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MEIR-NIXON MEETING DUE MARCH 1

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir will go to the United States March 1 for discussions with President Nixon and other American officials, the Government announced today. The announcement was made simultaneously here and in Washington and was released to the press here at the end of today's Cabinet meeting. Mrs. Meir met previously with Nixon in Washington in Dec. 1971 and Sept. 1970.

Another Nixon-Meir meeting had been expected since Nixon's re-election last Nov., but today's announcement caught the public by surprise. The announcement said that Mrs. Meir would meet with U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers and other officials and would also address a national Israel Bonds conference in Miami and a major United Jewish Appeal event in New York.

Her meeting with the President will take place before the expected visits to Washington of King Hussein of Jordan and Leonid Brezhnev, Secretary General of the Soviet Communist Party. It will follow recent visits to Washington by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon both of whom met with Rogers and other top officials but did not see the President.

Head Off Possible U.S. Pressure

Sources here said that Mrs. Meir's visit may be intended to head off possible American pressure on Israel for concessions to get Middle East peace talks moving. The U.S. is expected to launch another Middle East peace initiative during the current year.

According to today's announcement, Mrs. Meir will be accompanied to Washington by her political adviser, Simha Dinitz who is Israel's Ambassador designate to the U.S. but will be travelling in his capacity as Director General of the Prime Minister's Office. The present Ambassador, Yitzhak Rabin, who was to end his American tour of duty this month has been asked to remain in Washington until March so that he can be on hand for the Premier's visit.

SEEK TO OUTLAW EXTREMIST GROUPS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir indicated yesterday that she thought Israel should outlaw radical extremist organizations such as the Red Front. Democracy has the right to defend itself, she said at a meeting of a Labor Party "think tank" at Beth Berl, but "one should not permit the destruction of democracy by being overly democratic," she said.

The Red Front was identified recently as a tiny, extremist left-wing organization whose members include Dan Vered and Ehud Adiv, native-born Israeli Jews arrested last month on suspicion of membership in a Syrian-directed espionage and sabotage ring.

Mrs. Meir questioned whether "democracy must assure that such organizations as the Red Front, which is very close to the Black September, continue to exist." She asked, "Is not democracy obliged to prohibit such organizations? Is not democracy obliged to declare such a group unlaw-

ful? From the horrible experience of Hitler's rise to power we must learn that democracy must learn to protect itself," Mrs. Meir said.

MALI BECOMES FIETH NATION TO SEVER TIES WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Israeli officials have asked the press to refrain from speculating over which African state might be next to break diplomatic relations with Israel. On Friday Mali became the fifth African nation to sever ties with Israel this year and the third to do so in a single week. Officials claim that press speculation on future ruptures is relayed to Africa and can be harmful there. But Israeli newspapers carried stories today on strained Israeli relations with Togo, Senegal and Sierra Leone.

The Foreign Ministry's reaction to Mali's move was that "there was nothing in the bilateral relations between Israel and Mali which would justify or explain the break." This was the same formula that was stated last week when Brazzaville-Congo and then Niger announced that they were breaking diplomatic ties with Israel. It was the same after Chad announced a break last month and was also the official reaction when President Idi Amin of Uganda suddenly expelled 700 Israeli diplomats and experts last March.

But Israeli sources had acknowledged earlier that relations with Mali were uneasy because of that country's Moslem majority and "radical" regime. Mali had no diplomatic representative in Israel and Israel's representation in Mali consisted only of Ambassador Asher Hakeny and an assistant who is an expert working for the United Nations. There are several Mali students in Israel. Several months ago 20 Mali students completed a course in community development here and their performance when they returned home earned high praise for Israel from the Mali government.

Israel Must Expect Casualties

Israeli officials believe that outside pressure from Arab states, especially Libya, was responsible for Mali's action and, in greater or lesser degree, for the breaks with the other African states. With the exception of Uganda, the African states that have split with Israel are all former French colonies.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban said on a radio interview yesterday that Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi, the leader of Libya's ruling military junta, was responsible for Israel's recent diplomatic setbacks in Africa and for decreasing the chances of reaching an accord with Libya's federation partner, Egypt. In general, Eban said, Israel must expect "casualties" in its diplomatic campaigns just as it expects them in its military campaigns. "It does not mean we have to turn tail and run," he said. Eban's remarks summed up Israel's official attitude.

