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Mrs. Meir Finishes Talks; Says Nixon Showed 'Understanding' of Israel's Position

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir planned to return to Israel tonight or tomorrow after completing talks with President Nixon and other leading Administration officials during which she made it plain to the President that nothing would persuade Israel to return to the Middle East peace talks at the United Nations until there is a complete rollback of the missiles illegally installed by Egypt in the Suez Canal standstill zone. Mrs. Meir was scheduled to give a report here tonight on her talks in an address to the leadership of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization via a closed circuit telecast to 19 cities. Israel Embassy officials said she would speak extemporaneously and that no text would be released on her address. She also was scheduled to address a closed meeting earlier in the evening of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

President Nixon reportedly told Mrs. Meir that he doubted that the Egyptians and their Soviet backers could be persuaded to remove the missiles but that he was continuing to try. He also reportedly promised her that he would confer on the issue with Soviet Premier Kosygin in the near future. Appearing on the ABC "Issues and Answers" television program today, Mrs. Meir said she thought the Nixon Administration "will make more efforts" to obtain what the State Department previously called "rectification" of the Egyptian truce violations. "But what the outcome of those efforts will be I don't know." She also rejected, on that program, the idea of "partial" rectification, saying "What is partial rectification in a state of war?" She added "Suppose the Egyptians removed all the missiles but left the launchers intact. They could be refitted with missiles very quickly."

Mrs. Meir Says President Showed 'Sympathy And Understanding'

Premier Meir met with the President in the White House for 90 minutes and had four hours of meetings with Secretary of State William P. Rogers. There was no official communique following the meetings. But Mrs. Meir indicated by her remarks at a press conference in Washington late Friday that the President had demonstrated sympathy and understanding for Israel's position and that earlier disagreements between Israel and the U.S. on the nature of Egyptian truce violations have been completely cleared up. Informed sources said that Mr. Nixon was so impressed by Mrs. Meir's statement of Israel's determination not to return to the Jarring talks before the truce violations are totally rectified that he forebore from trying to persuade her to do otherwise. In an interview taped in Washington for broadcast on Israeli radio Saturday, Mrs. Meir told her countrymen that she had ended her talks in Washington with a feeling that matters had been clarified and that understanding had been increased. Washington press reports yesterday claimed that the Meir-Nixon talks ended in an impasse on American military and economic aid to Israel. Mrs. Meir said in her taped broadcast to Jerusalem that she came to the U.S. with a larger "shopping list" than on her previous visit, just one year ago. She said she had raised two or three central points concerning military equipment, economic aid and political issues. Diplomatic sources in Washington said today there was no "impasse" but noted that wideranging commitments should not be expected from limited meetings. The sources said that the absence of full-scale U.S. backing for Israel's position in the current crisis was not reason for pessimism.

Mrs. Meir reportedly took to Washington major requests for new military equipment and for economic aid for Israel's economy, staggering under unprecedented military burdens. Informed sources said that President Nixon was determined to maintain the Middle East power balance by beefing up Israel's military and economic strength. There was no indication that he attached any strings to such aid or made it contingent on Israel's return to the Jarring peace talks. The Washington Post claimed however that U.S. aid to Israel would be "doled out in small amounts." At her press conference in Washington, Premier Meir insisted that under present conditions Israel would not return to the Jarring talks even if the U.S. supplied it with enough arms to counter-balance the Soviet supplies to Egypt. "We need modern arms regardless of what happens on the other side of the (Suez) canal," she said. "But it is a matter of principle with Israel. Nations that make agreements are expected to abide by their agreements." She said Egyptian truce violations were not a thing of the past but are continuing daily. (Even as she spoke, Israel reported it had filed a new complaint today with the United Nations, charging that work was being done by Egypt on new missile sites in the truce zone.)

