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MRS. MEIR: ISRAEL READY FOR ANY FORM OF AGREEMENT THAT WILL BRING MIDEAST PEACE Says Relations With US 'Very Friendly'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir of Israel arrived in Washington last night and told newsmen at a press conference at Andrews Air Force Base that "Israel is prepared for any form of an agreement that will bring peace in the Middle East." She added that "Israel has no fears of any agreement that President Nixon might make with the Soviet government" during his trip to Moscow next May. During a 15-minute news conference in the Air Base lounge, Mrs. Meir stated that "Israel is prepared for anything - a final peace agreement or something toward an agreement - anything that has no shooting connected with it."

In response to other questions the Prime Minister said she was worried about the Egyptian threats of a shooting war because "we don't want any shooting." But, she added, "if we are worried about results, the answer is no." She went on to emphasize that Israel wishes to avoid any shooting whatever, pointing out that "no matter who wins there will be loss of lives and we don't want anyone shot."

She also disclaimed any worry about the United Nations General Assembly debate on the Middle East which begins tomorrow. Israel would welcome any discussion that led to something constructive for peace, she said, "but I'm afraid that that's not the intention of those who asked for this debate. The situation should be dealt with and not by making speeches."

Mrs. Meir shrugged off a question as to whether she was in the US to obtain Phantom Jets, saying only that relations with the US were "very friendly." She also expressed gratitude that the President and Secretary of State William P. Rogers had "taken time to listen to our problems." There is nothing extraordinary in a meeting of this kind, she stated, "many come to Washington to lay their problems before the President."

Asked whether Israel was now more flexible toward an interim agreement that would include reopening the Suez Canal, Mrs. Meir smiled and replied: "That's all?" Her answer drew laughter.

Mrs. Meir looked tired as she stepped from the Presidential plane that whisked her from Kennedy Airport in New York following a 13-hour flight by an El Al jet from Tel Aviv. She brightened visibly, however, as she stood between US and Israeli flags at the Air Base lounge and replied to questions by newsmen. Tight security precautions were evident last night and continued today. Mrs. Meir's whereabouts today have not been disclosed. She was resting somewhere in Washington awaiting her appointment tomorrow afternoon with Nixon at the White House which will follow a working lunch with Rogers.

Mrs. Meir is expected to be accompanied to her White House meeting by Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and her two principal aides, political advisor Simcha Dinitz and Brig. Gen. Israel Lior, her military advisor. Avner Idan, deputy chief of the Israeli Embassy here was understood to be a probable participant in the discussions. On the American side, the White House meeting will be attended by Rogers, probably accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco, Deputy Assistant Secretary Alfred Atherton and Israel Desk Officer Heywood Stockhouse. Secretary of Defense

Melvin Laird is also expected to be present. On Friday Mrs. Meir is to meet with leading Senators at the Capitol at the invitation of Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee for the Middle East.

THANT WARNS IF PRESENT MIDEAST IMPASSE CONTINUES, NEW FIGHTING WILL BREAK OUT Urges Forward Move On Jarring Mission

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Secretary General Thant said today that "recent developments have added to the urgency" of his remarks in his Sept. 17 report that "there can be little doubt that, if the present impasse in the search for a peaceful (Middle East) settlement persists, new fighting will break out sooner or later."

Thant's report to the General Assembly on "The Situation in the Middle East" called on "the appropriate organs of the United Nations" to "review the situation once again and find ways and means to enable the Jarring mission to move forward." The report was issued in preparation for the General Assembly debate on the Mideast.

Thant noted that during May 5-12 and Sept. 21-Oct. 27, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring of Sweden, his personal Mideast emissary, was here at UN headquarters, ready to continue his peace efforts, but "found himself faced with the same deadlock and with no possibility of actively pursuing his mission."

He added that during much of this time the promotion of agreement between the parties was the object of an effort by the United States to promote an interim agreement providing for the reopening of the Suez Canal, "which has not, so far, achieved any positive results," and a mission of inquiry conducted by four African Presidents "which is still in progress as this report is being prepared." While these efforts were being pursued, Thant said, "they obviously constituted an additional reason for him (Dr. Jarring) not to take personal initiatives."

