



MRS. MEIR SAYS ISRAEL WILL NOT RETAIN SYRIAN AREA CAPTURED IN WAR

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir said last night that Israel would not retain Syrian territory it captured in the Yom Kippur War but would not negotiate a disengagement agreement with Syria until it discloses the names of Israeli prisoners of war and permits visits to them by the International Red Cross as required by the Geneva Convention. Mrs. Meir spoke at the closing session of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors meeting held here under the chairmanship of Max Fisher.

The Board of Governors wound up their meeting by pledging that the Jewish people abroad would raise \$1.25 billion for Israel in an 18-month period starting in April. They said the Jewish Agency in Israel would expend that sum for welfare and absorption work, thereby easing the government's burden in those areas. The \$1.25 billion will be in addition to the identical amount that world Jewry pledged to raise during the Yom Kippur War. (See separate story.)

Mrs. Meir declared that Israel was interested in reaching a separation of forces accord with Syria provided that Syria observes the Geneva Convention with respect to POWs. She said she assumed that U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger had presented Israel's position to the Damascus authorities. "But none of the appeals made so far have borne fruit," she said.

Referring to the Geneva peace conference, Premier Meir said that Israel will insist that it be limited to nations in the area. "Israel will not conduct negotiations with the Palestinian terrorist organizations nor would it agree to their participation in the Geneva conference," she declared. She said this was because the leaders of those organizations had made it abundantly clear that they were not interested in territorial problems but in driving out the Jews and liquidating the State of Israel.

Rejects NRP Law Of Return Amendment

Mrs. Meir touched on domestic as well as foreign problems in her speech to the Jewish Agency Board of Governors. She declared that she would not accept the demands of the National Religious Party to amend the Law of Return so that only conversions performed by Orthodox rabbis are recognized as valid in Israel. "The demand voiced by the religious parties would split the Jewish people in Israel and throughout the world at a time when the maintenance of national unity is imperative," Mrs. Meir said. She noted that in the interests of national unity she also opposed a bill introduced in the last Knesset by Liberal MK Gideon Hausner that would allow civil marriage in certain circumstances.

CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN FRANCE REFUSE TO WORK WITH JEWISH COMMUNITY ON ISRAELI POWS IN SYRIA

PARIS, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan revealed yesterday that the Catholic and Protestant churches in France have refused to participate with the Jewish community in a joint protest against Syria's refusal to release the Israeli POWs it holds. Rabbi Kaplan, addressing

the general assembly of the French Central Consistory, said that he had asked the Catholic and Protestant churches to join the Rabbinate in protesting to the Red Cross Committee in Geneva against Syria's refusal to respect the Geneva Convention.

Catholic sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Paris Cardinal has publicly called for the release of the Israeli POWs in Syria and for the implementation of the Geneva Convention by all countries concerned. These sources said that the joint protest text was found to be of a political nature and one-sided as it made no mention of Syria's demands for the return of its 15,000 civilians to the villages now under Israeli occupation as prescribed by the Geneva Convention. (Protestant sources were not available for comment when queried by the JTA.)

The Consistory, the central organization of French synagogues, reasserted its solidarity with Israel. Consistory President Alain de Rothschild told the Assembly that Israel's "growing isolation makes it imperative for practicing Jews to show more than ever in the past their backing of Israel and its stand."

WEST GERMANY PROBING 4000 PERSONAL CASES INVOLVING NAZI WAR CRIMES

BONN, Jan. 31 (JTA)--About 4000 personal cases involving Nazi war crimes are currently being investigated by the West German legal authorities, reports the Ludwigsburg Center for the Investigation of National Socialist Crimes. The center, near Stuttgart, says it expects that, because of a steady flow of new evidence, preliminary inquiries will be opened this year against numerous persons thought to be connected with about 1000 crimes. The Central Council of Jews in Duesseldorf lists 19 Nazi trials in West Germany in 1973, in which prison sentences were imposed on 31 persons, with 20 acquittals. Seven persons were sentenced to life imprisonment.

RECORD SUMS OF MONEY PLEDGED BY DIASPORA LEADERSHIP TO AID ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency's Board of Governors, winding up its meeting here at which unprecedented sums were pledged on behalf of world Jewry for social welfare, training and immigrant absorption work in Israel, took up other problems today, some of which are expected to be resolved when the General Assembly of the reconstituted Jewish Agency convenes here June 16.

