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## Declaration Favoring Direct Negotiations Signed By More Than 50 Percent Of Congress

WASHINGTON, June 3 (JTA) -- A total of 326 members of Congress--more than half the membership of both Senate and House of Representatives--have now signed a declaration favoring direct Arab-Israeli peace negotiations. Sixty-five of the 100 Senators have now identified with the declaration as have 261 of the 435 Representatives.

The document maintains that the United States "should oppose all pressures upon Israel to withdraw prematurely and unconditionally from any of the territories which Israel now administers." It notes also that "the Arab states have an obligation to curb terrorism and to end their attacks on Israeli civilians and settlements."

It declares that "we deplore one-sided United Nations resolutions which ignore Arab violations of the cease-fire and which censure Israel's reply and counter-action. Resolutions which condemn those who want peace and which shield those who wage war are a travesty of the UN Charter and a blow at peace."

The declaration, originally introduced last month to mark Israel's 21st anniversary, insisted that "the UN should make it clear to all governments in the Near East that we do not condone a state of war, that we persist in the search for a negotiated and contractual peace as a major goal of American policy."

## 'Izvestia' Raps 'Washington Hawks And Zionists' On Mideast

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 3 (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has charged "Washington hawks and American Zionist quarters" with playing a role with the American press in waging a "slandorous campaign" to distort the Russian negotiating position on a Middle East political settlement. The charges were made in Izvestia in an article entitled "On Tel Aviv's Prompting?" by M. Sturua, distributed by the Soviet UN mission.

"Certain American correspondents," the article in the Government paper said, "are attempting to create the impression that Soviet policy is allegedly undergoing a definite erosion" in an attempt to "sow doubt in the world public and the public of the Arab countries as to the Soviet Union's Middle Eastern policy." It was reported in the American press that Russia may relax its insistence of total Israeli withdrawal from occupied areas. The article says that "at present" Russia demands Israeli withdrawal from Sinai, Gaza, the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights. Assertions that Russia is relaxing its stand, the article said, are "groundless." Moscow, it said, opposed direct talks "under the present conditions." Izvestia warned that "those quarters who attempt to stir up trouble by slanderous concoctions not only engage in wishful thinking but are causing serious damage to a peaceful settlement in the Middle East."

## Call In Experts To Help Clear Oil Slicks On Sea Of Galilee From Destroyed Pipeline

TEL AVIV, June 3 (JTA) -- Israel Port Authority experts on oil pollution were called on by the Government today to help clear oil slicks that still cover nearly eight miles of waters near the northern shores of the Sea of Galilee. The oil poured into the fresh-water lake after Arab terrorists blew up a segment of the 1,000 mile Arabian-American (Aramco) oil pipeline in the Israel-occupied Golan Heights last Friday.

A specially prepared spongy material made from rubber is being used to clear the oil in some places with good results. More experiments will be made in the next few days. Officials said it was hoped that the waters would be completely cleared of oil.

(Israeli leaders show little eagerness for the resumption of the oil flow through the Aramco pipeline which is of economic benefit only to Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries, Christian Science Monitor correspondent Francis O'ner reported from Tel Aviv today. He said Israel would demand strict conditions before permanent repairs are allowed on the damaged section of line in the Golan Heights.

"Israel's conditions for resuming the oil flow, it is understood, are less concerned with the question of royalties for transit than with guarantees that preventive measures be taken against possible future sabotage," according to Mr. O'ner. "By what technical means this should be achieved--whether by increasing the number of safety turncocks, by putting the entire Israeli stretch of the pipeline underground or by other devices--is open to negotiation," he wrote. "The Israeli Government has no strong views so far about the question of where these negotiations would be conducted: through the American Embassy in Israel, or through the Israeli Embassy in the United States. Israel's conditions may be formalized as soon as (the owner) asks for a permanent repair to replace the present temporary corking of the pipeline gap," the correspondent said.)

## International Council Of Jewish Women Told That Intermarriage Is Threat In West

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- The growing incidence of intermarriage by Jews in North America was brought home to Israelis in a discussion of the subject at the convention of the International

Council of Jewish Women here today. Mrs. Moses Richler, of Montreal, read a paper in which she claimed that if the present trend continues, Canada will be without Jews within the next four or five generations. Prof. Moshe Davis, head of the Hebrew University's department for contemporary Jewish affairs, said Jewish education of the young was apparently no antidote to the practice because many of those attending Jewish day schools marry partners of a different faith.

