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## MRS. MEIR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF IVORY COAST ON ISRAELI-AFRICAN RELATIONS

GENEVA, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Israeli Premier Golda Meir arrived here today for talks with Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny on the future of African-Israeli relations. Mrs. Meir arrived at Cointrin Airport this morning amidst top security precautions taken by city and military police. She arrived from Rome where she met yesterday with Pope Paul VI and top Italian government officials.

Mrs. Meir is expected to discuss with Houphouet-Boigny Israel's deteriorating relations with the African continent. Within the last ten months, five African countries--Uganda, Mali, Niger, Chad and Congo-Brazzaville--have broken diplomatic relations with Israel. The African leader and the Israeli Premier are old friends, going back to Mrs. Meir's days as Foreign Minister. Her meeting with the Ivory Coast President has thus far been wrapped in secrecy.

(According to reports this morning from Jerusalem, the visit between the African and Israeli leaders came as a complete surprise. There was no hint at her press conference yesterday in Rome at the Israeli Embassy that she planned to go to Switzerland. Mrs. Meir is accompanied by her personal secretary, Mrs. Lou Kaddar, who formerly headed the Foreign Ministry's African Department.)

### Meeting With Pope Historic Event

At her press conference, Mrs. Meir indicated that she considered her meeting with Pope Paul to have been an historic event. "It isn't once a week that a representative of Israel has the opportunity to meet the Pope and discuss our problems with him. I'm very happy that the audience took place," Mrs. Meir said. She observed that "Anybody with historic perspective cannot possibly refuse to see there is historic value in it. I was very gratified when the Pope expressed his appreciation of the way Israel was taking care of the holy places."

Asked if she considered a verbal statement by a Vatican spokesman playing down the importance of her Papal audience to be a "diplomatic slap in the face," Mrs. Meir replied, "I didn't break into the Vatican. I came because the meeting had been arranged. I have no excuses to offer for my coming."

Frederico Alessandrini, a lay spokesman for the Vatican, said yesterday that the granting of an audience to the Israeli Premier was not "a preferential or exclusive gesture" and stressed the Vatican's cordial relations with the Arab states and the fact that the Pope has received King Hussein of Jordan and other Arab leaders. Mrs. Meir said she didn't want to enter into polemics "with those who issued that statement" and would stand by the official Vatican communique issued after her audience."

### TEXT OF JOINT VATICAN-ISRAELI STATEMENT

This morning, Jan. 16, 1973, His Holiness Pope Paul received Mrs. Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel, who was accompanied by the Israeli Ambassador to Italy, H.E. Amiel E. Najjar. The conversation which lasted about an hour, covered the situation in the Middle East and the specific problems concerning the Holy Land.

His Holiness, after having reviewed the history and the sufferings of the Jewish people, presented the Holy See's point of view on the problems which have to a large extent relevance to its humanitarian mission such as the refugee problem and the situation of the various communities which live in the Holy Land and those which are directly related to its more specifically religious mission regarding the holy places and the sacred and universal character of the City of Jerusalem.

The Prime Minister emphasized Israel's desire for peace and amply described the position of the possibilities in reaching a peaceful solution in the Middle Eastern conflict through negotiations between the parties and on the above-mentioned subjects, and also referred to the phenomenon of terrorism as well as to the special condition concerning Jewish communities in certain parts of the world.

His Holiness finally, in expressing his warmest wishes that justice and law would establish peace and co-existence among all peoples of the Middle East, once again declared the intention of the Holy See to do all within its possibilities in order to reach these goals.

### RABBI SAYS POPE-MEIR MEETING WAS FRIENDLY, WARM, CONSTRUCTIVE

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that yesterday's meeting between Pope Paul VI and Premier Golda Meir of Israel was "held in a completely friendly, warm and constructive spirit" and that the Pope himself regarded it as an historic event.

Rabbi Tanenbaum, co-secretary of the joint Vatican-International Jewish Committee and director of the American Jewish Committee's interreligious affairs department, told the JTA that he obtained his information in telephone conversations last night with high-ranking Catholic and Israeli sources in Rome. He said he learned that the "invitation for the visit grew out of a common desire that was reached in cordial conversations between the Vatican Secretariate of State and the Israeli Ambassador to Italy; it was not contrived nor imposed by either side."

