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## REPORT MRS. MEIR, ROGERS AGREE NO DIPLOMATIC ACTION ON MIDEAST POSSIBLE UNTIL UN DEBATE RUNS ITS COURSE

Atmosphere Of Meeting Described As Good

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir of Israel and Secretary of State William P. Rogers agreed today that no diplomatic action on the Middle East can be "resumed or undertaken" until the Mideast debate in the United Nations General Assembly runs its course, a State Department source said in a briefing for newsmen this afternoon following a three hour Meir-Rogers meeting at the State Department. Afterwards Mrs. Meir conferred with President Nixon at the White House for some two hours and their discussion was still going on by late afternoon.

Mrs. Meir emerged smiling from her session with Rogers but declined to describe the topics discussed. Asked if differences were narrowed or resolved at the meeting, a State Department source close to the proceedings replied, "It is difficult to answer that with either of these words but the atmosphere was good."

### Jets Should Not Be Confrontation Issue

The source said that Rogers referred to "the policy and attitude of President Nixon and the administration's constancy in support of the State of Israel and determination not to see the military balance brought to the disadvantage of Israel." Questioned about the delivery of Phantom jets which Israel has been urging, the source said "Both governments agreed that we should not, as governments, be put in a position of confronting one another on this matter of aircraft."

The source repeated that "The US is committed to the support of Israel and the military balance is not to be to the disadvantage of Israel." Asked if this comment was related to the resolution adopted by 78 Senators and 250 members of the House of Representatives urging the administration to resume the delivery of Phantoms to Israel immediately, the source said, "Any statement, action or editorial from any quarter that poses the issue of relations between the US and Israel in the narrow context of these aircraft does an injustice to the actual state of our relations." He indicated that both the US and Israel agree that their relations are "crudely and incompletely" pictured when put in terms of the Phantom issue.

All that Mrs. Meir would say about the Phantoms after her meeting with Rogers was that she was "a person who is always optimistic and never discouraged." She described her meeting with the Secretary of State as "very pleasant, very friendly." Observers here believed that Rogers gave Mrs. Meir assurances of US support for Israel's security. They based that belief on Rogers' remarks at a press conference last night that "We are involved with the security of Israel and the President has said repeatedly that we are going to maintain that security."

When asked today if any problems were solved at her session with Rogers, Mrs. Meir was non-committal. She said problems exist and some haven't been solved in 25 years. She said Israel was "always prepared to negotiate under proper conditions, preferably directly, but also indirectly without pre-conditions from either side."

Asked if she feared the Big Powers might try to impose a Middle East settlement, Mrs. Meir said, "I

don't believe the biggest power has the right or the ability to impose anything on independent states no matter how small." Asked what were Israel's primary concerns, the Israeli Premier said, "There is only one, that we don't have peace with our neighbors."

### Objective: Keep Diplomatic Process Alive

Mrs. Meir was accompanied to the State Department by Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, Avner Idan, deputy chief of the Israeli Embassy here, her political adviser Simha Dinitz and her military adviser, Brig. Gen. Israel Lior. Moshe Raviv, Counselor of the Israel Embassy also attended. Rogers was accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Joseph J. Sisco and Deputy Assistant Secretary Alfred Atherton. Other State Department officials present were Robert J. McCloskey, Rogers' special assistant and chief State Department spokesman; Heywood Stackhouse, the Israel Desk officer; and Marion Smoak, Deputy Chief of Protocol.

Referring to American initiatives in the Middle East, Rogers told reporters last night, "Our objective is to keep the diplomatic process alive because if it came to an end it would create a dangerous situation." He added, "Our role is a useful one but we realize that it may fail." He said the US had no preference as to how future peace talks should be conducted but indicated that "face-to-face talks" between Israelis and Arabs "are not possible at this time." He said the US would seek a solution after conclusion of the Middle East debate that opens tomorrow in the General Assembly.

### SCHUMANN: TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ONLY SOLUTION TO MIDEAST CONFLICT

PARIS, Dec. 2 (JTA)--French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann reiterated last night France's stand that a solution to the Middle East conflict can come only through the full application of the Security Council's Resolution 242. Schumann, who was addressing the Senate, said that many foreign governments, including that of the United States, now interpret the resolution as calling for Israel's withdrawal from all the occupied territories.