One of these is the election of a new chairman to succeed the late Louis Pincus. Since Pincus' death last Aug., Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dulzin has been serving as acting chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executive. It was Dulzin who stressed today that the new chairman should be elected by the June Assembly, unanimously if possible, but certainly by a very large consensus. He was seconded in that by Max Fisher of Detroit, chairman of the Board of Governors.

Dulzin also expressed confidence that 85-90 percent of the \$1.25 billion from world Jewry which the Board of Governors set as a target last night would be raised by the time the General Assembly convened in June. Fisher stressed that

this goal had been established by diaspora leaders themselves, not in response to Israeli appeals as had been the case of the \$1.25 billion pledged during the Yom Kippur War. "This is our initiative and our responsibility," said Fisher.

Jewish Agency director general Moshe Rivlin brought up the criticism expressed recently by Haifa's Mayor-elect and former Labor Minister Joseph Almogi that Israeli emissaries on fund-raising missions abroad often painted too grim a picture of the situation in Israel. Rivlin disclosed that after Almogi's remarks were published in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's Daily News Bulletin on Jan. 22, United Jewish Appeal general chairman Paul Zuckerman, and executive vice-chairman Irving Bernstein cabled Almogi that it was not UJA policy to paint a bleak picture.

Rivlin noted that Almogi, who led the Labor Party to a sweeping 58 percent victory in Haifa's municipal elections Dec. 31 and was today elected Mayor by the City Council, had not accused UJA officials or lay leaders but rather emissaries sent from Israel. He said that he and other Jewish Agency and government leaders would meet with Almogi soon to hear his complaints.

70,000 Olim Expected This Year

Dulzin said he expected 70,000 immigrants to arrive in Israel this year and that the Jewish Agency was budgeting accordingly. Because income is not known, the Board of Governors has approved a three-month temporary budget of \$150 million pending consideration of a full budget for 1974-75 by the General Assembly in June.

Dulzin said that Soviet immigration was continuing at a steady pace despite the seasonal drop and that he expected at least as many this year as last year when the Soviet aliya amounted to 33,000. Dulzin reported that 4200 arrived in Oct.; 3600 in Nov.; 3600 in Dec.; and 2600 in Jan. He noted that about one percent of the 83,000 emigres who arrived from the Soviet Union in the last three years has left. This, he said, was a surprisingly low figure relative to other mass immigration.

Dulzin reported that he had personally inspected the new immigrant transit facilities in Austria two weeks ago and found them quite satisfactory in terms of efficiency and security. The new facilities replaced the old transit center at Schoenau Castle which the Austrian government shut down last year.

Dulzin Praised For Fine Job

It was apparent that the question of who will fill the Jewish Agency-WZO chairmanship was a subject of considerable discussion behind the scenes at the Board of Governors meeting. It has also been raised in the Israeli press. The post is probably the most prestigious outside the higher echelons of government. Many Israelis and overseas leaders feel Dulzin would fill the bill admirably. He is considered to have done a creditable job as acting chairman since Pincus' death and is actively campaigning for the chairmanship. The main obstacle is that Dulzin is a leader of the Liberal Party, one of the factions comprising the Likud, whereas the Jewish Agency chairmanship has been a Labor fiefdom since the 1930s.

However, the reconstitution of the Jewish Agency has introduced diaspora leaders into its ranks and while they are loath to interfere in an Israeli sphere of influence, they have made it

known to Premier Golda Meir that they expect the Jewish Agency chairmanship to be filled by a person of the highest caliber.

Some diaspora leaders have suggested Foreign Minister Abba Eban or Deputy Premier Yigal Alon, but neither wants the job. The name of Hebrew University President Avraham Harman, a former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., has been advanced. Knesset gossip has it that Deputy Speaker Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Zionist General Council, is being urged to forward his candidacy. But neither he nor Harman are considered likely to command the very broad consensus that the new chairman ought to have. (David Landau)

AFL-CIO DELEGATION REAFFIRMS U.S. LABOR SUPPORT TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The AFL-CIO five-member good will delegation concluded its week-long visit to Israel at a farewell reception here attended by President Ephraim Katzir and Premier Golda Meir. Lane Kirkland, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO who headed the delegation, brought greetings from AFL-CIO President George Meany and reaffirmed the political, moral and financial support of Israel by the American labor movement.