Mrs. Richler said that Canada was the only North American country where reliable statistics on intermarriage exist. She said that in 1968, 18 percent of Jewish male marriages there and 12 percent of Jewish female marriages were "mixed." She said the highest rate of Jewish intermarriage--27 percent--occurred in Vancouver, British Columbia. The minimum was eight percent in Roman Catholic Quebec Province where, until last year, there was no civil marriage.

Mrs. Louis Broido said a similar situation prevailed in the United States where, she said, intermarriage by Jews is increasing by geometric progression. She claimed there was hardly a Jewish family in the U.S. that did not have a Catholic or Protestant relative by marriage. Mrs. Broido said the Jewish attitude toward intermarriage varied from those who considered it "wicked" and wanted mixed couples to be ostracized by the Jewish community to those who believe that intermarriage is a desirable contribution to solving the "Jewish problem." She said that in previous generations American Jews tended to associate less with non-Jews as they reached adulthood; now there is an open society and young adults as a rule go about in a mixed social milieu. She said in some intermarriages there is conversion of one partner to Judaism and that Jews now tend to place more stress on tradition. But that is not sufficient to offset what she called the "negative balance."

Prof. Davis said that he identified a bi-religious couple in which each partner retained his own faith as a "mixed marriage" whereas when one partner converted it was "intermarriage." He said Jewish education was insufficient to stem the tide because many adults regarded it as something for children which would be discarded with their childhood.

In a related development, a center for research on the education of bright children from disadvantaged homes was dedicated at the Hebrew University yesterday. The center was established with funds raised by the National Council of Jewish Women, an American organization, in its 75th anniversary drive last year. Mrs. Leonard H. Weiner, president of the organization, attended the ceremonies with Avraham Harman, Hebrew University president and other dignitaries.

The center, headed by Prof. Seymour Fox, will concern itself with the problem of educating youngsters with a higher than average IQ who come from poor families and may be required to drop out of school in order to become breadwinners. Minister of Education Zalman Aranne told the gathering that 40 percent of the pupils entering Israeli high schools this year come from families originating in the Moslem countries. High school attendance is not compulsory in Israel.

### **Detain East Jerusalem Arabs To Prevent Strike Agitation On Eve Of War Anniversary**

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- Israeli police and security services have detained several East Jerusalem Arabs to prevent agitation for an Arab strike on Thursday, the second anniversary of the beginning of the Six-Day War. Police have not disclosed the number of persons detained, nor if they will be charged or released after the date set for the strike. Leaflets calling for a general Arab strike Thursday were found in the old city here as well as various West Bank and Gaza Strip towns.

Meanwhile, several 80 millimeter mortar shells were fired yesterday in the direction of Shaar Hagolan and Ashdot Yaacob in the northern Beisan Valley. There were no casualties and no damage as the shells exploded in fields east of the settlement. Small arms fire bursts were noted from the East Bank in the same area, but there were no casualties, a military spokesman said.

### **Mrs. Meir Cites Problems In Talks With U.S. At Dedication Of Agron Center**

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- Premier Golda Meir said today that Israel faced "serious and difficult" discussions with the United States over the future of the Middle East but cautioned that one should distinguish between differences that must be ironed out between friends and the differences with Israel's enemies who refuse any form of discussion.

Mrs. Meir spoke at a press luncheon marking the dedication of Beit Agron, the new journalists' center here. It is named in memory of the late Gershon Agron, the American-born former Mayor of Jerusalem who founded the Palestine Post in the early 1930s, today known as the Jerusalem Post, Israel's only English-language daily.

The Premier said she saw no lag in support of Israel on the part of world Jewry despite the prominence given to the views of some Jews who criticize Israel's policies. She thought the latter were outside the "mainstream of Jewish thought" and said their opinions have not affected such bodies as the World Jewish Congress, the Conference of Jewish Organizations (Cojo) or the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

### **Crimes Of Violence Are Increasing In Israel, Police Minister Sasson Tells Knesset**

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- A warning about the growing number of crimes of violence and crimes among youth in Israel was voiced in the Knesset yesterday by the Minister of Police Eliahu Sasson. He was reviewing his ministry's activities in the framework of the annual reports presented to the house by Cabinet members. He said part of the blame was due to the fact that since the Six-Day War many young men are carrying weapons--most of them legitimately. Mr. Sasson also said that drug-taking had begun among the youth in Israel and this was probably due to outside influences.

### Mrs. Meir Will Attend Socialist International Session In Britain And Meet Wilson

LONDON, June 3 (JTA) -- Premier Golda Meir of Israel will meet with Prime Minister Harold Wilson when she comes here next week to attend the conference of the Socialist International, government aides said yesterday. According to these sources, no new issues have arisen since Israel's Deputy Premier, Yigal Allon, met informally with Mr. Wilson last month. They said the Meir-Wilson meeting would afford an opportunity for another exchange of views. Mrs. Meir will address a public rally sponsored by the Zionist Federation of Great Britain.

