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GOLDA TO RUN AGAIN

TEL AVIV, June 17 (JTA)—Israeli Premier Golda Meir announced today that she has decided to run again for election next fall.

In a letter to Labor Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin she said she has "given in to the pleas of friends and colleagues" and decided not to retire. Mrs. Meir is 75.

Delegates to the Labor Party Central Council broke into wild cheering and applause when Yadin read out Mrs. Meir's letter here today.

Mrs. Meir's decision ended a long period of uncertainty and, according to public opinion polls results, assures the continuation of the current government and its policies. Her decision to continue heading the Israeli government also shatters the hopes of such potential candidates as Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Deputy Premier Yigal Allon.

Party officials have been pressing Mrs. Meir to run again as the only way to maintain party unity and prevent possible numerous splits in Labor Party ranks. These officials believed that she was the only person capable of maintaining party unity.

TWO BOMB-CARRYING ARABS INURED IN EXPLOSION

ROME, June 17 (JTA)—A Syrian registered automobile packed with explosives blew up in the center of Rome today, injuring two men described as Arabs who were inside the car.

Police said only a small part of the total amount of explosives aboard the car went off, apparently igniting spilled gasoline. Bomb disposal experts later found a large amount of gelignite concealed in cigarette cartons.

The two men, both badly burned but not in grave condition, were taken to Rome's General Hospital and placed under a heavy police guard. From the automobile documents and personal papers, police tentatively identified one of the men as Shihli Ryad, born in Ramleh in 1954 and now residing in Damascus.

According to police officials, the black Mercedes also contained detonators and fuses. They said that had all the explosives aboard the car ignited there would have been a massive tragedy in the heart of the city.

The explosion occurred in the Piazza Barberini, at the foot of the Via Veneto and next to one of Rome's famous Bernini statues, which was undamaged.

A passer-by, Roberto Guerra, who pulled the injured men to safety, said: "There were two explosions, then a huge sheet of flame, the men threw themselves out of the car and started rolling on the ground to extinguish their burning clothes."

Police now are trying to find out if the men were responsible for the explosion and, if so, what they were trying to accomplish. One theory, which police said is at the moment "a mere hypothesis," is that the men were planning to place the car in front of the nearby Israeli El Al Airlines office.

Austrian Premier Bruno Kreisky has accepted an invitation to visit Israel but no date has yet been set. The invitation was extended by Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu who is visiting Austria.

BREZHNEV IN THE U.S.A. — THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE — NIXON EXPECTED TO RAISE SOVIET JEWRY ISSUE

WASHINGTON, June 17 (JTA)—Unprecedented security precautions have been clamped down in Washington and at the Presidential retreat of Camp David during Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's visit here.

Brezhnev, who arrived yesterday afternoon at Washington's Andrews Air Force Base, was spirited away to Camp David in a U.S. Air Force helicopter. His official visit will begin tomorrow morning when he meets with President Nixon at the White House.

Andrews Air Force Base was closed to the public and news media when Brezhnev arrived. Roads leading to it were blocked and it was impossible to get even a telescopic view of the Soviet leader as he left his plane to board the USAF helicopter.

The extraordinary security measures taken for Brezhnev's visit seem to be motivated by an American desire to avoid a repetition of the Pompidou incidents. During the visit of the French President to the U.S. three years ago, Pompidou was faced by Jewish demonstrators in New York and Chicago.

The Nixon Administration felt at the time that the incidents undermined American prestige and its tradition of hospitality. The security measures taken here aim at preventing any direct contact between Brezhnev and the tens of thousands of Jews who plan to demonstrate here on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

(A crowd estimated by the assistant chief of the Capitol Police at over 10,000 gathered in the West Plaza of the Capitol this afternoon for the opening of the Freedom Assembly for Soviet Jews. They were addressed by Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) who delivered a slashing attack on what he called unfulfilled promises by the Soviet Union and the U.S. to allow Soviet citizens to emigrate freely.) (See separate story on page 4.)

