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GOLDA MEIR ASKS U.N. TO ADVOCATE DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS

NEW YORK, Nov. 13, (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, called last night on the United Nations to act in accordance with its Charter by ensuring that there is no war, no threat of war and that all disputes be handled through peaceful means and by direct negotiation.

She spoke on Israel's Foreign Policy at Yeshiva University here to a youthful overflow audience exceeding 1,300 members of the faculty, student body and alumni.

Mrs. Meir, who was given an enthusiastic reception, said the UN must have the moral courage to call for peace not only in speeches but in resolutions and by advocating peaceful negotiations.

She added that Israel had the same rights and obligations as every other nation, yet Israel remained the only country in the world openly threatened with destruction by her neighbors even in statements in the United Nations. These threats are the declared aim and objective of the Arab Governments, she said.

At the same time, the Israel Foreign Minister emphasized, Israel's policy was essentially a desire for peace with all countries and primarily with its neighbors. She pointed out that it was no longer possible for anyone to win a war, stressing that Israel's security was based on its capacity to deter a war rather than win one. Israel, she added, must be so strong that her neighbors will not want to attack her.

Mrs. Meir drew attention to Arab policies aimed at surrounding Israel by boycott and blockade and a wall of hatred and belligerency which Israel "must jump over" to find friends. Because Israel believes in coexistence, Mrs. Meir continued, it had never asked any state or any statesman to take a stand against the Arabs.

She said the Jewish people throughout the world share the joys and sorrows of Israel, and within Israel itself, the people's unity of purpose is its chief asset; any developments which tend to introduce internal discords are bound to have their repercussions both at home and abroad, she concluded.

In an interview today on a network television program, Mrs. Meir said peace will come eventually to the Middle East because the Arab peoples want peace and will demand it. "Our Arab neighbors," she said, "are not only the Arab rulers but the people suffering from malnutrition, disease and other ills which, the people know, will eventually be subject to more effective cooperative effort resulting from peace in the area."

Asked whether Israel felt it could continue living in an area surrounded by hostile states, she replied: "We are ready to defend ourselves if necessary. Our neighbors know that now we are strong enough."

SOVIET BACKS ARABS AT U.N.; URGES REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES TO ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 13, (JTA) -- The Soviet Union told the General Assembly's Special Political Committee today that "the only correct solution" to the Arab refugee problem is the "repatriation" of all the refugees who wish to go to Israel to be permitted to "return" to their "homeland" and pay compensation to those not going back.

Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov, representing the Soviet Union in the committee, declared that the "right" of the refugees to go back to what he called "their homeland" could not be doubted or ignored.

He recalled a 1948 resolution adopted by the General Assembly in support of his contention that repatriation or compensation constituted the only solution. While that resolution also mentioned the alternative of resettlement, Mr. Menshikov, following the policy of the Arab delegations, ignored that alternative. The real cause for the present refugee impasse, he said, was Israel's refusal to carry out past UN resolutions. In passing he also attacked the Western Powers when he declared that "Israel would not be able to defy world opinion without the support of certain Western Powers."

New Zealand Delegate Calls for Direct Arab-Israel Talks

O.P. Gabites, the New Zealand representative in the Political Committee, told the 111-member group that no peace settlement between the Arabs and the Israelis could be

imposed. He called for direct Arab-Israel negotiations "in suitable circumstances and under appropriate auspices." The New Zealand address was the first breath of fresh air in the Committee which, for a day and a half, has been listening to addresses directed against Israel by a long string of Moslem and other pro-Arab delegations including those of Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Iraq, Libya and Lebanon.

The statement by Mr. Gabites seemed particularly significant, since it followed a long speech by Lebanon's Ambassador Georges Hakim who rejected in advance any possible resolution that may be presented calling for direct Arab-Israel peace talks.

Meanwhile, a long dispute evolved in the Committee when Arab spokesmen demanded that a speech made ten days ago by Ahmad Shukairy, spokesman for the so-called "Palestine Arab delegation," be labeled officially as an address coming from that delegation head.

Last week, Mihail Haseganu of Rumania, chairman of the Committee, ruled that Mr. Shukairy's speech be circulated as an official United Nations document. Today, Salah el-Dine Tarazi of Syria complained that the Shukairy speech as circulated identifies Shukairy only as an individual and not as "chairman of the Palestine Arab delegation."

Israel's permanent representative, Michael S. Comay, told the Committee that the speech had been correctly identified as one coming from an individual in accordance with the Committee's decision. Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN Undersecretary for Special Political Affairs, in a rare personal intervention before the Committee, told the group that he assumed "full responsibility" for the manner in which the Shukairy speech was titled.

After a discussion lasting nearly an hour and a half during which Dr. Bunche spoke twice, and Mr. Comay three times, the issue was left hanging in the air when Tarazi declined to call for a vote on the procedural issue.

