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## GOLDA MEIR ARRIVES IN PARIS FOR TOP-LEVEL TALKS; OPTIMISTIC ON GERMANY

PARIS, March 15. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, arriving here for four days of top-level talks with French Government leaders, including Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, declared today that the Israel Government expects its Parliament to approve "by a large majority" the move toward establishment of full diplomatic relations between Israel and West Germany.

Mrs. Meir made that statement in reply to questions from a large corps of French and other newsmen who met her at Orly Airport and asked about the Israel Cabinet's decision of yesterday, approving by an overwhelming majority acceptance of West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's proposal for full Bonn-Jerusalem diplomatic ties.

"My Government's political ties with the various political parties," she answered "enables it to believe that tomorrow, following Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's declaration on this matter before the Knesset (Parliament), the Knesset will by a large majority approve the establishment of diplomatic relations with Bonn."

(A late Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatch from Jerusalem reported that the central committee of Ahdut Avoda, one of the Israel Government's coalition partners, voted today to oppose establishment of diplomatic ties between Israel and West Germany. Ahdut Avoda's Ministers were the only members of the Cabinet yesterday to reserve decision on the issue pending an official party stand. Today's decision means that the party will vote against the diplomatic move in the Knesset tomorrow.)

Asked about reports of a forthcoming meeting between Mr. Eshkol and Dr. Erhard, Mrs. Meir said such a meeting was "not at all impossible," adding, however: "Nothing definite has been planned as yet--neither a date nor a meeting place. This meeting has been discussed for a long time, and there has been no change in recent weeks or months."

Nevertheless, it was understood here that the Israeli and West German leaders may meet immediately after Mr. Eshkol concludes his visit to London, where he is to confer with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson. Mr. Eshkol is due to arrive in London March 24, and his conference with Dr. Erhard is said to be scheduled for the end of this month, probably in Brussels.

### Says Israel Does Not Ask for Exclusivity in Relations with France

In regard to the Arab League moves toward the severance of diplomatic relations with Bonn, as proposed by Egypt's President Nasser, Mrs. Meir said, in answer to further questioning: "Nasser has tried to play his usual game of blackmail. This time he has failed."

Mrs. Meir was a luncheon guest of the French Foreign Minister prior to their first formal conference today. She told newsmen: "Our relations with France are excellent, and have been excellent for a long time, and certainly we, in Israel, hope they are going to stay so." She reiterated Israel's stand to the effect that "we do not ask for exclusivity in our relations with a friendly power. We readily understand and accept that such a country should have normal relations with the Arab states at the same time."

Accompanied here by her Ministry's director of economic affairs, Moshe Alon, Mrs. Meir stated that the main subject of her talks with M. Couve de Murville will be Israel's link with the European Common Market. Other points on the agenda for the meetings between the two foreign ministers are the recent developments in the Middle East, including the Arab threats to divert the Jordan River waters.

## BONN EXPRESSES 'SATISFACTION' WITH ISRAEL'S DECISION ON DIPLOMATIC TIES

BONN, March 15. (JTA) -- State Secretary Karl-Gunther von Hase, official spokesman for the Bonn Government, expressed the Government's official "satisfaction" here today with the Israel Cabinet's decision to establish diplomatic relations with West Germany. He said Israel's purchasing mission, at Cologne, has notified the Government formally of the Cabinet's decision, adopted in Jerusalem yesterday.

Mr. von Hase said that Dr. Kurt Birrenbach, Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's personal emissary, who spent five days in Israel last week, conferring there with the Israel

Government's highest officials, would go to Israel again before the end of this week to continue negotiations about problems of current interest to the two governments. He said also the Government is satisfied with the reactions of the three main political parties in Parliament, and with German public opinion, regarding the move to formalize the diplomatic ties with Israel.