Six Jews Arrested In Moscow

Two Jewish groups used the occasion of Brezhnev's arrival to focus attention on what they described as deteriorating conditions for Jews seeking to leave the Soviet Union. Richard Maass, president of the National Conference for Soviet Jewry, said in a statement over the week-end that the weeks preceding the Soviet leader's departure for the U.S. were marked by drastic cuts in emigration from the USSR.

Maass offered no figures but expressed concern over what he called "harassment by the secret police of Jewish activists and would-be emigrants" and periodic arrests, searches and threats.

(The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported from Vienna today that the Soviet police have arrested six Jews in Moscow according to Jewish sources there. No reason for the arrests was given but the sources believe the Soviet authorities were concerned about possible demonstrations during Communist Party Secretary Brezhnev's visit to the U.S. All of those arrested are known activists who have applied, unsuccessfully, for visas to go to Israel. They were identified as Lev Kogan; Anna Novikov; Moishe Belfo; Boris Tsylyonok; Leonid Tsypin; and Valery Kryzhak.)

The Union of Councils for Soviet Jews meanwhile filed with the House Ways and Means Committee the names and biographies of 58 Jews in the Soviet Union who have been denied exit visas, on the pretext of "national security."

The Council charged that while the Soviet authorities have suspended the education tax on emigrants, they have adopted a policy of selectivity — denying visas to certain applicants. The purpose, according to the group, is to intimidate others from seeking visas.

Tours Cancelled

The security precautions adopted for the Brezhnev visit which veteran observers of the Washington scene say were never employed for any other visiting national leader included the cancellation of Brezhnev's trips outside of Washington and the well-guarded Presidential retreats at Camp David, Md., and San Clemente, California.

Among the originally planned Brezhnev stopovers cancelled were one at Houston, where the Soviet leader was to have visited the National Aeronautical and Space Agency (NASA) headquarters and another at Detroit where Brezhnev, an auto buff, was to have visited the plants of major American automobile manufacturers. A visit to New York was also cancelled for security reasons.

In Washington, the street on which the Soviet Embassy is located has been blocked to vehicular traffic and police barricades have limited pedestrian traffic.

Most Jewish organizations seem to have accepted the Nixon Administration line and mass demonstrations during the week will take place well away from Brezhnev's sight or hearing.

The organizers of today's demonstrations at the Capitol and Washington Monument grounds behind the White House were aware that the Soviet leader would be at Camp David in the hills of Western Maryland at the time.

Demonstrations in Los Angeles and San Clemente will be held before Brezhnev gets there. Others are planned for Long Island and New York City where Brezhnev will not visit.

Stein And Fisher At White House Dinner

The American public has up to now showed little interest in the Brezhnev visit in startling contrast to what happened 15 years ago when Nikita Khrushchev visited the United States. The only interest aroused by the visit is the new "Jewish angle" which weighs heavily on the meeting between the two most powerful men in the world today.

White House officials have indicated that the President will raise the Soviet Jewry issue "in the appropriate manner" during his talks with the Soviet leader.

A number of Senators also intend to raise the subject when they meet Brezhnev at the various functions due to take place this week in Washington. Max Fisher, of Detroit and Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, and their wives, are among several national Jewish leaders who have been invited to attend the State Dinner President Nixon is giving for Brezhnev at the White House tomorrow night.

SAPIR CALLS FOR A WAGE "DE-ESCALATION"

TEL AVIV, June 17 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir has issued a stern warning to government employees and others on the public payroll to de-escalate their wage demands and end their strike threats unless they want to undermine the nation's economy and touch off runaway inflation.

Sapir, who arrived in the United States Friday for a two week visit on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds, delivered his warning in a statement prior to departure. He addressed it to some 100,000 public employees in 12 categories who are involved in current labor disputes. He told them flatly that the government will make no further concessions beyond those announced and will not increase wages beyond the limit it has set of 42 percent.

He said that if the government were to meet the wage demands of those on strike or threatening to strike it would cost the State budget IL 300 million in addition to the IL 1 billion paid in the form of cost of living allowances and wage increases during 1972-73. He warned that printing additional bank notes and throwing millions of pounds into circulation would create a new round of inflation that would quickly nullify the wage increases.

