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## **MRS. MEIR: ISRAEL PREPARED TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO JARRING TALKS; SATISFIED US WILL ASSURE ISRAEL'S SECURITY**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir of Israel told a nationwide television audience today that her government is "prepared to go back within one hour" to United Nations mediator Gunnar V. Jarring's Middle East peace mission, but "without pre-conditions" from either Israel or its Arab neighbors. Mrs. Meir appeared on the NBC program "Meet The Press" where she was subjected to extraordinarily sharp questioning by a panel of four newsmen. "We don't commit ourselves to anything without negotiations," she declared. "We put no conditions to the Egyptians and never have put one," Mrs. Meir said.

Asked by syndicated columnist Rowland Evans whether resumption of American deliveries of Phantom jets to Israel would not mean that the US was underwriting Israel's occupation of the Sinai, Mrs. Meir replied sharply, "Maybe you should ask your President." She observed that President Nixon has said "over and over again" that the military balance in the Middle East should not be upset.

### **Bergus Warns Sadat Means Business**

It was learned meanwhile that the US State Department's representative in Cairo, Donald Bergus, has warned policy-makers in Washington to take seriously President Anwar Sadat's recent declarations that only military action can now solve the Middle East deadlock. According to syndicated columnist Jack Anderson writing in the Sunday edition of The Washington Post, Bergus warned in a secret message that "the Egyptians will take at least limited military action against Israel."

Asked on "Meet The Press" if she thought shooting might be resumed after the first of next year in view of Sadat's statement that 1971 is the "year of decision," Mrs. Meir said she saw Egypt's Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad on a television interview this morning and he did not seem prepared to "say what Sadat said."

Mrs. Meir's appearance on "Meet The Press" was her fourth meeting with American newsmen since she arrived in Washington last Wednesday. Her questioners--Evans, Richard Valeriani, NBC diplomatic correspondent, Henry Trehwitt of Newsweek magazine and Terrance Smith of the New York Times--were unsparing in their interrogation of the 73-year-old Premier. She read to them her government's response to Jarring's Feb. 8, 1971 memo asking Israel for a withdrawal commitment, in which she told the UN mediator that Israel was anxious for his mission to continue without preconditions and stated that Israel never said that the cease-fire lines were to be considered final borders.

Asked whether Egypt has ever attacked Israel, Mrs. Meir replied, "Yes. In 1967, in 1969 during the war of attrition and during the cease-fire." Asked if there were any practical differences between her government and the Nixon administration, she said Israel did not accept the point of view that there were practical or philosophical differences. She did not answer directly when asked what she accomplished on her current visit to Washington. She said Israel wanted to negotiate a peace settlement and to "have a chance, politically and militarily."

## **Phantoms' Issue Not Resolved**

Mrs. Meir said "Our friends should not take a public position on what an agreement should be." At one point she said, "Our neighbors often become slaves of their own words. Sadat knows as well as we do that he cannot win (a new war) and we are not anxious to win again. We hope he will come to the negotiating table with no preconditions." She said that Israel had no objections if Egypt came to the negotiating table with its own suggestions but that Israel would not be bound to accept them in advance.

Mrs. Meir met privately for 50 minutes with Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.) at her hotel last night and also with Sen. Edmund Muskie (D., Me.) both aspirants for the 1972 Democratic Presidential nomination. Humphrey urged afterwards that the US continue to render Israel strong economic and military support. Both Humphrey and Muskie supported the Jackson Amendment to the Foreign Military Procurement Bill providing \$500 million in new military credits for Israel and were among the 78 Senators who signed a resolution last month urging the immediate resumption of Phantom deliveries to Israel. Mrs. Meir met for a half hour Friday with Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), another Presidential hopeful and one of the strongest supporters of Israel in Congress.

She told a press conference here Friday that she was satisfied over assurances from President Nixon and Secretary of State William P. Rogers with whom she conferred Thursday that the US was determined to assure Israel's security. She indicated that the issue of Phantom deliveries in the immediate future was not resolved. Asked whether she had received assurances that the Phantoms could be purchased as a result of her talks, she said, "We want aircraft. We don't want publicity. We are never happy about the necessity of bringing up the problem like this in the open."

She also declared that the question of additional Phantom sales to Israel did not obstruct a final Middle East settlement or an interim agreement to reopen the Suez Canal. She added, "Our neighbors are much more apt to refrain from war and accept peace negotiations if Israel is strong, not weak." Asked if the question of Soviet Jews was raised during her talks Thursday, Mrs. Meir replied, "We are well aware and very much appreciative of President Nixon's interest and sensitivity to the problem and convinced that whatever he can do he will do."

