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## Mrs. Meir's Report Accepted By 51-28 Vote; Beigin Leads Opposition In Debate

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17 (JTA)--The Knesset voted 51-28 last night to accept Premier Golda Meir's political report in which she said, among other things, that Israel is prepared to return to the Jarring peace talks "if the proper conditions" were created. The vote reflected the split between the government and the opposition factions. Mrs. Meir's coalition was supported by two Orthodox splinter groups, the Agudat Israel and Poalei Agudat Israel; while the State List, founded by former Prime Minister Ben Gurion, abstained. But Mrs. Meir's speech yesterday provided no solid issue for the opposition to latch on to. She did not say what would constitute "proper conditions" for reactivating the Jarring talks though she made it plain that such conditions do not yet exist as far as her government is concerned. She did not repeat Israel's demand for removal of all Soviet missiles and missile sites from the Suez truce zone. But she went into some detail on the extent of Egyptian truce violations and the number of missiles deployed.

The five hour debate that followed, and Mrs. Meir's summation afterwards, only served to emphasize the deep differences between the government and Gahal, Israel's second largest party, on the fundamental issue of whether Israel should give up any of the occupied Arab territories as part of a peace settlement. Herut leader Menachem Beigin, who led the opposition, called for annexation of the territories. Mrs. Meir said it was impossible to achieve peace without giving up some territory. She recalled that it was due to the courage to say yes to the partition plan in 1948 that Israel was created. Mr. Beigin indicated by his remarks that he believed that the major obstacle to annexation was the demographic imbalance it would create. He claimed that annexation would only add about 800,000 Arabs to Israel's population, leaving a Jewish majority of 66 percent. He was disputed by the Labor Party's Arab affairs expert, Eliahu Sasson, who said that annexation would soon leave the Jews a minority in their own country because of the higher Arab birth rate. Moshe Sneh of Maki, the anti-Moscow Communist faction, welcomed as "realistic" Mrs. Meir's assertion that Israel will have to part with some of the territories in the interests of peace.

## Sir Douglas-Home Deplores Treatment Of Soviet Jews, Defends Harrogate Speech

LONDON, Nov. 17 (JTA)--Foreign Secretary Alec Douglas-Home stated in a letter released here today that the British government has made it clear to the Soviet Union that it deplores the treatment of Jews in the USSR. Sir Alec's comments were contained in a letter to Jack Barnett, secretary general of the British section of the World Jewish Congress, in which he also defended his recent speech on the Middle East to Conservative Party leaders at Harrogate. Mr. Barnett had sent the Foreign Secretary copies of resolutions on Soviet Jewry and the Middle East adopted at the biennial conference of the British section of the WJC and asked for his comment. Sir Alec wrote, "The government has made plain the fact that they deplore violations of human rights and the denial of religious freedom wherever these occur."

"These views," Sir Alec continued, "which of course apply to the conditions of Soviet Jews, have repeatedly been stated at the United Nations by our representatives as well as to representatives of the Soviet Union." Concerning his policy speech on the Middle East which aroused the ire of Israelis and pro-Israel circles here, the Foreign Secretary wrote: "I particularly mentioned the need for a just and lasting peace in the area and for secure and recognized boundaries, to which your resolution drew attention. I also referred to the importance of providing freedom of navigation in accordance with the Security Council resolution." Sir Alec added that he still felt the need "for an agreement on the problem of Jerusalem as part of a settlement." Israelis were incensed by parts of Sir Alec's Harrogate speech in which he suggested that Israel return to its pre-June, 1967 boundaries and that the status of Jerusalem was still open for negotiation.

## Denials That Allon, Hussein Met Dismissed; Eban Reported In Talks With Hussein

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17 (JTA)--Political observers today brushed off the vehement denials issued by authorities here and in Amman yesterday of reports that secret meetings have been held between Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and King Hussein, of Jordan. They noted that under present conditions the King could not bear the political consequences of an open admission that he had met with Israeli leaders--a violation of Arab strictures against direct negotiations. The story, held up by Israeli censors for nearly a week, was broken by Time magazine which claimed that there had been a series of meetings between Allon and Hussein and that the latter had also met at least once with Premier Golda Meir. Most knowledgeable sources here believe the Time account to be true in substance if not in all of its details. They also profess to see certain consequences of the talks emerging on both sides of the Israel-Jordan border. According to these sources, the latest outbreak of fighting between Jordanian regulars and Palestinian guerrillas around the towns of Irbid and Jerash in northern Jordan yesterday was a demonstration by King Hussein that he is determined to keep the commandos in check.

