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## GOLDA MEIR DESCRIBES TALK WITH KENNEDY AS 'IMPORTANT'; GIVES REPORT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1, (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet convened here today in a special meeting to hear a report by Foreign Minister Golda Meir on her meeting last Thursday with President John F. Kennedy prior to her return home last night from the United States where she headed Israel's United Nations delegation during the General Assembly session.

No details were disclosed here about the contents of her discussions with President Kennedy and officials here declined to elaborate on Mrs. Meir's statement on her arrival last night in which she described the meeting with Mr. Kennedy in Palm Beach, Fla., as "important as well as pleasant." She added that she left the meeting with a feeling that Mr. Kennedy was "a great man at the head of a great and friendly power." Mrs. Meir said she had requested the meeting.

Commenting on the United Nations General Assembly session which was concluded several weeks ago, Mrs. Meir said that Israel fared fairly well. "None of the threats which existed prior to the session had materialized and the Arabs did not succeed in achieving the goals they set for themselves," she declared. She stressed, however, that problems still remained. Referring to her visit to Canada, Mrs. Meir said that she found friendship and understanding on all levels.

## ISRAEL PLANS CONSTRUCTION OF ATOMIC POWER STATIONS FOR THE NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1, (JTA) -- A special Parliamentary committee will meet soon to discuss plans for construction of atomic power stations which will produce mainly electricity in the Negev, it was disclosed today. The committee is made up of members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committees.

The special committee will consider plans submitted by a special survey committee of scientists and utility engineers to build atomic reactors for electrical energy.

Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, who spoke at Dimona, in the Negev, declared that within ten years a large nuclear power station would be built in the Negev with much of its output to be used for desalination of salt water. Dimona is the site of a large nuclear reactor now under construction.

## ISRAEL'S BUDGET PRESENTED TO KNESSET; NO TAX INCREASE RECOMMENDED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1, (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol today formally presented to the Knesset Israel's draft 1963-64 budget totaling 2,790,000,000 pounds (\$930,000,000.) The draft budget, although exceeding the 1962-63 budget by 414,000,000 pounds (\$138,000,000), is the first one which does not provide for any tax increase over that of the previous year.

Higher revenues are expected to result from expansion of Israel's economy and improved tax collection methods. The draft budget is within the framework of a Government policy seeking to make 1963 the year in which Israel's economy will have reached stability and is based on the assumption that there will be no increase in wages during the coming year.

In order to balance the budget, efforts were made to keep most items at the same level as the previous year's expenditures. Three notable exceptions, however, were the defense budget, the education budget and debt payments.

Defense expenditures and "special budgets" were listed at a total of 813,000,000 pounds (\$271,000,000). The education budget was increased by 37,000,000 pounds (\$12,333,000) over last year's figure to total 200,000,000 pounds (\$66,700,000). The increase in the debt payments was made necessary by the fact that 1963 will be the first year in which Israel's 1951 American bond issue falls due with an initial payment in May 1963 of \$30,000,000. Altogether, the Government will repay 555,000,000 pounds (\$185,000,000) in both interest and principle at home and abroad.

## Taxes and Income from Foreign Countries to Cover Budget

The development budget, totaling 553,000,000 pounds (\$181,000,000) will be utilized for agricultural purposes, water development, mining, electricity, industry, transportation, roads and housing. A total of 200,000,000 pounds (\$66,700,000) will be

spent for housing, half of which will come from the Jewish Agency and the national savings scheme. A total of 20,000 housing units will be built during the year, particularly in new settlements and development areas. Another item in the development budget is an allocation for the development of Arab and Druse villages.

#### Greater Outlay of Foreign Currency Indicated by Eshkol

The main source of revenue envisaged by the draft budget are taxes accounting for 590,000,000 pounds (\$196,700,000), some 150,000,000 pounds (\$50,000,000) more than last year. Customs and purchase taxes are expected to yield 283,000,000 pounds (\$94,300,000) and 225,000,000 pounds (\$75,000,000) respectively.

Other sources of income include 320,000,000 pounds (\$107,000,000) from foreign loans; 195,000,000 pounds (\$65,000,000) from the Development Bond Issue and income from United States food surplus counterpart funds; 120,000,000 pounds (\$40,000,000) from German reparations under the Luxembourg Agreement; 105,000,000 pounds (\$35,000,000) from local short-term emissions; and 100,000,000 pounds (\$33,000,000) from the absorption tax.

Mr. Eshkol told the *Knesset* that the new budget would require greater outlays of foreign currency and for payment of debts which already accounts for 20 per cent of the current budget. He said that the budget is based on the premise that immigration will continue and higher allocations are therefore earmarked for housing, education, health, social welfare and other services necessary for immigrant absorption.

#### HISTADRUT ADOPTS MAPAI PROPOSAL FOR FREEZE OF WAGES AND TAXES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA)-- The proposal sponsored by Mapai for the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, to enter into an agreement with the Government for a one-year freeze of wages and taxes was adopted by the Histadrut executive last night over the opposition of the Mapam and Achdut Avoda members. Last week "workers committees" organized by Mapam and other opposing factions, staged a one-hour warning strike in various parts of the country.