## **SAPIR, ALLON NAMED IN KNESSET PROBE OF BANKRUPT MOTOR FIRM**

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon were mentioned today at hearings by the Knesset economic committee into the alleged mismanagement of the bankrupt Autocar Co., a subsidiary of the British Leyland Motor Co. which went into receivership last month. Reserves Gen. Meir Amit, a former chairman of the board of directors of Autocar, said that Sapir had solicited a gift of \$24,000 from the firm for the establishment of a youth educational center at Alonim

which belongs to the kibbutz movement. He said the gift was recorded in the company's books as an "agent's commission" but said he didn't know why this was done.

Amit also testified that the prototype of a speedboat that Autocar intended to manufacture but later decided not to, was presented as a gift to Kibbutz Ginossar on Lake Kinnereth, the Deputy Premier's home. Amit appeared at an unusual open session of the economic committee which is investigating charges of alleged bribery, tax evasion and fraudulent bookkeeping by Autocar. Testimony was also taken from Menachem Margalit, Autocar's former chief representative in Jerusalem who said that an automobile was sold at one third less than list price to Yaacov Arnon, former director general of the Finance Ministry.

#### Other Public Figures Named

Two Maj. Generals, Zvi Zamir and Ariel Sharon were also named among public figures, including government officials yet to be named, who received cars at large discounts. Arnon, interviewed on the radio today, claimed that he did not know the market price of the car and thought he was getting a reduction of only a "few hundred (IL) pounds." According to Margalit, more than two thousand IL pounds (\$600) were shaved off the list price of IL 16,000 (\$4,600 at the then prevailing rate of exchange) for the Triumph 1500 car assembled at Autocar's plant.

But Margalit insisted that the discount was offered for purely commercial reasons. He said that if Arnon drove the car, other government employees and visitors to the Finance Ministry might follow his example. He said a reduction was given a female secretary of the company as well.

Amit resigned from Autocar after the Histadrut-owned Koor Co. which he heads, sold its shares because of inefficient management on the part of Autocar's managing director, Itzhak Shubinsky. He said there was no way to break the power of Shubinsky who owned 20 percent of the company's shares and allegedly enjoyed the backing of the British parent firm. According to Amit, it was Shubinsky who told the board of directors that Sapir wanted a \$24,000 contribution for the educational center. The directors approved half that amount but it turned out later that the books carried the full amount as commission paid to Shmuel Cohen, director of Alonim. There was no comment today from Sapir.

#### HIJACKERS CAUGHT AND DEPORTED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Two Arab terrorists, known for having hijacked planes in the past, were arrested today and deported from Holland to Lebanon. Official sources revealed that the two Arabs, one Jordanian and one Iraqi, had been arrested and shortly after put on a KLM plane flying to Beirut. Details of the arrest and the names of the two men were not given but it was stated that both of them had participated in the past in various terrorist outrages and airplane hijackings.

#### GRENADE FOUND ON BUS DISMANTLED MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED TO EXPLODE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5 (JTA)--A hand grenade with a timing device was found on a bus in the Central Bus Terminal here this morning and safely dismantled minutes before it was set to explode. The bus had just arrived from the Judea and Ramallah region with 14 passengers when the driver noticed a suspicious looking object attached to a spare wheel at the rear of the vehicle and summoned police. Bomb squad experts found the device wrapped in nylon. Police searched the terminal area and are conducting

investigations at the nine towns where the bus stopped enroute to Tel Aviv. The bus was carrying workers from the West Bank.

Two Arab infiltrators were killed yesterday near Ellaboun village in Upper Galilee in a clash with an Israeli border police patrol and Army patrols. The Israeli units were searching for a gang of four terrorists known to have entered Israel from Lebanon. Weapons and other items found on the bodies indicated that the infiltrators were on an intelligence and organizing mission. The other two were believed to have gone into hiding.

#### BISHOP OPPOSES POPE'S JERUSALEM POLICY

BRUSSELS, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Msgr. Ramselaer, a Dutch Catholic Bishop, has come out against the Pope's position on Jerusalem as "unjust, and contrary to the spirit of the Ecumenic Council." The statement was made by the Dutch prelate in the course of an interview published here today by the Jewish weekly of Antwerp, "Belgisch Israëlitisch Weekblad."