Report Mrs. Meir, President, Discussed Israel's Future Borders

The Israeli Premier told her press conference audience that Israel would not resume fighting in the Suez Canal zone if the other side did not start shooting. "We're enjoying every minute of the cease-fire and peace," she said. "No people are being killed and no people are being hurt." However, Mrs. Meir repeatedly returned in her remarks to the cease-fire violations and the stalled Jarring talks. "We have won the war and we have always said that we will not sit at a table speaking as a victor to the vanquished. Neither do we want to sit down with Egyptians who didn't keep their promise, because every time we don't agree, we will be threatened by missiles in the Suez area." Mrs. Meir described her talks with President Nixon only in general terms. Informed sources said the two leaders had discussed the question of Israel's future borders, using maps, but failed to

reach an agreement. The sources said that Mrs. Meir left the President with "a very clear picture" of the points beyond which Israel would not withdraw from occupied Arab territories. They said that Mr. Nixon stressed that the U.S. expected Israel to enter negotiations on withdrawal with a willingness to compromise and without preconceived notions of what her final borders would be.

Mrs. Meir and President Nixon also discussed the fighting in Jordan and the plight of 54 airline hijack victims still held hostage by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Mrs. Meir said in her Jerusalem broadcast that the U.S. has from the start taken a firm stand and is not prepared to abandon its citizens. "President Nixon expressed the duty of the U.S. to protect all of its citizens and there was no need at all for an argument on this," she said. She added that there had been no attempt to pressure Israel in connection with a deal for release of the hostages. On the "Issues and Answers" program Mrs. Meir reiterated Foreign Minister Abba Eban's statement last week that Israel's acceptance of arrangements by Britain, West Germany and Switzerland to exchange Arab terrorists in their custody for the hostages was sufficient contribution by Israel. "They will only return to kill Israelis," she said. (The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda commented yesterday that Premier Meir's visit to Washington came at a time when some Americans were calling for armed intervention in Jordan on the "pretext" of protecting U.S. citizens.)

U.S. Hints May Intervene In Jordan; Laird Says Hostages Believed Safe

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Civil war continued in Jordan today, its outcome still in doubt, as it became clear that the United States was considering an airlift of American residents out of that beleaguered country and possibly, intervention to save King Hussein's shaky regime if it appeared to be threatened by outside forces. The picture that emerged from Jewish Telegraphic Agencies dispatches compiled in various capitals over the week-end was one of violent flux into which Israel, other Arab states, the U.S. and the Soviet Union could be drawn. In jeopardy in Amman are 450 Americans including 40 attached to the U.S. Embassy. There are also 54 hijacked airliner passengers, 38 of them Americans, held at secret hideouts in Jordan by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and now entering their third week in captivity. Negotiations for their release have been stalled. The International Red Cross team in Amman reported yesterday that it had no contact with the terrorists who are locked in battle with King Hussein's forces. The PFLP has warned that all Americans in Jordan, including the hostages, would be killed if the U.S. intervened on behalf of Hussein. Defense Secretary Melvin Laird said Friday that so far as was known the hostages were safe. But fear mounted when the PFLP reportedly rejected a Swiss request to Arab governments to secure the transfer of the hostages to another country where an exchange could be arranged. The request was made in view of the serious fighting in Jordan. According to reports from London, the Jordanian Army knows where the hostages are being held and is exercising care in its military operations in those areas.

Britain Reportedly Increasing Pressure On Israel On Hostages

The British Government reportedly has increased its pressure on Israel to exchange some Israel-held terrorists for the hostages. It is understood that the British and West German governments are impatient with the slow pace of negotiations being conducted by the International Red Cross. Israel has said repeatedly that it would not make a deal with the PFLP. (The Jordanian crisis was discussed at today's Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, but no hints emerged as to what transpired. Acting Premier Yigal Allon has requested all Cabinet Ministers to refrain from commenting on the situation in Jordan. It is clear, nevertheless, that Israel will not intervene as long as it does not consider its interests to be in jeopardy. However, the survival of the hijacked airline hostages is regarded as a matter vital to Israel and any harm to them would be regarded as jeopardizing Israeli interests, sources in Jerusalem said. The United States Charge d'Affaires in Tel Aviv, Owen Zurhellen, and his First Secretary had a lengthy meeting with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan Friday, presumably on the situation in Jordan. U.S. Embassy cars have been seen driving through the West Bank, apparently to make sure that Israel was not preparing for armed intervention in Jordan.)