Tekoa: Preconditions Stalled Talks

Thant recalled that last Feb. 8, Dr. Jarring asked Israel and Egypt "to make to him prior commitments." Israel "would give a commitment to withdraw its forces from occupied United Arab Republic territory to the former international boundary between Egypt and the British Mandate of Palestine," while Egypt "would give a commitment to enter into a peace agreement with Israel and to make explicitly therein to Israel, on a reciprocal basis, various undertakings and acknowledgements arising directly or indirectly" from Security Council Resolution 242.

Dr. Jarring received Egypt's acceptance of this proposal on Feb. 15, Thant noted, but on March 5 he (Thant) had to "appeal...to the government of Israel to give further consideration to this question and to respond favorably to Ambassador Jarring's initiative." In today's report, the Secretary General wrote that "I said (Sept. 17) that I continued to hope--as I still do--that Israel would find it possible before too long to make a response that would enable the search for a peaceful settlement under Ambassador Jarring's auspices to continue."

Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoa said of Thant's report: "The Jarring mission was stalled

by an attempt to impose preconditions to the continuation of the talks. It is obvious that the resumption of the talks cannot be achieved by insisting on the preconditions which had brought about the deadlock. The only way to continue the talks is by resuming and pursuing them without prior conditions." A US spokesman said that in the absence of substantive new developments, the US would have no comment on the Thant report and instead would maintain a "holding action."

SHAZAR SAYS NIXON PROMISED US WOULD NOT HALT JET DELIVERIES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar said last night that President Nixon had promised him at the beginning of this year that the US would not stop supplying Israel with the weapons it needs. Addressing a French United Jewish Appeal delegation headed by Baron Guy De Rothschild, Shazar said Premier Golda Meir's current visit to Washington was essential because the US has been delaying its arms supplies.

Baron De Rothschild told the Israeli head of state that in view of Israel's urgent needs, French Jewry had increased its contributions by 10-20 percent. The French visitors met with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday and heard their country blamed for Israel's problems with the European Common Market. Sapir contended that but for France's opposition those problems could be solved. He said he was not sure that a settlement of the Mirage jet deal with France would lead to a more positive French attitude regarding Israel's admission to the Common Market.

EGYPT TO SEEK GENERAL ASSEMBLY REINTERPRETATION OF RESOLUTION 242

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Cairo radio said today that Egypt will seek international approval for its "right to liberate our lands" at the General Assembly's Middle East debate. The Cairo commentator also said that Egypt will seek General Assembly endorsement of its interpretation of Security Council Resolution 242. He accused Israel of trying to persuade world opinion that Egypt wants to resume shooting. In truth, he said, Egypt wants the world body to legitimize its right to liberate Arab lands.

The Cairo commentator said that Israel still refuses to reply to the Feb. 8 memorandum from UN mediator Gunnar Jarring which asked whether Jerusalem was ready to commit itself to withdrawal from the occupied territories. Israel would like to see the Jarring mission continue to "revolve in empty space," the commentator said, adding that Egypt "will not be fooled by this ruse."

Foreign Ministry officials declined to comment on reports that several Latin American states would sponsor a General Assembly resolution to revive the Jarring peace mission without prior conditions. The reports were attributed to Israeli sources in London.

JEWISH LEADERS WELCOME MRS. MEIR

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations urged the US government today to "act promptly to restore the balance of power in the Middle East by selling Israel the Phantom jets she desperately requires." The appeal was contained in a statement by Dr. William A. Wexler, Conference chairman, extending a "warm welcome" to Premier Golda Meir of Israel.

Dr. Wexler said: "We urge administration support of legislation in Congress to provide Israel with the economic aid essential to her survival... We urge the administration to resume its efforts

to help bring the parties together to the negotiation table without any prior conditions."

The Presidents Conference expressed "deep gratitude" for "the forthright position adopted by 82 members of the US Senate and 249 members of the House of Representatives calling on the administration to furnish Israel with the Phantom jets and other military assistance, along with economic aid, which are necessary to prevent war in the Middle East."

Dr. Wexler observed that Mrs. Meir arrived in the US "at a time of growing tension in the Middle East." He added that "At this moment of grave threat to peace in the Middle East and danger to Israel, a united American Jewish community bids a warm welcome to Golda Meir and extends its support to her as she begins her round of talks" with American officials. Mrs. Meir will address a special meeting of the Presidents Conference here Dec. 6.

