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## U.S. GOVT. URGED TO BACK ISRAEL'S DISARMAMENT OFFER FOR MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Oct. 15; (JTA) -- The United States Government was urged today to take the initiative in pressing the Arab rulers for the acceptance of the proposal made last week at the United Nations General Assembly for Arab-Israel negotiations to create a "pilot disarmament plot" in the Middle East. The proposal was made by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister.

The call upon the U.S. Government was voiced by Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, in a public address. At the same time, Senator Keating also challenged the Arab states to agree to the proposal. "The Arab countries," he said, "have constantly called on the United States and the Soviet Union to undertake such a pact. The time has come for us to call on them to act responsibly in their own part of the world, instead of merely orating about others."

Senator Keating, who spoke at a conference of the Zionist Organization of America, warned that the United States could not afford to "wait and let the dust settle" in the Middle East. He pointed out that only the Soviets are benefiting from the continued stalemate. A pilot Middle East arms control pact, he emphasized, would have wide support throughout the world. "There are already UN teams in the area inspecting and guaranteeing the frontiers. To extend their jurisdiction over a wider area for weapons control would be relatively easy," the Senator pointed out.

"The goal of United States policy," Senator Keating continued, "should be to promote a settlement of the Middle Eastern imbroglio on terms that will insure Israel's continued survival and security as a free nation and a Jewish homeland and enable all the countries of the area to work together for human progress. What's more, I believe that the achievement of a more lasting peace in the Middle East is so important, so essential to the interests of the United States and of the free world that it should have highest priority. Time is not necessarily on our side in the Middle East."

"It is dangerously clear that the only nation which really gains from the present situation in the Middle East is the Soviet Union," the Senator said. "The Arab nations are suffering from their own policies as well as Israel. They are impoverishing themselves to maintain an arms buildup that is supposed to intimidate Israel. The internal sacrifices necessary to maintain this armory make economic development far more difficult and provide the communists with a made-to-order issue for stirring up discontent. Moreover, the spectacular arms deals which Nasser arranged with Czechoslovakia in 1955 gave the Russians their biggest propaganda gain to date in the Middle East."

Declaring that this "is admitted in Washington" and that the policy makers there agree that it would be good if the Arabs would agree to sit down with Israel and settle their differences, Senator Keating pointed out that they are, however, afraid that "if they try to intervene in the Arab-Israel dispute, they will only antagonize the Arabs and make settlement more difficult."

"That, unfortunately, has been the gist of the American policy toward the Middle East for years," the Senator continued. "In fact, practically from the moment Israel was first established. Perhaps at one point there was some virtue in that position. Perhaps at first there was some wisdom in trying to let tempers cool. But I am sure the American people will never forget the dreadful results in the Far East when the United States decided 'To wait and let the dust settle.'"

## BEN-GURION CRITICIZED FOR HIS KNESSET STATEMENT ON ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15; (JTA) -- The Ichud Association, an organization of Israeli intellectuals devoted to Jewish-Arab rapprochement, issued a statement here today, under the signature of Professor Martin Buber, expressing "deep sorrow" over the statement on the Arab refugee problem made in Parliament here last week by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

In his statement, Mr. Ben-Gurion had categorically rejected the idea of re-accepting Arab refugees to Israel. This, he said, would destroy Israel. The Ichud statement declared that solution of the Arab refugee problem calls for "full cooperation on all sides." It appealed to both Israel and the Arab states to "change their present attitude and agree to a solution of this problem through cooperation."

## ISRAEL IS NO LONGER ISOLATED AT THE UNITED NATIONS, GOLDA MEIR SAYS

NEW YORK, Oct. 15; (JTA) -- "Israel is no longer isolated and lonely," Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel, told a gathering of 1,500 persons at the Conference of Farband-Labor Zionist Order today. "True, our's is the only nation that is not part of a 'family' based on race, language or religion, nor are we a part of any mutual defense alliances. But we have numerous friends among the member-nations of the United Nations and we are no more alone than are any of the others," she emphasized.