Schumann, who was replying to a question from Independent Senator Pierre Marclilly, said that "should war between Israel and Egypt break out anew, we would have to watch powerlessly as two super-armed nations, one armed by the United States and the other by the Soviet Union, would fight it out." The Foreign Minister stressed that it was in order to avoid such an eventuality that France had been pressing for the application of the Security Council's resolution.

Marclilly had in his question warned the French government of "the terrible responsibility which it will have to bear if it would permit the Arab armies to invade Israel." The Senator, a former Presidential candidate, said "the blood of the Jewish nation would then be on our heads, and I speak as a practicing Christian."

Contrary to foreign affairs debates in previous years, no Senator, with the exception of Marclilly, this year mentioned Israel and the Middle East conflict. The French Senate has a non-Gaullist majority consisting mainly of pro-Israeli rep-

representatives of the Centrist and Independent parties. Representatives of the opposition had never failed in the past to criticize or at least seriously question the government's Mideast policy. This year's silence on this subject is interpreted by government circles here as proof that "the opposition now agrees with us on the necessity for a total Israeli evacuation as an integral part of any possible solution."

#### **POLICE PROBE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF BANKRUPT MOTOR COMPANY Firms' Official Charges Smear Campaign**

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Police began an investigation today into the financial affairs of the bankrupt Autocar Co., the Israeli subsidiary of the British Leyland Motors Corp. which was put into receivership last Nov. 3. The matter was turned over to the police by States Attorney Meir Shamgar yesterday after the Knesset's economic committee heard an account of alleged bribery, tax evasion and fraudulent bookkeeping from Ephraim Levandovsky, controller of the firm.

Izhak Shubinsky, an emigre industrialist from Poland who was formerly managing director of the company, claimed today that "a mysterious hand" was conducting a "smear campaign" against him. He denied all charges.

Autocar, 20 percent owned by the British parent firm, assembled Triumph automobiles at plants in Haifa and Ashdod which employed more than 1,500 workers. The company had debts of \$9.8 million on annual sales of \$42.9 million. Levandovsky told the Knesset committee that its books were doctored to make losses appear substantially smaller than they were. He said he had seen a list of names of Israeli civil servants who apparently were sold cars at large discounts. Levandovsky was appointed comptroller by the company's now defunct board of directors. The receiver released him from his pledge not to discuss company affairs in order that he could testify before the Knesset committee. According to Levandovsky, the board of directors knew of some improprieties and suspected others but took no action to halt the practices.

British Leyland's abandonment of its Israeli subsidiary raised charges at the time that it was yielding to pressure from the Arab League boycott. It was pointed out, however, that Israel's market for sophisticated automobiles was larger than that of all the Arab states combined. But Leyland sales declined here after British Ford introduced its Escort model to the Israeli market. Moreover, the Israeli government is gradually reducing tariff protection for locally assembled automobiles.

#### **WEST BANK LEADERS IN CONTROVERSY OVER FORTHCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The Military Governor's order authorizing municipal elections in four West Bank towns has stirred a heated controversy among West Bank leaders. Some favor the idea but others object strenuously to elections held under Israeli supervision. Amman radio which speaks for the Jordanian government has already blasted the elections. King Hussein of Jordan warned West Bank residents yesterday against participation in the elections. Do not "fall into the trap of self rule or a Palestinian state," he exhorted them in a statement from the palace in Amman. Hussein said the Palestinians would have the right to decide their future only after their liberation. He declared that Israel must withdraw from all of the territories it occupied in the Six-Day War.

According to the order issued by Brig. Gen. Raphael Vardi, the West Bank military commander, elections are to be held within four months in the towns of Jenin, Tulkarem, Kalkilya and Jericho.

They will be held according to Jordanian law which enfranchises only male citizens over 21 who have lived for one year or more in their locality and who pay property taxes. The voters will select members of the town councils. The mayors will be nominated by the Ministry of Interior. Because the ballot is restricted to property owners, only a minority of the West Bank population will be eligible to vote. The elections will be the first since 1963 on the West Bank.

The mayors of the four West Bank towns have called for a joint meeting with their colleagues in other towns to devise a common position on the election issue. No date has been set for the meeting. Its timing is expected to depend on the response from Sheikh Mohammed Ali el Jaabari, the influential mayor of Hebron. Jaabari was instrumental in arranging the first conference of West Bank mayors to be held under the Israeli occupation three months ago. As in the former instance, any new conference of West Bank mayors will require the approval of Israeli authorities.