Msgr. Ramselaer has just returned to Amsterdam from Brussels where he participated in the meeting of the Consultative Committee for Judeo-Christian Cooperation which took place last week. Bishop Ramselaer is a director of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, a former president of Catholic Council for Israel and the author of an essay on Jerusalem in which he takes a favorable view of the town's development under Israeli rule. He has been most outspoken in his criticism of the Vatican's Middle East positions.

#### DOLLAR DEVALUATION NOT DISTURBING

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5 (JTA)--The prospect that the US dollar may be devalued does not disturb Israeli officials. Finance Ministry circles told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the effects of devaluation would be negligible. However, they said Israel's economy could be adversely affected in the long run if prices rose sharply in the US in the aftermath of devaluation. The Israeli pound is pegged to the dollar by law at the rate of IL4.20 to \$1 dollar.

If the dollar is reduced in value, Israel would have to pay more to hard currency countries in Europe for imports but these constitute only a small portion of Israeli purchases abroad and are counterbalanced to some extent by Israeli exports to Europe. Most of Israel's foreign currency reserves are in West German marks which are expected to be reevaluated upwards. Such a move would result in a "paper gain" for Israel's foreign currency holdings for which the accounting is done in dollars. The Israeli pound may be detached from the dollar only by Cabinet decision subject to approval by the Knesset.

#### REDUCED EDUCATION BUDGET UNACCEPTABLE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Acting Premier Yigal Allon says he will not accept the reduced budget proposed for the Ministry of Education and Culture for 1972. Allon, who is Deputy Premier and Minister of Education and Culture told the Managers' Club here Friday that he will demand \$60 million more for education than Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir has recommended. It is inconceivable, he said, that the future of Israel should be jeopardized because insufficient means are allocated to the education of the country's children. He suggested that other services absorb more of the budget cuts. The Defense Ministry is also balking at budget cuts proposed by Sapir. Referring to the political situation, Allon said Israel has not ruled out an interim agreement with Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal.

# EBAN TO ADDRESS GENERAL ASSEMBLY; EXPECTED TO CHARGE EGYPT SEEKING PRETEXT TO RENEW WARFARE

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban will address the General Assembly tomorrow in reply to Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad's Friday speech in which the latter urged the General Assembly to "act firmly and effectively" to reverse the effects of the June, 1967 Six-Day War. Riad asked the UN to take "enforcement measures"--diplomatic parlance for sanctions--to compel Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories.

Eban is expected to charge that Egypt is seeking General Assembly support for a resolution that would be unacceptable to Israel and to use Israel's refusal to comply with it as a pretext for renewing warfare along the Suez Canal. The Israeli Foreign Minister is expected to reaffirm Israel's interest in continued peace-making efforts by UN mediator Gunnar V. Jarring, but only if no preconditions are attached. The Jarring mission has been suspended since Israel's rejection of the UN mediator's memorandum of Feb. 8, 1971, requesting an Israeli commitment to withdrawal. Riad contended that the Israeli rejection amounted to an attempt to "distort" the Security Council's Resolution 242 and to "provide a license of territorial expansion for Israel."

The Israeli view, which Eban is expected to restate tomorrow, is that compliance would only reinforce the existing deadlock and increase the danger of new hostilities. He is expected to take the position that a double blow would be inflicted on the Jarring mission and on the cease-fire that has been in effect since Aug. 1970. Some observers here expressed the view that Egypt wants the General Assembly to adopt a resolution adverse to Israel which President Anwar Sadat can cite as justification for prolonging the cease-fire despite his recent warlike statements. They point out that the Egyptian leader faces an embarrassing predicament with junior and middle echelon Egyptian Army and Air Force officers who are restless and primed for a new round of fighting with Israel.

According to some observers, Egypt is not ready to take on Israel despite heavy infusions of military equipment from the Soviet Union including the recent delivery of Tupolev-16 bombers. The Israelis indirectly confirm this view when they say that a new outbreak of warfare would result in defeat for Egypt even more ignominious than in 1967. But the Israelis say they want to avoid renewed shooting which would take a heavy toll of lives on both sides.

Secretary General U Thant meanwhile has received a report from representatives of the African peace mission which reportedly recommends reactivation of the Jarring mission. The report was based on the results of visits to Israel and Egypt last month by the presidents of four African states who are conducting their investigation of Middle East peace prospects on behalf of the Organization for African Unity.