The rabbi said that Mrs. Meir was received at the Vatican "with the same protocol and ceremonial correctness that was accorded to President Nixon on his last visit to Rome." He said that when the Pope welcomed Mrs. Meir to his study he "blessed her personally and blessed the State of Israel." According to Rabbi Tanenbaum's sources, "The Pontiff declared that he regarded the meeting between them as an historic event and Mrs. Meir responded by saying that she agreed."

Rabbi Tanenbaum said that it was clear from his information that a verbal statement yesterday by Frederico Alessandrini "was a fundamental misrepresentation and distortion of both the spirit of the meeting and of the issues and understandings that were arrived at."

### DIGGING OUT OF WORST SNOWSTORM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Israelis began digging themselves out of the worst snowfall in

recent years today. It blanketed much of the country from Galilee to the northern Negev, left many areas temporarily without heat or electric power and played havoc with deliveries of bread and milk.

About 17 inches of snow fell in and around Jerusalem between 11:30 p.m. Sunday and 3 p.m. Monday. The highways linking the capital with Tel Aviv and other areas were blocked preventing the normal delivery of supplies. Army halftracks made emergency deliveries of milk in Jerusalem, Hebron and Bethlehem. Jerusalemites were seen carrying armloads of bread through the snow drifts as if preparing for a siege.

Avraham Birnbaum, secretary of the Jerusalem Merchants Association denounced the city administration because only 100 of Jerusalem's 500 small grocery stores received any bread during the day. But Mayor Teddy Kolek rejected complaints that the city was caught unprepared by the storm. He said things couldn't be expected to function during a January snowstorm as they did on a sunny day in May.

The Knesset, undaunted by the storm, opened on schedule but only 20 of the 120 members were present, a number later increased to 40. The snowstorm may accomplish indirectly what the complaints of many a weary traveller has failed to do—bring about an improvement of Israel's decrepit railroad system. Many MKs, forced to make the trip from Tel Aviv by rail for the first time in years, agreed that it was the worst they ever made. They pledged to do something to improve the system.

#### TEKOAH HITS RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN USSR

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 16 (JTA)—In a sharply worded letter to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Yosef Tekoah, Israeli Ambassador to the UN, yesterday deplored the rise of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, the plight of Soviet Jewry, and the abuse of United Nations organs and facilities by certain member states "as mere instruments of their self-centered policies and propaganda."

Tekoah was responding to a letter written Jan. 3 to Waldheim by Soviet Ambassador to the UN, Yakov Malik, protesting against Tekoah's use of UN channels to bring up the question of Soviet Jewry.

"The Soviet government is responsible for Soviet Jewry's sad plight which has become a matter of common knowledge and general concern," Tekoah wrote. "The Soviet government is aware of the fact that questions of human rights and in particular of racial and religious discrimination, and of repression of minorities have always been the subject of United Nations consideration and action. The fundamental human rights of Soviet Jews... cannot and will not be an exception."

Tekoah cited "The Promised Land," a novel by Yuri Kolesnikov, as "a shocking example" of the "controlled campaign of anti-Semitism pursued in mass media of information in the Soviet Union." He said the book vilifies Jewish culture and faith and the Zionist movement.

"Only the darkest and most primitive anti-Semitism," Tekoah wrote, would be capable of assertions such as the novel's that collusion between Jews and their tormentors resulted in the annihilation of six million Jews by the Nazis. (A description of the novel appeared in the Daily News Bulletin Jan. 4.)

Tekoah advised Malik to draw his government's attention "to the shock and revulsion generated" by its anti-Jewish policies and actions in disregard of the UN charter, the Universal Dec-

laration of Human Rights and the Soviet constitution.

#### FRENCH JEWS WILL NOT PLAY DECISIVE ROLE IN FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (JTA)—France's 300,000 Jewish voters will not play a decisive role, as Jews, in the French national elections in March, according to a group of French Jewish leaders visiting here. The leaders, attending the Conference of European Jewish Communities, discussed the electoral position of French Jewry privately with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. They stressed that they were presenting their views as individuals rather than as members of the French delegation to the conference.