NO ENTRY VISA FOR NEO-FASCIST LEADER

BRUSSELS, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Belgian authorities have refused an entry visa to an Italian neo-Fascist leader forcing the cancellation of a pro-Fascist meeting he was to have addressed. The visa was denied to M.G. Almirante, head of the Movimento Sociale Italiano Party following protests by organizations of former resistance fighters and Nazi victims.

SOUTH AFRICAN RABBI DECLARES SUPPORT TO POLITICAL VICTIMS

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Rabbi Dr. Arthur S. Super, the Chief Minister of the United Progressive Jewish Congregation of Johannesburg, has joined church leaders in declaring his support of assistance to people who are "banned, restricted or imprisoned for acting on moral or religious principles." Rabbi Super said "It seems to me self-evident that assistance must be given to help those who are in need because of any action which they have taken in defense of religious teaching."

Denying that aid to such people could be construed as "a confrontation with the government," he said "It is surely only one more instance of the right of individuals or groups to speak and act according to their conscience." Several leading rabbis in South Africa recently expressed their concern over detention without trial of political suspects and they have supported church calls for full maintenance of the rights of the individual.

Meanwhile, Britain's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, sent the Archbishop of Canterbury a letter expressing "the profound concern and deep sympathy of the Jewish community at the renewed manifestations of bigotry and intolerance manifest in the severe sentence passed by the South African courts on the Rev. Gonville French-Beytagh, the Dean of Johannesburg."

The letter stated that "the Board of Deputies of British Jews have asked that I associate their name with these sentiments as well as offer any support that we can give to secure the release of the Dean from his harsh sentence. We hope that you will be able to convey to the Dean that our thoughts are with him in his hour of trial," the letter concluded. The Archbishop of Canterbury replied that he "greatly" appreciates the letter of sympathy and that he will have the message passed on to the Dean.

SIR ALEC: 'WE STAND WITH ISRAEL WHEN SHE CLAIMS THE RIGHT TO SECURITY'

Affirms Principle of Direct Talks

LONDON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Britain's Foreign Sec-

retary Sir Alec Douglas-Home and Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel spoke from the same platform last night. They addressed the 23rd annual dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association and agreed that bilateral relations between Britain and Israel were very satisfactory. They also proclaimed the same basic goal of peace in the Middle East.

Sir Alec declared, "We stand with Israel when she claims the right to security." He observed that "peace in the Middle East cannot and will not be imposed from outside" and that Britain "can only offer our honest advice as friends." Eban declared that whenever the situation in the Middle East shows signs of a change toward dialogue, "I can assure you that Israel will be versatile and inventive in her search for peace."

Sir Alec said Israel's security could be protected in three ways: "By a peace agreement; by defining permanent boundaries; by a physical arrangement in which Britain would be prepared to play her part." He agreed with Israel that "The arrangements that prevailed before 1967 could not be relied upon any longer." The Foreign Secretary observed that "In the final analysis, peace must spring from the heart. Dialogue must supplant confrontation. A certain risk must be run for the sake of peace." The British Foreign Secretary reiterated that the Security Council's Resolution 242 "must be respected and positively used. To discard it or to tamper with it would be a retrograde step," he said, adding, "We will work for a positive outcome of the debate at the General Assembly."

(Diplomatic circles in Jerusalem said today that they welcomed Sir Alec's statement that Britain continued to adhere to the principle of direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states. Foreign Ministry circles said they could not comment on his speech until they studied its full text.)

SWASTIKAS DAUBED ON OFFICE OF LEADER OPPOSING QUEENS LOW-INCOME PROJECT

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--The ground-floor realty office of Jerry Birbach, leader of the opposition to the low-income housing project in Forest Hills, Queens, has been defaced with red swastikas and charges of "racist" and "fascist." Birbach told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he would probably leave the daubings on for at least a while, until the controversy settled down, because if he removed them now "they'll do it all over again." Also painted on his office was a caricature of Birbach in a Ku Klux Klan robe. He added that "hate literature" distributed by the pro-Maoist splinter Progressive Labor Party was labeling him an evictor of non-whites, "slumlord," "racist," "leech" and "Nazi." Birbach, who is Jewish, called the vitriol and the daubings the "unfortunate" work of "sick people."