The report was presented to Thant Thursday at his home where he is convalescing from surgery. Earlier he had been given a 25-minute resume of its contents by Dr. Amadou Karim Gaye, Foreign Minister of Senegal. On that basis, Thant described the report, according to a spokesman, as "a substantive and positive contribution towards a peaceful settlement for what is perhaps the most difficult problem that has been facing the UN during the past 26 years."

## SOVIET EMIGRE TO TOUR U.S.

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Ruth Aleksandrovich Averbuch, newly wed and in Israel barely a month,

will go to the US next week to rally support for Soviet Jews. She will be accompanied by her husband, Isaiah Averbuch. The couple will be the guests of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and will appear at a Madison Square Garden rally Dec. 13 sponsored by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry to mark the first anniversary of the Leningrad hijack trial. Mrs. Rivka Aleksandrovich, mother of the 24-year-old nurse, will accompany the couple and will appear in the US on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

## KOSYGIN SAYS ISRAEL CREATES DIFFICULTIES FOR JEWS WHO WANT TO RETURN TO THE USSR

Police Refuse To Disperse Protestors

OLBORG, Denmark, Dec. 5 (JTA)--Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin struck back today at critics of his government's treatment of Jews and challenged Israel to explain "why it creates so many difficulties for those Soviet Jews who want to return to their Fatherland." The Soviet leader made his remarks in reply to questions at a press conference here following three days of meetings with Danish government leaders and bitter though peaceful protests by thousands of Danish Jews and non-Jews against the denial of emigration rights and other rights to Jews in the USSR.

A joint communique issued at the end of the official meetings today mentioned the Middle East conflict but contained no indication that the issue of Soviet Jews was discussed although Danish leaders had promised before Kosygin's arrival that it would be on the agenda. The references to the Middle East stated that both governments were concerned with continuing tension in that region, supported the Security Council's Resolution 242 as the basis for a just settlement and backed renewal of the Jarring peace mission.

Kosygin's challenge to Israel was apparently based on press reports that have received wide currency in recent days that some Jewish emigrants--mainly from the Soviet Georgian Republic--were disappointed with Israel and wanted to return to the USSR. Asked to explain why Jews who want to leave the USSR for Israel are confronted with so many official difficulties, the Soviet Premier said, "Everybody knows that a growing number of Jews leave the Soviet Union nowadays and all those who want to leave are allowed to and are well treated." Kosygin insisted that there was no Jewish problem in Russia except that "born in the West."

Asked about the Leningrad hijack trial, he said there was a plot to hijack a plane at Leningrad Airport and it was punished in the USSR just as crimes are punished all over the world. Kosygin repeated that there were "not many" Jews asking for visas but those who did "got an answer very soon." He said in reply to a question that there was "no reason to renew diplomatic relations between the USSR and Israel at this juncture." He denied that such a move might favorably influence the Middle East conflict. "Russia has never been among the aggressors but Israel has acted in an aggressive way," he said.

On Thursday night thousands marched in a torchlight parade to City Hall where they distributed some 4,000 postcards to Danes to be signed and mailed to Kosygin. The card stated, "We Scandinavians are free to leave and to go wherever we wish. Let Russia's Jews do the same." About 1,500 persons held a rally for Soviet Jews at Copenhagen's main synagogue. On Friday night thousands of demonstrators marched around Kosygin's hotel and later converged on the Soviet Embassy. Police refused to disperse the protestors.

### SYNAGOGUE DAMAGED BY GUNFIRE ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS

FALLS CHURCH, Va., Dec. 5 (JTA)--On two occasions exactly one month apart, Fairfax County's only synagogue, Temple Rodef Shalom, which is located near here, was ripped with gunfire during the early morning hours, it was reported here this weekend. No one was in the \$500,000 structure at either time, but damage to the temple was estimated at over \$3,000. The first incident occurred on the occasion of the synagogue's first anniversary, Oct. 25. Nine .22-caliber slugs shattered two main plate-glass windows at the building's entrance and lodged in interior walls.

A month later, on Thanksgiving Day, shotgun blasts smashed a third window, broke light fixtures and pocked concrete pillars in front of the temple. There was no indication as to the motive behind the shootings, but Fairfax police said they might have been connected with other acts of vandalism that has occurred at six area churches since Sept. 1. The vandalism at those churches involved thefts of office equipment and money from soft drink machines, but not shooting. A policeman noted that last January, 200 cars in the area were damaged by gas-powered pellets fired from a passing car. Two juveniles were convicted in those cases.

