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## Jewish Editor Dropped From Frost Show After Baldwin Refuses To Debate With Him

NEW YORK, June 9 (JTA)--Shlomo Katz, editor of Midstream, the "monthly Jewish review" published here by the Theodor Herzl Foundation, charged today that the "David Frost Show" had "submitted" to the "dictation" of black writer James Baldwin in dropping him from yesterday's taping of the syndicated television talk show. He had been invited, Katz told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, to participate with Baldwin and anthropologist Dr. Margaret Mead in a discussion of "A Rap On Race," a new book consisting of a transcript of a conversation-debate between Baldwin and Dr. Mead. Two minutes before the taping, Katz said, he was informed by a production aide that "Mr. Baldwin says 'I will not discuss this subject with him.'" The 62-year-old Katz, editor of Midstream since 1955, charged that the Frost show staff had been "dictated to" by Baldwin. The development, said Katz, represented "gagging of a panelist by James Baldwin and submission by the 'David Frost Show.'" Katz, who said he would file a formal complaint with the producers of the program, added: "It was not a proud moment. I was humiliated."

Katz attributed Baldwin's seeming reluctance to appear with him to a recent public debate between the two on Jewish commitment to the cause of black militancy. In an article in the New York Review of Books addressed to "my sister, Angela Davis," the black militant and Marxist charged with complicity in a multiple murder in California, Baldwin told her: "You are as alone as the Jewish housewife in a boxcar headed for Dachau." In the April issue of Midstream, Katz challenged Baldwin's comparison of the Jewish fate in the Nazi Holocaust with the situation of Miss Davis and other American black militants. Katz's "open letter" was in turn reprinted in the New York Review, and Baldwin's rebuttal to it will appear in the next issue of Midstream. Katz noted that in "A Rap On Race," Baldwin said that "the creation of the State of Israel was one of the most cynical achievements--really murderous, merciless, ugliest and cynical achievements on the part of the Western nations," who he said took it on themselves to give Jews that part of Palestine now called Israel.

"You have got to remember," the American expatriate writer continued, "however bitter this may sound, no matter how bitter I may sound, that I have been, in America, the Arab at the hands of the Jews." Dr. Mead replied: "Oh, fiddlesticks! Just fiddlesticks! You are now making a totally racist comment just because there have been a number of Jewish shopkeepers in Harlem." A spokesman for Peter Baker, producer of the Frost series, said Katz had been invited several days ago to debate Baldwin in the "later stages" of the discussion. As a courtesy to Baldwin, the spokesman continued, he was called to be informed of Katz's booking, but could not be reached until half an hour before yesterday evening's taping. Baldwin, said the production spokesman, said he had not been given enough time to prepare for a televised dialogue with Katz, and the editor was thus advised he would not be on the show. Another executive at the Frost show said Baldwin's comment was not hostile, and that in fact he indicated a willingness to debate Katz on another day. The executive called the entire matter "an unfortunate mistake." The Frost episode taped yesterday will be telecast July 1. In the half-hour exchange between Baldwin and Dr. Mead, producer Baker's aide said, there was no mention of black-Jewish relations.

## 60 Jews In Wilna Stage Sit-In At Communist Party Headquarters

TEL AVIV, June 9 (JTA)--Sixty Jews in Wilna began a sit-in at Communist Party headquarters in that city last night and declared they would remain until they are told why the authorities have refused to grant exit visas to Jews who have requested them. News of the sit-in was relayed to circles in Israel by telephone today. According to the informant, the action was taken after the regional party secretary refused to meet with the Jews. The sit-ins said they would not leave the premises until they are received by the secretary or by aides of the Lithuanian Minister of Interior. Another report from the Soviet Union today said that two of the Jews convicted at the first Leningrad trial last Dec. who are now serving prison terms, asked for religious objects but were refused. The two were identified as Leib Hanoch and Joseph Mendelevitz.