JEWISH DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Police arrested today two Jewish girls among a group of young demonstrators who scaled the walls around the Soviet Embassy here with posters bearing slogans and photographs of Jewish prisoners in the USSR. The demonstrators led by the Danish Jewish writer, Hanne Kaufmann, refused to disperse at police orders. The demonstration was the first staged here in connection with Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin's visit to Denmark which begins tomorrow. Danish border police were alerted today to watch out for a possible attempt by militants of the Jewish Defense League to enter Denmark in order to disrupt Kosygin's visit. The police were ordered to screen foreigners arriving in Denmark to keep out "undesir-

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister K.B. Andersen of Denmark said today that as far as he was concerned the plight of Soviet Jews would be on the agenda of the talks with Kosygin. Andersen added, however, that the agenda has not been set and would be decided upon only after the talks start. He said, however, that "We feel that the Soviet policy at this juncture is liberal." Asked at a news conference whether he intended to raise the fate of Silva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, a Leningrad hijack trial defendant now serving a 10-year prison term and reported to be gravely ill, Andersen replied, "The internal problems of another state are difficult and cannot be publicly discussed."

Foreign Minister Andersen told a Jewish group earlier this week that the Danish Cabinet had authorized him to broach the subject of Soviet Jews with Kosygin. Asked if the Middle East situation would be raised as well, Andersen said he was all in favor of this but noted that difficulties might arise from the fact that a Middle East debate is on the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly. Soviet Embassy personnel were seen today jotting down the license numbers of cars with stickers bearing the slogan "Let My People Go." Thousands of stickers have been plastered on cars, walls and window panes all over Copenhagen this week.

SPECIAL LATE NEWS BULLETIN

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Late this afternoon Egypt asked that the General Assembly's Middle East debate, scheduled to begin tomorrow afternoon, be postponed until Friday afternoon. The request was granted, as it was Egypt that first asked for the debate. Observers said Cairo apparently wanted to learn first the outcome of the meetings tomorrow in Washington between Israeli Premier Golda Meir and President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY FOR SOVIET JEWRY SET

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Nine national organizations representing more than one million American Jewish women will sponsor activities in 27 cities throughout the US Monday to urge full religious and cultural freedom for Soviet Jews and the right to emigrate to Israel. It was announced today by Mrs. Charles Sinitow, chairman of the Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations which is sponsoring the activities.

In their protest--marking the beginning of Human Rights Week at the United Nations--the Jewish women will be joined by religious, civic and government leaders of all faiths seeking relief on humanitarian grounds for Jews imprisoned in the USSR. They will focus on the plight of Silva Zalmanson. In New York, national officers of the nine groups will meet with George Bush, US representative to the United Nations, and present to him more than 100,000 petitions addressed to UN General Secretary U Thant urging him "to use your good offices and the offices of the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations to exert influence on the Soviet Union to stop the trials, free the prisoners and grant the right of all Soviet Jews to live as Jews either in the Soviet Union or in Israel."

In a proclamation designating Monday as "Human Rights for Soviet Jewry Day" in N.Y., Mayor John V. Lindsay urged "all citizens to support the courageous struggle for the three million Jews of the Soviet Union to be free."

SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF JEWISH POOR WILL BE TENANTS IN FOREST HILLS LOW-INCOME PROJECT, CITY OFFICIAL STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Dr. Marvin Schick, Mayor John V. Lindsay's Assistant for Intergroup Relations, said today that in discussions with Jewish groups concerning the controversial low-income housing project in Forest Hills, top city officials have emphasized that a substantial number of the tenants will be Jewish poor. Dr. Schick also declared that leaders of the Forest Hills Jewish community have been extended invitations to have a major role in the process of tenant selections for the 840-unit low-income project.

He said that offers have been made repeatedly to responsible Jewish community organizations by Simeon Golar, the city's Housing Authority chairman. An estimated 40 percent of the proposed tenants for the Forest Hills project will be elderly. Since elderly Jews comprise the bulk of Jewish poor in New York City, they will be among those slated for acceptance as tenants in the project. But Dr. Schick stressed that Jewish poor will be included in all types of tenants in the project.

The Mayor's assistant said he agreed strongly with the proposal made by Murray Zuckoff, Jewish Telegraphic Agency News Editor, in an analysis yesterday in the JTA Daily Bulletin, that Forest Hills Jews--groups and individuals--now fighting the project should be demanding assurances of housing for poor Jews in the Forest Hills project.