Sapir asked the workers to hold their wage demands in abeyance until 1974 when negotiations for new biannual wage agreements start. He called attention to reduced income tax payments beginning July 1 which will give wage earners more take-home pay.

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS HEBRON ARAB AGAINST DAYAN

JERUSALEM, June 17 (JTA)--The Supreme Court issued an order against Defense Minister Moshe Dayan giving him 30 days to show cause why he should not evacuate a building which a Hebron resident claims belongs to him and which, he says, was illegally taken over by the Military Governor of Judea and Samaria.

The appellant, Hassan Abu Zeina, said in his petition that he is trustee for an estate which includes a building once leased by the Intra Bank of Beirut. The bank collapsed before the Six-Day War. After the war, the Israeli Commissioner of Banks bought up the assets of all banks in Judea and Samaria, including those of Intra Bank. The Military Governor and the Commissioner then seized the building which the appellant had rented to the bank although it was not part of the bank's assets, Abu Zeina asserted.

In 1971 the Israeli authorities paid him 1,000 Jordanian dinars and had him sign some papers in Hebrew, the content of which was unclear to him, he declared. Since then the authorities have refused his repeated demands to give him back the building, causing him great financial damage, he claimed.

NIXON BOMB-LETTER SENDERS SENTENCED

TEL AVIV, June 17 (JTA)--Ten Druze members of a Syrian-led espionage ring were sentenced today by a military court to prison terms ranging from three to 15 years. The 10 were found guilty of espionage, membership in a hostile organization, possession of fire arms and gathering secret information.

Three of the defendants were also found guilty of having tried to mail letter bombs to President Nixon, U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Melvin Laird, who was then Secretary of Defense. The letter bombs were discovered at the Kiryat Shemone Post Office in time. These three were all sentenced to 15 years.

President Ephraim Katzir attended a festive Shabat service in his honor at the President's synagogue in Jerusalem. It was the first Shabat the new President spent in Jerusalem since his election and an overflow congregation greeted him with singing and dancing.

GOVERNMENT STUDYING POSSIBLE PRICE FREEZE

JERUSALEM, June 17 (JTA)--The Government announced today that it will not budge from its current wage policy and called upon all strikers to return to work.

The Cabinet also decided to act on the rising cost of living, the basic reason behind the current wave of strikes. It instructed the Committee of Economic Ministers to study the possibility of introducing a nation-wide price freeze.

The Government also asked the Minister of Justice to speed up legal proceedings against people suspected of illegal price increases.

A number of strikes have been plaguing the country: salaried doctors have been on strike since June 7; radio and television journalists have been on strike since June 12; 500 Hebrew University professors are out since the start of the month and scientists working for the Ministry of Defense have held a one-day stoppage of work today.

KOLLEK PROTESTS POLICE MEASURES

JERUSALEM, June 17 (JTA)--Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek has written Police Minister Shlomo Hillel to protest the police handling of an East Jerusalem merchants' strike last week. The daily paper, Davar said that Kollek protested against such police actions as large-scale arrests of strikers and marking closed stores with paint.

Davar quoted Kollek as saying that such police actions "were contrary to official policy toward East Jerusalem Arabs" and could harm Israel politically.

EXPORT POTENTIAL FOR KOSHER-CHEESE

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, June 17 (JTA)--The New Zealand dairy industry, the largest exporter of milk products in the world, has just come up with a new product, Kosher cheese. And while at present the cheese is being sold only to members of the New Zealand Jewish community, it may one day be available for export.

Normally, the cheesemaking process involves the use of rennet, a substance taken from the stomachs of calves. In New Zealand, the calves used for this purpose are not killed according to Jewish law. For this reason New Zealand Jews have, until now, been unable to eat locally-produced cheese.

However, science, in the form of Rennilase, a milk clotting enzyme of vegetable origin, has come to the rescue and the problem has been overcome.

The manufacture of the Kosher cheese is strictly supervised by a Rabbi, who feels satisfied that the equipment used is free from any trace of calf rennet. Once made, the cheese is stamped with the Rabbi's seal and then left to mature until ready for consumption.