## Mrs. Meir Tells Knesset Interim Accord Aii-But Dead In Light Of Cairo-Moscow Pact

JERUSALEM, June 9 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir's long awaited political report to the Knesset today dealt almost exclusively with the new Soviet-Egyptian 15 year treaty of friendship and cooperation. Mrs. Meir viewed the pact as an instrument for turning Egypt into a base for Soviet expansion, transcending the Arab-Israeli conflict, and as a lever by Egypt to force the U.S. to extract further concessions from Israel. The Premier indicated in her speech that she considered the chances of an interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal all but dead in light of the treaty and subsequent statements by President Anwar Sadat. Nevertheless, she reiterated Israel's continued willingness to negotiate an interim arrangement and laid down conditions for such an agreement. Mrs. Meir chided the U.S. for over-optimism in regarding President Sadat's recent mass dismissals of pro-Soviet elements in the Egyptian political hierarchy as a shift away from the Soviet orbit toward the West. "All signs show that the arrests, imprisonments and purges...were intended first and foremost to consolidate Sadat's position," she said, adding that the hopes aroused by them in Western circles were "wishful thinking." The Knesset endorsed Mrs. Meir's report but the Gahal, Free Center, Rakaah (pro-Soviet Communist Party), and Haolam Hazeh voted against the report.

(American sources in London and Paris indicated today that Secretary of State Rogers believes prospects for an interim settlement are still "fair" and that the U.S. is about to launch a new diplomatic offensive to achieve that goal. Rogers' assessment was reportedly based on a message from President Sadat conveyed to him in Paris by Donald Bergus, the U.S. diplomatic representative in

Caïro. The American sources said that while Rogers was "encouraged" by the message, he believes an agreement must be reached this year because if more time elapses the current momentum would be lost. Sadat's message also reportedly indicated that Egypt does not consider the time ripe for the resumption of formal diplomatic relations between Caïro and Washington.) The thrust of Israeli diplomatic strategy emerging from Mrs. Meir's Knesset speech seemed to be to convince the U.S. that Egypt was more firmly than ever in the Soviet grip as a result of the 15 year pact and that American interests therefore required a strong Israel. Mrs. Meir noted "with appreciation" the fact that during the past year the U.S. has "expressed in deeds" its understanding of the need to maintain the military balance between Israel and the Arab states. However, she said, despite the good intentions of the U.S. government, "its representatives did not put forward proposals that could, in our opinion, bring nearer the aspired peace." She maintained that the innocuous language and generalizations of the released treaty text masked secret clauses that held ominous implications for peace in the Middle East.

To support her opinion, Mrs. Meir quoted President Sadat's June 2 speech to the Egyptian National Assembly in which he explained that he signed the pact because of "a new and fundamental matter" contained in Article Eight which states that Russia will continue to supply Egypt with military equipment and training in its use in order to strengthen Egypt's "capacity to eliminate the consequences of aggression as well as increasing its ability to stand up to aggression in general." Mrs. Meir quoted Sadat as saying, "The treaty adds to our struggle new guarantees which have until now been undefined." Mrs. Meir's list of conditions for an interim arrangement to reopen the Suez Canal contained nothing new. She insisted that such an agreement must be considered separate from an overall peace settlement and could by no means be regarded as the first step toward a total Israeli withdrawal from Sinai. She said Israel would agree to reopen the canal only if the cease-fire is extended indefinitely, no Egyptian or other forces cross the waterway and free passage through the canal is granted to all nations. She said Egypt would have to clear and operate the canal and agree with Israel on effective means for policing the agreement to deter possible violation. The debate that followed Mrs. Meir's report was led by Menachem Beigin, leader of the opposition Gahal faction. Deigin's response was low-keyed though he criticized government policy sharply. He claimed that Mrs. Meir's policies not only failed to improve Israel's image but failed to guarantee the nation's future security. Haim Zadok, chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee demanded that the U.S. make it clear to Moscow that it was prepared to intervene on Israel's side at some stage in the Soviet-Egyptian campaign against Israel.