The Jordanian front has been quieter in recent weeks than at any time since the June, 1967 war. Time claimed that King Hussein promised Mr. Allon that he would restrain the guerrillas from attacking Israel from Jordanian soil. According to the accounts, the meetings with Israeli leaders were sought by King Hussein because he was worried over a Palestinian separatist movement developing on the West Bank, seemingly with the encouragement and approval of Israel. Observers here noted that since the

reported meetings, Israeli officials who had been talking in terms of a "Palestinian entity" and greater autonomy for West Bankers, seem to have dropped the subject. More details of the Allon-Hussein meetings emerged here today. Their most recent meeting, reportedly held last month at an isolated Israeli military compound deep in the Araba desert south of the Dead Sea, was said to have been preceded by several others, some of which took place in London and one aboard a ship at sea.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban reportedly took part in one of the meetings. The language used was Arabic of which Mr. Eban has a fluent command. Deputy Premier Allon also speaks Arabic but only the vernacular in current use in Israel, Jordan and Syria. Mr. Allon and Mr. Eban reportedly tried to persuade Defense Minister Moshe Dayan to join their meetings with Hussein but he refused on grounds that they were pointless. Gen. Dayan is also fluent in Arabic. According to reports, Gahal leader Menachem Begin who was a member of the coalition government until last August, knew of the meetings but was opposed to them. Sources here said the meetings were likely to continue in the future despite the publicity which the Times disclosure aroused. In the future however they will be held in a manner and at a place that would preclude any leakage. One Arab affairs expert here said today that King Hussein can be expected to act according to his needs and if he needs the Israelis he will meet with them in secret while continuing to call them names in public.

### Fighting Between Jordan Army, Guerrillas Spreading; 80 Killed, Scores Wounded

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17 (JTA)--Diplomatic sources here said today that the fighting that has flared anew in Jordan between Royalist troops and guerrillas is serious and getting worse. Several dozen and perhaps as many as 80 have been killed and scores wounded in the battles around Irbid and Jerash in northern Jordan, the sources said. King Hussein's forces have entered Irbid, Jordan's second largest city, in violation of the agreement with the guerrillas that ended the Jordanian civil war last September. The guerrillas also violated the agreement by refusing to lay down their arms in cities other than Amman, the capital. Israeli sources say King Hussein is much stronger now than he was in September and is capable of dealing with any new attempt to overthrow his regime. Reports reaching here say there is a serious crisis in the Sudan which has been heightened by recent moves toward the federation of that country with Egypt and Libya. The trouble stems from the opposition of young army officers to the Khartoum government's increasing dependence on Egypt, the reports said. Reports from Beirut, Lebanon said today that Syria's new military regime which ousted the government of President Nurreddin al-Atassi last week will seek to improve the country's economy, its army and its relations with other Arab countries. Some observers believe this could result in Syria's acceptance of United Nations peace resolutions for the Middle East and the American peace initiative.

### Fawzi To Form New Government; Emphasis To Be On Domestic Problems

LONDON, Nov. 17 (JTA)--Prime Minister Mahmoud Fawzi of Egypt, is expected to form a new government this week in which the emphasis will be on economic development and the improvement of public services. Mr. Fawzi, a 70-year-old career diplomat regarded as a moderate, resigned with his cabinet last Sunday, barely a month after he was named to the Premiership by President Anwar Sadat. President Sadat promptly asked Mr. Fawzi to form a new government. The reshuffle will be the first among senior officials below the top level since the death of President Gamal Abdel Nasser in September. Fawzi was appointed to fill the post of Premier which Nasser had held in addition to the presidency. But the Sadat regime apparently wants fresh faces in the post-Nasser era. Observers here said that the expected shift of government emphasis to domestic problems was a highly significant development in the Middle East conflict. They believe that despite President Sadat's recent warnings that renewed warfare against Israel is "very likely" when the present 90-day cease-fire extension expires on Feb. 5, 1971, the Egyptian leadership envisage a prolonged period in which there will be an absence of military activity.