### Goldmann Denies Conducting Diplomatic Activities Without Consulting Israel

LONDON, June 3 (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann emphatically denied today that he has been conducting independent diplomatic activities concerning Israel without consulting Israeli leaders as alleged recently by some Israeli newspapers. Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, issued his statement after the WJC governing council unanimously adopted a resolution declaring the Jewish peoples' solidarity with Israel.

The Jewish leader and former president of the World Zionist Organization was reported by the Israeli newspaper Yediot Achronot last month to have been warned by the Jewish Agency to refrain from criticizing Israeli diplomatic policies because it was harmful to Israel's cause. According to the paper, the warning was issued in connection with an article in a French publication in which Dr. Goldmann criticized Israel's opposition to the Big Four Mideast talks. Jewish Agency spokesmen had no comment at the time.

Dr. Goldmann said today that he has maintained contacts with certain diplomats and statesmen, most of them personal friends, over a period of many years and did this with the knowledge and consent of the late Premier Levi Eshkol. He said he kept Mr. Eshkol and other members of the Israel Government fully informed on the talks he had with diplomats and always made it clear that those meetings were held on a purely personal basis. He never made any proposals to foreign statesmen for the settlement of any of Israel's foreign problems nor did he ever claim to represent Israel, Dr. Goldmann said. He asserted that he had always tried to explain Israel's position, especially to diplomats whose countries had severed relations with Israel.

Dr. Goldmann stressed that as president of the World Jewish Congress, as chairman of Cojo (Conference of Jewish Organizations) and as president, in former years, of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, he had always taken a position of complete solidarity with Israel's policies independent of any personal opinions. He said he had always stressed the obligation of world Jewry to support Israel, especially in critical situations like the present one in the Middle East.

### Protestant School Board In Montreal Agrees To Pay \$500 Per Child To Jewish Schools

MONTREAL, June 3 (JTA) -- The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal has agreed to pay \$500 per child for the secular educational program of five Jewish high schools. The Protestant School Board is responsible for secular public education in Montreal.

The five schools previously received \$350 per child directly from the Quebec Government, but a recent Provincial bill provided private schools "associate status" with the Protestant or Catholic authorities. As "associates" the Jewish schools are now entitled to reimbursement of their secular program. The Protestant Board will pay two-thirds of the education costs, with the other one third, covering religious education, being maintained by Jewish school fees and campaigns. The new agreement is a sequel to one approved last month providing \$350 per child by the Greater Protestant School Board to nine Jewish elementary schools, attended by 4,000 pupils, according to the Chronicle Review, Montreal-Toronto Jewish weekly.

### Jews In Yugoslavia Enjoy Full Rights, Ministry Of Religious Affairs Official Says

WASHINGTON, June 3 (JTA) -- There is no Jewish problem in Yugoslavia where "the Jewish community enjoys the same rights and has the same position as all other religious communities" according to Milo Jovicevic, director of the Yugoslavian Ministry of Religious Affairs. The question on Jews was one of several put to Mr. Jovicevic in an interview published in Liberty, a magazine devoted to religious freedom.

The Yugoslavian official stressed that his Government follows the practice of complete separation of church and state and that under the Constitution all religious groups enjoy full freedom to practice their faiths. He said this differed from the situation in Yugoslavia prior to World War II when, while there was no state church, only certain religious groups were recognized and those unrecognized were forbidden to practice their faiths publicly.

### Buenos Aires Kehilla Presents 250 Volumes By Leading Argentine Authors To Hebrew U.

BUEENOS AIRES, June 3 (JTA) -- The Buenos Aires Kehilla has presented a collection of 250 volumes of the writings of outstanding Argentine authors to the Hebrew University. Prof. Don Patinkin of the university's economics department, accepted the gift during ceremonies marking the Kehilla's 75th anniversary. Among the volumes presented were several by Argentine Jewish writers.

### Archive Will Be Established In Jerusalem In Manger's Name

JERUSALEM, June 3 (JTA) -- An Itzik Manger Archive is to be established at the Jewish National and University Library at the Hebrew University here in response to a request by the family of the late Yiddish poet and author. The archives will collect material connected with Manger and will include manuscripts, first editions, letters, tape recordings and photographs presently in the possession of his family and friends.