"We cannot go into the UN with the feeling that we have any substantial number of votes in our pocket," she declared, "but which nation, even among the giants, is in that position today? We have our troubles, to be sure. In this we are not exceptional. But we cherish our friendly relations and mutual respect with scores of nations."

She ascribed this largely to Israel's attitude that there is no such thing as "higher nations and races, and lower ones." There is no backward people, she said, nor one that cannot, given the opportunity, provide for itself and stand on its own feet. In the cooperation that Israel extends to the newly emerging nations in Africa and Asia, she pointed out, Israel is not in a position to render substantial material aid, but sends to them qualified people to help them in the shortest period of time to take care of their own needs.

Turning to the question of peace with the Arab world, Mrs. Meir declared that "unfortunately this does not depend on how ardently Israel desires such peace. Only about a month ago Nasser's radio in Cairo asserted that it would not matter even if Israel were to agree to take back 300,000 Arab refugees. As long as Israel exists, it said, even if confined only to Tel Aviv, the Arabs will not make peace with it. We hope and wish for peace with the Arabs, nonetheless," she stated, "but we cannot be unmindful of the Arab threats."

Israel's most urgent need right now is "the third million" in its Jewish population, Mrs. Meir declared. "Only when we will be strong, only when the Arabs will realize that they cannot annihilate us, will they be ready to make peace with us. So long as they believe that we can push us into the sea, there will be no peace. We cannot compare with them in number. But a third million of Jews settled in the Negev, working in Israel's expanded industry, enjoying the highest level of education and scientific skills, will be the best guarantee that peace will come."

## AMERICAN TOBACCO FIRM ENDS FIVE-YEAR BAN ON SELLING CIGARETTES TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 15; (JTA) -- The Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, producing agents and exporters in the United States of Lucky Strike and Pall Mall cigarettes for the British-American Tobacco Corporation, London, England, for distribution outside the territory of the United States, today ended its five-year practice of refusing to sell these two brands of cigarettes to Israel under orders from its parent company in London. An announcement of the end of the ban was made today by Congressman Alfred E. Santangelo, of New York, who threatened the American Italians will boycott the products of the corporation if the discriminatory practice against Israel is continued.

Brown & Williamson, a wholly owned subsidiary of the British-American Tobacco Co., manufactures Lucky Strike and Pall Mall cigarettes under license from the British firm. British-American holds the sole license to sell these cigarettes outside the United States. Officials of Brown & Williamson have acknowledged the fact that their parent company refused to sell Lucky Strike and Pall Mall cigarettes to Israeli importers, due to pressures from Arab countries.

Today, Congressman Santangelo stated: "I am happy to announce that the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation has asked permission of the Israel Trade Commissioner to ship all bona fide orders for cigarettes and tobacco products manufactured in the United States under their own company brand names and trade marks held by the British-American Tobacco Co." The brands, said Mr. Santangelo, include Lucky Strike and Pall Mall.

As a result of that change, Mr. Santangelo said, a boycott planned against Brown & Williamson and British-American Tobacco brands and products will not go into effect in this country.

Mr. Santangelo had notified Brown & Williamson and British-American last August that a boycott by American Italians against their products would go into effect this month unless their anti-Israeli boycott was lifted. He had acted as president of the Federation of the Italian-American Democratic Organization of New York State. The Congressman and the tobacco company officials had agreed that the American boycott against their products would not go into effect until today, pending arrangements for dropping the embargo against Israel.

"I must compliment and hold up as exemplary," said Mr. Santangelo today, "the conduct of the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation, in cooperation with the Federation, in reversing their pro-Arab policy in boycotting Israel, a freedom-loving nation of the Middle East and this country's most reliable ally in that troubled area." He also announced his

appreciation for help "to make this campaign successful" to the Jewish War Veterans, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee and the Anglo-Jewish press.

