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### MIDDLE EAST ISSUES REVIEWED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND GOLDA MEIR

PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir said today, after meeting for over an hour with President John F. Kennedy at the "inter White House" here, that they reviewed world problems, including Middle Eastern issues.

Mrs. Meir found the meeting "very pleasant" and she said she appreciated the opportunity of discussing matters personally with the President. Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman participated in the meeting, which lasted longer than expected.

Asked by reporters whether rockets were discussed, Mrs. Meir replied that "such unpleasant things were never mentioned." Others sitting in at the coffee-table conference were Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and Myer Feldman, Deputy Special Counsel to the President.

(State Department sources in Washington said today that, despite Mrs. Meir's denial, it was believed that rockets in the Middle East were among the topics discussed. Negotiations with Israel on payment and conditions of delivery of Hawk rockets sought by Israel have been under way for several weeks).

### U. S. Would Consider Selling Hawk Rockets to Arab Lands

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The United States recently informed the Syrian Government that America would consider any Arab application to purchase Hawk anti-aircraft rockets of the same type the United States agreed in principle to sell to Israel, it was learned here today.

Meanwhile, reports have been received here conveying the text of a new address by Egyptian President Nasser proclaiming that Nasser's victory in Yemen is a step toward the destruction of Israel. Nasser declared that "The liberation of Yemen is a step along the path of eliminating Zionism."

He recalled his prediction that "we could liberate the usurped land of Palestine after we organized our home front and after we eliminated Arab reaction." He said that Israel was "in a state of anxiety" as a result of the Yemeni revolution, and that Israel was defending King Saud and King Hussein.

Nasser also charged that "world Jewry" opposed the Yemeni revolution "because the Yemeni revolution opposes Zionism, imperialism and reactionary goals."

Yemen's new regime boasted today that its army possesses rockets, and threatened to use them against the royal palaces of Jordan and Saudi Arabia. The threat was made in a broadcast from San'a, the Yemeni capital.

The announcer did not give the type, make, or number of the rockets exhibited at a military celebration staged by the new Yemeni Government, but said they were among the "latest modern rockets in the world." There was speculation that they came from Cairo and actually are controlled by Egyptian troops now present in Yemen.

Marshall Sallal of Yemen said in a broadcast speech that the pro-Nasser regime is "building an army strong enough to liberate the entire Arabian Peninsula."

State Department spokesman Lincoln White said today that Yemen's boasts of modern rockets and threats to use them aggressively were "not conducive" to peace in the Middle East. Mr. White said the Yemeni boasts would not help promote military disengagement in the area.

### TWO ISRAELI ARABS SENTENCED IN BEERSHEBA TO SIX YEARS FOR ESPIONAGE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Two 17-year-old Israeli Arabs were sentenced in Beer-sheba District Court today to six years' imprisonment each on charges of espionage. The youths told the court that they were persuaded to cross over into the Gaza Strip by listening to Egyptian radio broadcasts which described Gaza as a "paradise." When they got there, they said, they were detained by Egyptian intelligence officers who interrogated them on various subjects such as the Israel water pipeline project and information on military installations.

The prisoners said that they were then recruited into the Egyptian intelligence service and sent back to Israel accompanied by armed Fedayin (Arab guerillas.) They were handed over to Israeli police by their own families.

### J.N.F. BOARD OPPOSES SELLING OF NATIONALLY OWNED LAND TO TENANTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Opposition to a change in policy that would have permitted the sale of nationally-owned lands to private interests was reaffirmed here today at a meeting of the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund. The stand was taken in the face of strong lobbying by urban tenants and lessors of other publicly owned or publicly administered properties, who insisted on permission to purchase lands they now occupy.

Earlier, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol had intimated that the Land Authority would consider favorably requests for purchase by occupants of property under its jurisdiction. The Land Authority is a partnership between the Israel Government and the JNF.

Today's JNF board meeting also appointed a committee to recommend simplifications of relations between the JNF and tenants regarding rentals, consent fees for the transfer of rights to a third party, and permission to make alterations on occupied land. The committee is to study how national lands might be used to halt speculation in urban areas. Such speculation has pushed prices to astronomical heights.

Some economic experts advocate the sale of public lands in urban areas as the only means for knocking the bottom out of current speculation. They contend that aside from discouraging construction and causing destabilization of the real estate market, the speculation is one of the major causes of continued inflation.

### HERUT SPLIT ON ISSUE OF JOINING THE HISTADRUT; BEIGIN FAVORS MOVE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Two factions in the Herut Party balance each other almost equally in countrywide elections held this week for the choice of members of the organization's national council, it appeared today. While each of the factions claims victory for its side, there were indications that they just about canceled each other out in the balloting.

The issue that divided Herut was whether to continue to support its own National Labor Federation, or whether the party should form an independent grouping inside Histadrut, the General Israeli Federation of Labor. Mehaem Beigin, leader of the party, advocated working inside Histadrut, while Eliezer Shostak, a member of Parliament representing Herut, advocated the other course.