Henri Bulawko of Paris, said, "There is no such thing as a Jewish vote in France." He noted that while French Jews solidly supported Israel, they tended to vote for left, right or centrist candidates according to their interests, like any other group of citizens. He added that the 300,000 Jewish votes would hardly play a significant role in an electorate of 30 million.

Mons Grynfolgel, president of the Jewish community in Toulouse, said French Jews were "deeply disappointed by French policy in the Middle East." Yet, he added, they recall the sympathetic attitude of the same French government toward Jews in the North African countries and toward the struggle for the rights of Soviet Jews. "There is a kind of dichotomy here," he said.

Marcel Greilsammer of Paris, vice-president of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, said, "A Jew may be inclined to vote for the Socialists on various counts. But he will also ask himself whether the Socialist candidate had a good record in regard to the Nazis, from the Jewish, or indeed, the French point of view, and whether he is pro-Israel." According to Greilsammer, the Jewish voter "may sometimes choose to vote for a pro-Israel candidate with a good resistance record who does not correspond to his political and social outlook as a citizen."

#### RABBI SIEGEL AT NIXON'S INAUGURAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (JTA)—Rabbi Seymour Siegel, professor of theology at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will deliver the invocation at President Nixon's inauguration in Washington Saturday, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. He will be participating in the ceremonies with Roman Catholic, Protestant and Eastern Orthodox clergymen. Rabbi Siegel told the JTA that the Inaugural Committee has provided him with a hotel within walking distance of the inauguration site. He said the use of a microphone and appearance on television on the Sabbath is not a violation according to the Conservative interpretation of Jewish law. Rabbi Siegel, who recalled that it has been customary for a rabbi to participate in Presidential inaugurations since the inauguration of President Truman in 1949, was active in the campaign to re-elect Nixon.

Leon Dultzin, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, contended yesterday that Israel has the right to claim any of the territories it presently occupies. Addressing the Conference of European Jewish Communities in London convened by the World Jewish Congress, Dultzin said he was not offering any blue-print for negotiations with the Arabs. "But I do say, as an article of faith, that none of us has any right to renounce any part of Eretz Israel."

## FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES LAUNCHES \$218 M BUILDING DRIVE

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (JTA)--More than \$35 million has been raised toward the goal of a record \$218 million in the capital fund campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, it was announced here tonight at the official launching of the drive. Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mayor John V. Lindsay told the 350 Jewish leaders attending a dinner that the drive was essential to the welfare of the more than 1.5 million New York residents of all races and faiths served annually by Federation agencies in the five city boroughs, Nassau, and Westchester, Suffolk and Rockland Counties.

Elliot L. Richardson, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and Secretary of Defense designate, was the principal speaker. He characterized Federation's building drive as a "model" of the kind of individual enterprise that is necessary to offset the over-extended authority of federal government. "Your master plan, which is designed to add new medical, welfare and educational buildings to your already immensely effective network of humane services, is an example of private sector initiative at its best," he said.

George H. Heyman, Jr., a former Federation president, read a roster of gifts that included 12 contributions of \$1 million or more and an additional 56 gifts of \$100,000 or more. "Although not read at the dinner, there are a large number of gifts on the records of amounts under \$100,000 he said. "Never in the history of private philanthropy has so great an amount been raised in so short a period solely for health, welfare and educational needs of a local community," Heyman stated.

### Building Program Outlined

The \$218 million being sought is the philanthropic goal of a master plan which, with matching government grants of almost \$500 million will add more than two-thirds of a billion dollars in new, expanded and modernized medical, welfare and educational buildings and services to Federation's network of agencies in Greater New York. Construction of new buildings; repairs and modernization, and initiation of services will begin as funds become available and will take up to 10 years to complete, it is estimated.

The building program consists of more than 200 separate and distinct projects for 60 of Federation's major affiliated agencies. In addition to money for physical facilities, the campaign will seek to raise, for the first time in Federation's history, separate funds to be devoted to innovative programs, special services and research in the fields of health and aged services, Jewish education and social services.

The evening's program began with the lighting of a seven-branch menorah fashioned out of bricks, symbolic of the building drive. It culminated with the dedication of a time capsule, a bronze container that was filled with documents of the building drive, publications of Federation and its member agencies, newspapers of the day and other historic material. It was sealed for presentation to the Jewish Museum of New York; with instructions that it be opened on January 16, 2073.