In the JTA special analysis yesterday dealing with the situation in Forest Hills, the American Jewish Congress was inadvertently identified as one of the groups accusing the city administration of breaking up Jewish neighborhoods. It was actually the Queens Jewish Community Council which warned that there are Jewish communities "which find themselves in danger of destruction by the thoughtless policies of the Housing Authority." Dr. Alvin Lashinsky, QJCC president, stated last month that projects "now proposed in neighborhoods that are primarily Jewish will lead to the start of the destruction of the Jewish community of Queens through the movement of Jews away from Forest Hills, Lindenwood and Flushing-Hillcrest."

ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONS URGED TO ALLOCATE 25 PERCENT OF BUDGETS FOR JEWISH EDUCATION, CALL YEAR'S MORATORIUM ON NEW PROJECTS

LAKEWOOD, N.J., Dec. 1 (JTA)--A special conference of the Rabbinical Council of America today unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon Orthodox synagogues throughout the US and Canada "to break away from the patterns of yesterday in their approaches and in their budgeting" and to allocate 25 percent of their budgets for Jewish education.

Introducing the resolution to the 300 rabbis and educators attending the two-day conference at the Brunswick Hotel here, Rabbi Louis Bernstein, first vice-president of the RCA, called on the American Jewish community to declare a year's moratorium on capital expenditure for new projects and, instead, to channel their funds for Jewish education and Israel's needs. He asked for equal priorities to Jewish education and Israel because both are "necessary for the survival of Judaism."

Rabbi Bernstein said it is more important to "create a youth society free of the corroding influences which gnaw on the moral fiber of our nation" than to erect "magnificent and costly structures which but for three days a year stand

but half empty." He asserted that "huge deficits" are threatening to curtail the Jewish day school movement, and pointed out that the social revolution "has imposed upon the Jewish community an entirely new set of priorities and even 25 percent of the congregational budget may not be enough. Each congregation will have to decide realistically how much of its funds must go for these purposes on the basis of local responsibilities."

Noting that changing urban neighborhoods have forced Jews and their institutions to move from one place to another, Rabbi Bernstein said "our day schools must consolidate wherever possible and the ideological nuances sublimated, for the welfare of a community faces such challenges as intermarriage internally and Mayor (John V.) Lindsay externally." This was a reference to the Lindsay administration's determination to build a low-income public housing project in the predominantly middle-class Jewish section of Forest Hills, Queens, despite the vehement opposition of some of the area's residents.

KENNEDY CENTER ISRAEL ROOM DEDICATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (JTA)--Israel's gift to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts--a lounge converted by the genius of its people into a triumphant tribute to Israeli music through the ages--was dedicated yesterday. Diplomats, high government officials, Congressmen and cultural leaders were received at the formal opening by Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Yitzhak Rabin and trustees of the Center, and met the Israeli artists and architect, Raphael Blumenfeld, who contributed towards the creation of the uniquely Jewish decorations.

Rabin said, in welcoming the guests, that Israel is making an effort to revive our ancient culture and civilization where it started, where it was created. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.) said that in America "we all can think of what we give Israel. We rarely think of what it contributes to us - its sense of dedication to human values. If this magnificent room brings the US and Israel closer together, and all humanity together, this room will have served President Kennedy well."

The lounge adjoins the Presidential box in the concert hall. American Presidents will use it to receive their guests. At other times, concertgoers will be permitted to promenade there during intermission and guides will show it off to tourists. Blumenfeld, who designed the interior of the Israeli Knesset, said the lounge's art works represent "the first permanent exhibit of Israel art outside of a museum."

Blumenfeld selected Israeli painters Shraga Weill and Ezekiel Kimche and sculptor Nehemia Azaz to create the art and interior decorations in the lounge. The value of the art and furnishings is estimated at more than \$500,000. The cost was borne in part by Washington area "Friends of the State of Israel."

FLATS DIVERTED FOR NEEDY GROUPS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1 (JTA)--A Housing Ministry spokesman revealed last night that 1,500 flats earmarked for immigrants were diverted to other needy groups during the height of social unrest here last spring. The category of needy groups includes slum dwellers and young couples. But the Absorption Ministry has a reserve of 2,000 flats at its disposal in which to house immigrants, the spokesman said. Most of that housing is located in outlying areas of the country that are usually not the preferred choice of immigrants. In Tel Aviv and Jerusalem there are practically no apartments available for them, he said.