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### GOLDA MEIR REPORTS TO KNESSET ON RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Israeli-American relations are good, and co-operation between Israel and the United States is "very close," Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, today told the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. The recent mission here by W. Averell Harriman, President Johnson's special emissary, "contributed much to mutual understanding," she declared. She made those statements in the course of a wide-ranging report to Parliament, to which she presented her Ministry's annual budget.

As to other governments--aside from the U.S.A.--she said, there are both understandings and differences stemming perhaps from divergent opinion on how to attain the mutual purposes of Israel and those states which desire peace in this region. "Our views are not always the same in assessing the dangers," she stated. She added that Israel feels that greater pressures exerted against aggressiveness would prevent more aggression in this area.

In the Middle East, she affirmed, Israel favors full disarmament under mutual controls. But she urged the powers supplying Egypt's President Nasser with arms to consider the use to which he would make of those military resources. The Middle East remaining part of the cold war zone enables Nasser to resort to blackmail, she charged. Nasser, she said, is also responsible for the introduction of modern arms into the area, and he is "gambling" on conflicts in various countries to bolster his position.

### Warns on Arab Manipulations; Touches on German-Israel Relations

She warned against the "false atmosphere of relaxation" the Arabs are trying to emphasize, "picturing such an atmosphere instead of revealing their real intentions toward Israel, whose extinction they now hope to achieve through long-term plans."

Stressing the Arab decision to form a "Palestine Liberation Organization," to be composed of Arab refugees "now living at the expense of the United Nations," she demanded that each refugee recruit to that army be struck from the relief rolls of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency.

The Israeli Foreign Minister urged nations to deter the Arab states from implementing their scheme to divert the headwaters of the Jordan River. That scheme, she said, is motivated only by the desire "to hurt Israel." "Israel," she stressed, "will never allow the sabotage of the Israel water project."

Regarding the "momentous change" in relations between Israel and West Germany, she said she hoped that all outstanding problems between the two countries would be resolved. She rejected the contention of some Israelis that establishment of diplomatic relations between Jerusalem and Bonn may "make Jews forget the deeds of the Nazis."

Mentioning the decision by Germany's Parliament to extend the statute of limitations for the prosecution of war criminals by only four and a half years, she said she was "particularly perturbed" by the German Parliament's proposal "to divide criminals into varying categories."

### Stresses 'Growing Cooperation' with France; Reports on Russia

In the general area of Israel's relations with other governments, she stressed this country's "growing cooperation" with France, and greeted Britain's Labor Government, recalling that government's statements, promising to do all that is possible to preserve Israel's independence and to lessen tensions in this region.

As for the Soviet Union, she said that efforts to improve relations are continuing. She said that much progress has been made in the area of cultural relations between the USSR and Israel, and expressed the hope that this progress might be extended also to other spheres. She told the Knesset that "the supply of arms to those wishing to destroy Israel does not tally with the Soviet Union's declared policy of liking peace."

The Foreign Minister said the anti-Israel statement issued in Cairo by Walter Ulbricht, East Germany's chief of state, jointly with Nasser, "denied Israel's very right to exist." She deplored "this immoral East German step."

## NAZI CHIEF SENTENCED IN AUSTRIA TO 15 YEARS FOR MASS-MURDER OF JEWS

GRAZ, Austria, March 29. (JTA) -- Friedrich Lex, the wartime Nazi chief in Tarnopol in occupied Poland, was sentenced this weekend to 15 years' imprisonment on war crimes charges. Lex had been found guilty in connection with the murder of thousands of Jewish victims in Tarnopol.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY IN AUSTRIA SEEKS DISMISSAL OF EX-NAZI PROFESSOR

VIENNA, March 29. (JTA) -- The Austrian Jewish community, joined by the Austrian Resistance Movement and Catholic and Socialist organizations requested the Government here today to immediately order the discharge of Prof. Taras Borodajkewicz, a history teacher at the University of Vienna, who had admitted in one of his classes that he had been a member of the SS, the Hitlerite elite unit, during World War II.