As to the threat by Arab countries to break diplomatic relations with Bonn, in reprisal against the Israeli move, he said Bonn would regret any such severance or any other "irreparable acts." He said he would remind the Arab countries of Germany's "good will" and of the fact that Bonn has decided not to deliver arms to "areas of tension." The Government, he said, will do all in its power "to convince the Arabs of its policy."

(Dispatches from Cairo, received today in London, reported that only five of the 13 Arab Foreign Ministers, conferring there on the Israel-German question, have agreed so far to join Egypt's President Nasser in recognizing Communist East Germany in reprisal against the latest Bonn offer to Israel. At least three of the Arab participants --representing Tunisia, Libya and Morocco--had serious reservations about severing ties with West Germany. In general, it was reported, the Cairo meeting was in confusion on the various issues on its agenda. )

Mr. von Hase's reference to the attitudes of the three political parties in the Bundestag, West Germany's lower house of Parliament, reflected statements made by the various party leaders. The Christian Democratic Party's endorsement of Dr. Erhard's moves was taken for granted, since he is a leading member of that party.

A spokesman for the opposition Social Democrats warned the Arabs that any economic counter-measures they may take against West Germany "would harm them more than us." He called the Israeli decision on diplomatic ties "logical and good." A leader of the third grouping, the Free Democratic Party, also expressed his satisfaction with the latest Jerusalem-Bonn developments.

#### STRONG JEWISH PARTICIPATION NOTED IN FIGHT FOR SELMA NEGROES

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA) -- Jewish participation has been evident both in Selma, Ala., and on the Washington scene in developments ensuing from the crisis generated by the Negro voting registration issue.

The Synagogue Council of America, representing rabbinical and lay Jewish organizations of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform persuasions, petitioned President Johnson and Attorney General Katzenbach today "to use the full authority of our Federal Government to safeguard the rights and freedom of our fellow citizens in the State of Alabama."

The Council's entry into the civil rights fight, which has centered mainly on Selma, in the last 10 days, was only one of many expressions of concern by national and local Jewish organizations around the country. A telegram to the President and Mr. Katzenbach, likewise requesting federal intervention, was sent by Dore Schary, national president of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, sent a wire to the President, lauding him for emphasizing that "the real issue in Selma is not the demonstrations but rather their underlying cause--the systematic denial to Negro citizens of the most basic democratic right of all, the right to participate in the processes of Government."

Emphasizing the American Jewish Committee's stand on the issue, the AJC today made public the fact that its director of interreligious affairs, Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum, was one of the participants in a mass demonstration by clergymen of all faiths in front of the White House, last weekend, praying for the grant of equal rights to Negroes in Selma and to all citizens in the U. S. A.

Today, Rabbi Eugene Lipman, of Temple Sinai, Washington, flew to Selma as a designate of the Commission on Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He went to participate in the memorial services organized there by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., for the Rev. James Reeb, white Protestant minister murdered by Alabama bigots.

Last weekend, Jewish leaders took part in the meeting of national religious leaders with President Johnson. Included were Rabbi Richard Hirsch, director of the UAHC religious action center; Rabbi Uri Miller, president of the Synagogue Council of America, and Aaron Goldman, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

From Detroit came word today that Jewish leaders were among 10,000 persons in that city who demonstrated against the brutalities in Alabama and for the right of Negroes to march and protest against denial of voting rights. Among those participating was Sidney Smith, president of the Jewish Community Council of Detroit. Two Jewish leaders from Detroit joined other Americans at a meeting on the issue with Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey in Washington. They were Walter Klein, executive director of the Detroit Jewish Community Council and Joseph Ross.

\$25,334,000 RAISED FOR U. J. A. IN 97 COMMUNITIES, EARLY RESULTS SHOW

DETROIT, March 15. (JTA) -- Max M. Fisher, general chairman of the nationwide United Jewish Appeal stated here today that early campaign results reported from nearly 100 communities showed that they had increased their 1965 results for both UJA and local Jewish needs by an average of 11 percent, as compared to 1964.