Those favoring the Beigin policy carried the voting in this city. However, in many smaller places, the Shostak policy was favored by many workers. The final count has not yet been announced. The National Council of Herut is scheduled to meet next month.

### AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE MISSION HAILS ISRAEL; SURVEYED ACHIEVEMENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) - A delegation of American Jewish Committee leaders who returned today from a survey and consultative mission to Israel pledged "continuing and increasing efforts to strengthen bridges of understanding between the American Jewish community and Israel."

At the same time, the Committee representatives stressed that Israel's accomplishment "in receiving and absorbing hundreds of thousands of immigrants and simultaneously creating a forward-looking democracy is a source of great pride to us as Jews." They also expressed their belief that Israel will make "a noble contribution to the spiritual development to Jews everywhere."

The statement hailed Israel's "dynamic and progressive programs being conducted for the betterment of its people" and "Israel's brilliant program of assistance to the newly emergent African nations."

The group spent eight days in Israel, met with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and other top level government officials and traveled throughout the country. It was headed by A. M. Sonnabend, Committee president, and included: Morris B. Abram, chairman, AJC executive board; Herbert B. Ehrmann of Boston, AJC honorary president; Ralph Friedman, chairman, AJC administrative board; Dr. John Slawson, AJC executive vice-president; Dr. Simon Segal, director of the AJC Foreign Affairs Department. It was accompanied by Maximo Yagupsky, director of AJC's Israel Office.

"We would like to express our great satisfaction with the knowledge we have gained and the friendships we have made during the course of our visit to Israel," the AJC statement said. "Some of the members of our group had never been in Israel before and some have visited here several times, but all of us were deeply impressed with the great progress which Israel has made during the comparatively brief period of its existence as an independent state."

"While we realize that Israel is still beset by a multitude of problems, both external and domestic, we are convinced by what we have seen that the State will overcome these difficulties and will make a noble contribution to the spiritual development and the morale of Jews everywhere. We also strongly believe that Jews in other countries, especially American Jewry, will do their utmost to continue and increase their cooperation with Israel so that the bridges of understanding will be strengthened through our mutual beneficial influences upon one another," the statement declared.

## REVITALIZATION OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS LIFE IN CENTRAL AMERICA REPORTED

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- An enthusiastic "progress report" of revitalization of Jewish religious life throughout Central America and the Caribbean area, as well as in outlying, provincial communities in this country, was issued here today by Rabbi Abraham M. Hirschberg, director of the Central American-Caribbean office of organized Orthodox Jewish communities, which has its headquarters here. The Center represents two separate organizations, established at a conference in Panama City last January, under the names of the Union of Rabbinical Organizations and the Council of Orthodox Congregations. Both groups represent Orthodox Jewish communities in all of Central America and the Caribbean area.

Having just returned from a tour of a number of countries served by both organizations through their common center here, Rabbi Hirschberg reported that new rabbis have been installed in various communities that had no individual spiritual leadership heretofore, expansion of services toward observance of kashruth, an increase in Jewish religious educational activities, especially for the youth, and increasing demands from Jews in many small communities for still further revitalization of their religious life.

Serving all of the Central American-Caribbean communities, he noted, are the new Central Rabbinate installed here, and the Central American Yeshiva, now making "great progress" in this city. The Rabbinate is the first ever established for the entire region, including among its members all Sephardic and Ashkenazic rabbis, as well as a Beth Din for the entire region. The Yeshiva, headed by Rabbi Moshe Raas, a young scholar who came here from Belgium, now has an enrollment of nearly 100 rabbinical students who, ultimately, will spread out to serve the Jewish communities throughout the region.

### Kosher Meat Center in Guatemala Serves Neighboring Countries

Another development serving the entire region is centered about a large increase in the number of publications being published or distributed from the Center in both Hebrew and Yiddish. The Center serves also as the principal contact between this region and organized religious Jewry in the United States where, Rabbi Hirschberg said, it is hoped to enlist more rabbis, cantors and schochtim to serve the region.

Rabbi Hirschberg's report, much of it based on his personal observations, showed the following concrete developments:

In Guatemala, a new rabbi has been installed and, for the first time in the history of the local community, a single spiritual leader guides all three congregations in Guatemala City--the Ashkenazic, Sephardic and German. The seat there is now held by Dr. Meyer Rosenbaum, former Chief Rabbi of Cuba and of Caracas, Venezuela.

Guatemala City has now also been developed as a kashruth center serving with kosher meats a number of other Jewish communities in several nearby countries where there are no facilities for ritual slaughter. Nicaragua and Honduras will be served from this center. From time to time, a ritual slaughterer from Guatemala will visit these and other nearby lands to assure a steady supply of kosher meats.

### Surinam, Curacao, Ecuador, Mexican Communities Seek Rabbis

Applications have been received here from many communities for the filling of vacant rabbinical posts, Dr. Hirschberg said. Among them are petitions for strengthened, individual leadership from Jewish communities at Surinam, Dutch Guiana; Curacao, Quito, Ecuador, Tijuana and other Mexican communities.