While some circles here believe that Israel should phase out its efforts to maintain friendly ties with the African states on grounds that they have yielded poor results, the majority view is that Israel must not retreat although it should prudently lower its profile in those countries where relations seem threatened. As one veteran Israeli diplomat with experience in Africa remarked last week, "Our investment in Africa has paid much higher dividends than anyone could have expected. There is no reason for us to give up now."

SHAZAR URGES SUPPORT FOR GOREN, JEWS IN SYRIA AND IRAQ

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar of Israel called today on a delegation of American Zionist Federation leaders to demonstrate support for Israel's Ashkenazik Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and the National Religious Party which has "fallen prey to the internal politics of Israel." Asserting that the hostility being vented against Rabbi Goren for his recent decision in the Langer case has its origin in the United States, the 83-year-old President urged an "immediate aliya of five to ten gifted American rabbinic authorities who would lend their support to alleviate this crisis."

At a meeting with a delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations headed by its president Jacob Stein, Shazar stressed the plight of Jews in Syria and Iraq and urged the leadership delegation to mobilize support within the American Jewish community to aid their brethren in Arab lands.

Goren's Decision Follows Tradition

During his meeting with the Zionist leaders headed by AZF president Israel Miller, Shazar produced a copy of Rabbi Goren's decision entitled "Brother and Sister," and noted that the lengthy responsa was in the "great tradition of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century responsa and traces its conclusions through a study of similar decisions of Rabbi Bacharach, an 18th Century Talmudic scholar, and the Hazon Ish (Rabbi Isaiah Karelitz) of the 20th Century." Shazar added that he would personally meet with Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik of Boston in the hope that he would add his prestige to the "spirit of the House of Hillel" which was noted in Talmudic times for its lenient halachic decisions.

Shazar also requested that the American Zionist movement guarantee the continued publication of "Hadoar," the American Hebrew periodical. He also noted that Israel's 25th anniversary coincides with the 100th birthday anniversary of Hebrew poet laureate Chaim Naham Bialik and urged awareness of this event in the U.S. In addition, Shazar lauded the old and young in Israel who play a significant role in the development of the Jewish State.

YOSEF DENIES HE WILL RESIGN

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef emphatically denied Thursday that he had any plans to resign because of his differences with Ashkenazik Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. He made his denial in response to questions by newsmen as both Chief Rabbis came to Lod Airport to bid farewell to President Zalman Shazar, who left for a visit to the United States to attend the funeral service in Washington for the late President Harry S. Truman. However, the religious leaders did not speak to each other.

Rabbi Goren was heard reminding Shazar to remember to present the Chief Rabbinate judgment in the Langer case to the Lubavitcher Rebbe, who had criticized Rabbi Goren's clearance of the Langer children of the taint of bastardy. Shazar had with him a copy of the ruling in the Langer case, which was issued by the government printer as an official document.

LZA LEADER SAYS U.S. JEWS MUST STAY OUT OF ISRAEL'S ELECTIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, said today that many vital issues facing Israel will become exaggerated during the heat of the 1973 election cam-

paign and that many candidates will find themselves under increasing pressures to seek compromises and shifts in policies in response to this situation.

Addressing the LZA's National Executive Committee, he urged that the American Jewish community view the fluctuations in its proper political context. "Every American Jew," he said, "must always remember that it is the Israelis who must determine the structure of their government, the distribution of power and the policies for their nation. The close ties between American Jews and Israel does not provide American Jews with a franchise in Israeli internal affairs."

Dr. Shapiro also warned that the overwhelming activity of American Jewry on behalf of Israel has not mitigated the crisis in American Jewry as represented by the increased rate of intermarriage and the decrease of total enrollment in all types of Jewish schools. He noted that "Zionist groups must recognize that by narrowing their commitment to Jewish life by regarding their support of Israel as the limit of their activity, do an injustice to the American Jewish scene."