Qualified circles today confirmed that the Brown & Williamson corporation have informed the commercial representatives of the Israel Government here of its decision to discontinue the discriminatory trade practice toward Israel. The communication asked for the establishment of normal relations with Israeli importers. It was forwarded to the competent authorities in Israel and a formal reply is expected.

#### SITUATION OF JEWS IN SOVIET RUSSIA TO BE PUBLICLY DISCUSSED IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 15: (JTA) -- The situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union will be publicly discussed here next Sunday by leading British personalities at a symposium arranged by Richard Crossman, member of the British Parliament. The symposium is sponsored also by Lord Boothby and Israel Sieff, chairman of the European executive of the World Jewish Congress.

In announcing the symposium, the sponsors pointed out that the problem of Soviet Jews and the discrimination they experience as a minority group "is receiving increasing attention in the West." Citing the recent failure in the Soviet Union over a poem dealing with Russian anti-Semitism by the noted young Russian poet, Yevgeny Yevtushenko, the sponsors said that the problem extended far beyond the poem. They stressed the absence of Jewish schools, liquidation of Jewish national institutions, closing down of synagogues and anti-Jewish articles in the Soviet press.

Participants in the symposium will include Sir Leslie Plummer, Clement Davies and Marcus Lipton--all members of Parliament. Other participants will be James Parker, the Christian historian, and novelists Wolf Mankiewitz, Muriel Spark, Peter Vansittart and Manos Sperber.

#### EHRENBURG BACKS POET CRITICIZED FOR DENOUNCING ANTI-SEMITISM IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Oct. 15: (JTA) -- Ilya Ehrenburg, Jewish-born Soviet writer, has disassociated himself from Russian critics who have attacked Yevgeny Yevtushenko for writing a poem denouncing anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, according to a Moscow dispatch received here today.

The Soviet literary periodical, Literatura i Zhizn, had printed an article by D. Starikov, a Soviet critic, assailing Yevtushenko for writing the poem "Babi Yaar." In that poem, Yevtushenko deplored the fact that no monument has been put up for the 40,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis in Kiev at Babi Yaar, a section of the capital of the Soviet Ukraine. Starikov had accused Yevtushenko of backsliding, and had quoted from old Ehrenburg writings in support.

In his rejoinder, Ehrenburg wrote: "I deem it necessary to say that Starikov quotes from my articles and poems according to his own desire, abbreviating them so they correspond to his ideas and contradict mine." The Moscow dispatch recalled that Ehrenburg declared recently on the Moscow radio: "I am a Russian writer. But as long as there is even one anti-Semite, I will respond and I will have it written in my passport: I am a Jew."

#### NEW YORK JEWISH POPULATION TO RISE IN NUMBER BUT DECLINE IN PERCENTAGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 15: (JTA) -- The Jewish population of New York City, comprising 2,060,000 in 1957, will rise to 2,136,000 by 1975, according to a survey released here by the Protestant Council today. Percentagewise, however, in comparison to the city's total population, Jews will make up 25.6 percent of the total population by 1975, compared with 26.4 percent in 1957.

While the Jewish percentage is expected to drop by some eight-tenths of one percent by 1975, the Protestants will increase by nearly one percent, to a total of 2,012,000, while the Catholics will drop slightly to 48 percent, or 2,984,000 out of a total population of 8,315,000. Among the Protestants, the figures show, 45 percent will be Negroes and 11 percent Puerto Ricans. The survey notes that the figures are based on religious identification, rather than religious affiliation, stating that nearly one-third of the New Yorkers have no direct religious ties.

#### N. Y. JEWISH FEDERATION STARTS DRIVE FOR \$104,365,000 BUILDING FUND

NEW YORK, Oct. 15: (JTA) -- The 44th annual campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies which will seek to raise a building fund of \$104,365,000 as well as \$22,500,000 for the day-to-day operations of its 116 agencies, was launched here tonight at a dinner at which Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Abraham Ribicoff was principal speaker.

Some 2,000 persons attending the dinner also heard addresses by Senator Jacob K. Javits and Mayor Robert F. Wagner. The current Federation campaign is the largest voluntary philanthropic effort ever to be attempted in New York City.