At a reception in the headquarters of the Histadrut, Kirkland told the Israeli trade union's executive: "Whatever shall be your decision in relation to the future in the Middle East we shall back you. Your fight is our fight and was a central issue at our recent convention. For us, Israel is an example that defense and progress can go on together."

Yerucham Meshel, acting secretary general of Histadrut, hailed the solidarity and support of the American labor movement and stressed that Israeli workers "want peace, but not at any price." He underscored the need for international labor cooperation to confront the energy crisis and pledged continuing solidarity with American labor. The delegation included the presidents and officials of the International Longshoremen's Association, Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, Building Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, and the Wisconsin Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

JEWISH PRISONER HUNGER-STRIKES 819 DAYS

LONDON, Jan. 31 (JTA)--A great sensation was caused by the disclosure in Parliament by the Minister of State at the Home Office, Mark Carlisle, that among four men and two women who are being force-fed in British prisons, after having gone on hunger strike, was one Jew, Keith Baillie, who refuses food because it is not kosher. Baillie, 31, the Minister said, had been on hunger strike for 819 days, an unprecedented length of time, and is alive only because he is being force-fed every day.

Nathan Rubin, secretary of the United Synagogue, and secretary of the Visitation Committee of British Jewry (they look after Jews serving prison sentences) told the JTA that Baillie, from Glasgow, sentenced to 17 years for armed robbery, "had a Jewish mother and a non-Jewish father. Thus we consider him a Jew." Rubin said that a plan was worked out whereby Baillie, in order to observe his Jewishness, would be given a fish and vegetarian diet. He rejected it and went on strike.

PHILADELPHIA (JTA)--A year-long program to "Free 50 Families" seeking to leave the Soviet Union for a new life in Israel has been undertaken by the 36 Conservative congregations in this area with more than 15,000 families affiliated with the United Synagogue of America. The program calls for each synagogue to "adopt" one or two Soviet families plus a political prisoner.

SAPIR URGES SALE OF \$1 BILLION IN ISRAEL BONDS TO AID ISRAELI ECONOMY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir urged the sale of \$1 billion in Israel Bonds last night to restore the momentum of Israel's economic growth, slowed by the Yom Kippur War, and to stimulate industrial production in the years ahead. Sapir addressed 500 Israel Bond campaign leaders from the United States and Canada who are participating in the 1974 international Bonds Conference convened by Premier Golda Meir. Sapir said that the direct cost to Israel of the Yom Kippur War was IL 30 billion and the dislocation of the economy costs several billion more.

He warned Israelis not to expect a resurgence of the economy such as that which occurred in the aftermath of the 1967 Six-Day War. "In 1967 the forward movement of the economy after the war was preceded by a slow-down period. The improved economic situation was stimulated by the almost immediate return of the reservists to the factories and farms as hostilities ended," Sapir said. But "The Oct. war came at a time of peak economic effort and the adverse effect on the economy cannot be overcome because of the fact that a larger part of the labor force is still in uniform," he said.

Despite the economic setback, Sapir noted, some 90 percent of the immigrants who arrived last year were fully absorbed. He said the Israeli economy must be ready to provide jobs for the tens of thousands of Jewish immigrants expected this year from Russia. The Bond leaders assured Sapir that they would make every effort to achieve the \$1 billion goal. Sapir said Israel needed large investments this year in export industries, especially the chemical industry. Increased exports will make Israel less dependent on UJA funds and Bonds next year, Sapir said.

He observed that Israelis are being called upon to pay higher prices for food and to contribute to both voluntary and compulsory national loans to pay for defense needs. "We cannot use Bond money for defense," he said. "We won the war not only because we had good soldiers but because our economy was strong." Outlining an immediate program for economic development, Sapir said Israel would have to invest \$500 million in its chemical industry and to construct a nuclear power station at a cost of \$500 million.