## Rabbi Poupko Says Jews Of Free World 'Misled' By Visit Of Rabbi Levin

MONTREAL, June 3 (JTA) -- An American rabbi claimed here Sunday that Jews of the free world were "tragically misled" by the visit of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow to the United States last year into believing that "this peripheral gesture" represented a change in the Kremlin's attitude toward Soviet Jewry. Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko, of Pittsburgh, addressing a conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress, urged world Jewry to continue to "demand, soberly and tactfully, that the Kremlin extend to its Jewish minority the very same rights and privileges which it extends to other minorities under the Soviet Constitution."

He said that even though Soviet authorities permitted a rabbi to come to America for the first time in 52 years, no "new and hopeful era was being unfolded for our silenced, isolated and frightened brethren." He said that Moscow "has emerged as the world center of a senseless and frightening vilification and slander campaign against the State of Israel, Zionism, world Jewry and Judaism."

Rabbi Poupko has written a number of articles about the situation of Soviet Jewry. He was one of two American rabbis invited to attend Rabbi Levin's 75th birthday celebration in Moscow earlier this year but was subsequently denied a Soviet visa and did not attend.

## Supporters Of Columbia U. Rabbi, Sulzberger Of 'New York Times' In Controversy

NEW YORK, June 3 (JTA) -- Supporters of Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman, dismissed Jewish chaplain at Columbia University, accused a trustee of the university yesterday of trying to block Rabbi Goldman's appointment to a similar post at Wesleyan University. The accusation was leveled against Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, president and publisher of the New York Times, who is a member of Columbia's Jewish Alumni Advisory Board, the body that originally appointed Rabbi Goldman to his campus post and subsequently advised him that his contract was not being renewed. The accusation was contained in a 350-word statement issued by the Committee for Freedom for University Clergy.

Mr. Sulzberger said yesterday that he was consulted by Edwin Etherington, president of Wesleyan, regarding Rabbi Goldman's qualifications and "I told Mr. Etherington that from my experience I did not think Rabbi Goldman was the man best suited for the job." A spokesman for Wesleyan confirmed yesterday that Rabbi Goldman had been considered for the job but that it was never offered to him and would not be. Other university sources said that Mr. Sulzberger was one of a number of references consulted in connection with Rabbi Goldman's possible employment.

Rabbi Goldman, who has the support of several student and faculty groups at Columbia, has accused the Jewish Alumni Advisory Board of complicity with the university administration in firing him because of his support of student rebels in last spring's disorders on the Columbia campus. Mr. Sulzberger said yesterday that as far as he could recollect, Rabbi Goldman was informed of his dismissal before the campus troubles.

Rabbi Goldman took issue with Columbia University on another matter. He walked out of the annual baccalaureate service on Monday after addressing the gathering and demanding an apology from the university for an allegedly anti-Semitic article published last winter in Columbia College Today, an alumni publication. Rabbi Goldman told Columbia and Barnard College seniors and their parents that the university's refusal to apologize despite a 15-0 vote by the City Human Rights Commission requesting it to do so confirmed its unawareness of the "shabby bigotry" contained in the article. The article dealt with the 1968 campus disorders and was branded anti-Semitic by some because of its references to the Jewish background of some of the student leaders.

On other occasions, Rabbi Goldman has charged that the Jewish Alumni Advisory Board dismissed him because they felt he reflected badly on the "Jewish image" they wanted to cultivate at Columbia. "They told me to shave off my beard--they said it made me look too Jewish," said Rabbi Goldman, a 33-year-old graduate of the Reform Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

About two dozen Jewish students and alumni of Columbia University demonstrated a week ago in front of the Newsweek building in Manhattan, owned by Gerald Oestreicher, the chairman of the Jewish Alumni Advisory Board. Mr. Oestreicher told a reporter in April that Rabbi Goldman had been dismissed because the board felt "that he had overstepped the bounds of a religious man and was a co-belligerent with the students" in the Columbia campus disorders.

## Rockefeller Vetoes Bill That Would Have Given Aid To Religiously-Supported Colleges

ALBANY, N.Y., June 3 (JTA) -- A bill that would have made religiously affiliated universities and colleges in New York State eligible for direct state aid was vetoed by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller yesterday. The Governor said he rejected the measure because it would violate the state constitution but that in principle, he supported state aid and wanted the constitution amended to permit it. He noted that he had proposed an amendment and said, "I still feel that the adoption of such amendment to permit state aid to be given to these institutions of higher learning is desirable and in the best interests of the people of the state."

## Illinois Governor Tells Bond Event At Executive Mansion That Israel's Growth Must Be Aided

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 3 (JTA) -- Illinois Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie, at an Israeli Bonds dinner at the Executive mansion here, urged Americans to support Israel's economic growth as a means of strengthening the chances of peace in the Middle East. "The achievements which Israel has attained in the development of a dynamic young democracy," he said, "must be continued uninterrupted."