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REPORT MEIR-NIXON MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MID-DEC.

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir will meet with President Nixon in Washington before the Christmas holidays, informed sources here said today. They said Mrs. Meir would visit the US next month to address a United Jewish Appeal rally and would use that occasion to meet with Nixon over the growing differences between Israel and the US on the Middle East military balance and the means to reach an interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal.

Mrs. Meir told members of the Cabinet today that when she is ready to go to the US the Cabinet will be informed and will have a chance to discuss the matter. (State Department spokesman Charles Bray said on Friday that Mrs. Meir may visit Washington in mid-December during the course of what he said was understood to be a private visit to the US. He said that Mrs. Meir "might make official calls in Washington" but as of now "nothing is settled.")

Israel has made its participation in talks on an interim Suez settlement conditional on the resumption of shipments of Phantom jets. Mrs. Meir reiterated Friday, however, that Israel was prepared to discuss an overall settlement with Egypt without setting prior conditions.

Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban said tonight that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's speech yesterday calling for war against Israel deserves strong international criticism and "shows a blatant disregard of the aspirations and interests of peace loving peoples everywhere." (See separate story.) Israeli officials studying Sadat's text described this as his most belligerent so far that left him almost no possibility for retraction.

Addressing Egyptian troops along the Suez Canal yesterday, Sadat said, "I have come to tell you that the battle is at hand." He said he had made a decision to fight Israel because there "is no longer any hope whatsoever of a peaceful settlement." Sadat exhorted the soldiers to "fight ferociously to prove to the world that we are a fighting people."

JEWISH LEADERS TO DETERMINE COURSE OF ACTION IN VIEW OF SADAT'S NEW THREAT, STATE DEPT POLICIES ON MIDEAST

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (JTA)--The top leadership of American Jewry will gather in Washington Nov. 29 and 30 for a national policy meeting to determine a future course of action in view of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's new threat of immediate war with Israel and the current US State Department policies which encourage anti-Israel extremists in Arab countries.

The meeting has been called by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Speaking for the Presidents Conference, Rabbi Israel Miller and Jacob Stein, acting co-chairmen, said today that "President Sadat's threat of war with Israel highlights the procrastinations and vacillations of the State Department, especially in halting shipment of vital aircraft to Israel. They are giving aid and comfort to Sadat and to Israel's enemies by the indication that the military and political balance has been tipped against Israel."

The two Jewish leaders further declared that "by withholding these supplies from Israel the State

Department encourages an extremist and aggressive attitude in the Arab countries, thus weakening the prospects for peace negotiations." Continuing, Rabbi Miller and Stein declared that "It is obvious that any US-imposed plan for settling the issue is doomed to failure. Only the parties themselves can negotiate a peace settlement."

The halt of aircraft shipments to Israel "is unconscionable in view of the admitted vast shipments of the most modern aircraft and missiles to Egypt by the Soviet Union," they stated. "The presence of planes carrying sophisticated air-to-ground missiles in Egypt, as recently disclosed by the State Department itself, bodes danger and threatens not only Israel but peace in the Middle East as well."

The State Department moves against Israel "fly in the face of the vast majorities of both houses of the Congress, speaking on behalf of the American people, which have time and again gone on record supporting shipment of the aircraft that Israel requires for her defense," they declared. The Washington policy meeting will be held at the international headquarters of B'nai B'rith.

EBAN: ISRAEL WILL NOT YIELD TO SADAT'S THREATS; REAF FIRMS OFFER TO NEGOTIATE INTERIM ACCORD OR OVERALL SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban called President Anwar Sadat's speech to Egyptian troops yesterday a combination of "military threats and political extortion" and declared that Israel would not yield to either. Eban made his remarks to foreign correspondents here. Sadat's speech was not discussed at today's Cabinet meeting according to government secretary Michael Arnon. Eban said the speech in which the Egyptian President said that he has decided on war with Israel because there is no longer a chance for a peaceful settlement showed "a blatant disregard of the aspirations and interests of peace loving people everywhere."