Minister of the Interior Czettel ordered an investigation to determine whether the professor is engaged in neo-Nazi activity. This weekend, students demonstrated against Prof. Borodajkewicz in front of the university, protesting what they called his "anti-Semitic and anti-democratic" lectures. At the same time, several hundred students inside the campus cheered the teacher. Police guarded him when he left the campus.

## EX-COMMANDER OF NAZI EXTERMINATION UNIT ADMITS KILLING JEWS

ESSEN, Germany, March 29. (JTA) -- Alfred Rapp, 66, a former commander of one of the Nazi extermination groups which slaughtered hundreds of thousands of persons in the wake of the German army advance, admitted his guilt without reservation, a rare development in Nazi war crimes trials.

Rapp, charged with the murder of 3,000 victims, testified that "what has happened is so frightful that I neither can nor will ask for leniency." Most of the former Nazis who have been tried in West Germany have denied the charges against them, or tried to shift responsibility to their superiors. Rapp also testified he had never pleaded obedience to orders as an excuse for his actions, and that he had expressed his readiness to take responsibility for them. The prosecutor has demanded a sentence of life imprisonment for the defendant.

He admitted he had taken part in the execution of mental defectives at Trubtchevsk, and in one execution of Jews which, he said, had been an overwhelming shock. He said that, since the war and during four years of pre-trial detention, he had had time for reflection on his wartime activities.

## GERMAN CATHOLIC ORGAN IDENTIFIES NAZI WHO KILLED 300,000 JEWS

MUNICH, March 29. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Catholic Munich diocese asserted today that a former Nazi official accused of ordering the murder of 30,000 Jews was living as "a respected businessman" in West Germany.

The Bavarian Catholic Action magazine, "The Living Cell," identified the man as Franz Hofer and said he was living in Muheim in the Ruhr district. The magazine said that Hofer was named the Nazi commander for the Innsbruck area and became known as "Hitler's most faithful follower." He escaped from American forces who had detained him at the former Dachau death camp. He was sentenced later by a German court to ten years at hard labor, escaped and managed to hide himself until 1953 under the name of Franz Leitner.

## ANCIENT JEWISH CEMETERIES DESECRATED IN CZECH TOWN; TWO ARRESTED

LONDON, March 29. (JTA) -- A number of anti-Semitic actions have occurred in Czechoslovakia during the last week, according to reports in the Czech press, received here today.

The newspaper Prace reported that two youths of 18 were arrested in the town of Trebic on charges of having participated in the desecration of an old Jewish cemetery there. According to the local police, 50 tombstones in the Jewish cemetery, some dating back 600 to 700 years, had been overturned.

In Pilsen, according to another daily, Rude Pravo, a group of 13-to-14-year-old boys, led by one who is 17, broke into a synagogue. Kultura Tvorba reported that, in Pilsen also, school boys saluted one another by shouting "Heil Hitler!" cursed Jews, and sang chauvinistic, Nazi songs. The writer of the article said the boys learned the songs from phonograph records of Nazi marches preserved by an adult in the city.

## NINE JEWS WIN SEATS IN ELECTIONS TO PROVINCIAL COUNCILS IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, March 29. (JTA) -- Nine Jews are among the 172 candidates who were elected to provincial councils in last week's elections throughout South Africa, it was established here today. They are: D. Epstein, M. Nestadt, A. Widman, H. Scharzt, A. B. Agranat, in the Transvaal; F. Sonnenberg, D. Lazarus, T. Aranson, in the Cape Province; and J. Jacobs in Natal. All are members of the United Party.