He said that Israeli leaders themselves use every opportunity to encourage Zionist groups to deal with these problems in their home communities to prevent the erosion of Jewish life in the U.S. Dr. Shapiro announced that the LZA plans to add staff members and activities to work in the direction of coping with American Jewish problems. He said the LZA will pay even more attention to Jewish education and the involvement of its members in many communities "not merely to increase financial support, but to interpret to parents the urgent need to give their children a Jewish education."

The Labor Zionist leader also warned American Jews that with the growth of the energy crisis in the U.S. and the desperate need for oil, there is always the danger that American interests will be acted on in such a way as to be harmful to Israel. This need for energy, he declared, "must not be allowed to interfere with the just expectations of Israel or endanger its security."

WOMAN'S DEMAND FOR LENIENT HALACHA SPLITS ASSOCIATION

LONDON, Jan. 7 (JTA)--A split has developed within the 102-year-old Anglo-Jewish Association over whether it should support a petition recently sent to rabbinical authorities all over the world by the International Council of Jewish Women appealing for measures to relieve Jewish women from certain personal hardships caused by rigid interpretations of halacha. A meeting of the AJA's Council where the petition was to be discussed was cancelled without explanation last week. It was disclosed later that both the Chief Rabbi and the Haham, head of the Sephardic community, and other Orthodox members of the Council, objected to a discussion.

But a large body of members insists that the AJA must not dodge the issue and should come out in support of the petitioners. The women have asked for the convening of a rabbinical assembly to study the problem with a view to alleviating the position of women who want to observe religious law but suffer because of its many archaic provisions. The AJA is a non-sectarian association of British Jews established to promote good citizenship and Jewish education. Originally anti-Zionist, it is now non-Zionist but supports Israel.

The tiny Jewish community of Brasilia has begun the construction of a Jewish center building and synagogue in the residential quarter of Brazil's capital.

'HEADS WILL ROLL' IN AFTERMATH OF EMBASSY SEIZURE IN BANGKOK Resignations, Reprimands Expected

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Knowledgeable sources said today that "heads will roll" here as a result of the seizure of the Israeli Embassy in Bangkok Dec. 28 by four armed Arab terrorists who held six Israelis hostage for 19 hours before they were persuaded to release them unharmed. The sources said that resignations would be demanded from certain officials responsible for the security of Israeli missions abroad because of the ease with which the terrorists entered and took over the embassy.

Gen. Aharon Yariv, Premier Golda Meir's special security advisor, reported to the Cabinet today on measures that have already been taken to tighten security at Israeli legations abroad. There were no indications, however, what those measures were or what lessons were learned from the Bangkok incident. Government spokesmen refused to divulge any information for security reasons. Cabinet sources said that "personal details" were not discussed at today's session.

It is believed that in addition to the forced resignations of some officials, others may be in line for official reprimands. One of the latter is said to be Israel's Ambassador to Cambodia, Shimon Avimor, who was visiting the Bangkok embassy when it was seized and became one of the hostages. Avimor is expected to be called on the carpet for leaving Phnompenh for Bangkok without informing Jerusalem.

Terrorists Tried In Absentia

(According to unconfirmed reports from Damascus, the four terrorists who failed in their mission have been tried in absentia by a revolutionary court. Three have been sentenced to death and one to 20 years' imprisonment. The terrorists, given safe conduct by Thai authorities, were flown to Cairo after they released their hostages. A Palestinian source was quoted as saying that the stiff penalties were imposed on the basis of an interrogation of the terrorists by a Palestinian commando leader in Cairo.)

(Other sources said the four would be brought before a revolutionary court martial to explain their failure. An El Fatah spokesman was quoted as saying that the terrorists were members of the Black September group "and it is for their leadership to decide how to deal with them. We are in no way connected with the affair.")

The first of the Israeli hostages -- Embassy First Secretary Nissan Hadass and his wife, Ruth -- returned to Israel on leave last weekend and are due to meet with Foreign Minister Abba Eban this week. Due home shortly are Pinhas Lavie who was head of the consular section at the Bangkok Embassy, and Dan Beerl, an attaché, and his wife, Sara. Sources here speculated as to whether any of them would return to Bangkok. Foreign Ministry officials dismissed any suggestion that they would not.