Young elements among the West Bankers who consider their elders "yes-men" of King Hussein, seem to favor the elections as a step toward self-government for the Palestinians. Israeli political circles said the purpose behind the elections was to refresh the West Bank municipal governments which have had no change of leadership in almost nine years. However, the elections could also be interpreted as a sign that Israel intends to retain permanent control over the West Bank. There was no indication of how Israel would react if a large proportion of the eligible voters refused to participate.

#### **SPECIAL LATE NEWS BULLETIN**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The two-hour meeting this afternoon between Israel's Premier Golda Meir and President Nixon was described as "a useful and satisfactory discussion" on Mideast affairs by Ronald Ziegler, White House press secretary. He told newsmen that the two leaders "discussed the need for further diplomatic efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement, and, in particular, they explored specifically how the United States and Israel could contribute to such efforts."

Ziegler emphasized that "this was not a joint statement" and that Nixon and Mrs. Meir "agreed that the specific nature of their discussion would be confidential." Ziegler said, however, that Nixon repeated the assurances that the US would not permit the military balance to shift against Israel, and confirmed that the US would continue to maintain the ongoing relationship of financial arrangements for military supplies.

#### **AVRIEL: CRITICISM MISINTERPRETED**

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Ehud Avriel, former chairman of the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee) says his criticism of the World Zionist Organization in a radio interview last week was misinterpreted. Avriel criticized the WZO for not continuing the revolutionary momentum of the Zionist movement. In a letter published yesterday in the newspaper Davar, the former Israeli Ambassador to Rome noted that he had also given a positive evaluation of some WZO activities, especially the success of its chairman, Louis A. Pincus, in coopting non-Zionist fund-raisers for Israel into the reconstituted Jewish Agency. Avriel denied that his resignation from the Actions Committee was connected with the WZO's alleged shortcomings. He said his resignation was prompted by "personal reasons."

# PINCUS SAYS IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL 12 PERCENT HIGHER IN 1971 THAN 1970

Terms World Zionist Movement's Membership Campaign Great Success

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, said today that immigration this year will be 12 percent higher than last year and emphasized that about 10,000 settlers are expected from North America. He said their motivation was similar to that of Soviet Jews seeking to come to Israel--dissatisfaction with their environment and way of life.

Pincus added, however, that in Russia it was a forced way of life and in North America a matter of choice. He noted that immigration has fallen off from several European countries, particularly France, and attributed the drop to what he called exaggerated reports of social hardships in Israel and the wide publicity given abroad to charges by the Black Panthers that poor Jews of Oriental origin suffered discrimination in Israel.

Addressing a press conference here, Pincus termed the World Zionist Movement's membership campaign a "great success." He said nearly 900,000 persons enrolled all over the world and signed the Jerusalem Program which is a condition of membership. Pincus said that elections to the next World Zionist Congress have been completed in 19 countries and remain to be held in six including the US, Britain, France and New Zealand.

He said that while the actual number of voters represented only a small percentage of the Jewish population in some places, more people participated in the Congress elections than in any election to a Jewish communal institution. The 28th World Zionist Congress is scheduled to open in Jerusalem on Jan. 18 and end Jan. 27. There will be 521 delegates and over 120 members of the Zionist Actions Committee (General Council) and observers attending. Pincus said the main subjects to be discussed at the next Congress are immigration and absorption, challenges and mission, youth and the Zionist movement, education and culture, the plight of Jews in countries of oppression and social problems in Israel.

# CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO AROUSE PUBLIC OPINION TO PLIGHT OF SYRIAN JEWRY

BONN, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Jewish youth organizations here opened a campaign today to arouse public opinion to the plight of Jews in Syria and to get the government to intervene with the Damascus regime on their behalf. The Jewish students organization in Munich sent letters to President Gustav Heinemann, Chancellor Willy Brandt and other officials declaring that the world must not "keep silent" in face of what is happening to Jews in Syria.

Jewish students in most West German universities distributed leaflets and letters of protest which German students were asked to sign and send to Syrian authorities. Jewish youth representatives met with leaders of the Jewish-Christian Society which holds its annual planning meeting next week. They discussed the possibility of action by the Society on behalf of Syrian Jews. Werner Nachmann, president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany said the youth organizations had his full support in their campaign.