While it was agreed that the Histadrut Council would hear appeals by Mapam and Achdut Avodah against the wage freeze agreement, the Histadrut Trade Union Department announced that it would be guided by the decision of the executive in its negotiations for collective wage agreements. The appeal will be made shortly before a special meeting of the Council which normally meets only once a year.

At the meeting of the executive last night, Mapai supporters of the proposal pointed to the danger to Israeli workers "if we do not meet the challenge of the European Common Market." They stressed that jobs would be endangered if more and cheaper Israeli goods were not sold abroad. Mapam and Achdut Avoda members, on the other hand, demanded wage increases.

Nearly all branches of Israeli commerce and industry, including the Merchants Association and small artisans organizations announced that they would cooperate with Government efforts to secure stabilization of prices provided there will be no wage increases.

#### POLICE SEEK INDICTMENT OF 10 ISRAELI ARABS SPYING FOR LEBANON

TEL AVIV, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Police investigators were reported today to be preparing an indictment against 10 Israeli Arabs, including a 22-year-old woman, who were arrested last week on espionage charges.

The ten Arabs live in a small village near the Lebanese border and the girl was reported to be the head of a group involved in the alleged espionage. Most members of the group, including two brothers-in-law and other relatives, belong to the girl's family. They were accused of collecting information for Lebanese intelligence.

#### 76-YEAR-OLD JEW ARRESTED IN SOVIET UNION AS 'LEADER OF SPECULATORS'

LONDON, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Daily Telegraph reported today from Moscow that a group of alleged speculators, led by a 76-year-old man whose name was published as Gutermakher, had been arrested in Alma-Ata, the capital of Soviet Kazakhstan in central Asia.

According to the report, the seven members of the alleged gang had collected gold, pre-revolutionary currency, watches, table ornaments, silver and precious stones. Gutermakher, described in the Telegraph report as apparently of Jewish origin, was a private businessman before the Russian Revolution.

Another member of the alleged ring, according to the report, was an organizer of a cooperative store in Alma-Ata, who was accused of having accumulated the equivalent of more than \$100,000 in the course of his duties.

## McGILL UNIVERSITY DENIES ANTI-JEWISH BIAS; HAS 2,414 JEWISH STUDENTS

MONTREAL, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress and Chancellor P. E. Powell of McGill University were engaged in a dispute today over the Chancellor's public statement that he opposed legislation "to force integration and the elimination of discrimination and other forms of prejudice."

Chancellor Powell made his statement as the guest speaker at an anniversary banquet of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. In the course of his address, the Chancellor also dealt with charges that a Jewish student was discriminated against at the university to the extent that he had to receive marks of 80 per cent or more on his high school final examinations before he was admitted to the university.

Describing the report as "nothing more than a rumor," Mr. Powell told the banquet that "the percentage of McGill students who have declared themselves to be Jewish has increased steadily during the last five years--from 22 to 25.3 per cent." He added that the figures for 1962-63 had not yet been analyzed but that during the year, the university had 2,414 Jewish students, the majority of whom had an average of less than 80 per cent on their high school examinations when their applications were accepted.

"I therefore consider myself to be able to state that there had been no discrimination against Jewish candidates for admission to McGill during the five years to which the investigation was limited," he said. He then discussed his personal philosophy about anti-bias legislation.

### Canadian Jewish Congress Disputes Chancellor's Views on Bias

Asserting that such legislation "may even generate sufficient resentment to make a bad situation worse," Chancellor Powell expressed the view that "man's conduct may be influenced or even regulated by law but is it reasonable to expect that man's mind can be so influenced or regulated?"

He said that what was sometimes called "discrimination" might really be "merely a manifestation of a natural desire of compatible persons to work together. In business, as well as religion, education and other human activities, there is a justifiable urge for compatible persons to work together," he pointed out.

The Canadian Jewish Congress disputed Mr. Powell's stand in letters to the editors of Montreal dailies, asserting that the governments of six Canadian provinces had passed Fair Employment and Fair Accommodation Practices legislation "in recognition of a widely accepted truth that legislation can and does act as a potent educational agent. Similarly, the Federal authority passed legislation some years ago establishing a Fair Employment Practices Act."

The CJC added that the very enactment of such legislation "proclaims that henceforth public policy shall be one of employment on merit, to the exclusion of such criteria as race, creed, color, etc." and similarly with Fair Accommodation legislation. The CJC stressed that "for most law-abiding citizens--and Canadians are on the whole, such--the very declaration of this policy determines their behavior pattern."

### Quebec Urged to Enact 'Educational' Legislation Against Bias

"Legislation attacks discrimination as such, not the underlying prejudices," the CJC statement added. "By doing so, it corrects injustices and at the same time, it weakens chances for a further growth of prejudice." The CJC noted that "not only does discrimination result from existing prejudice, but also more prejudice is bred from the observed fact of discrimination."