### Allon Says Donation To OAU Made On Humanitarian Grounds After Appeal By UN

JERUSALEM, June 9 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon said in the Knesset today that Israel's donation of \$2,800 in food and medical supplies to the Organization for African Unity was made on purely humanitarian grounds after an appeal was relayed through the United Nations for aid to victims of natural disasters. Allon was speaking in reply to an agenda motion to debate the grant which aroused an angry reaction from the South African government and upset South Africa's ardently pro-Israel Jewish community. Several days ago the South African Consul General in Johannesburg, Yitzhak Unna, asked the South African government to understand that the donation "must be viewed in the context of Israel's position in the world" and "was made in response to a request to all member states by the Secretary General (U Thant) of the United Nations." His appeal was angrily rejected by Premier B.J. Vorster who accused Israel of contributing money to a terrorist organization. The OAU is an umbrella body supporting various groups of African "freedom fighters" opposed to colonialism and apartheid. Elizer Shoshak, of the Free Center faction who introduced the agenda motion claimed that the OAU was anti-Israel and said the government decision to donate money to it was "irresponsible." He also said it was wrong to have antagonized the South African government which has always been friendly to Israel. The motion was referred to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

### SPECIAL TO JTA

### Kollek Sympathetic To Plicht Of Family Of 11; Deplores Seizure Of House By Students

NEW YORK, June 9 (JTA)--"Seizing apartments is not the answer. I hope the police arrest them." This was the reaction last night by Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter who queried him about the seizure on Monday by 30 Hebrew University social work students of an apartment in the fashionable Talpilot quarter that the Housing Ministry had reserved for new immigrants. The apartment was turned over to Mordechai Reuven, an employee of the municipality of Jerusalem, whose family of 11 had been living in a one and one-half room apartment. Reuven said he had been reluctant to go along with the seizure of the Talpilot apartment but felt he had no choice since the replies to his requests for adequate living quarters to the Housing Ministry, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and Kollek has been "Sorry, we can do nothing for you."

Interviewed prior to his appearance at a dinner of Hadasah which celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Hadasah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Karem, Jerusalem, Kollek said he could understand the anguish of a father who could not provide for his children and could not house them adequately. "There are 3,000 families living in absolutely inadequate apartments (in Jerusalem)," he said, "clamoring for the government to do more than they have done so far. The government is making a great effort to alleviate the situation. But seizure of apartments is not the answer. I hope the police arrest them." He continued, "If Reuven wanted to see me, I would have seen him. I see every citizen. If he wrote to me, I don't remember it. But I promise you one thing. I will look into the matter when I return (later this week)."

### Jews In Kharkov Threatened With Arrest If They Continue To Ask For Visas

NEW YORK, June 9 (JTA)--Informed Jewish sources reported today that the director of the visa office in Kharkov has threatened Jews there with arrest if they continue to clamor for exit visas. The director, identified as a Maj. Davidov, reportedly told a group of Jews that "the situation has changed. We will not give any more visas." According to the informants he said the reason visas were given

in past months was the Soviet Communist Party Congress which was held in Moscow early in April. Now, he said, "everything has changed." He allegedly warned the Jews, "Don't do anything, don't write letters, don't send petitions, don't make noise. If you make noise we will do with you what we did in Riga. We will find a reason to arrest you." The Riga reference was to the trial of four Jews in that city two weeks ago in which the defendants were convicted of anti-Soviet activities and sentenced to 1-3 year prison terms. Jewish sources also reported today that the Russian-Jewish painter, Mikhail Pirovkhov, who was hospitalized after being assaulted by hooligans on a Moscow street May 28 was stabbed eight times. Previous reports had said only that he was beaten up. The new information also revealed that his brother was assaulted and hospitalized at the same time but has been released from the hospital. Pirovkhov is still undergoing treatment, the sources said.

### McCarthy: U.S. Support For Israel's Right To Secure Borders Best Chance For Peace

NEW YORK, June 9 (JTA)--Former Senator Eugene J. McCarthy told the American Jewish Congress tonight that the best chance for peace in the Middle East lay in "American support for Israel's right to secure and agreed borders." Speaking at an American Jewish Congress dinner here, Sen. McCarthy declared: "Our commitment to Israel has clear legal, moral and historical bases. Our involvement in Southeast Asia has none of these. There is no comparison between the situations." The Minnesota Democrat, who returned last month from a visit to Israel, criticized Secretary of State William P. Rogers for suggesting the possibility of sending American troops to the Middle East. "I hope the administration is not so confused or so eager to show the people of the country that it has avoided the beginning of World War III in the Middle East that it commits troops which would increase the possibility of a Russian-American confrontation out of which such a war might come," he said. He added that State Department policy on Israel reflected "confusion and lack of clear commitment," noting: "The secretary suggested that geography was not important in the Middle East. Geography is important to us in Vietnam and geography is of vital consideration in the land of Israel and in Israel's self-defense."