AMENDMENT TO TERMINATE AMERICAN AID TO NASSER DEFENDED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Replying to State Department criticism of what officials have termed the "crippling amendment"--the Foreign Aid Bill amendment calling for termination of aid to Egypt--Senator Ernest Gruening, Alaska Democrat, today told the Senate that the way for President Nasser to regain aid would be to cease aggression.

Sen. Gruening, original sponsor of the amendment, defended it against State Department-inspired criticism. The Senator said "the Senate has finally moved to stop the aid if the President finds there is aggression--and it is difficult to see how he can fail to find it."

President Nasser could re-establish himself, said Sen. Gruening, if he were to "pull all his troops out of Yemen, to stop the military build-up which is clearly designed to commit aggression against his neighbors, Israel and Jordan, to pull his troops out of Algeria, where there is fighting with the Algerians against Morocco, and to cease his inflammatory broadcasts which preach assassination of officials of neighboring countries."

Sen. Gruening pointed out that Nasser has spent \$185,000,000 maintaining armed intervention in Yemen for 15 months. The Senator stressed that "while he has been spending \$185,000,000 on war, we have been pouring in \$185,000,000 and more through Public Law 480 (surplus commodities) and other aid designed to raise the economy of the Egyptian people."

ISRAEL PLANS CHANGES IN PASSPORT LEGISLATION TO CHECK MISUSE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A number of proposals for changes in Israel's Law of the Return and passports legislation will come up for consideration soon by a special Ministerial Committee, it was indicated here today.

Under the proposed changes, a new immigrant will be entitled to receive a passport only after living in Israel for a year except for special cases which will require special authorization. This change is intended to eliminate a practice by which people come to Israel as immigrants only to get a passport and then leave Israel.

Under another proposed change, Israeli citizens would forfeit their passports unless they returned within a specified period. This change is intended to rectify a situation in which thousands who left Israel many years ago and severed all ties with Israel still hold Israeli passports which in a number of cases have been misused by undesirable elements.

JACOB BLAUSTEIN RECEIVED BY ISRAEL PRESIDENT; CONFERS WITH PREMIER

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, was received today by President Zalman Shazar. He also conferred here with Premier Levi Eshkol and other officials.

L. C. B. C. REPORTS ON BUDGETARY REVIEWS OF 14 NATIONAL JEWISH GROUPS

NEW YORK, Nov. 13, (JTA) -- Matters of vital importance to Jewish community life in this country were reviewed by the Large City Budgeting Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds during budgetary discussions with 14 Jewish agencies which submitted their budgets to the LCBC for joint review, it was reported today by George Michelson, of Boston, LCBC chairman,

As an example of bringing the ever-changing situation in Jewish communal needs into focus at LCBC sessions, Mr. Michelson cited the assumption of full responsibility for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by its independent board whose budget has been reviewed and approved by the LCBC. He also cited the impact of current migration requirement on the budget of the United Hias Service which was reviewed by the LCBC; the efforts of the American Association for Jewish Education to devise and finance a program adapted to today's needs which were analyzed by the LCBC and the financial problems posed to the National Jewish Welfare Board by a retrenchment of USO financing.

Michelson welcomed the fact that the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League has this year joined the LCBC as the 14th participating agency in joint budget review. He announced that the LCBC now has under consideration a request by the World Jewish Congress, American section, for admission to the joint budget review process. "We shall consult the member communities' wishes individually as we attempt to determine whether it is in the community interest for LCBC's necessarily limited energies and resources to be extended to this review," he said.

"We are also engaged in informal discussions, at our initiative, with representatives of the American Jewish Committee, an agency whose participation LCBC has invited on the basis of many expressions of community interest," the LCBC chairman continued. "When these discussions will have been pursued further, we shall be in a position to report more specifically on the prospects for budget review of the American Jewish Committee."

Mr. Michelson reported that "the LCBC finds itself this year dealing with communal agencies that, in performance of vitally needed services, spend \$14,500,000 annually, receiving over \$4,000,000 of this from Jewish welfare funds all over the country."

SOVIET TO CONSIDER TRANSFER TO ISRAEL OF REMAINS OF LEADING JEWS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13, (JTA) -- Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov said here today that Soviet authorities would not object in principle to the transfer to Israel for burial of the remains of outstanding Jewish personalities buried in the Soviet Union.

The envoy made that statement to a delegation in reply to a specific request for the transfer of the remains of the Gaon of Vilna. The envoy said such requests for individual transfers could be expected to receive favorable consideration but that the Soviet authorities would definitely object to any mass re-burial.

The meeting with the ambassador confirmed an earlier agreement with Soviet authorities for the transfer and re-burial of the remains of relatives of Israeli families in Lukyanovka, an abandoned Jewish cemetery in Kiev, to Kiev's new cemetery. The remains of President Shazar's brother-in-law and relatives of Foreign Minister Golda Meir will be transferred to the new cemetery under this arrangement. Under Soviet law any cemetery closed for 25 years is declared abandoned and may be destroyed.