JDL MEMBERS ARRESTED IN WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, June 17 (JTA)--Five members of the Jewish Defense League from New York City were arrested in the White House Friday after they staged a brief sit-in in the Blue Room in the Presidential living quarters. The incident occurred in the absence of President Nixon who was in Pekin, Ill. for the day to dedicate the Everett Dirksen Congressional Research Center. The White House declined to comment on the incident.

According to Saul Perl, a local JDL activist, the five arrested JDLers were taken to a Washington police station and booked on charges of unlawful entry. Perl, whose father, Dr. William Perl, is head of the JDL Washington section, described the five as of college age.

Perl said the JDL group entered the White House with a tour but once inside the Blue Room left the line of sightseers and staged a demonstration. They chanted slogans such as "Mr. Nixon stop the slave trade" and "Do not forget the Soviet Jews, Mr. President." Earlier the JDL released a statement charging that Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev has reneged on his promises to allow free emigration from the Soviet Union.

Three of the demonstrators were identified as Steve Thomoshow, Debbie Kohn and Mara Wendroff. The names of the other two were withheld because they are juveniles.

SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ANTICLIMAX SO FAR, SAY ISRAELI OFFICIALS

JERUSALEM, June 17 (JTA)--Israeli officials believe the Security Council debate on the Middle East has proved an anticlimax so far and has disappointed the hopes of Egypt, whose Foreign Minister Mohammed el-Zayyat initiated it. Egypt hoped for a dramatic debate resulting in a re-definition of Resolution 242 along Arab lines of interpretation or a new UN peace-making machinery being established, but the firm American stand coupled with the lack of enthusiasm showed even by the Soviet-Arab bloc has resulted in the current situation.

Officials here believe that the Council will finally decide, after its month recess, to send Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to the Mideast. Other diplomatic reports say there will be no substantive resolution at all and the Council will adjourn on a procedural point.

Israeli officials are by no means minimizing the fact that 12 Council members took stands opposed to Israel's own interpretation of Resolution 242. But, as one official said, nothing of importance emerged from it all while U.S. Ambassador John Scali remained steadfastly against any change in the resolution, which, he said "is silent on the question of boundaries."

Officials here were disappointed that Panama and Peru, traditionally sympathetic to Israel, supported the Arab stand this time. On the other hand, they were heartened by Australia's favorable position.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL LAUNCHES STUDIES

NEW YORK, June 17 (JTA)--The Synagogue Council of America has launched three major studies to explore the future role of the Synagogue in American Jewish life, Council president, Rabbi Irwin M. Blank announced yesterday.

Rabbi Blank, of Temple Ohabei Shalom in Brookline, Mass., was elected president of the Synagogue Council of America, the central coordinating agency for the major national synagogal and rabbinic organizations of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewry.

The three studies, which are being organized by the Council's Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Jewish Policy Planning and Research, will deal with Jewish community transition, Jewish marriage patterns, and Jews on campus.

The U.S. Senate Friday confirmed the nomination of former Sen. Kenneth Keating as the new American Ambassador to Israel. The nomination was routinely approved by a voice vote without dissent. Mr. Keating replaces Walworth Barbour. He will assume his post next month.

OVER 10,000 DEMONSTRATE IN WASHINGTON — JACKSON SAYS AMENDMENT WILL PASS

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WASHINGTON, June 17 (JTA)--More than 10,000 Americans concerned with the fate of Soviet Jews massed in the nation's capital today to remind visiting Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev and his host, President Nixon, that there is a moral and humanitarian factor in the relations between great powers that must not be ignored.

The Freedom Assembly for Soviet Jews began in the West Plaza of the Capitol shortly after 2 p.m. The throngs who came here in planes, trains, buses and cars from 20 states gathered under threatening skies and intermittent rainfall to hear speakers demand free emigration for Jews and other citizens of the Soviet Union, an end to arrests and harassment of those seeking exit visas and to urge the U.S. government to see to it that the USSR complies with the basic tenets of human rights before extending to it the benefits of profitable trade with this country.

Not Anti-Soviet

The demonstration was described by police as "orderly," "well-behaved" and "well organized." The demonstrators were preponderantly young people.