### Metullah, Zaryit Settlements Shelled From Lebanon; No Casualties Reported

TEL AVIV, Nov. 17 (JTA)--Metullah and Zaryit settlements in Upper Galilee were shelled by mortars from Lebanon early this morning. No casualties or damage was reported. A military spokesman said a number of 60 mm. mortar shells hit Metullah at about 4 a.m. and several more exploded in Zaryit two hours later. Israeli forces returned the fire which came from the direction of the Lebanese border village of Kila. The spokesman said the attack was unexpected because the area has been relatively quiet in recent weeks and Lebanese farmers have resumed cultivation of their land near the border.

### High School Teachers Continue Strike; Reject Appeal By Allon To Return

TEL AVIV, Nov. 17 (JTA)--The two week-old strike of high school teachers continued today after they rejected a personal appeal by Education Minister Yigal Allon to return to work while they negotiated their demands. The teachers said that Mr. Allon, who is also Deputy Premier, brought no new offers when he approached them yesterday. Mr. Allon was acting on Sunday's cabinet decision to urge the teachers to return to their classrooms. The strike is for higher wages which the Education Ministry admits the teachers are entitled to but which the Treasury refuses to grant on grounds that it would worsen inflation. Meanwhile, thousands of Israeli high school students who had been enjoying the unscheduled holiday on the beaches of Tel Aviv and other seaside towns, began organizing for work in kibbutzim. But the strike has created problems for eighth graders who will have to postpone their matriculation examinations if it lasts much longer. For the time being they are getting daily lessons by television.

### Nazi Persecution Of Jews Described As Greater Shock To Mankind Than Hiroshima

LONDON, Nov. 17 (JTA)--The Roman Catholic Primate of England declared here tonight that the persecution of the Jews in Nazi Germany, not the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, was the "greatest shock suffered by mankind in modern times." John Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster, said it would

be educationally valuable to screen films of Bergen-Belsen for young people once a year so that they could see "what was done in the name of national purity and eugenics by 20th century men and women." Cardinal Heenan made his remarks in the course of a lecture to students of the London School of Economics. He said the great shock was the realization that national leaders in the 20th century could plan the systematic destruction of a whole race, "which put an end to belief in the myth of human progress." He said that although the trials of the criminals responsible for the torture and murder continue to this day, "the full horror is scarcely known to citizens under 40 years of age."

### Rabin Says Soviet Union Not Ready To Help Reconcile Arabs And Israel

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 17 (JTA)--Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's ambassador to the United States, said here today he saw "no sign of readiness on the part of the Soviet Union to bring about a reconciliation between the Arabs and Israel." The USSR, he said, "has made it possible for the Arabs to believe that they will achieve their goal--either through diplomacy or by force." Gen. Rabin addressed 1,600 delegates to the convention of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue. He downplayed the peacemaking role of the United Nations, contending that "peace will not be achieved by conventional diplomacy or talks that are held in the limelight of the media." The transition from war to peace, he added, "will be a long one." The chief question, the ambassador said, is: "What will be the Arabs' attitude towards Israel, and will they accept Israel as an independent Jewish State?" Gen. Rabin, Israel's Chief of Staff in the Six-Day War, expressed some optimism that the cease-fire extension will aid the cause of peace.

At an earlier session, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, strongly defended "idealistic youth" and the women's liberation movement and declared that Jews must play a major role in today's revolution - "the greatest and profoundest in all history." He said that "what we are witnessing today is not the death of civilization but its birth and birth is not achieved without pain and agony." He said "the time is past for refusing to hear the idealistic cry of the young" and the time is also past "to pretend that because of their inexperience, their visions are unreal and their dreams are fantastic." Dr. Finkelstein added, however, that "if our children, like ourselves, are to make a new world, they will have to be not only humanitarians but also Jews." He said he regarded the women's liberation movement "not only as liberation of self but liberation of humanity," because it was trying to change "the old leadership now so corrupt." Dr. Finkelstein called for "more rabbis, more religious school teachers and more professors of Judaism."