REPORT ON TRANSFER OF JABOTINSKY'S REMAINS TO ISRAEL IS DENIED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13, (JTA) -- The Herut party issued an official denial last night of press reports that Premier Levi Eshkol had agreed to the transfer of the remains of the late Zeev Jabotinsky from the United States to Israel.

The statement, issued after several hours of party discussion, stressed that no Herut party official had any discussion on the subject with the Prime Minister. A similar denial was issued by the Premier's office. It was explained that the Herut party had decided not to raise the long-standing issue of the transfer unless the Government raised the matter on its own initiative.

The Histadrut daily, Davar, meanwhile, for the first time published an article calling for the transfer of Jabotinsky's remains to Israel. The article, written by one of the paper's editors, Yehuda Goteff, declares that the Histadrut attitude toward Jabotinsky may remain as it is but that the State should consider the question in a factual and realistic way and order the transfer of the remains to Israel.

"Jabotinsky has won the right to be buried in Israel irrespective of whether there is a will or not. The transfer of the remains would strengthen the feeling that all parts of the nation are part and parcel of Israel and, therefore, one should not take into consideration any political rift and difference of opinion," the article declared.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAZI 'CRYSTAL NIGHT' OBSERVED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13, (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary of Crystal Night, when the Nazis roamed through Germany and Austria, setting fire to synagogues and beating and killing Jews, was marked by a special ceremony held at the Yad Vashem here today.

BRONXVILLE RESIDENTS FORM GROUP TO FIGHT BAN ON JEWS IN TOWNSHIP

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A group of 185 residents of Bronxville, N.Y., a wealthy community widely known as barring Negroes and Jews throughout its 75 years of existence, has established a Committee on Human Rights to fight such exclusion.

Mrs. William L. Colt, a leader of the committee, and one of its founders, has said that "if there are any Jews living here, you can't find them," Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York, in his book "Discrimination--U.S.A.," said Bronxville has the reputation "of admitting only persons who profess to be Christian."

From its beginning, it has remained mainly Anglo-Saxon, Protestant and wealthy, made up, as envisaged by its founder, William Van Duzen Lawrence, "of a class who could get along with each other." Bronxville real estate enterprises, like Bronxville residents, deny discrimination. The standard explanation is that "Jews just haven't cared to come here and Negroes can't afford to."

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY GETS \$250,000 GIFT FROM LOS ANGELES PHILANTHROPIST

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A \$250,000 gift has been made to the West Coast division of Yeshiva University by Samuel A. Fryer, Los Angeles philanthropist and supporter of Jewish education, according to an announcement by Dr. Samuel Balkin, president of the university.

The gift will make possible construction of new facilities for the division in Los Angeles. The planned expansion program will include a Rambam Torah Institute, with a four-year high school curriculum; and provision to make the West Coast Division a fully accredited college, granting Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, in addition to Bachelor of Hebrew Letters and Bachelor of Religious Education for completion of Hebraic and religious studies.

RABBI HERZOG WORLD ACADEMY BUILDING DEDICATED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Rabbi Herzog World Academy Building was dedicated here in ceremonies attended by President Shazar, Cabinet Ministers, Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim and a distinguished gathering.

The three-story building, one of several to be built on a five-acre tract in Jerusalem's Bayit Vegan quarter opposite Mount Herzl, will house the Talmudic Encyclopedia Institute, the Institute for the Complete Israel Talmud, the Harry Fischel Institute for Torah Legislation and the Institute for Rabbinical Court Judges.

The academy was initiated 13 years ago by Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog. It was built at a cost of 1,000,000 pounds--half of which was raised by a group headed by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein of New York. The Israel Government and the Jerusalem Municipality provided a grant of 150,000 pounds and the balance was donated by Sir Isaac Wolfson, British philanthropist, who was guest of honor at the dedication ceremonies.

DR. SLAWSON HONORED FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, was honored here today by the Committee for 20 years of service "as a dedicated leader in the field of human relations."

The Administrative Board of the Committee, as well as the professional staff, joined together at the Plaza Hotel to pay tribute to Dr. Slawson for his two decades of service. The Administrative Board presented to Dr. Slawson and his wife Ada the gift of a trip to London, Paris and Rome.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH CHAIR IN MEMORY OF DR. KAUFMANN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University announced today that a Chair of Biblical Studies has been endowed at the university in memory of Dr. Yehezkiel Kaufmann, late Professor of Bible, by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Efroymson of Carmel, Indiana.

The Efroymsons gave \$150,000 for the endowment. The announcement was made at a Kaufmann memorial meeting held at the university.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY DEDICATES BENJAMIN AND MAE SWIG STUDENT CENTER

WALTHAM, Mass., Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Brandeis University has dedicated its new Benjamin H. and Mae Swig Student Center in honor of the San Francisco Jewish leader and his late wife.

The structure, made possible through a gift from Mr. Swig, adjoins five new residence halls in a dormitory complex on the campus. The center's second story, which contains a student lounge, is connected to the residence halls. Its lower story offers dining facilities for the 330 students living in the dormitories.