The UJA general chairman told members of the organization's 34-man executive committee, meeting at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, that 97 communities--exclusive of New York City -- had reported \$25,334,000 raised thus far, as compared with \$22,698,000 raised in a similar period for 1964. The New York City opening meeting was set for later this week, he announced.

Mr. Fisher called the results thus far "most encouraging." But he warned that "with only a quarter of the campaign completed, American Jews must give more and work longer and harder" to assure that the total raised this year exceeds last year's. "It is urgent that the needs of nearly three-quarters of a million people in Israel and throughout the world who look to UJA be answered with increased generosity and harder campaigning," he said.

Today's meeting also heard Louis A. Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, report that "immigration to Israel is continuing at an exceedingly high level." The last four years saw 250,000 immigrants come into Israel, Mr. Pincus declared adding, "this was the longest sustained period of heavy immigration into Israel since the country's first few years."

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, of New York, UJA executive vice-chairman, was another speaker at today's meeting which drew top American Jewish leaders from more than a dozen major communities throughout the country. In other business at the meeting, the UJA leaders set plans for sending a study mission of outstanding Jewish communal leaders to Europe and Israel, next October, to ascertain the problems which will require American Jewish aid in 1966. Other matters discussed included plans for the organization's national annual conference in December, which will take special note of the fact that 20 years ago the Allied armies completed the liberation of Europe and freed the Jewish survivors in the Nazi death camps.

ANTI-JEWISH BIAS REPORTED EXISTING IN PHILADELPHIA'S MAJOR FIRMS

PHILADELPHIA, March 15. (JTA) -- The Philadelphia chapter of the American Jewish Committee reported here today that there was still "a notable absence of Jews from positions of important responsibility in major industrial corporations, business and financial institutions" in the Delaware Valley area, which includes this city.

Jerome J. Shestack and Robert Cushman, co-chairmen of the chapter's community relations committee, who issued the report, said that an examination of the 16 largest industrial corporations in the Philadelphia area showed that less than 1 percent of the 353 officers and high level executives were Jewish, while less than 4 percent of the members of the boards of directors of the firms were Jewish. About 10 percent of the area's population is Jewish.

With one exception, the report declared, the same low level of Jewish involvement prevails "for the 11 major life insurance and fire and casualty companies, railroads and food chains which are the largest in their field in the Philadelphia area." The report noted, however, that Jews hold jobs generally in "technical areas" such as engineering, research and development and actuarial departments.

MONTREAL TEACHER GLORIFIES HITLER; PUTS UP HIS PORTRAIT IN SCHOOL ROOM

MONTREAL, March 15. (JTA) -- An investigation was under way here today by the Montreal Catholic School Commission of the practices by a seventh-grade teacher in a Catholic school who has compared Hitler to Christ as "a great leader," decorated his blackboard with a photo of Hitler and the swastika symbol, and organized his class of 11-year-old boys into Nazi-type military cadres, including "SS-men."

However, while the probe was still on, and the offending Hitler photos have been ordered removed, Jean-Marie Mathieue, the Commission's director of teaching, as well as Brother Asselin, director of the school, took no exception today to the teacher's practices.

The teacher is 22-year-old Brother Rene Lahaie, who is in his first year on the faculty of the elementary school, La Mannais Catholique. In addition to comparing Hitler to Christ and displaying the swastika, he had also taught his children to say each day: "Heil Christ."

M. Mathieue said today that the teacher's "intentions were good, but the procedure itself is certainly extraordinary and open to criticism." Brother Asselin expressed "surprise at the sudden interest" of the teacher's methods. Saying that hundreds of parents had visited the school, he commented: "It seems to me the teacher could have chosen Satan and Christ, and no one would have asked any questions."

# MIDDLE EAST ARAB SYNDICATE BUYS LAND FOR \$22,000,000 IN FLORIDA

MIAMI, Florida, March 15. (JTA) -- A Dade county investment farmer disclosed today that a Middle East syndicate of sheiks and Arab bankers has purchased some 15,000 acres of farmland in South Dade country for about \$22,000,000.