### Catholic Group To Aid Synagogue

The shootings at the temple were reported by nearby residents. One resident reportedly told the police that two shotgun blasts were fired Thanksgiving morning and a yellow car pulled out of the temple's driveway. The 1,000-member synagogue, a six-sided hardwood and concrete structure, is in a middle class neighborhood of single-family houses. Before moving into its present location one year ago, the congregation held services at the Chesterbrook Presbyterian Church two blocks away.

The three broken 8-by-8-feet windows, which were not covered by vandalism insurance, have been covered with plywood. A Catholic University drama group will give a benefit performance at the temple on Dec. 19 to help raise money to buy new windows. The police have increased night-time surveillance of the synagogue area and a particularly close watch will be maintained on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, Dec. 25, in case the similar dates of the two shootings were not coincidental.

### AJCSJ IN NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN TO MARK FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF LENINGRAD TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (JTA)--The American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry announced today the inauguration of a major nationwide campaign to mark the first anniversary of the initial Leningrad trial on December 15, 1970. This "show trial" ended in lengthy labor camp sentences for seven Jewish activists and death sentences, later commuted for two others. The date, Dec. 15, coincides this year with the third day of Chanukah.

As the opening gun in its campaign, Jerry Goodman, executive director of the AJCSJ said that the Conference is mailing out a special information kit to its entire membership. The kit includes a list of names and addresses of Jewish prisoners in the USSR; the final pleas of the defendants at the Leningrad trial; and a list of suggestions to Conference members on how to help the cause of the prisoners.

The suggestion list urges that special attention be given to the case of Silva Zalmanson Kuznetsov who was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Pregnant when arrested, she lost her baby in a labor camp. She has been denied medical care for several serious ailments and may not live long.

Goodman pointed out that this information package

is only the first step in a concerted, nationwide, interfaith campaign on behalf of the prisoners. Among the major upcoming events is "Freedom Lights for Soviet Jewry" at Madison Square Garden December 13th; on the eve of the first anniversary of the initial Leningrad trial. This massive gathering is being co-sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Center for Russian Jewry, and will focus on the plight of the Jewish prisoners, especially that of Mrs. Kuznetsov.

### SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE URGED TO AID FINANCIALLY HARD-HIT DAY SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (JTA)--A Jewish day school expert told the Senate Subcommittee on Education that there was an imperative need for legislative relief for the "financially hard-pressed" Hebrew day schools. He said this applied particularly to the day schools in urban areas serving the poor and lower middle class Jews who otherwise may be forced to relocate, posing the possibility of a loss of Jewish communal institutions and neighborhoods.

Rabbi Bernard Goldenberg, director of School Organization for Torah Umesorah, testified last Thursday that nearly 100 of the 180 day schools in the New York City area served students from such Jewish homes. He said the schools would not be able--without government help--to provide scholarships for the disadvantaged, which would force parents to move to areas where day schools were in better financial condition and able to provide scholarships.

He explained that any substantial exodus of parents of pupils would force closing the schools which, in turn, would lead the remaining parents to leave for areas where schools were available. He proposed such government aid as tuition grants tax credits to parents of day school pupils, and payments for mandated services.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO DEAL WITH ISRAEL IN AMERICAN JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (JTA)--An agreement to "cooperate fully and formally in the promotion, development and coordination of the educational programs of common concern affecting Israel in American Jewish education" has been made by the American Association for Jewish Education and the Department of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization--American section. The joint effort has been in practice informally for many years, but was formalized, according to a joint statement, because "It is necessary to teach about the Israel of today in all its manifestations...."

One of the first major projects of the formal AAJE-WZO effort will be a commission to plan educational programs and activities keyed to the 25th anniversary of Israel in 1973. The two organizations will also seek to send more Americans--youths, adults, teachers, educators--to Israel for living-and-study programs; bring more Israeli teachers to US and Canadian Jewish schools; expand the programs for Hebrew instruction; publish new educational materials, and raise more funds for American Jewish education. Other educational agencies will be invited to cooperate.

### MEMORIAL TO NAZI VICTIMS AT DRANCY

PARIS, Dec. 5 (JTA)--A monument to the victims of racial persecution will be built on the site of the former Nazi deportation camp in Drancy, east of Paris. Drancy was the main camp from which some 100,000 Jewish and anti-Nazi deportees were sent to death camps in Germany and Poland between 1941 and 1944.