SEEK LEGAL MEANS TO END STRIKE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Transport Minister Shimon Peres said today that the government would seek legal means to end a three-day slowdown by dock workers that has crippled Israel's seaports at the peak of the citrus export season. As of this morning 47 ships were laying idle at Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat. The picking of citrus fruits was suspended last Thursday as crates piled up on the docks. A continuation of the delay would cause Israel severe economic losses from spoilage and would require citrus exporters to pay stiff penalties for late delivery of the

fruit on the European market.

The number of ships waiting to load and discharge cargoes is expected to reach 80 during the coming week but until today no contacts had been made between the dock workers and the Port Authority or Histadrut. A meeting is scheduled for tonight to try and end the crisis.

Peres said the government would ask the courts to declare the slowdown to be a strike in which case legal penalties could be invoked against the dock workers for staging a strike without giving 15 days' prior notice as required by Israeli law. In that case the Port Authority could withhold the dock workers' wages as long as the slowdown continued.

MALIK ATTACKS SOVIET JEWRY APPEAL CIRCULATED IN UN

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 7 (JTA)--The circulation of an appeal signed by 239 Soviet Jews as an official United Nations document was criticized Friday by Soviet Ambassador Yakov Malik in a letter to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. The protest, which asserted that the rights of the signers had been violated by the refusal of Soviet officials to allow them to emigrate to Israel, was circulated in Dec. as a General Assembly document at the request of Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the UN.

Malik charged, in his complaint, that "pro-Israeli members" of the UN staff had circulated the document, which he called "malicious and slanderous." He contended that the appeal should not have been circulated because it had "no relation" to the Assembly agenda item, the elimination of racial discrimination, under which it was distributed to all delegations and to the public.

Asking Waldheim to prevent "pro-Zionist, pro-Israeli actions" by "certain members of the UN Secretariat," Malik assailed the "servile behavior" of those members and "the opportunity" given Israel "to use the UN for unseemly purposes." A UN spokesman said the document was circulated routinely at Tekoah's request in accordance with a long-standing UN practice under which any delegation has the right to circulate documents relating to any UN agenda item. The appeal was submitted after the UN office in Moscow refused to accept the petition on the grounds that a UN administrative order prevented the officials from accepting petitions from individuals.

YOUNG COUPLES DEMAND LOW COST HOUSING

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Young Israeli couples set up a mock "refugee camp" yesterday in the middle of a plaza in one of Tel Aviv's wealthier neighborhoods to protest the high cost of housing. They erected tents and posted placards demanding that the government build flats at reasonable prices.

"We want flats like new immigrants," one sign said. Another read: "Our children and grandchildren would have to pay the mortgage we are compelled to take." The demonstrators were members of the Haolam Hazei New Force, a movement recently organized by Knesset member Uri Avneri, that reportedly includes young married couples from all over Israel.

ARMY PATROL UNDER FIRE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7 (JTA)--An Israeli Army Patrol came under small arms fire from Syrian territory near Kuneitra on the Golan Heights this morning and returned the fire. No Israeli casualties were reported.

SHAZAR HAS BUSY SCHEDULE; MEETS WITH RABBIS, JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar of Israel has had a busy schedule since arriving here from Washington Friday afternoon. This morning he met with a delegation from the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and with a delegation from the American Zionist Federation headed by AZF president Rabbi Israel Miller. This afternoon Shazar will meet with Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik who is coming here from Boston, and with Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller. This evening he will meet with the Lubavitcher Rebbe Menahem M. Schneerson at his home in Brooklyn.

Shazar's schedule tomorrow includes meetings with a delegation from the United Jewish Appeal headed by Irving Bernstein, and with a delegation of rabbis and leaders from the Syrian Jewish community. Later in the day he will meet with Agudath Israel leader Rabbi Moshe Feinstein. On Tuesday, Shazar will meet with a group of Jewish journalists. Upon arrival here Friday afternoon Shazar met with New York Mayor John V. Lindsay and later had dinner with Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Yosef Tekoah and other leading members of Israel's UN diplomatic delegation including New York Consul General David Rivlin.