The Defense Department announced yesterday that the Atlantic and Sixth fleets have moved to bolster American forces in the Eastern Mediterranean. More C-130 transport planes have been deployed at airfields in Europe and Turkey. They could be used to evacuate Americans from Jordan, to fly in re-enforcements to guard the U.S. Embassy, or to carry in airborne troops for a full scale intervention. President Nixon hinted Friday that such action was under consideration. The White House subsequently denied that any decision had been made on American action in the Jordanian crisis. But the President's thinking was clear from remarks he reportedly made in private briefings for news editors in Chicago Friday. The Chicago Sun-Times did not attribute its information to the President or any other source, but asserted in its first two editions yesterday that "The U.S. is prepared to intervene directly in the Jordanian civil war should Syria and Iraq enter the conflict and tip the military balance against the government forces loyal to King Hussein." The paper killed the story after the first two editions, apparently after a call from White House press secretary, Ronald Ziegler, but included the information in a later story. There were indications that the White House was not unduly disturbed by the leak of Mr. Nixon's off-the-record remarks to newsmen on the subject. Mr. Ziegler said at a briefing yesterday that the United States had "no direct commitment" for support of Hussein's Government. He declined comment on whether there might be an "indirect commitment." An editorial in Krasnaya Zvezda, of the Soviet Defense Ministry, charged that "hot heads" in Washington are seeking to supply more arms to Israel and to bring about "direct armed intervention by the United States on the side of Israel."

Israel Releases All 450 Arabs Arrested For Possible Popular Front Ties

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Israeli security forces have released the last of 450 Arab residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip who were arrested a week ago for questioning on suspicion of collaboration with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Police Minister Shlomo Hilles said it was standard procedure to interrogate persons known to have had contact with any terrorist group. He denied that Israel ever intended to hold the detainees hostage for 54 hijacked airline passengers held hostage by the PFLP in Jordan. A similar denial was made by Foreign Minister Abba Eban last week. Mr. Hilles acknowledged that pressure had been brought to bear on Israel from abroad to release the Arabs. About 70 of them, mostly women, were set free within 24 hours of their arrest and by last Friday only 143 remained in custody. Other sources said that Israeli authorities ordered the round-up in order to put pressure on the PFLP for the safety of the hijack victims.

Goldmann Says Expects Another Bid From Nasser; Hits Israeli Foreign Policies Again

BONN, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, declared in a West German television interview today that Israel's foreign policy over the years and its approach to peace with the Arabs has been "wrong and ineffective." He expressed the opinion that Egyptian President Nasser genuinely wants peace in the Middle East and said he was still in contact with Nasser emissaries and expected Nasser to invite him to Cairo again for "exploratory talks." Dr. Goldmann created a furore in Israel last year when he asked the Israeli Government to approve his acceptance of an alleged invitation from Nasser to meet in Cairo to explore Mideast peace possibilities on a private, individual basis. Dr. Goldmann has come under bitter attack from Israeli and Zionist officials for his past criticism of Israeli foreign policy and his advocacy of a "neutralized" Israel whose security would be guaranteed by the world powers. Dr. Goldmann's televised remarks today were in the same vein as an interview with him published yesterday in the Cologne Stadtanzeiger. He asserted in the interview that if Israel had agreed after the Six-Day War to quit most of the occupied territories in return for Arab recognition of Israel "there would have been a chance for a solution." He said the U.S. peace initiative still had a chance for success but warned that if there is a new war in the Mideast "Russia is likely to intervene because she could not take another Arab defeat. She has invested too much."