Dayan Pleased With Present Situation

Addressing the same meeting, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said he believed the Egyptians would carry out their part of the disengagement agreement and would start thinning out their forces on the east bank of the Suez Canal. "In any case, we shall know in four days if the Egyptians stand by their promise," he said. The second phase of the Israeli pullback from the west bank of the Suez Canal is scheduled to begin Feb. 4, contingent on the Egyptian thinning-out process.

Dayan said he was generally pleased with the present situation. He observed that there was a disengagement agreement with Egypt, no war on the Jordanian front and tranquility in relations with the Palestinians. The only active front is the Syrian, he said, and added that Israel would agree only to a disengagement line that allows for the defense of its settlements. Dayan said disengagement on the Jordanian border would be discussed only after some ar-

rangement has been reached with the Syrians, even a temporary one. He said he believed the Egyptians would rehabilitate the Suez Canal and re-populate the canal-side towns, moves that would further ensure against a new outbreak of war.

Meanwhile, Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo, head of UNEF, told newsmen in Jerusalem this afternoon that the first phase of disengagement--the transfer by Israel to UNEF and then to Egypt of the southern sector of the Suez Canal west bank area around the town of Suez--proceeded "smoothly and without difficulties."

ADELMAN, UJA LEADER, NAMED HEAD OF JEWISH AGENCY ABSORPTION COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Albert B. Adelman, United Jewish Appeal national chairman from Milwaukee, has been named chairman of the Absorption Committee of the Jewish Agency, it was announced by Max M. Fisher of Detroit, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, at the meeting here of the Board. Adelman, a veteran campaigner, is chairman of the 1974 UJA Study Conference Planning Committee, vice-president of the UJA and a member of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

Commenting on Adelman's appointment, Paul Zuckerman, UJA general chairman, said: "Ollie Adelman is uniquely qualified for this post. Over the many years I have worked with him I have seen his tremendous effectiveness in dealing with the humanitarian problems of new immigrants and immigrants of former years in Israel as they undergo the difficult and complex process of absorption." As chairman of the Absorption Committee, he will be in an even better position to put his considerable talents to work on their behalf; to ensure that they are given all the necessary tools for starting new lives in Israel."

In his acceptance remarks, Adelman pledged that he would "do my utmost to help improve the absorption services in Israel for new immigrants. They have shown great courage by giving up their past lives to come to Israel. We must show them that we truly welcome them."

In another action, the Agency's Board appointed Sam Morgenstern, an international manpower expert, as a permanent advisor for a new project to create job opportunities for college-trained immigrants. Morgenstern, who has held senior posts with the United States government, has already submitted a list of recommendations to the Agency.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Reports in Egypt that Israelis deliberately damaged a fertilizer plant and refineries near the town of Suez prior to withdrawal were emphatically denied here by authoritative sources. The sources noted that the plant had been damaged prior to the Yom Kippur War, during the war of attrition, and that additional damage had occurred during and after the Yom Kippur War. No equipment was removed by Israeli forces, the sources asserted. They noted that the Egyptian reports may have been circulated in order to prepare the population for huge sums of money the government will have to allocate for the rehabilitation of the Suez Canal zone, including the fertilizer plant and the refineries.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Angry Black Panthers smashed windows and overturned vendors' carts in a riotous demonstration today in the Hatikva quarter against the high prices of basic foodstuffs that went into effect earlier this week. The demonstration was the second here to protest soaring costs.

LABOR DEPARTMENT SEEKING TO FIND FACTS IN ALLEGATIONS THAT TWO RABBIS MISUSED ANTI-POVERTY FUNDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The Department of Labor's Manpower Administration is investigating "to determine the facts" in allegations against two Orthodox rabbis in New York that they misused federal funds allocated to help Jewish poor in that city. Philip Mason, an information officer for the Manpower Administration, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that "we're looking into this immediately."

Mason said that under two contracts made with the Council of Jewish Manpower Resources in Brooklyn, the Administration, on Nov. 17, 1972 allocated \$496,000 for 200 on-the-job training positions and that exactly one year later a second allocation of \$396,000 was made. According to Mason, the Administration watches performances of the contracts and "a full audit is done on all contracts when they are completed."