Costa Rica was reported by Rabbi Hirschberg to be bringing its own ritual slaughterer from Israel. This schochet is due to arrive soon and will establish a second center for kosher meats in the region. A committee has been formed in Costa Rica for the purpose of enlisting a rabbi and installing him in that country.

In Colombia, a new rabbi has been installed by the Ashkenazic community in the capital city of Bogota. He is Dr. H. Gotesman, former Chief Ashkenazic Rabbi in Puerto Rico. The Sephardic community at Bogota, under Rabbi David Sharabani, aids other Jewish communities throughout its area, Dr. Hirschberg reported.

At Caracas, Venezuela, Rabbi S. Karelitz, formerly of Windsor, Ont., Canada, has now assumed the chief rabbinical post in that country.

The two organizations centered at the headquarters here, under the direction of Rabbi Hirschberg, represent Orthodox communities in Mexico, Guatemala, Venezuela, Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Peru, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, Honduras and the British West Indies.

## 17,887 JEWISH CHILDREN ATTENDING PROTESTANT SCHOOLS IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A total of 17,887 Jewish children were enrolled in the Protestant schools of Greater Montreal, as of April 30, 1962, the Canadian Jewish Congress reported. The ratio of Jewish children in these schools was 27.6 per cent. In 18 schools in the area, Jewish children comprised the majority of the total school rollments--the Jewish student enrollment ranging in these schools from 91.6 per cent to 51.1 per cent.

## 800 DELEGATES TO ATTEND FOUR-DAY INTERFAITH CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- More than 70 religious groups and agencies in the United States -- Protestant, Catholic and Jewish -- will be represented by 800 delegates at the four-day National Conference on Religion and Race, which will open on January 14 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel here, it was announced today. The conference was convened by the National Council of Churches, the Synagogue Council of America and the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

This is the first meeting convened by agencies of the major U. S. faith groups. The delegates will deal concretely with the impact of religion and religious teaching on racial segregation. The 800 lay and religious leaders will also develop proposals for working together to share a commitment for interracial justice. The Conference will be a religious commemoration of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln and made effective 100 years ago.

"The Conference will provide an occasion for a serious and concrete examination of the role of churches and synagogues in meeting religious and civic racial problems," today's announcement said. "Every effort will be made to freshly dramatize the moral and spiritual values which are denied by racial prejudice, discrimination and segregation. The commitment of religion to racial integration will be expressed. The Conference will be climaxed by the adoption of a statement of conscience representing the consensus of those attending, and the acceptance, by the registrants, of a series of action recommendations."

### Follow-Up Committee Formed for Cooperative Action

A special Follow-Up Committee which will see to it that the decisions of the Conference are acted upon in local communities has been set up by the planners of the Conference, under the chairmanship of Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley, executive secretary of the Christian Citizenship Division of the Protestant Episcopal Church's National Council. In a statement issued today, Rev. Walmsley said:

"Our committee on follow-up is planning ways by which cooperative interreligious activity in the area of race relations can be carried out in local communities. Findings of the Conference will be shared with local religious leaders, and an effort will be made to develop regional action programs to implement the Statement of Conscience of the National Conference on Religion and Race."

Principal Jewish speakers at the Conference will include Dr. Abraham J. Heschel, of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Rabbi Julius Mark, president of the Synagogue Council of America; Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit; Albert Vorspan, director of the Commission on Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and others.

## GREENSPAN FOUNDATION GIVES \$250,000 TO MIAMI MT. SINAI HOSPITAL

MIAMI, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A gift of \$250,000, to be used for the expansion of the services rendered by the outpatient department of Mt. Sinai Hospital here, was announced by J. Gerald Lewis, president of the institution. The gift was made by the S. Harvey Greenspan Foundation, directed by Mrs. S. Harvey Greenspan and her daughter, Mrs. Basil Heatter. The late husband and father of the donors financed the establishment of the outpatient department of the hospital, starting with a \$250,000 gift in 1946.

The Greenspan Outpatient Pavilion of Mt. Sinai is the second largest clinic of its kind in this country. The number of persons given care and aid at the clinic increased from 17,200 in 1961 to an estimated 21,000 this year.

## B. SUMNER GRUZEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- B. Sumner Gruzen, well-known architect and designer, has been elected national president of the American Technion Society, it was announced today. He succeeds Jacob R. Sensibar.

A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Gruzen has been active in the development of large scale housing projects, universities, military institutions, industrial plants, religious structures and community planning. He has been a member of the American Technion Society for more than 20 years, and in recent years has served as a member of the board of directors. He has also been an active leader of the Essex County United Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in New York.

Others elected by the American Technion Society include David Rose, chairman of the board; Senator Jacob K. Javits and Dr. Abraham Tulin, honorary chairmen of the board; Harold E. Beckman and Stephen Wise Tulin, treasurer and secretary, respectively.

## DR. NAAMANI ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS OF HEBREW

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Professor Israel T. Naamani, of the University of Louisville, today was elected president of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew and Near East Studies, at the organization's annual conference at the Union Theological Seminary here. The association represents over 150 universities and theological seminaries throughout the United States.