"This is not one man's opinion," the CJC statement emphasized. "It is a belief firmly held by eminent psychologists, sociologists, political scientists and lawyers, on the basis of many years of experience with 'equal opportunity legislation' both in Canada and the United States."

The CJC stressed that a number of "outstanding citizens" of Quebec had petitioned the Premier of the Province to join the six other provinces "in the enactment of this type of 'educational' legislation" at the next session of the Quebec Legislature. Both the Chancellor's speech and the CJC reply were widely reported in the local daily press.

## ARGENTINE PERMITS RE-OPENING OF LEFT-WING JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Eleven Jewish institutions, which were closed down by police two weeks ago as part of a general crackdown on leftist groups, were allowed to re-open today. None of the affected institutions were affiliated with the DAIA, the representative body of organized Argentine Jewry.

Among the Jewish institutions affected by the temporary ban were the IFT Yiddish Theater, a publishing house, two cultural centers and four schools located in Buenos Aires.

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH LECTURE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH U.S.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University will seek to set up lecture exchange programs with American Universities, particularly in the field of Mideast studies to counter the growing anti-Israel propaganda by Arab students and lecturers, Eliahu Elath, president of the Hebrew University, declared here today on his return from a six-week tour of the United States, England and Canada.

Mr. Elath said there was danger that many American Mideast experts might get their information from Arab channels alone unless the Israel Government took steps to counter the propaganda campaign.

Louis Mintz, a prominent London businessman and a leading Zionist, has contributed 100,000 pounds sterling (\$280,000) to the Hebrew University for the construction of new premises at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, it was announced here today. Mr. Mintz is in Israel together with Mrs. Mintz on a visit to their son who lives at Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi.

## \$12,000,000 IN ISRAEL BOND CAPITAL RAISED IN NEW YORK IN 1962

NEW YORK, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Almost \$12,000,000 in Israel bond capital was raised in 1962 in the New York metropolitan area for the economic development of Israel, it was announced tonight by William Goldfine, campaign chairman of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds. Mr. Goldfine made his announcement before a capacity audience of 18,000 Israel bond buyers at the second and final performance of the Chanukah Festival for Israel in Madison Square Garden.

Brigadier-General Shlomo Goren, Chief Chaplain of the Israel Defense Forces, who was the principal speaker at the Festival, brought the greetings of the people of Israel to the Jews of America. "Whatever we have accomplished in Israel has been achieved not only by ourselves but with your great and wholehearted support and help," he told the audience.

"Through the great national project known as Israel bonds," Rabbi Goren said, "we have been able to undertake a great and important task--making the Negev desert bloom. We have already laid the foundation of a new city called Arad, near the Dead Sea. With the help of people like you, I am convinced that ten years from today we will have a new Tel Aviv in the Negev."

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO BUILD \$5,000,000 CENTER FOR 'SENIOR CITIZENS'

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- A \$5,000,000 senior citizens' residential project will be built here under the sponsorship of the Myron B. Sutton Post 113, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, according to an announcement by officers of the post. Harry Wolf, past commander of the post, has been named chairman of the committee in charge of the project's construction.

The center will provide 250 units for living quarters, as well as a chapel and social hall and other facilities. It will offer its facilities to senior citizens from all over the country. Construction is scheduled to start next summer.

## JEWISH ROLE IN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR DEPICTED IN LOS ANGELES EXHIBIT

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- An exhibit of rare, historical Civil War items, dealing with the role of American Jews during that conflict, is attracting wide attention here. The exhibit is sponsored by the American Jewish Civil War Centennial Commission and the Southern California Jewish Historical Society. Many of the items were gathered from museums and private collections throughout the United States.

The Sinai Temple Library here has acquired a 2,500-year-old clay cylinder which has an inscription by Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar II. The priceless relic was given as a gift by Samuel D. Steinberg, collector of rare books and historical documents. The inscription concerns the building of a temple in the ancient city of Sippar.

## METHODIST CHURCH, CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR JEWISH TEMPLE

ENFIELD, Conn., Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Officials of a congregation which has been using facilities of a Methodist church and a Catholic parochial school unit it can build its own facilities expressed thanks today in a New Year message to their Christian benefactors.

Temple Sinai Enfield was organized here a year ago and now has 20 families as members. Marvin Diamond, president of the congregation, said that the Rev. Evan R. Johnson of the local Methodist Church has provided facilities to the congregation for Friday evening and Oneg Shabbath services. Father Paul J. Bartlewski has made available classrooms in the St. Adelbert's parochial school for the congregation Sunday school.

## DANIEL KORMAN ELECTED MAYOR OF CANADIAN TOWN; FATHER WAS ALSO MAYOR

TORONTO, Jan. 1. (JTA) -- Daniel "Nick" Korman was elected mayor of Englehart, a northern Ontario town of 1,650 defeating the incumbent Mrs. Ruby Bryan who held the post for two terms. Mr. Korman's father David Korman was mayor of Englehart for 15 years before his retirement.