Eban said that while Israel will not be intimidated, it must take Sadat at his word. By refusing genuine peace and insisting on threats, Sadat can bring nothing but disaster on his nation and region, Eban said. "It is time to stop the bombast and begin free and fair negotiations," the Israeli Foreign Minister said. He reiterated his country's standing offer to negotiate an honorable interim accord over the Suez Canal or an overall settlement negotiated by both sides under the auspices of United Nations mediator Gunnar Jarring in which each side can present its solution without ultimatums or prior conditions.

Eban told the Cabinet today that there has been no change in the American embargo on the supply of more Phantom jets to Israel despite confirmation that the Soviet Union was providing Egypt with potent new weapons. He said there was no justification for withholding the Phantoms before Nov. 1 at which date the US State Department claimed the Middle East power balance had not shifted and there certainly was none now.

TU-16S POSE DIRECT THREAT TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21 (JTA)--The ten Tupolev-16 bombers (TU-16 Badger jets) delivered to

Egypt by the Soviet Union since Nov. 1 pose a direct threat to Israel. Reliable sources here today described the aircraft as capable of carrying air-to-ground missiles that could reach targets on Israel's coastline and in the Sinai peninsula, making them a weapon of offense. The sources said the TU-16s could carry sophisticated ATGs with a range of nearly 100 miles or the "Kamelet" missile described as rather primitive but nonetheless effective. The introduction of the TU-16 into the Egyptian arsenals compels the Israel Air Force to maintain extra vigilance and puts an additional strain on the country's early warning system, the sources said.

The deliveries of TU-16s to Egypt was disclosed by the State Department last Thursday. The disclosure came on the heels of an assertion by the State Department earlier in the week that Soviet arms shipments to Egypt had slowed down perceptibly in recent months and that the Middle East balance of power therefore remained unchanged. The disclosure preceded a speech yesterday by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in which he said that Egypt has decided to resume warfare against Israel. The US described the TU-16 as a reconnaissance bomber but would not discuss its capabilities.

US Responsible For Mideast Impasse

Premier Golda Meir blamed US policy-makers, particularly Secretary of State William P. Rogers, for "mistakes" which have led to the present Middle East impasse and the threat of future hostilities. She said American foreign policy-makers were impatient for an interim Suez accord and were pressuring Israel to make moves that would undermine its security in order to enhance President Sadat's prestige. Mrs. Meir spoke at a luncheon of the Israel Bar Association here on Friday. She said the latest mistake by Rogers was to say that the Mideast military balance had not shifted against Israel despite the massive flow of Soviet arms to the Arab countries.

Mrs. Meir stressed that the balance was not just between Israel and Egypt but between Israel and the whole Arab world that would join Egypt in a new war against Israel. Mrs. Meir stated that US intelligence was no less effective than Israeli intelligence and knew well what goes on in Egypt. She said she regretted the present conflict in relations with the US but said Israel had no choice but to take a tough stand even with its greatest friend "because we are convinced we are right."

BROOKE CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE SALE OF JETS TO ISRAEL; MIDEAST POWER BALANCE DISTURBED BY SOVIET ARMS

BOSTON, Nov. 21 (JTA)--Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R., Mass.) told a meeting of the Greater Boston Israel Histadrut Committee that the disclosure by the State Department that the Soviet Union was shipping TU-16 bombers to Egypt "proves the need for the immediate sale by the United States of additional Phantom jets to Israel." Speaking here Thursday night, Brooke asserted that the balance of power in the Middle East has been disturbed by the "significant Soviet supplies to Egypt," in the course of this year, and stressed several times during his remarks the need for the US to "immediately" resume the sale of jets to Israel.

Brooke, one of 78 Senators who recently introduced a resolution in the Senate calling upon the administration to resume the shipment of Phantom jets to Israel, stated that such a resumption would not mean that the US was encouraging an arms race in the Mideast. Israel, he stated, "has always been

committed to peace, but unless sufficiently equipped against Soviet supplies, its capacity to defend itself will be greatly impaired." He declared that Israel must have defensible borders and expressed confidence that Israel and the Arab states could achieve peace through negotiations.

DAYAN VISIT TO US POSTPONED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan has postponed his fundraising tour of the US on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, during which he would have faced invitations to visit Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird, according to reliable sources. Informed quarters said they saw no point to Dayan's meeting the two Americans at this time, contending that the political differences between the US and Israel are so great that only a direct meeting between President Nixon and Premier Golda Meir could aid progress. It would not be polite, the sources added, for Dayan to visit the US and ignore the Rogers and Laird invitations.