Yesterday the 83-year-old President joined 400 worshippers for Sabbath service at the Fifth Avenue Synagogue. The freezing weather and icy winds did not seem to faze the Israeli leader as he and members of his entourage, including security guards and Consul General David Rivlin, walked briskly from his hotel to the synagogue a block away. At the synagogue, Shazar sat next to Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, spiritual leader of the congregation. During the service, Shazar was called upon to recite from Chapter 25 of the Book of Ezekiel.

Paying tribute to Shazar, Rabbi Rackman said in his sermon: "How appropriate it is . . . that the State of Israel's symbol of unity today shall be a president whose achievements for four score years have been in the area of that religious-cultural heritage. Not a military hero, not a politician, not an industrialist, but a man of letters." After the service, Shazar presided over the Kiddush.

Lauds Truman As Great World Leader

Arriving in Washington Thursday afternoon to attend memorial services for the late President, Harry S. Truman on Friday, Shazar emerged smiling from a privately chartered plane to receive a warm welcome from Ambassador and Mrs. Yitzhak Rabin, Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco, and a host of Israeli and American officials and well wishers. Dr. Eliahu Eilat, Israel's first Ambassador to the U.S., flew in with Shazar to accompany him and Rabin at the memorial service.

Shazar stepped down spryly into a balmy Washington twilight and extended a firm handshake to many of those who pressed forward to greet him. Among the Americans on hand were Rabbi Hillel Klavan, president of the Rabbinical Council of Greater Washington, Bernard Rosenberg, acting chairman of the Jewish Community Council, and co-chairman Bernard Kune. In a prepared statement handed to the press, Shazar likened the "fruitful development" of Israel to a "hymn of praise to Harry S. Truman." The statement declared "the Israel he recognized 25 years ago and aided in its first economic steps has developed in many ways and over all its extent down through the Negev and Eilat, the vital importance of which he

so fully perceived."

Truman was lauded as "even more than a great American President and a great world leader in a period of vast historic upheaval. He was a friend without whose decisive, far-reaching and understanding support the fate of the Jewish State then struggling to be born, might well have been very different." Shazar's statement concluded "We are a people with a long history and memory. In that history and memory President Truman has, and will always have, a unique and glorious place. We mourn him and remember him with reverence and infinite gratitude."

At the memorial service Shazar was accorded a front row seat inside the cavernous, floodlit Washington Cathedral. At the conclusion of the service the top American and foreign dignitaries, including Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin, filed out behind a procession of choir boys. Shazar followed a short distance behind. Later he attended a reception at the State Department hosted by Secretary of State William P. Rogers and had a brief and informal meeting with President Nixon.

U.S. DISCUSSIONS WITH E. GERMANY WILL INCLUDE ISRAEL'S INTERESTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (JTA)--State Department sources emphasized to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Friday that discussions of U.S. recognition of East Germany are of a purely preliminary nature and do not preclude consideration of Israel's request that East Germany assume responsibility for the Nazi holocaust and pay reparations.

According to a reliable State Department source, resolution of U.S. diplomatic relations with East Germany will "probably not occur before this spring and probably not until after ratification of the treaty between East and West Germany." During this time, the source said, "there are a lot of issues which will be considered." He strongly implied that Israel's interests would be among those issues.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES E. GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 7 (JTA)--The Dutch Government announced today that it has recognized East Germany and that ambassadors will be exchanged shortly between the two countries. The announcement said the establishment of diplomatic relations was "independent" of current talks on compensation for Dutch-owned factories nationalized by East Germany and "unrelated" to talks on reparations for Dutch war victims.

(Netherlands Foreign Minister Norbert Schmelzer said last week that Holland would demand East German reparations for all World War II victims, including Jews, before establishing diplomatic relations with the Communist country. Schmelzer made the statement in response to a joint query from Holland's three Jewish congregational groups.)

AUSTRALIAN JEWS SPONSOR SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7 (JTA)--Nahal Keturah, a settlement north of Eilat sponsored by Australian Jewry, was dedicated Thursday. Prime Minister Rupert James Hamer of Victoria State participated in the ceremonies. The Australian leader and 44 Jewish donors from Australia are touring various development projects undertaken by the Jewish National Fund. Nahal Keturah, a para-military settlement on 3600 dunams (900 acres) of JNF land, will eventually pass into civilian hands.