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Mrs. Meir Stresses Israel's Needs For Military Aid In 105-Minute Talk With Nixon

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- President Richard M. Nixon and Premier Golda Meir met privately for 105 minutes in the White House today . According to a statement issued by White House spokesman Ronald Ziegler, Mrs. Meir stressed Israel's need for more U.S. military aid to offset Soviet military supplies to the Arabs. Mr. Ziegler would not disclose the President's reply but indicated that there was no need for "an immediate decision" and that none could be expected during Mrs. Meir's current visit "or in the immediate future." Mr. Ziegler said the President listened to Mrs. Meir's point of view and has taken her request under consideration, reports JTA Washington correspondent Milton Friedman.

The Israeli leader is known to be seeking additional U.S. Phantom and Skyhawk jets and Hawk ground-to-air missiles. She is also believed to be asking for U.S. economic assistance to pay for the weapons. Mr. Ziegler noted that the U.S. is in the process of delivering 50 Phantoms to Israel and that present contracts would not be fulfilled until Jan. 1, 1971.

He said the two leaders "exchanged views on alternatives to the present situation of military confrontation" in the Middle East and discussed the Four Power talks in the overall context of the quest for peace in that region. They also discussed Israeli economic needs and Mrs. Meir outlined economic trends in her country, the spokesman said. He disclosed that the President's top foreign policy adviser, Dr. Henry Kissinger, met briefly with the President and Mrs. Meir during the course of their meeting.

Mr. Ziegler also disclosed that members of Mrs. Meir's official party met separately with Secretary of State William P. Rogers and other U.S. officials while the Israeli Premier was talking to the President. He said they discussed yesterday's statement by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad that Egypt would consider negotiations with Israel if Jerusalem "renounces expansionis." The meeting was attended by Mrs. Meir's aides headed by Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin. Also present were Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and Walworth Barbour, U.S. Ambassador to Israel.

Premier Received With Ceremonial Pomp, Goodwill Messages Voiced

Mrs. Meir, who arrived from Philadelphia, was received with full military honors at a colorful ceremony on the White House lawn where she was greeted by the President and presented with a bouquet of red roses by Mrs. Nixon.

The national anthem of Israel, Hatikvah, was played to the accompaniment of a 19-gun salute. In their formal exchange of greetings, the President and Mrs. Meir both spoke of the urgent need for peace in the Middle East. Mr. Nixon stressed the dangers of global "repercussions" should a new war break out in the area. He said he knew that peace was desired by both Israel and its Arab neighbors but "the question is how to achieve it." He emphasized that the peace he envisaged was a "real peace, not simply one of words but one which both parties would have a vested interest in maintaining."He observed, however, that the problems of the Mideast were too complex to be "susceptible to solution in one meeting or two meetings, or three meetings or even more on the level at which we will be talking."

He told Mrs. Meir that he addressed her as the head of Government of "a very courageous people, a people determined to maintain their independence" and to "achieve lasting peace in the area in which they live."

In her response, Mrs. Meir said the history of Israel could not be told "without reference to the unwavering support and friendship shown by successive American Governments and by the American people." She said "the ties between our two countries are rooted in the Biblical heritage and in a common dedication to human dignity, freedom and democracy. It is this sense of affinity that has encouraged us to ask for America's understanding and support in difficult times."

Mrs. Meir said, "I shall be able to tell you, Mr. President,of Israel's progress in many fields. Tragically, peace is still denied us. But the same faith that sustained us 'down the ages instills within us the confidence that the hour of peace will come. I look forward to the day when an Israel Prime Minister will be able to come here bearing to the President and the people of the United States the tidings that the Middle East has entered on a new epoch of amity and regional cooperation."

Mrs. Meir said in conclusion,"I am privileged, Mr. President, to convey to you the best wishes from the President, the Government and the people of Israel, together with their deep appreciation for your invitation to me and for your interest in our welfare and progress. From Jerusalem, city of prophecy and universal inspiration, I bring you the traditional Hebrew greeting---Shalom."

Arabs Picket White House, Chant 'Long Live El Fatah'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- A group of about 50 Arab pickets paraded in front of the White House today chanting "long live El Fatah" and "down with Golda Meir." Mrs. Meir had already left

the executive mansion when the demonstrators appeared. Police permitted the pickets to march after the American Civil Liberties Union interceded with a Federal District Court to lift an injunction requested by the Government. The injunction was signed by Judge John H. Pratt on the strength of a report by the U.S. District Attorney's office that a group of Jews planned a counter-demonstration and violence might ensue.