## LATIN AMERICANS REJECT NEO-NAZI EFFORTS TO STIR UP ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The conscience of the Latin American peoples would not permit neo-Nazi elements to instigate anti-Jewish excesses, Dr. Moises Goldman, of Buenos Aires, chairman of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress, told Jewish leaders here today. Dr. Goldman and Rabbi F. Winter, of Montevideo, president of the WJC Committee in Uruguay, were guests at a luncheon in the World Jewish Congress headquarters.

Dr. Goldman said that occasionally conditions in South America present an opportunity for neo-Nazis to generate discord. But the bulk of the South American peoples, "desiring harmonious collaboration between all sections of the population for the advancement of their land of humanity," rejected such elements.

There might be trouble in Latin American lands, even serious trouble, the WJC leader observed, "but there is no room for pogroms. Neither would the conscience of South America permit them, nor would they be tolerated by the organized Jewish communities." The unity of Latin American Jewry, fostered by the World Jewish Congress which has affiliates in all Latin American lands, was a factor in the conviction that anti-Semitic elements would have no success.

Rabbi Winter, of Montevideo, who is the founder of the Uruguayan Conference of Christians and Jews, said that he had just visited Paraguay and, with the cooperation of leading Christians and Jews in Asuncion, had established a Paraguayan Conference of Christians and Jews. There were now such organizations in four countries of Latin America--Argentina, Costa Rica, Paraguay and Uruguay.

Dr. Moises Goldman said that one of the major problems that the WJC's South American executive had had to face was the creation of central, representative Jewish bodies in all countries. This task had successfully been tackled and central Jewish organizations were now in operation in almost every country. The two Latin American Jewish leaders were welcomed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress.

## AMERICAN JEWRY URGED TO ESTABLISH OVER-ALL REPRESENTATIVE BODY

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- An urgent plea to end the "chaos, duplicated efforts, and unbridled inter-organizational rivalries," and to establish "a proper coordination and a set of priorities in American Jewish community effort on the national as well as on the local levels" was voiced here by Louis Segal, general secretary of Farband-Labor Zionist Order, at the Annual Conference of the National Board of Directors of the organization now taking place here. The conference is attended by more than 200 Farband leaders from all over the country.

Pointing out that a high degree of unity has prevailed for a number of years in both the fund-raising and the public relations work of the American Jewish community for Israel, Mr. Segal, who is also a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel, declared that it is "high time that we begin to pull together in meeting also the most urgent needs of Jewish communal, cultural and spiritual existence in this country."

"Only a democratically constituted representative body of American Jewry would have the necessary moral authority to bring order out of the present confusion and to marshal the resources of the whole community to meet the challenge of Jewish survival, not in the physical sense, but culturally and spiritually in the midst of the free American society," he said.

## DAN PINES, NOTED EDITOR OF ISRAELI NEWSPAPER, DEAD; LECTURED IN U.S.

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Dan Pines, editor of the popular Hebrew daily newspaper "Omer" and author of many books, died last night at Rehovot where he was resting after suffering a heart ailment. He was 61 years old.

Born in Astrakhan, Russia, he received a basic Jewish education in the famous yeshiva in Slonim. His general education he received in the universities of Kharkov, Ekaterinoslav and Moscow. He was the head of the Hechalutz movement in the Soviet Union which was liquidated by the Soviet authorities in 1930. He then reached Palestine, where he joined the editorial staff of the Davar, leading daily newspaper of which he later became co-editor.

As one of the leaders of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, he was sent in 1942 to the United States to represent the Histadrut. In this capacity he spent four years during which he also lectured on literature, education and economic problems in the Middle East at New York University and Roosevelt College in Chicago.

He was president of the Israel Journalists Association till recently and also served as chairman of the Israeli Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He developed a new system for Hebrew verbs and grammar and a dictionary of foreign words in Hebrew. He also compiled the Popular Encyclopedia which was issued in three volumes in 1956.