GRAUBARD; NEW ASSAULTS ON JEWS TRIGGERED BY MIDEAST DOMESTIC ISSUES

GROSSINGERS, N.Y., Nov. 21 (JTA)--One of the key factors in present-day anti-Semitism is "insensitivity to attacks on Jews and the Jewish identity from respectable sources," according to Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Declaring that domestic social issues and the Mideast conflict have triggered "new assaults on Jews," Graubard said "the American Jewish community is becoming increasingly concerned by the lack of public outcry."

Addressing some 400 delegates at tonight's opening session of the League's 58th annual meeting here, Graubard said that it is "no wonder that many Jews are beginning to show intensified concentration on their own interests and their own security." Graubard said that in addition to Arab propaganda here and abroad and American political extremists of both the left and right, "anti-Semitism is being disseminated or ignored in otherwise respectable quarters."

He cited as evidence the recent use of vicious anti-Semitic slurs on Israel and Jews by Soviet delegate Yakov A. Malik at a United Nations General Assembly session; a federal grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for a Washington, D.C. drug program run by "a man with a long history of blatant anti-Semitic activity." The man, who calls himself Col. Hassan Jeru Ahmed, is the head of a black para-military organization.

Graubard said that despite ADL documentation of its charge against Hassan and despite protests over "the use of public money to fund a bigot," the HEW grant is currently being held up "not because of Hassan's record of bigotry, but pending federal examination of his project's financial books."

Graubard also reported that the record industry is "dabbling in anti-Semitism," particularly in popular recordings directed to the younger generation. He cited an album by a group called "The Last Poets" which, he said, "describes Jews in vulgar terms and prints the terms on the back of the album jacket"; a record called "S.S. Titanic" by folksinger Jamie Brockett in which "Jewish passengers are described through classical anti-Semitism," and "Jesus Christ Superstar" which is reminiscent of pre-Vatican II decide charges against Jews.

QUEENS JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL LEADER BLAMES HUD FOR COMMUNITY TENSIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (JTA)--The president of the Queens Jewish Community Council claimed today that lower echelon officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development had "set their sights" on Forest Hills as the site for a controversial 840-family low income housing project that is bitterly opposed by the predominantly Jewish community there. Dr. Alvin M. Lashinsky told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his group had learned from the office of Sen. James L. Buckley (Cons.-R., N.Y.) that the HUD people were so anxious to use Forest Hills as a pilot project for the scattering of low income housing in non-ghetto neighborhoods that they were willing to spend double the amount budgeted if necessary.

Dr. Lashinsky said that HUD Secretary George W. Romney was apparently unaware of these developments. He wrote to Romney last Thursday urging him to cut off funds for the housing project pending completion of a review that the Secretary promised last week at the urging of Buckley. HUD officials were not available today for comment. Dr. Lashinsky said in a telephone interview that Buckley's office gave no indication why Forest Hills, a middle class area of well kept apartment buildings and private homes, was selected for the pilot project.

He charged that the selection was made because HUD officials were convinced that Jews would not react as vehemently as other white ethnic groups to the influx of welfare recipients and other poor, mainly black. They haven't done so in the past, Dr. Lashinsky said. He claimed that for that reason it was the deliberate policy of the City Housing Authority to locate welfare families in predominantly Jewish neighborhoods. According to Dr. Lashinsky he was told of this policy privately by certain high city officials who asked him not to disclose their names.

In his letter to Romney, Dr. Lashinsky wrote, "Three Jewish middle class areas have been selected discriminatively for this (housing) program while the other eight sites have been killed in response to other ethnic community pressures." He described Forest Hills as "the key to the survival of the Jewish community of the Borough of Queens."

Orthodox Groups Urge Delay

The emergence of the Forest Hills project as a Jewish issue began last Sept. with the release of a joint statement by the QJCC and the Rabbinic Association of Queens charging that the project "seriously threatened the continued existence of the Forest Hills Jewish community." Several rabbis in the area, however, differed sharply with the QJCC and one of them, Rabbi Usher Kirschblum of the Kew Gardens Jewish Center, resigned from the QJCC over the issue. A City Housing Authority official told the JTA at the time that there was no truth to the QJCC's charge that the authority was deliberately locating low income housing in Jewish neighborhoods.