Dr. Goldmann told the Cologne newspaper that although his projected meeting with Nasser was aborted, he was still in contact with the Egyptian President and with top Palestinian leaders. "A representative of President Nasser is still visiting me regularly," he said. "I have also met prominent Palestinian leaders in the Old City of Jerusalem and King Hassan, of Morocco, has invited me for a talk." On Bonn television he said he expected another invitation from Nasser if the present Mideast peace initiative fails. Dr. Goldmann told the German television audience, "I have always said that time is against Israel and this has proven to be the case. Nevertheless I am optimistic that a settlement will be reached in the not too distant future." He said that at his age, he did not worry about attacks on him and would rather be "a non-conformist than a 'yes man.'" In the published interview, Dr. Goldmann contended that "the younger generation in Israel is more realistic" than the generation in power. "Young Israelis don't hate the Arabs, although they may have a certain feeling of superiority vis-a-vis the Arabs. In the older generation you find an attitude that all non-Jews are enemies and cannot be trusted," he said. Dr. Goldmann said the basis of his Mideast policy is that the Arabs have rights in Palestine.

Four U.S. Tourists Among 15 Hurt In Grenade Attack In East Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Fifteen persons including four American tourists were injured last night when a hand grenade exploded in the Dolphin restaurant in East Jerusalem, an establishment owned jointly by Arabs and Jews. Police reported the arrests of several dozen suspects. Three of the Americans were identified as Donald and Catherine Grant and their son, Harry from Chicago. Their injuries were described as slight. One Arab boy was seriously injured. A second grenade that exploded in a nearby bakery caused no casualties. Eye-witnesses said the attacker hurled the grenade from the doorway of the restaurant into the middle of the dining area. They said his face was partly hidden by an undershirt. A nearby restaurant, also owned by Arabs and Jews, was the target of a grenade attack three months ago. One curfew breaker was killed and another was injured in Raffah during the past 24 hours when they disregarded orders to halt. The curfew was imposed on the Gaza Strip town and three nearby refugee camps because only they cooperated on the general strike called by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine to protest Israel's arrest of 450 Arabs suspected on collaborating with the PFLP, all of whom have since been released.

10,000 Gather Near UN For Soviet Jewry Day As Part Of Global Protests

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--An estimated 10,000 persons, old and young, massed at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza across from the United Nations today in one of many rallies planned around the world this week on behalf of Soviet Jews. Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, chairman of the New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, declared at the rally: "We are here to say the Russian bear, 'Let my people go!'" The "one hope" of those gathered in the Plaza, he said, was "freedom for Russian Jews." Posters read "United Nations, Please Be Aware of the Plight of Soviet Jewry," "Stop Soviet Slavery" and "No Scapegoat Trials." Representatives of the New York conference dramatized the trial of Boris Kozhubiyevsky, the 34-year-old Kiev engineer sentenced in 1969 to three years at forced labor for anti-Soviet "slander." Numerous passages in the transcript were cheered loudly by many in the Plaza, although many around the edges of the crowd chatted among themselves. Political and religious figures and celebrities scheduled to participate included Mayor John V. Lindsay; state Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz; Rabbi Herschel Schacter, president of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry; Rabbi Steven Riskin of the Lincoln Square Synagogue; Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton; Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams; actor-singer Theodore Bikel, actress Marian Seldes and singer Nancy Waldman.

Jewish Youth Not Alienated, But Neglected, Jewish Women's Conclave Told

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Judaism does not have instant answers to all America's social and ethical problems but it could make an important contribution to American life if its values and traditions were imparted to Jewish youth, according to Rabbi Irving Greenberg, professor of history at Yeshiva University. Dr. Greenberg was one of several rabbis and scholars who addressed a three-day conference on contemporary problems of Jewish youth, their religious and cultural education, sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women at Ellenville, New York. The Conference, which ended Thursday, also heard from three graduate students who indicted the synagogue and national Jewish organizations for being "lethargic, inadequate and unresponsive to the needs of youth." Their complaint was echoed by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, a lecturer in Jewish history at Columbia and Princeton universities, who told the 150 Council members that "Jewish youth is not alienated--it has been neglected by the adult Jewish community."

