While it was still too early to ascertain what "small coalition" could be formed, there was a clear inclination for the formation of a Cabinet comprising Mapai, the Liberals, the National Religious Party, and Poalei Agudat Israel. It is generally agreed here that the Club of Four--consisting of the Liberals, the National Religious Party, Mapam and Achdut Avodah--has disintegrated. Yosef Tamir, secretary-general of the Liberal party, said today that "the moment part of the group refused to negotiate with Herut, it was unable to form a government without Mapai and thus lost all bargaining power."

Mr. Eshkol was scheduled to meet again tonight with the Club of Four, following which he will report to President Ben-Zvi. Liberal party sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that their readiness to join a coalition will depend on whether Mapai will be willing to accept a number of major points in the Liberal platform as well as to give the Liberals one of the three major portfolios--either the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Finance or the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

# BEN-GURION TO VISIT AFRICAN LANDS; WEST NIGERIAN PREMIER ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9: (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion is expected to visit Africa later this year, according to a report published here today in Yediot Aharonot, an afternoon daily. The report said the Premier would probably attend the Tanganyika independence celebrations on December 9 and may also visit Upper Volta as a guest of President Yameogo, who recently visited Israel.

Efforts also are being made to arrange a meeting between Mr. Ben-Gurion and Jomo Kenyatta, the nationalist leader of Kenya who was recently released from a British prison. Unless major internal or international developments interfere, Premier Ben-Gurion might extend this visit and proceed to Burma as the guest of Burmese Premier U Nu, the paper said.

West Nigerian Premier S. L. Akintola, arrived here today accompanied by Mrs. Akintola and senior members of his government for a week's visit. The visit is part of the West Nigerian Premier's tour of nine countries in the Middle East, Europe and the United States with the objective of seeking assistance for development schemes in the fields of agriculture and industry.

Last year a group of Israeli experts visited Nigeria and prepared a blueprint for the agricultural development of the country. About 400 West Nigerian youth are expected to arrive in Israel next year for training in cooperative settlements. Altogether, some 600 Israeli experts are currently working in West Nigeria.

# ISRAEL GOVERNMENT 'UNLIKELY' TO LIFT BAN ON IMPORT OF RENAULT CARS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9: (JTA) -- An application by an Israeli firm for lifting the ban against the import of automobiles made by Regie Renault, of France, has been filed with the Ministry of Transport and Communication, and is "unlikely" to be granted, the Ministry confirmed here today.

Two years ago, the French automobile manufacturing firm canceled its contract for assembly of its cars in this country, under pressure of the Arab boycott of France. Recently, an Israeli firm has entered a contract with Renault for import of its Dauphine car, and has applied to the Ministry for an import license. That application is being shelved, the Ministry stated today, until such time as Regie Renault publicly disassociates itself from the Arab League's economic boycott against Israel.

# U. N. ASKS ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE \$50,000 TO A FUND AIDING EGYPT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9: (JTA) -- The Israel Government was today considering a United Nations request to contribute \$50,000 toward an \$80,000,000 fund being raised to help save the Nubian antiquities which are in danger of being flooded through the construction of the Aswan Dam in Egypt.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which is in charge of the fund, had asked for the Israeli contribution, in spite of Egypt's known hostility to Israel. The sites of the antiquities, which are located in Egypt and the Sudan, will be flooded by the waters of the Nile after the dam is completed.

## PIONEER WOMEN CONVENTION ASKS U.S. TO SEEK END OF ARAB WAR AGAINST ISRAEL

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 9; (JTA) -- Pioneer Women, the American women's labor Zionist organization, today urged the United States Government to encourage the Arab states to end their state of war against Israel and to enter into direct negotiations to settle outstanding differences.

In a series of resolutions adopted at the organization's 17th biennial convention, the delegates also called on the U.S. Government to continue economic aid both to Israel and the Arab states and to re-emphasize that this country will do all in its power inside and outside the United Nations to resist aggression.

The delegates to the four-day convention which opened here yesterday also urged the U.S. Government to: 1. Encourage the resettlement of the Arab refugees among their own people in Arab countries; 2. Challenge the boycott and blockade by foreign governments against Americans on the grounds of race or religion; 3. Encourage good relations with Israel by the world community of nations.

In a cabled message to the convention, Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion told the more than 600 delegates: "I wish you success in your deliberations and hope that both Jewish education in America and American personal participation in Israel will advance as a result of your meetings. The themes of your convention are central in Jewish life today."

Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir, in a message to the delegates, lauded the "outstanding accomplishments" of Moetzet Hapalot, the Israeli working women's organization sponsored by Pioneer Women. "We are all proud of your share in our work," she said.

Mrs. Sidney Leff, national president of Pioneer Women, paid tribute to the founder of the organization, Rachel Yanait Ben-Zvi, wife of the President of Israel and the late Sophie Udin, American founder. Mrs. Leff said that Pioneer Women will intensify efforts to complete the organization-sponsored project of a new graduate library school building for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The project will serve as a memorial for the late Sophie Udin.

## STUDY PROGRAM FOR U.S. COLLEGE STUDENTS AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, Oct. 9; (JTA) -- The One Year Study Program for American college students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has been launched for the eighth consecutive year, it was announced today by Daniel G. Ross, chairman of the board of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, which sponsors this educational undertaking.

The American Student Program Committee of the organization stated that applications must be received before January 15, 1962. Professor Oscar I. Janowsky of the City College of New York is chairman of the Committee. The program encompasses undergraduates who have completed at least two years of college, as well as graduate students. Although prior knowledge of Hebrew is not absolutely required, some familiarity with the language is regarded as highly desirable and candidates are expected to begin to study Hebrew while still in America as preparation for the year in Israel.

A limited number of partial scholarships are available for qualified students who are in need of financial assistance. They are awarded on the basis of academic achievement and economic need. During their stay in Israel, the American students share dormitory rooms with Israeli students on the University campus at Givat Ram, Jerusalem.

## CANADA-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Oct. 9; (JTA) -- The formal establishment of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry was marked here by a dinner attended by Israel Ambassador Yaacov Herzog, Dr. Y. Foerder, president of Israel's Bank Leumi and leading Canadian businessmen.

Expressing concern with those nations which look upon the Middle East as an area of permanent tension, Ambassador Herzog told the guests there was "a beginning of a sense of destiny" in the region. He said that despite the present conflict between Egypt and Syria, the countries of the Middle East will begin to prosper through "stability and creativeness."

Greetings to the new organization were received from Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and from Trade and Commerce Minister Hees, who called the establishment of the organization "an event of great importance tending to advance relations with a very friendly nation." A 12-man Israeli trade mission is expected to arrive in Canada next month. Their visit here will be followed by a Canadian mission to Israel early in 1962.

## CORNERSTONE FOR JOURNALIST CENTER NAMED AFTER AGRON LAID IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9; (JTA) -- The cornerstone of Beit Agron, a center for journalists named in honor of Gershon Agron, the late Mayor of Jerusalem and founder of the Jerusalem Post, was laid here today.

The building, to be constructed at a cost of 500,000 pounds (\$280,000) is scheduled to be completed within two years. Rabbi Israel Goldstein, president of the Keren Hayesod and Meyer Weisgal, chairman of the executive of the Weizmann Institute, said that they would guarantee to raise \$100,000 for the project. The Jerusalem Journalists Association pledged 100,000 pounds (\$56,000) while the Jerusalem Municipality contributed the plot.