### SAPIR: ISRAELIS NOT CONTRIBUTING ENOUGH TO NATION'S SOCIAL NEEDS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said that Israelis are contributing less than they can afford to meet the nation's social needs, despite their heavy burden of taxes. However, he said, there were 35 Israeli families who recently contributed IL 100 million for various

social purposes.

Sapir, addressing a meeting of the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) which marked the opening of the 1973 WIZO campaign, noted that the women's organization would soon open 400 day care centers permitting 20,000 mothers to go to work. He noted that WIZO also planned kindergartens for children between 3-5 years of age and said these activities were essential because Israel needed a larger work force.

### GOLDMANN SAYS DIASPORA JEWRY NEED NOT ALWAYS FOLLOW 'ISRAEL'S LINE'

LONDON, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann urged diaspora Jews to think and act independently on major issues confronting the world. The World Jewish Congress president participated in a debate today on the role of the intellectual in Jewish life at the Conference of European Jewish Communities convened here by the WJC. "There is a reluctance on the part of Jewish leaders, or some of them, to speak out on great humanitarian issues which do not directly affect the Jewish people," Dr. Goldmann said.

"Israel may not always be able, or may not always think it wise politically to intervene in the great issues in which she is not directly concerned at this stage. A state has the right to be self-centered. But this does not mean that diaspora Jewry need always follow Israel's line. If we do, we shall lose the support of great parts of world public opinion. We must stand guard against Jewish isolation," Dr. Goldmann declared.

He stressed that in a period of "great bewilderment" there is a greater need than ever before for the guidance of Jewish intellectuals. The Jewish leadership today, he observed, is made up of "men of action or men of financial potentiality. At the same time, there is a great need to explain to the world, as distinct from apologizing, the uniqueness of the Jewish attitude to Israel, and to answer questions about so-called dual loyalties which still come up even among well-meaning people."

Dr. S. Levenberg told the conference that although European Jewry comprises one-third of the Jewish people, "it does not exercise influence in Jewish life" proportional to its numbers. He said that the European Jewish Conference, the first since 1945, meant that "European Jewry is here to reassert itself."

### YOUNG COUPLES PROTEST HIGH COST OF FLATS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16 (JTA)--With infants in their arms and small children clustering around, about 100 young couples from Kiryat Motzkin, near Haifa, went into the fourth day of a sit-in at the Ministry of Housing to protest the high cost of flats and alleged discrimination against them.

According to the couples, they are being charged more for flats than couples enrolled in an identical government housing scheme in nearby Kiryat Haim. They say their monthly mortgage charges will be IL 380 compared to IL 260 in the neighboring town.

Representatives of the protestors waited in vain yesterday for four hours in the Knesset building to see the ministers of finance or housing. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, on his way out of the Knesset, told them curtly to end their sit-in and send a delegation to see the Housing Minister next week. The protestors say that Housing Minister Zeev Shafir has refused to talk to them. They said they would not leave the ministry until one of the ministers talks to them directly.

# JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES MUST HAVE MINORITY REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS OR LOSE GIVERS FUND AID

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Three Jewish social service agencies in the Greater Washington area will be deprived of financial aid from the area-wide United Givers Fund if by Sept. 1 at least 20 percent of their boards of directors are not members of minority groups--Blacks or Spanish-speaking persons. The three organizations, according to an outside source, received a total of \$399,603 last year from the UGF. The heads of the three Jewish agencies confirmed that figure yesterday and provided the Jewish Telegraphic Agency with individual budgetary breakdowns.

The Jewish Social Service Agency was given \$225,000 toward a budget of \$800,000. The Hebrew Home for the Aged of Greater Washington received \$90,000 in its budget of \$2,496,000, and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington got about \$80,000 toward its budget of \$1.3 million.

Representatives of the three organizations and the United Jewish Appeal which largely underwrites their budgets, will meet Jan. 24 with the Health and Welfare Council which has laid down the quota demands. The HWC is the dispersing agency for UGF collected funds.