Synagogue Accused By Rabbi Of Excessive Concern For Budgets

Dr. Hertzberg scored synagogues for being "more concerned with budgets and membership than transmitting the ethics and values that have caused Judaism to endure." Rabbi Greenberg asserted that synagogues, Jewish organizations and American Jews as individuals have failed to relate Judaism to contemporary life. He characterized Jewish life in this country as "thin and impoverished culturally and in terms of living human experience." Another speaker, Isaac Toubin, executive vice president of the American Association for Jewish Education, said that "one of the healthy by-products of the black push for recognition in education is the new awareness that American culture is a linkage and cross-fertilization of the histories and ideals of many peoples." This concept has profound implications for Jewish education, he said.

Prof. Marshall Sklare, of Brandeis University, said that Jewish families attempting to impart "Jewishness" to their young are confronted with a "much more pervasive and distinctive youth culture and faces competition from the youngster's peer group." Added to this problem, he said, is the fact that "today's parents have less Jewish culture to transmit than prior generations." Jewish communities will have to supplement the parents' efforts to instill Jewish identity in the young, he said, adding, however, "It is no easier to replace the Jewish mother than it is to find a substitute for the Negro father." Miss Hannah Stein, executive director of the National Council of Jewish Women announced that similar conferences aimed at the problems of the American Jewish community would be held soon in Chicago and Los Angeles.

Decision Postponed On Dropping Trespass Charges Against Col. U. Radicals

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--A decision on a motion by the Radical Jewish Union of Columbia University to have trespass charges against three of its members dropped has been postponed by Criminal Court Judge Mitchell J. Sherwin until Nov. 6. The charges against Rabbi A. Bruce Goldman, rabbinical advisor to the RJU and against two students, Victor Levin and Anne Rosen, stemmed from their efforts last May to address the congregation of Temple Emanu-El on the Vietnam war and related issues.

Gerald Lefcourt, attorney for the three RJU members, who is also an attorney for the Black Panthers, argued at the hearing Friday that officials of Temple Emanu-El had written to officials of the Central Conference of American Rabbis recommending dismissal of the charges. Temple Emanu-El is the largest Reform congregation in the world. The CCAR is the central association of American Reform rabbis. The arrests took place during two of three RJU visits to Friday vesper services of the synagogue. Rabbi Goldman, who led each RJU group for the three consecutive Friday appearances which started last May 15, was arrested twice.

Overseas Chaplains Get Taped High Holy Day Materials For Services

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Jewish chaplains at all overseas military posts have been provided with cassettes of taped material devoted to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, intended for use at overseas installations through the American Forces Radio Network, the National Jewish Welfare Board announced today. The messages and musical themes were recorded by Rabbi Ronald B. Sobel, Rev. Dr. Nathan A. Perilman, Cantor Arthur Wolfson and the choir of Temple Emanu-El in New York.

The tapes were produced by the JWB's Chaplaincy Commission. Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, Commission chairman, said that in addition, the JWB has arranged High Holiday services for Jewish personnel at all U.S. military posts at home and abroad. High Holiday supplies for Jewish servicemen in Vietnam and 700 other posts all over the world were sent out months ago, Rabbi Sandrow said. The shipments to Jewish chaplains included prayer books, skull caps, prayer shawls, rams' horns, kosher foods and inspirational literature.

Jets Move Up Time Of Start Of Night Game On Yom Kippur for Jewish Fans

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Owners of the New York Jets professional football team have changed the game time of this season's first home game on Oct. 10 to accommodate observant Jewish fans. The starting time for the night game at Shea Stadium pitting the Jets against the Miami Dolphins, has been moved up to 8:45 p.m. Yom Kippur ends at about sundown that evening.

Yeshiva University Offers Course On Leftist Ideologies And Jews

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (JTA)--Yeshiva University is offering a two-term course on "Leftist ideologies and the Jewish problem" to be taught by Dr. Abraham G. Duker, professor of history and social institutions. The course, to be given at the Bernard Revel Graduate School, will cover such areas as social justice and Judaism, leftist ideologies and Jewish problems, Jewish leftists groups and Jews in revolutionary and reform movements.