Young women pushing babies in prams were visible in the crowd. There were men and women of all ages and they came from states as far away as Nevada, Colorado, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida. Many carried signs reading, "Freedom Now," "Let My People Go," "Freedom For Soviet Jews."

Several unrelated demonstrations were held in different parts of Washington today with an undisguised anti-Soviet flavor. These were organized by Ukrainian and Baltic emigre groups and by Young Americans for Freedom, a right-wing youth group which said it planned to burn Brezhnev in effigy.

Organizers of the Freedom Assembly for Soviet Jews stressed however that their demonstration was not aimed against Brezhnev or opposed to detente between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. It was intended only to convey to the Russian leader the overwhelming concern of Americans for the situation of Jews seeking to leave the USSR.

As Rabbi Irving Lehrman of Miami Beach, Fla., past president of the Synagogue Council of America put it in his remarks at the Capitol Plaza rally, "We are not here as cold warriors, we are not here to do battle with the Soviet Union or Mr. Brezhnev. We are for detente. But should detente be built on the agony of Soviet Jews?"

The warmest and most prolonged ovation went to Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.), author of legislation that would condition U.S. trade concessions to the Soviet Union on the latter's removing its restrictions on emigration.

Jackson Denounces "Cynical Formula"

Sen. Jackson delivered a slashing attack on what he called unfulfilled Soviet and American promises to bring about freedom of emigration in the Soviet Union. He predicted that Congress would adopt legislation for a detente between the superpowers based on respect for human rights.

"We must have a genuine detente between peoples, not some cynical formula between governments for capitulation on the requirement for human rights," Sen. Jackson told the crowd assembled for the Freedom Assembly. "If a detente is not based on human rights, it will not only betray our most solemn promises, it will, in the long run, fail to produce peace. That is why the Congress is going to pass our amendment," he said.

Meany Message

Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R.N.Y.), in a message to the Freedom Assembly, said that justice for Soviet Jewry is "an indispensable condition" for close American relations with the Soviet Union in trade and finance. He said that the American expressions of concern over the "maltreatment of Jews in the Soviet Union" is a "determination based on a moral and national conviction" that detente between the superpowers "must have moral content too."

Another message, from AFL-CIO president George Meany said, "I am proud to pledge to you the full support of the AFL-CIO in the effort you have undertaken in behalf of Jews and others fighting for freedom in the USSR."

The rally at the Capitol Plaza ended at 4 p.m. and the demonstrators marched a mile to the Washington Monument grounds behind the White House to continue the Freedom Assembly.

During today's events in Washington, Brezhnev was at Camp David, Md., reportedly conferring with Presidential advisor Henry Kissinger prior to his first meeting with President Nixon at the White House tomorrow morning. Nixon was at his retreat at Key Biscayne, Fla.

SOUTH AFRICA AT MACCABIAH GAMES

TEL AVIV, June 17 (JTA)--South Africa will send a 112-member team to compete in the 9th Maccabiah which opens here July 9 but not all of its members will be able to participate. Athletes in track and field events have been barred from competition by the International Amateur Athletics Federation which has jurisdiction over those sports in international meets.

Although the ban has created an uproar among Jewish sportsmen in South Africa, the Israel Maccabiah Council is powerless to reverse it without jeopardizing the future eligibility of all track and field athletes in Maccabiah games. South Africa is barred from competing in most international sports events because of its apartheid policy.

The fact that the Maccabiah is an exclusively Jewish event that involves neither color bars nor politics failed to persuade the IAAF to change its position.

DAYAN DOUBTS SINCERITY OF BOURGUIBA OFFER

TEL AVIV, June 17 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said here last night that under current circumstances Israel must chose between security and conciliation with the Arab states.

Dayan, who was speaking at the Labor Party council, said that he does not believe a single Arab state "not even Jordan" really wants a real and true peace with Israel. He warned that the choice Israel has to face was "between a piece of paper with Arab assurances and controlling Sharm el Sheikh and the navigation in the Straits of Tiran."

The Minister said that all those who claim that Israel can obtain peace with the Arabs while controlling the territories "is either stupid or a hypocrite." Dayan also said that he doubted the sincerity of Bourguiba's offer to meet an Israeli leader.