No violence occurred because of a large concentration of police and the fact that the pickets seemed to attract little attention. Most of them appeared to be Arab students from universities in the Washington area and employes of Arab embassies. A professional Arab propagandist, Dr. Mohammed T. Mehdi, told newsmen in front of the White House that the "blood of any Arabs killed by U.S. jets used by Israelis will be on the hands of President Nixon."

Earlier in the day, uniformed self-styled Nazi storm-troopers of the National Socialist White Peoples Party passed out anti-Israel handbills at White House gates. The handbills said "end Jewish aggression in the Middle East now" and called for an end to the supply of U.S. arms to Israel.

New York Jewry Plans 'Great Welcome' When Mrs. Meir Arrives In City On Monday

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Jewish organizations in New York City are preparing to give Mrs. Meir what the head of one of them predicted would be the "greatest welcome the city has ever accorded a foreign dignitary" when she comes here next Monday.

The Israeli leader, who will confer again with President Richard M. Nixon in Washington Thursday and Friday, has a heavy schedule in New York which included functions at City Hall and at the United Nations. Plans for greeting her are being coordinated by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Its chairman, Rabbi Herschel Schacter, urged the Jewish community to turn out in force to welcome the Israeli Premier. Jewish organizations are distributing blue-and-white lapel stickers and automobile bumper stickers with the legend, "Shalom Golda," Rabbi Schacter said.

Mayor John V. Lindsay will greet Mrs. Meir at Kennedy Airport Monday morning where she will also be welcomed by contingents of Hebrew school children. At noon, the Mayor will preside at ceremonies on the steps of City Hall where Mrs. Meir will be officially welcomed. According to Rabbi Schacter, Jewish organizations in the city will close their offices between noon and 2 p.m. so that their employes can attend the City Hall ceremonies.

Mrs. Meir will be the luncheon guest of Secretary General U Thant at United Nations headquarters. At the same time a prayer service for peace will be conducted by Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, at the Isaiah wall near the UN building.

Later in the afternoon, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller will call on Mrs. Meir at her Waldorf Astoria Hotel suite. Afterwards she will attend a reception given by Israel's Foreign Minister, Abba Eban, for the heads of delegations to the UN General Assembly. On Monday evening, Mrs. Meir will be the guest of honor at a banquet given by 55 national and local Jewish organizations. Edward Ginsberg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Samuel Rothberg, national campaign chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, will serve as co-chairmen of the event.

Rabbi Schacter said that Mrs. Meir will conduct a 90-minute off-the-record briefing for the Presidents Conference on Tuesday afternoon. Afterwards, Dr. Yaacob Herzog, director general of the Prime Minister's office, will meet with the press. At 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Mrs. Meir will address a rally at Madison Square Garden sponsored by the North American Jewish Youth Council, the American Zionist Youth Council and the American Zionist Youth Foundation. On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Meir will attend a dinner in her honor at the Brooklyn Museum, hosted by Mayor Lindsay. On Wednesday afternoon she will fly to Los Angeles.

Egyptian Government Denies, In Wake Of Riad Remarks, That It Will Negotiate Peace

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government denied today that it would ever negotiate peace with Israel. Its denial came in the wake of remarks to newsmen yesterday by its Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad that "Rhodes-formula" talks could take place it Israel "renounced expansionism." Mr. Riad's reference was to the indirect negotiations between Egypt and Israel through United Nations representative Dr. Ralph Bunche on the Mediterranean island of Rhodes in 1949 ending in direct talks leading to an armistice.

In Israel, Foreign Ministry spokesman David Rivlin said that his Government had not interpreted the Riad remarks as indicating that the Arabs "want peace or want to negotiate peace." They contained, he said, nothing new.

Mr. Riad, upon emerging from a consultation with Secretary of State William P. Rogers, told reporters that his country rejected direct negotiations with Israel so long as it remained in the occupied territories. In present circumstances, contacts and efforts at agreement must be indirect through UN Mideast peace envoy Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, he said.

He also declared that Israeli troop withdrawal is not a precondition of Egyptian acceptance of a "package" settlement of all Middle East issues in dispute which would be agreed to fully before any of its parts are implemented. Israel withdrawal would be part of the settlement, not a prerequisite, Mr. Riad said. An Egyptian Government spokesman in Cairo asserted today that reports of Mr. Riad's statements were "falsehoods" and that the Arabs would never negotiate with Israel. He blamed the reports on U.S. news agencies which allegedly were pro-Israel and pro-Zionist.