## BEN-GURION REPORTED URGING JEWISH RECONCILIATION WITH GERMANS

HAMBURG, March 29, (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, Israel's former Prime Minister, today greeted the forthcoming establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and West Germany, declaring "I am for reconciliation with Germany because one cannot undo the past." His statement on the new developments in Bonn-Jerusalem relations appeared in an interview in Der Spiegel, the mass circulation, illustrated German weekly.

"I believe," he continued, "that, today, there is a Germany different from the one of the past. I do not believe the Nazis could return in Germany today. Of course, I could never forget what happened, because it happened to my own family--since all Jews are one big family. Neither I, nor anybody else, can forget what happened to 6,000,000 Jews. But that is past, and others are living today, and they are not Nazis but people like ourselves." He emphasized that he favors not only reconciliation between the State of Israel and the German Government but also rapprochement between the Israeli people and the German people.

Asked what Germany's best contribution could be toward Israel's security, he replied: "In my opinion, arms deliveries." He noted that the West German Government is not inclined to accept that opinion, but he reiterated his own view on the subject, emphasizing that he was speaking "as a private citizen" and not as a representative of the Israel Government, of which he is not a member, nor even on behalf of any Israeli political party.

## WORLD JEWISH YOUTH PARLEY OPENED IN NEW YORK; 42 LANDS REPRESENTED

NEW YORK, March 29, (JTA) ---Formation of a new permanent world Jewish youth organization as a continuing consultative committee for cooperation among world Jewish youth groups was proposed here today at the opening session of a four-day World Jewish Youth Planning Conference. The parley is attended by leaders of Jewish youth movements throughout the world, representing 700,000 members in 219 Jewish youth organizations in 42 countries.

The proposal for the formation of the new body was made by Dr. Max Baer, national director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, speaking on behalf of the North American delegation. "While there are different approaches to Jewish life, and different kinds of Jews," he said, "Jewish people everywhere are drawn together psychologically, by common memories and by certain common aspirations that seek to foster the continuity of Jewish life in time and space."

The new organization, Dr. Baer declared, would fill "a real need" among Jewish youth throughout the world. He proposed that the organization be "a non-political, consultative, educational body," guaranteeing the autonomy and integrity of the individual youth movements in countries around the world.

The conference, which will conclude its deliberations Thursday, is being attended by seven youth leaders from European countries, six from South America, seven from Israel, eight from the United States, as well as four representing the World Youth Movement, which has groups in 22 countries.

Elihu Dobkin, a member of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, welcomed the delegates. He said their prime responsibility is to "take counsel and seek the ways through which we can reach the unorganized Jewish youth of the world, how we can fight the greater danger threatening them as Jews--the threat of indifference and of leaving the fold for strange pastures." He noted that this conference marks "the first time representatives from various Jewish youth movements and organizations from all over the world are gathered together in the United States."

He reported that in the year-and-a-half since the Second World Jewish Youth Conference met in Jerusalem, organized Jewish youth organizations have grown from 204 to 219, and that there are now 700,000 members of these groups in 42 countries, whereas at the time of the Conference there were 616,000 members in 39 countries.

## SENATOR JAVITS ADDRESSES N.C.J.W. CONVENTION ON JEWISH AID TO NEGROES

NEW YORK, March 29, (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits today urged Jews to help Negroes get the same rights for which their own parents and grandparents had come to the United States.

"Negroes came to this country two years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock," he told the biennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria. "But the trip to the county court house to register to vote is still longer for them than the trip our parents took across an ocean."

Whitney M. Young, Jr., executive director of the National Urban League, at the same convention panel on civil rights, urged Jews to help Negroes achieve the same kind of high educational standards they had succeeded in winning for themselves. Both Senator Javits and Mr. Young expressed reservations about giving support to Dr. Martin Luther King's call for a boycott of Alabama products.

## INVESTIGATION STARTED OF U.S. ARMY OFFICERS WHO WORE K. K. K. ROBES

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- The commanding general of the 7th U.S. Army, based in West Germany, has ordered the army's inspector general to conduct a formal investigation of U.S. Army officers who recently wore Ku Klux Klan uniforms and displayed Klan symbols, it was reported here today.