# ARTHUR B. SPINGARN DIES AT 93

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Arthur B. Spingarn, a lawyer who served as president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 1940-1966, died here yesterday at the age of 93. In a statement issued today, Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee said of Spingarn, "His humanitarian and universalist

principles were the cornerstones in which a new understanding of equality and justice were built in this century."

Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, called Mr. Spingarn "one of the great pioneers of the struggle for interracial understanding and justice in the US," and one whose "leadership, selfless devotion and vigorous espousal of human rights and dignity remains a continuing inspiration to those of us who share his idealism and his goals."

Mr. Spingarn was the son of Elias Spingarn and the former Sarah Barnett, prominent members of New York's Jewish community. His late father, born in Austria, was a tobacco merchant. Mr. Spingarn was born in New York and was admitted to the bar here in 1900 after receiving a law degree from Columbia University. He was among the initial founders of the NAACP in 1909 and became head of the organization's national legal committee and a vice president in 1911. He succeeded his brother Joel, a poet and professor of comparative literature, as president of the national civil rights organization in 1940. Spingarn announced his resignation at an annual NAACP dinner on Jan. 2, 1966, explaining that at 88 he was "getting a little old."

# NETHERLANDS FOREIGN MINISTER FEELS EGYPT SEEKING PEACEFUL MIDEAST SOLUTION

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Norbert Schmeltzer of the Netherlands said today that he believed Egypt is seeking a peaceful solution of the Middle East conflict despite the recent provocative statements by President Anwar Sadat. Schmeltzer spoke in the Dutch Parliament in reply to almost unanimous expressions of concern over Sadat's war threats. He said the Egyptians were really hoping for peace and "so actually were the Israelis." Schmeltzer said Holland did not believe that it or any other country of the European Economic Community could play a mediating role in the Middle East dispute. He said Holland hoped to be able to extend economic and social aid in due course to the development of the region and would pay particular attention to those who have suffered most from the conflict, the Palestinian refugees.

# DR. GUILLERMO SCHLESINGER DIES AT 67

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Funeral services were held here today for Grand Rabbi Dr. Guillermo Schlesinger, 67, who had been spiritual leader of Congregacion Israelita Argentina since 1937. Born in St. Gall, Switzerland, he studied for the rabbinate at the Jewish Seminary in Breslau, Germany. In 1937, he was sent to Argentina by the Jewish Colonization Association to care for Jewish schools in this country. Dr. Schlesinger had been active in interreligious activities. In 1957, he participated in the New York conference of the United Synagogue of America which created the World Council of Synagogues. He was a member of the B'nai B'rith of Argentina and was the author of many books and pamphlets.

# FRENCH POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL FIRM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Ambassador Asher Ben Natan, Israel's envoy to Paris, does not expect France's policy toward Israel to undergo any significant change, even if an agreement is reached to reimburse Israel for the embargoed 50 Mirage jets. Ben Natan reportedly gave that assessment yesterday to Foreign Ministry senior staff members. The envoy is a participant in the negotiations which began in Paris several weeks ago.

## HUD DENIES ROLE IN SELECTING QUEENS SITE FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING PROJECT

Official Says Units For Elderly Will Be Overwhelmingly White And Jewish

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The Department of Housing and Urban Development denied today that it was responsible for selecting Forest Hills as the site of a controversial low income housing project opposed by residents of the area which is predominantly Jewish. S. William Green, Regional Administrator of HUD, made the denial in response to charges by Dr. Alvin Lashinsky, president of the Queens Jewish Community Council, that lower echelon HUD officials had "set their sights" in Forest Hills for the 840-family project.

"Under Federal housing laws, HUD does not select public housing sites," Green said. "HUD's only role was to determine whether the site selected by the city complied with HUD's rules. It did and HUD therefore approved the site in 1968." HUD's financial role is to pay the principal and interest on the mortgage of the project which is estimated to cost \$28 million.

Dr. Lashinsky made his charges in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last month. He said his information came from the office of Sen. James L. Buckley (Cons.-R., N.Y.) who has supported opponents of the project. Dr. Lashinsky reported that according to Buckley's office, the HUD people were so anxious to use Forest Hills as a pilot project for the Federally approved scatter-site low income housing that they were willing to spend double the budgeted amount if necessary.