NPD's Leader Predicts Party Will Win 8-12 Percent Of Votes In National Elections

BONN, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- The head of the ultra right-wing National Democratic Party today repeated his prediction that the NPD would win between eight and 12 percent of the vote in next Sunday's national elections and said it might supersede the liberal Free Democrats as the third largest group in the West German Parliament.

Adolf von Thadden told a news conference that he was not concerned over moves to have his party banned as anti-democratic under German law. Many elements in Germany and abroad consider the NPD to be neo-Nazi. Mr. von Thadden denied that his party had any contact with foreign Fascist parties.

His prediction that the NPD vote would be well above the five percent required to obtain seats in the Bundestag was not supported by various public opinion polls. One taken last week for the London Times gave the NPD 4.1 percent. Other polls taken for West German newspapers and television gave the party as little as three percent.

El Fatah Expected To Receive Permission To Open India Recruiting, Propaganda Office

NEW DELHI, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- El Fatah, the largest Arab guerrilla organization, is expected to receive permission to open a recruiting and propaganda office in India despite protests to Premier Indira Gandhi by several members of parliament. A three-member El Fatah team on a one-month propaganda tour of India made a formal request to open an office at a meeting with the Foreign Minister. According to reports, the Indian Government has promised them material and moral support.

Five members of Parliament wrote to Mrs. Gandhi demanding the expulsion of the El Fatah group on grounds that they entered India under false names and that their organization is pledged to annihilate Israel. The MPs also charged that the Arab guerrillas have been responsible for several aerial hijackings. They said that another El Fatah team recently toured Pakistan calling for a Moslem holy war against India over Kashmir.

Official Circles Disappointed By Pilots Failure To Strike Over Detainees

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Disappointment was expressed in official circles today over the failure of the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations to implement its threat of a world wide 24 hour pilots' strike in the case of two Israeli passengers who have been detained in Syria since their TWA airliner was hijacked by Arab commandos Aug. 29. The IFALPA strike threat was made last month to spur international action against aerial hijacking and to secure the release of the two Israelis.

So far IFALPA and several other international organizations have announced that they would act to end the rash of hijackings. But neither the pilots, the various civil aviation organizations nor the United States Government has made any headway so far with Syrian authorities who are holding the Israelis.

(The recent appeal to the world academic community by the Hebrew University senate to support action on behalf of Israelis in Syria was supported today by the academic council of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.)

Israeli Manufacturers Official Urges Investments In Talk To Chamber

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- American businessmen were urged today to invest in Israel because such investments would be "highly profitable" and secure despite the fact that Israel is presently fighting an undeclared war for survival along its borders.

Mark Moshevitch, president of the Israel Manufacturers Association, addressed 100 American businessmen and financiers at a luncheon given by the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He told the group that many American companies and individuals have invested in Israel "and are doing it, continuously and successfully. Israel did not fall and it will not fall. An investment in Israel will be one which no one will ever regret."

Last Minute Change On Labor-Mapam Election List Puts Allon Ahead Of Eban

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- A last minute change on the Labor Party-Mapam alignment election list has placed the name of Deputy Premier Yigal Allon directly after that of Premier Golda Meir. Originally Foreign Minister Abba Eban had the number two spot on the list which was arranged alphabetically according to the Hebrew alphabet.

As of last night's deadline, 16 factions submitted lists to the Knesset elections committee. Four of them were new political groupings including one headed by former Premier David Ben-Gurion. Another, calling itself the Eretz Israel list, is headed by Dr. Israel Eldad, a leader of the underground Stern group during the latter years of the British mandate. It advocates Israel's retention of all occupied Arab territories.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is the Peace List headed by Gad Yatziv, a lecturer at the Hebrew University, who wants Israel to hand over the occupied territories to a "Palestinian nation." The fourth new list is called Young Israel and is composed of Sephardic candidates who hope to win votes on the basis of their Oriental origin. Two other new lists were not accepted by the elections committee because they failed to deposit the $1,600 bond required by law. Factions which fail to poll one percent of the vote forfeit the bond which reverts to the Israel treasury.

More Philadelphia Jews Are In Banking, City's AJCommittee And Vocational Service Say

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Jews currently comprise 12 1/2 percent of all bank directors in Philadelphia and three percent of all bank officers in the city. Ten years ago, Jews accounted for only two percent of bank directors and one percent of bank officers.