### ORT Celebrating 90 Years Of Service; Education Of Youth Seen As Priority

GENEVA, Nov. 17 (JTA)--A Swiss educator today envisioned a teacher as a "mediator" between available knowledge and his pupils rather than "the almighty and only dispenser of knowledge." Dr. Robert Hari, director general of secondary education for Geneva, spoke at the 10th congress of the World Ort Union here. Urging democratization of the teaching process, he told the 250 delegates from 29 countries that allowances must be made for individual differences in the rate of absorbing knowledge. Another speaker, Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, of Yeshiva University in New York, praised the Ort's education program which provides youth with vocational and professional skills. "All education is a preparation for life," he said. "Therefore, just as we finish our students with skills to be materialistically productive, we are honor bound as being in loco parentis to provide the skills for spiritual self-preservation as well."

William Haber, president of the American Ort Federation, presented a resume of the 90-year history of Ort. The organization, which was formed in St. Petersburg in 1880 to train poverty-stricken Jews in Czarist Russia for agricultural and manual occupations, today operates a network of more than 700 training centers and schools in 22 countries around the world. He declared that among the many priorities in Jewish life, none was more urgent than useful education of our youth to equip them with skills. He said that while Ort remained basically a Jewish organization, there have been growing demands on it to make its personnel and services available for programs sponsored by various governmental and inter-governmental bodies to raise the industrial standards of developing countries.

### Conservative Synagogue Presents Torah Scroll To Black Jewish Congregation

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 17 (JTA)--Philadelphia's only black Jewish congregation, Adath Emeth Israel, was presented with a Torah scroll from members of the Har Zion Temple, the city's largest Conservative synagogue at a special ceremony held here Sunday. The ceremony celebrated the recent acquisition of a synagogue building for the black congregation which previously had been housed in rented temporary quarters. The gift of the Sefer Torah, a parchment scroll containing the first five books of the Bible, meticulously inscribed by hand, culminated friendly overtures between the two congregations over a period of several months. Adath Emeth Israel, which has approximately 100 constituents, has in the past also received prayerbooks from the 1700-member Har Zion Temple. The theme of Brotherhood was emphasized by Rabbi Gerald I. Wolpe, spiritual leader of Har Zion, Rudolph Windsor, leader of Adath Emeth Israel, and Rabbi Jeremiah Yisrael, a black leader from New York City, all of whom addressed the congregation. "The presentation of this Torah is part of the dialogue between two communities," Rabbi Wolpe said.

"Concerned with the message of the Torah to the world, we are trying to translate its guide in our daily lives," Rabbi Wolpe continued. "It is our hope that this will be but the beginning of a bridge of understanding that will aid in solving the tragic gap between races in our society. It is a moment of great spiritual and historical importance." Acknowledging the gift, Mr. Windsor told the audience, "The Sefer Torah presentation is a ceremonial which links two Jewish congregations in brotherhood. It is a truly historic occasion, a sign of the times. It united black and white Jews who especially want their religion to remain alive in the minds and hearts of their children."

## Youth Play Vital Role At CJFWF Conclave; Max Fisher Re-Elected President

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 17 (JTA)--The unanimous re-election of Max M. Fisher, of Detroit to a new term as its president and the adoption of a series of resolutions, including one that called for a greater role by youth in shaping the future of American Jewish communities, marked the closing session here of the 39th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Mr. Fisher, a former special advisor to President Richard M. Nixon, was elected by acclamation by the 1500 delegates who met here for five days to determine priorities in the allocation of funds for Jewish needs at home and overseas. The resolutions--on peace in the Middle East, Soviet Jewry, public assistance and social security--reflected the concern of the American Jewish leadership with a variety of domestic and foreign problems. But it was the resolution on youth, college students and faculty that marked a major development for the CJF. The atmosphere here differed sharply from that which prevailed at last year's General Assembly in Boston where youth groups were unrepresented and felt forced to resort to disruptive tactics to express their demands for a greater voice in Jewish community activities and decisions. The 39th General Assembly was attended by 100 youth delegates from colleges and universities all over the U.S. and Canada.