The transaction, one of the largest in South Florida history, is expected to be completed by April 15, William Scitile, the owner of the property, reported. He said the syndicate was headed by Jamil K. Boulllos, chairman of the board of the Investment Bank of Lebanon. The syndicate is made up of 11 wealthy Arabs who reportedly were concerned about the explosive situation in the Middle East. The purchases was meant to stabilize their multi-million-dollar holdings. The other ten members are investors from Lebanon, Kuwait and Saudia Arabia.

Joseph Stroughan, a representative of the Seaboard Continental Corporation of New York, said that his firm was approached by the syndicate eight months ago, seeking "American investments to balance and stabilize their holdings elsewhere." He said his firm recommended about 60 investment sites in the United States.

Sam Carrison, a Miami investment counselor who assisted in the transaction said that the syndicate's total investment fund for South Florida totaled about \$35,000,000. He said the rest of the fund would be used for investments in Florida apartment buildings, land, hotel and other interests. Boulllos plans to live in Miami for six months each year.

# AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL CALLS CONFERENCE FOR UNIFIED ACTION

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The convening of an all-day National Zionist Planning Conference on Sunday, May 16, with the participation of delegates from all Zionist organizations in this country to formulate a program of unified action to strengthen Zionism's role in the future of the American Jewish community was announced today in a joint statement by Dr. Max Nussbaum, chairman, and Nathaniel S. Rothenberg, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the American Zionist Council.

The American Zionist Council is the coordinating body of nine constituent recognized Zionist organizations on the American scene. "The issues which will be debated and acted upon at this national Zionist Planning Conference will encompass such major items as plans for intensified participation of the Zionist movement in Jewish communal affairs, the deepening of Jewish consciousness and the harnessing within the organized Zionist orbit of forces for strengthening the emotional and practical attachment of the American Jews to Israel," the announcement said.

# MARIE SYRKIN, MEMBER OF JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE, HONORED

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- Aryeh L. Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, told American Zionists here last night that the Zionist movement must find its way to the college campus. Speaking at a reception at the Hotel Astor given by the Labor Zionist Organization of America in honor of Marie Syrkin on the occasion of her recent election to the Jewish Agency executive, Mr. Pincus said that the campus today is the Zionist movement's major front.

Marie Syrkin who is associate professor of English at Brandeis University, said that she hoped to reach youth in every possible way. Prof. Syrkin is editor of the Jewish Frontier, monthly magazine of the Labor Zionist Organization. She is the author of a number of works, including a biography of Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir.

# MEMORY OF SOLOMON MIKHOELS HONORED IN MOSCOW ON HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

MOSCOW, March 15. (JTA) -- A series of widely advertised events honoring the memory of Solomon Mikhoels, the Yiddish actor who was murdered in 1948, during the Stalin purges of Jewish intellectuals, was launched here tonight at the Bakhrushin Central Theatrical Museum, according to an announcement by Novosti, the Soviet news agency without mentioning that Mikhoels was a victim of Stalin's liquidation of Jewish writers and actors, Novosti linked the occasions merely to the observance of his 75th birthday. Novosti was born in 1890.

At the gathering here tonight, addresses lauding Mikhoels' greatness as an artist, and works illustrative of his career, were presented by Prof. Moisei Belenki, critics Lyubov Freidkina and Mikolai Chushkin, actress Nataliya Parkalap, actor Abram Petrosyan, and Boris Filippov, director of the Central Writers Club. The program will be repeated March 26. On March 23, another observance honoring Mikhoels' memory will be held at the Central Actors Club here, the Novosti report said.

# SAMPLINER NAMED HEAD OF 1965 CAMPAIGN OF ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- Paul H. Sampliner has been named chairman of the 1965 national campaign of the Anti-Defamation League Appeal, it was announced today by Dore Schary, the League's national chairman. The League seeks \$4,584,000 this year to support its activities.