Seven local Red Cross chapters which last year received a fifth of the \$14.2 million donated to the UGF are not members of the HWC and therefore are not subjected to its rulings. Fifteen of the 87 UGF groups have not yet complied with the quotas. It was indicated that they will by the Sept. deadline with the possible exception of the Jewish agencies which have not reached any decision in advance of the forthcoming meeting.

Some Jewish community leaders have indicated privately, however, that they would seek to have the Jewish groups withdraw from the UGF before submitting to the quota system which they fear will ultimately cause the disappearance of their organizations' Jewish character.

## Sectarian Integrity Must Be Respected

According to Thomas Fetzner, HWC deputy director, the quota system was established in 1970 for implementation in 1972. The quotas are 51 percent minority group membership on the directorates of Washington-only organizations; 20 percent in groups serving both Washington and the suburbs; and six percent in suburban areas only. The Jewish groups are centered in Rockville, a nearby Maryland suburb.

The Jewish population in Greater Washington is approximately 120,000. About 20,000 Jews live in Washington proper and most of the rest in suburban Maryland. There are very few Black Jews in the region.

Harry Van Cleve, president of the HWC said, "We intend to drop groups if they don't comply but we are hopeful that nearly everyone will comply." George M. Pikser, executive director of the Jewish Social Service Agency said, "I don't know why a Black person would want to serve on the board of this organization when there are so many problems in the Black community that need all the leadership available."

Leonard Abel, president of the Hebrew Home for the Aged, pointed out that the UGF was created to avoid duplicate fund-raising efforts. With racial issues becoming more intense and with changes in the population in Washington, now 3/4 Black, the HWC seems to be trying to cause each agency to become inter-denominational or inter-racial irrespec-

tive of what that agency serves, Abel said. He emphasized that the Hebrew Home for the Aged was created to serve Jewish people and the specific criteria for both guests at the Home and board members was that they must belong to the Hebrew faith. The sectarian integrity of these institutions must be respected, he said.

Isaac Franck, executive vice-president of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, an umbrella organization for area Jewish institutions, observed that "it is important in terms of American culture to have agencies which serve specific cultural groups." The JCC does not receive UGF funds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (JTA)--Enclosed along with today's Daily News Bulletin is a chart of the JTA world Jewish news network. The chart illustrates how the JTA operates, where the news comes from, how and where it is distributed, and the various services provided.

## ISRAELI OFFICES, DESTROYED BY FIRE, NOT SEEN AS OBJECT OF ARSON

BOSTON, Jan. 16 (JTA)--A fire swept through a multi-story building here yesterday destroying a number of offices and business firms including the offices of the Israeli consulate and Israeli tourist and aliyah center. Fire marshals investigating the blaze said this morning that arson was suspected. The building also housed the Irish consulate. The fire reportedly began in the rear of a clothing store on the street level and spread throughout the building. Neither fire marshals nor local fire and city arson squad officials were immediately prepared to comment beyond that.

Sources here told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it was unlikely that the arson was a deliberate attempt to destroy the Israeli offices. "The likelihood," said one source, "is that it may have been aimed at the Irish consulate and we just happened to be there." He noted that in addition to the destruction of the offices, the fire may also have destroyed important official papers, including passports, in the Israeli consulate office.

Another source told the JTA that the Israeli Consul General Shimshon Inbal had received threats recently from persons identifying themselves as members of the terrorist Black September movement. Inbal's home in Brookline, a suburb of Boston, has been under "extra surveillance," the source said, and his children are being escorted to and from school by Brookline police. Meanwhile, the state fire marshal and Boston city arson squad have been ordered to continue their investigation of the fire which caused an estimated \$400,000 damage to the building.

Israel Aircraft Industries has signed an agreement appointing the West German G.L.S. firm of Hesse as sales agents in West Germany for Israel's Commodore Jet executive aircraft. The plane has already been given flight clearance by West German authorities and a sample is in Germany for exhibition purposes.

The Herut Party's Central Committee elected a 31-member Executive yesterday, notable for the absence of Gen. Ezer Weizman, the party's former No. 2 man. Weizman rejected an offer of the 32nd seat on the Executive whose members were hand picked by party leader Menachem Begin. The vote for the new Executive was 155-23 with eight abstentions.