Louis J. Fox, of Baltimore, former CJF president and current chairman of its subcommittee on funding national campus projects, remarked on the change and said it was "indicative of the growing inter-relationship and cooperation between campus groups and Jewish Federations across the country. The youth resolution called on Jewish communities to assure the participation of the younger generation in their decision-making processes by making it possible for them to sit as "active, full-voting members" of the communities' committees. The resolution recognized that many Federations are now involving students and faculty in decision-making. It asked for expanded action by those Federations and the extension to more cities of youth and faculty participation in Federation work. The CJF's Mideast resolution commended the "initiative" taken by President Nixon and the U.S. government to seek a just peace in the region through bringing about a cease-fire, providing deterrent arms to Israel and credits that Israel needs to acquire the means for its own defense. The resolution also commended the U.S. Congress for supporting Israel's security.

The General Assembly urged the U.S. and Canadian governments "to do all in their power, within and outside the United Nations, to obtain equal treatment for Soviet Jews under Soviet law and make possible emigration of those wishing to do so." It also called on the U.S. and Canada to make every effort to assure the full human rights of Jews in Arab states. The resolution on public assistance and social security called on Congress to complete the work begun by the House in adopting many of the President's recommendations in H.R. 16311 with changes that would include a higher federal floor on income to meet current living costs and increases in Social Security payments. Mr. Fisher, a Detroit industrialist who served as chairman of President Nixon's National Center for Voluntary Action has been a leader of community, civic and social service organizations for more than 30 years.

## Orthodox College Students To Launch Newspaper; Unique Effort To Counter Left

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Nov. 17 (JTA)--A project unique in the annals of Jewish journalism is being launched by a group of Orthodox Brooklyn College students, it was announced here today. Elly Rosen, executive director of the Jewish Cultural Institute at Brooklyn College, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there has been a "lack of a sounding board for the views and activities of Orthodox youth on campus." Of a student body of 27,000 in Brooklyn College, 18,000 are Jewish and 5,000 of these are Orthodox, Mr. Rosen said. The forthcoming publication of the "pilot" issue of the newspaper is to be written by, and aimed specifically at, Orthodox college youth. "Bas Kol," is to have an initial publication of 25,000 copies and will eventually be distributed in all the colleges of the City University system. It will be edited by Yitta Halberstam, 19-year-old sophomore at Brooklyn College and Yossi Templeman, 24-year-old graduate of Brooklyn College and doctoral candidate at City College. Mr. Templeman, a student activist on the Brooklyn College campus for many years, has appeared on radio and television programs on several occasions and is a frequent contributor to a New York based Anglo-Jewish weekly.

Miss Halberstam, a graduate of Beth Rivkah H.S. where she was English Editor and Drama Head, has had her writings published in various publications since the age of nine. She was recently hired as a reporter at the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as part of the JTA's national apprentice program. Her articles have also appeared frequently in the Anglo Jewish press. Mr. Rosen stated that the purpose "Bas Kol" was to "record the views and promote activities relevant to Orthodox college youth." He noted that there is not even one column in any of the Brooklyn College papers devoted to their needs or interests. "It's about time they were represented," he said. Mr. Rosen also added that the growing number of publications of Jewish radical papers on campuses across the nation during the past year prompted his group to present an Orthodox paper on the "college scene." "Bas Kol" is to be financed entirely by the Jewish Cultural Institute which is receiving financial and advisory assistance from the American Zionist Youth Foundation, an arm of the Jewish Agency.

## Mrs. Schenk To Seek Administration's Assurance Of Security For Israel

CHEVY CHASE, Md., Nov. 17 (JTA)--Mrs. Max Schenk, national president of Hadassah, said today that Israel was returning to the Jarring peace talks with trepidation, and that she would try to obtain maximum assurances of Israeli security from the Nixon administration. Addressing a meeting of Hadassah's Greater Washington Chapter at Congregation Ohr Kodesh here, Mrs. Schenk said a complete rollback of Egyptian missiles was not achievable, because the United States was not insisting on it. Therefore, she continued, Israel in the interest of peace will concentrate on continuing the cease-fire and avoiding a renewal of the shooting war. The Hadassah leader urged her listeners not to be swayed by the "secular state" arguments of the Palestinians. "What they really want," she said, "is their own state and the liquidation of Israel."