Feelings have been running high in Forest Hills for the past two months. They erupted into violence last Thursday night when hundreds of area residents massed at the construction site and hurled rocks and torches at a trailer of the J.P. Carlin Construction Co. which is about to start work on the project. Mayor John V. Lindsay termed the demonstration "deplorable." The city obtained a temporary injunction to prevent further interference with the construction.

The controversy took on wider ramifications when Buckley intervened on the side of the protest-

ing Forest Hills residents. It brought the Conservative law-maker into an alliance with a liberal Democrat, Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal of Queens who has also been urging suspension of the project pending review. Dr. Lashinsky told the JTA that unsolicited expressions of support have come from outside the city. In addition, 10 national Orthodox Jewish organizations have joined in urging delay in the construction of the project.

In a petition to Romney, leaders of these groups urged the delay until they could meet personally with him to discuss "the issue which is of deep concern to the Jewish people of New York City." The 10 groups were: National Council of Young Israel, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbinical Alliance of America, Torah Umesorah, Religious Zionists of America, Agudath Israel, Poale Agudath Israel, National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs and the Association of Orthodox Scientists.

Dr. Lashinsky and other spokesmen for the Forest Hills community denied that their opposition to the project was racist. They noted that black families already lived in Forest Hills and that there were some welfare families there as well. Their main objections, they said, were centered on the magnitude of the \$33 million federally financed project, the largest of its kind in the US.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JACOB GLATSTEIN; AUTHOR, JOURNALIST, POET DIED AT 75

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (JTA)--A funeral service was held today for Jacob Glatstein, renowned Yiddish author, poet and journalist who died Friday at the age of 75. He was the first and only editor of the World Jewish Congress' publication, Folk un Velt, and for many years columnist for the Day-Jewish Journal and Kempfer. Born in Lublin, Poland, Mr. Glatstein came to the US in 1914 and studied law at New York University. He began his literary career at the age of 17. He wrote 12 books of poetry, three novels and five volumes of essays, with a sixth scheduled for publication shortly.

Mr. Glatstein's poetry was translated into English, Hebrew, Russian, Spanish and French. He won the LaMed Prize in 1941 and the Kovner Prize in 1956. He was a member of the Jewish Culture Congress, the Yiddish Writers Union and the Yiddish PEN Club. He co-founded the Introspective Yiddish poetry group, Insich, in the 1920s. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president said: "With the passing of Jacob Glatstein, the World Jewish Congress loses one of its most distinguished colleagues...One of the finest Yiddish poets of our generation, he was loved as much for his warm, friendly, unassuming personality as for the literary fame which his talent brought him. He leaves a gap that will be hard to fill."

ELAZAR'S APPOINTMENT APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21 (JTA)--The Cabinet approved today the appointment of Maj. Gen. David Elazar, 47, to become Chief of Staff of Israel's Armed Forces. Gen. Elazar will succeed Lt. Gen. Haim Bar-Lev who is retiring from the Army and is expected to be named Minister of Commerce and Industry next year. The official change of command will take place Jan. 1, 1972. Gen. Elazar, who commanded Israel's armored corps in the Six-Day War, is presently chief of the General Staff Department at General Headquarters. His elevation carries with it promotion to the rank of Lt. Gen.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

OSLA (JTA)--The Norwegian Conference of Bishops adopted a resolution several days ago protesting the treatment of Jews and other dissenters in the Soviet Union. The Bishop of Oslo told newsmen that "should there be an opportunity during (Soviet) Prime Minister (Alexei) Kosygin's visit here, we might hand him the document on the persecution of Jews and other minorities in the Soviet Union." Kosygin is scheduled to arrive here on Dec. 5 after spending three days in Copenhagen. The problem of Soviet Jews is expected to be on the agenda of the talks Kosygin will have with the Prime Ministers of Norway and Denmark. In Copenhagen, Bent Melchior, Chief Rabbi of Denmark, said he hoped he would be allowed to meet with Kosygin to discuss with him the fate of Soviet Jews.