These and other developments in the employment of Jews in banking were discussed today at a meeting under the sponsorship of the Philadelphia chapter of the American Jewish Committee and the Philadelphia Jewish Employment and Vocational Service. The Session heard a progress report of the executive advisory program of the two agencies covering the decade 1959-69.

Announcement of the results of the survey was made by Leon C. Sunstein, Jr., chairman of the executive advisory program committee. The report was prepared by Steven H. Appelbaum, director of the program and lecturer on human-industrial relations at Temple University.

The report is a follow-up to an investigation published by the Philadelphia AJCommittee chapter in 1960, which confirmed the general image that banks had a low level of Jewish involvement in managerial positions, and of a still earlier survey by the national AJCommittee that revealed that less than one-half of one percent of executive and management level positions in finance and industry in this country were held by Jews.

Shortly after release of the 1960 findings, the Philadelphia chapter and the Jewish Employment and Vocational Service joined forces in a n "executive suite" program designed to correct the situation in Philadelphia. The program dealt not only with banks and other corporations, but also with Jewish young men on college campuses and in early stages of their careers. Many of these young Jews regarded banking as a field that was closed to them.

A grant from the Leon C. Sunstein Foundation in 1966 made possible the employment on a half-time basis of a professional personnel consultant for this program. Additional grants in 1968 from the Harry Kahn Foundation, the Sunstein Foundation, and from several banks and business organizations resulted in full-time staff employment.

Describing the day-to-day activities of the executive advisory program, Mr. Appelbaum said, "It includes meeting with top level officials of business organizations, individual counselling with Jewish students and persons seeking advice in their careers, seminars with executives and campus recruitment officials, day-to-day discussion with placement officials both in the companies and on campus and, most important of all, close follow-up." The latest survey of personnel practices in Philadelphia banking, done early this year, includes figures not only on bank officers and directors, but on junior management personnel as well, and indicates that almost eight percent of college trainees hired in the past decade were Jews.

Conservative Day School Movement Expands, With 33 Schools In 22 Communities

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- The expansion of the Conservative Hebrew day school movement in the United States and Canada was reported today by Dr. Bernard Segal, executive director of the United Synagogue of America. Dr. Segal said that four new schools which opened this month in New York, New Jersey and Canada bring the total number to 33 schools in 22 communities. Total student enrollment is 5,500 and faculty consists of 410 instructors, Dr. Segal said.

All of the Conservative schools are affiliated with the Solomon Schechter Day School Association. The newest schools have been established at the Jackson Heights, N.Y. Jewish Center; the Conservative Synagogue of Riverdale, N.Y.; the Ahavah Sholom congregation in Lakewood, N.J.; and the Beth Tikvah congregation in Bayview, Ontario.

Hadassah Youth Center Dedicated On Mount Scopus In Reconstructed Building

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- The Hadassah youth center was dedicated today in a reconstructed building on Mount Scopus in the presence of Mrs. Rachel Shazar, wife of Israel's President, and the American donors of the building, Mr. and Mrs. Meshulam Riklis, of New York. The reconstruction cost a quarter of a million dollars. The building contains live-in and study facilities for 120 students. It is intended for use by the Jewish Agency's youth and hechalutz department and for courses and seminars for youth from abroad.

Kluger Appointed President Of First Israel Bank And Trust Co. In New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Conrad E. Kluger, a California banker, has been appointed president of the First Israel Bank and Trust Co. of New York, it was announced by chairman, Dr. Y. Foerder, board chariman of Bank Leumi le-Israel. Mr. Kluger succeeds Benjamin P. Schoenfein who has retired. The new appointee has been regional vice-president of the Union Bank in Los Angeles since 1964 and has a professional background of 15 years in banking.

Dropsie College Will Establish Rare Book Room With Gift From Foundation

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25 (JTA) -- Dropsie College, which has just been raised to university status, will establish a rare book room with a gift from the Myer and Rosaline Feinstein Foundation, it was announced today. The new facility will contain over 5,000 of the rarest books in the field of Hebrew, Talmud, Biblical and Semitic studies, according to Dr. Abraham Katsh, president of the post-graduate institution. Included in the new room are books from the first century of printing to those published in the 17th Century. Also included are hand-written manuscripts that date back 1,200-1,300 years ago. Among the rarest book is the world's oldest existing Haggadah and the only existing copy remaining of "Il Fetha Nagast," which traces the Ethiopian dynasty back to King Solomon.