Protests had been made with Secretary of Defense McNamara by the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. The JWV said that although the officers considered the robe-wearing and cross-burning a prank, it was "a grave disservice to our national image," especially in view of recent events in Alabama. It was also pointed out that such conduct by U.S. officers did not inspire confidence of American military personnel of Negro, Jewish, and Catholic backgrounds.

A Defense Department spokesman announced that the inspector general's investigation is now in progress. It was meanwhile made known here that the highest army authorities consider the matter one to be dealt with seriously.

## MILWAUKEE MUNICIPALITY REFUSES TO ADOPT MUNICH AS 'SISTER CITY'

MILWAUKEE, March 29. (JTA) -- The Milwaukee municipality failed to approve a suggestion that this city adopt the West German city of Munich as a "sister city" after strong opposition to the move was voiced at a hearing here by Jewish communal leaders and other citizens.

Critics of the plan described Munich as "a place of infamy" and pointed out that it was the birthplace of the Nazi party and was near the site of the notorious Dachau concentration camp where thousands of Jews and Poles were put to death. Milwaukee has substantial Jewish and Polish populations.

## LUBAVITCHER REBBE VOICES OPPOSITION TO 'INTERFAITH DIALOGUES'

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Opposition to "interfaith dialogues" which, he charged had been largely responsible for "the alarmingly growing rate of intermarriage," was voiced here yesterday by Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher rebbe. Replying to a request by 250 Jewish leaders who had asked him for his views on interfaith dialogues, Rabbi Schneerson declared:

"There is no need for us whatever to have any religious dialogues with non-Jews, nor any interfaith activities in the form of religious discussions, interchange of pulpits and the like. The brotherhood of mankind is a positive concept only so long as it is confined to commerce, philanthropy and civil and economic aspects of society. Unfortunately, brotherhood has been misconstrued to require members of one faith to explain their religious beliefs and practices to members of another faith."

Noting the increase of intermarriage, the Lubavitcher rebbe said that interfaith dialogues have created confusion in the minds "of the young as well as of their parents."

## MARTIN PANZER NAMED EXECUTIVE HEAD OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF TEL AVIV U.

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- Martin Panzer, of New York, author and assistant to Dr. Joseph Schwartz, the executive vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, was named today as executive vice-president of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University. He will assume his post Thursday.

Prior to joining the Israel Bond Organization, he was assistant to the executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. A contributor to many magazines and newspapers, and editor of the American Hebrew from 1938 to 1941, he has written seven books.

## MICHAEL GRIN, BEN-GURION'S OLDER BROTHER, DIES IN TEL AVIV; WAS 86

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Michael Grin, the older brother of former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who died here this weekend at the age of 86. The former Premier recited the kaddish at the graveside.

Born in Plonsk, Poland, Mr. Grin settled in Tel Aviv where he operated a refreshment stand. Besides Mr. Ben-Gurion, Grin is survived by a sister, Tzipora.

## DAVID ZASLAVSKY, LEADING SOVIET JOURNALIST, DEAD; WAS 85

LONDON, March 29. (JTA) -- David Zaslavsky, for many years one of the leading journalists in the Soviet Union, who started his career as a leader of the Bund, the Jewish Socialist movement in Russia, and had risen to office in the Bund's national central committee, died in Moscow this weekend, at the age of 85.

Born in Yelisavetgrad, near Kiev, he received a Jewish education and went to Kiev University, where he became one of the leaders of the Zionist-Socialist youth movement. Later, he joined the Bund but, in 1925, became a member of the Communist Party and one of the chief contributors to Izvestia and Pravda, respectively the organs of the Soviet Government and the Communist Party of the USSR. He was a member of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee in Moscow which was "liquidated" under the Stalin regime with all its leading members exiled to slave labor camps or executed.