### Minority Families No Threat

Opponents of the project say it will destroy the homogeneity of the area by introducing low-income families. Green observed that "Forty percent of the units are reserved for the elderly. On the basis of past experience, the occupants of these units will be overwhelmingly white and overwhelmingly Jewish." He said that "While the majority of the balance of the units will probably be minority families, it is inconceivable that a few hundred minority families can seriously threaten the continued existence of the Forest Hills Jewish community' of tens of thousands" as charged by the QJCC and others.

Green's response, contained in a letter to the Jewish Press, an American-Jewish weekly, noted that he had read an account of the JTA interview with Dr. Lashinsky in that paper which is a subscriber to the JTA news services. The Federal official wrote: "To the contrary of your statement that HUD is 'willing to spend double the amount budgeted if necessary,' the increase in budget from \$17 million to \$28 million represents only the unfortunate increase in construction costs from 1967, when funds for the project were initially set aside by HUD and 1971, when the city was finally ready to proceed." He noted that the Forest Hills site was unanimously approved by the New York City Board of Estimate, whose only Jewish member, the late Brooklyn Borough President Abe Stark, voted for it.

### FISHER CALLS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF JEWISH EDUCATION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2 (JTA)--A national Jewish leader declared here last night that survival is "today's fundamental concern in the American Jewish community" and suggested that one way to insure it was to improve the quality of Jewish education. Max M. Fisher, chairman of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, proposed measures that could be taken to reach that goal,

among them increased support for Jewish day schools.

Fisher delivered the Walter S. Hilborn Lecture before 600 community leaders at the Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles annual dinner. He called on communities to re-examine their obligations to Jewish day schools which, he said, "hold one of the best answers to furthering Jewish continuity."

Fisher said, "There is no question that the Jewish day schools have earned the right to our most careful consideration of what can be done to help." Other proposals he made for improving and expanding Jewish education was the use of Jewish summer camps for educational pursuits, sponsorship of extended stays in Israel for older students and enlargement of the study of Hebrew and related subjects in high schools and colleges. Fisher added that there was also a great need for intensified Jewish education for adults.

He said the concern for Jewish survival in America was "not physical survival itself--which the people of Israel seek to insure--but survival in terms of our Jewish heritage, our sense of mission and those special values which make the Jewish approach to life a rich and meaningful one." The Walter Hilborn Lecture was established three years ago to honor a prominent Jewish community leader on the occasion of his 90th birthday. At tonight's dinner, the JFC's Judge Harry A. Holtzer Memorial Award for outstanding service in the field of human relations was presented to Martin Gang, an attorney and Jewish community leader of Los Angeles.

### 'DAY OF JEWISH SURVIVAL' DECLARED

MIAMI, Dec. 2 (JTA)--Three thousand persons inside and outside the Community Synagogue last night declared today to be a "Day of Jewish Survival" and called on the Nixon administration to help Israel live by sending her more Phantom jets. With the endorsement of the mayor's office, 4,500 petitions have already been sent to the White House by Miamians, according to Rabbi Tibor H. Stern. Twenty-five rabbis issued a special plea to Israeli Premier Golda Meir on the eve of her talks with administration leaders, urging her to reaffirm that Jewish identity in Israel will remain under halachic terms.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), who was in this city last night, could not attend but sent a message declaring that the "growing tide of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union" gave Israel "even more importance as a symbol of deliverance." Israel, said Jackson, is a "major bulwark" against Russian penetration in the Middle East, and thus "immediate delivery" of Phantom jets is required. Scoring President Nixon's "shocking failure" on this matter, Jackson contended: "This administration continues to follow a policy of carrot and stick, where the Soviets and the Arabs get the carrot while Israel gets the stick. The time to end this foolishness is long since past."

### LABOR GROUP DEMANDS USSR RELEASE SILVA ZALMANSON

BRUSSELS, Dec. 2 (JTA)--The International Labor Confederation has asked the Soviet Union to free Silva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, a 27-year-old defendant in the Leningrad hijack trial now serving a ten-year sentence at hard labor. The text of a letter sent to Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin several days ago was released today by the Confederation which has its world headquarters here. It demanded Mrs. Kuznetsov's release from prison and granting her an exit visa so she may emigrate to Israel.