McCarthy said only "direct negotiations" between Israel and the Arab states could bring a Middle East solution. "No real peace can be imposed from the outside by Great Power agreements and UN patrols," he declared. In addition, McCarthy said, Israel should not be forced to go back to the pre-June 1967 borders: The exact lines must be subject to negotiations, but Israel should not be expected to give up the Golan Heights; should not be expected to again accept a divided Jerusalem; and should not be expected to yield control of the Sinai. McCarthy assailed Sen. J. William Fulbright's proposal of a bi-lateral treaty between the U.S. and Israel which would limit Israel within her pre-1967 borders. He declared: "There is, of course, not a hint in his proposal about the question of recognition of Israel's sovereignty by her neighbors, nor about the related question of achieving borders for Israel that would be permanently viable for a sovereign state." The dinner was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin L. Halpern of West New York, N.J., leaders of the American Jewish Congress.

### Israeli Electronics Firm First Foreign Exhibitor At Air Force Annual Show

WASHINGTON, June 9 (JTA)--Tadiran Israel Electronics Industries Ltd., the first foreign exhibitor admitted to the Capital Air Force Communications and Electronics Association's annual show, unveiled four advanced solid-state military communications sets today. The association is a closed club of private American arms manufacturers. Tadiran manufactures a full range of field, tactical, military and communications equipment, and can equip units ranging from individual squad to full army. Today's visitors to the show included Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and diplomats of the United States, Mexico, Communist countries and the North American Treaty Organization. Elkana Caspi, managing director of Tadiran, said the corporation, which is associated with GTE International, sold \$70 million worth of military equipment last year and expected to sell \$120 million worth this year. A Tadiran spokesman said GTE will subcontract \$40 million worth of new communications sets to the Israeli firm. W.S. Anderson, vice-president of GTE, said of Tadiran: "Nobody makes anything better."

### Jewish Center Workers Urge More Democracy in Communal Organizations

GROSSINGER, N.Y., June 9 (JTA)--The Association of Jewish Center Workers, meeting here last night, adopted resolutions urging increased democratization and adjustment of priorities in Jewish communal organizations. The National Conference of Jewish Communal Services, of which the Association is one of several constituents, refused to introduce a resolution on the same issue but promised a serious study of the problem. Both groups have been meeting here separately since Sunday. About 700 persons are attending. The Association of Jewish Center Workers expressed concern over the alienation of Jews, particularly the young, from Jewish institutions and suggested in its resolutions that the situation could be remedied by broadening the structure of community policy-making bodies; providing programs that enhance Jewish identity; providing "quality" Jewish experiences and by eliminating aspects of Jewish organizational structures that are unattractive to many Jews. It recommended specifically that boards of directors be made more representative of their communities and that the distribution of Jewish communal funds must not be solely in the hands of the wealthy contributors, according to Barry Shrage, chairman of the Association's social actions committee. The Association adopted a resolution denouncing "blatant job discrimination" on the basis of sex. Shrage told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that women were discouraged from taking jobs with communal organizations and from seeking promotions to executive positions by various acts of omission. He mentioned the failure to provide day-care centers and other facilities enabling women to fill responsible jobs.

### Israel's Red Cross Launches Campaign For Cardiac Care

TEL AVIV, June 9 (JTA)--Magen David Adom, Israel's official Red Cross service, announced today the launching of an emergency campaign for the purchase of vitally needed Mobile Cardiac Intensive Care ambulances. Dr. Eliahu Elath, president of Magen David Adom, asked that American Red Magen David for Israel, supply wing for Magen David Adom, inaugurate the drive which will help Israel's cardiac patients suffering from a sudden attack.