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AMSTERDAM (JTA)--Twenty-three Protestants and a conservative Catholic leader signed a letter Thursday urging the Netherlands government to support Israel in the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly debate on the Middle East. The signatories stated that Holland must vote in the UN against a possible resolution calling on Israel to evacuate all the administered territories without ensuring her secure and defensible borders. As for Jerusalem, the letter rejected its internationalization as wrong and as "no longer feasible."

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KIAMESHA LAKE (JTA)--The United Synagogue of America will sponsor a Conference on Jewish Living early next year to help "reverse society's headlong dash into oblivion," president Jacob Stein announced at the closing session of the United Synagogue's biennial convention several days ago. The conference will begin Feb. 20 at a site to be determined. "We will utilize the talents of our lay leadership, sociologists, psychologists, motivational experts and creative and spiritual leaders" to help answer "the question being asked again and again: what does Judaism say to us that is meaningful in our time and with our problems?" Stein explained. He was reelected for a second two-year term as president.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban has postponed his return to the United Nations General Assembly. He was expected to return Sunday but is now scheduled to arrive at the beginning of next month. The postponement is believed to be based on Egypt's reported request for a delay in the start of the Middle East debate until around Dec. 1. Egypt is understood to want to allow for time for consideration of the report to be filed by four African Presidents on the results of their recent peace-seeking efforts here and in Cairo.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--"Help Build a Better Israel," a reference to the need for improving the plight of the lower economic strata composed mainly of Jews from Oriental countries, will be the theme of the 49th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel scheduled Nov. 26-28 at the Commodore Hotel. Israel Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, secretary general of Histadrut, will be the principal speakers. Ben-Aharon arrives Sunday in the United States as an invited guest of the AFL-CIO whose convention he will address in Miami. Highlights at the NCLC convention will include a birthday party for Israel's former Prime Minister and a founder of Histadrut, David Ben-Gurion, and a plenary session will be devoted

to the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union.

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ROME (JTA)--Italians of all faiths celebrated last week the 30th anniversary of the investiture of Dr. Ello Toaff as Chief Rabbi of Italy. Rabbi Toaff, hailed by Jews and non-Jews for his service, is credited with saving countless Jews from deportation and death during World War II when he was marked for death by the Nazis. In 1941, he was taken hostage by the SS along with many members of his congregation in Livorno (Leghorn) following an Italian partisan raid on his town. He was ordered to dig his own grave but was released at the last moment on orders from higher echelons. Rabbi Toaff, who began his career as rabbi of the ancient Jewish community in Ancona, was named Chief Rabbi of Venice after the war and invested as Chief Rabbi of Italy in 1951.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--Rep. Bella S. Abzug (D., N.Y.) and seven Jewish organizational and congregational leaders spent an hour Thursday afternoon telling Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco why Israel needs more Phantom jets. Mrs. Abzug said later that Sisco told them "that despite widespread interpretations of recent State Department statements, no decision to discontinue the sale of Phantom jets to Israel has been made." She stated further: "If that is true, the weight of American opinion must be brought to bear on the government now...On the eve of a UN debate on the Middle East, such a statement (that a military balance exists) could be easily misinterpreted, encourage an aggressive attitude by Egypt and thus diminish the chances for a political settlement through direct negotiations between the two parties."

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--Immigrants' housing will be reduced by two-thirds in the next fiscal year--4,000 apartments as compared with 12,000 started this year. The Treasury believes the Housing Ministry has already started work on more apartments than are needed. Over the past two years, housing was built for an expected influx of 45,000 to 50,000 immigrants a year, but fewer than 40,000 a year arrived. The Treasury is pressing the Housing Ministry to cut back, arguing that if the immigrant flow increases, more money for housing can be appropriated.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--More than 20,000 people are expected to attend Monday night the 38th annual "Night of Stars," the United Jewish Appeal benefit show at Madison Square Garden. Speakers will include Louis Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency; Samuel Hausman, general chairman of the Agency; and Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.). Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, who had been scheduled to attend, wired his regrets that he would be unable to attend due to last minute complications. Proceeds of the affair will aid the UJA program of refugee relief and Israel resettlement.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--American businessmen are invited by the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc., to participate in three international fairs in Israel scheduled for 1972. Events will be from May 23-June 10, in mid-Oct., and from Nov. 1-10.