Neither of the two contracts under review have yet been audited, Mason said. He pointed out that the contracts are funded monthly on the basis of expenditures. He also said that the contractor is bonded to protect the federal government. The two rabbis under investigation by NYC and federal authorities are Bernard Weinberger, an administrator in the City's Human Resources Administration and Ronald Greenwald who worked for the Nixon re-election committee in 1972. Rabbi Weinberger earlier denied all charges against him by the federal and NYC officials. Rabbi Greenwald, who is reportedly out of the city, could not be reached for comment.

ISRAEL CHARGES SYRIAN VIOLATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Israel has charged that Syria violated the cease-fire 16 times during the period Jan. 26-29 and claimed that the violations "which are causing casualties prove the existence of a deliberate policy of the Syrian government in this respect." The complaint was contained in a letter to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim from the acting Permanent Representative of Israel to the UN, Jacob Doron.

Fifteen of the reported violations involved heavy artillery fire by the Syrians and one small arms fire. "Reports by the United Nations Observers Headquarters to the Security Council reflect this situation on the cease-fire line between Israel and Syria," Doron wrote. He requested that his letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

FAMILY REUNITED AFTER 30 YEARS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (JTA)--After a separation of 30 years, the horrors of Auschwitz and endless paperwork, a Brooklyn brother and sister from the Soviet Union, her husband and their six daughters and grandson were reunited yesterday afternoon. United Hias Service is sponsoring the resettlement of three generations in the family whose members range in age from 16 months to 60 years. The emotional reunion took place at Kennedy Airport a short while after Alitalia Flight #610 landed. The family of Brooklyn butcher Leo Albramaovich was reunited with his sister Shprintza, and her husband Geize, their six daughters and grandson.

For the first time, the six daughters Ida, Blima, Chaya, Serena, Olga, Gellini and grandson Oleg Sabov who left the USSR early Jan., met the Albramaovich family. The Sabov's spent the last several weeks in Rome being processed for immigration to the United States. "Of course

we're excited," said Mrs. Albramaovich, as she awaited the family's arrival. "I just hope all the beds have been delivered by the time we return home." The Sabov family plans to settle in Brooklyn.

Albramaovich has not seen his sister Shprintza since he emigrated to the U.S. after World War II, and has never seen his nieces. Now he is the sponsor of an extended family of six single daughters including a teacher, radio technician, veterinarian and seamstress. "At least there will be enough meat for our new mishpacha," he laughed. The new arrivals will be helped in their settlement by NYANA (New York Association for New Americans), a cooperating agency of HIAS. United HIAS last year resettled a record 2300 Soviet Jews in the U.S. and other Western countries. This year the agency expects to resettle more than 5100 Jews worldwide, 2800 of them Russian emigres in the United States.

SEMINAR ON VIOLENCE, DEFENSE IN JEWISH HISTORY SCHEDULED BY TEL AVIV U.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (JTA)--The 20th century has witnessed a general upsurge of violence in many areas of the world. For the fourth time in 25 years Israel has been engaged in violent confrontation with the Arab nations. To analyze these phenomena, their background and their manifestations, the Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies at Tel Aviv University will sponsor a seminar on the issue of violence and defense in Jewish history and contemporary life.

The seminar will be held at Tel Aviv University from Aug. 18-Sept. 25, it was announced here by the American Friends of Tel Aviv University. Prof. Salo W. Baron will serve as chairman of the seminar. Distinguished scholars and lecturers from the United States, Europe and Israel will join him on the faculty conducting the seminar. In addition to formal lectures and discussions, a series of panel conferences revolving around the theme of the seminar in its various aspects, will be held with the participation of leading figures in Israel.

Dr. George S. Wise, Chancellor of Tel Aviv University, and Mrs. Wise, are offering a number of grants of \$1500 each, covering the cost of travel, participation, lodging and tours in Israel, to deserving candidates. Application is open to holders of academic degrees in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Social Work between the ages of 22 and 35. This seminar will also mark the official inauguration of the Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies at Tel Aviv University and will be the first of the annual seminars which will be conducted under the auspices of the Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies. Dr. Marni Feinstein is the coordinator of the seminar.

KISSINGER FOR PRESIDENT???

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (JTA)--Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D,NY) said he had Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in mind when he introduced legislation this week for a constitutional amendment that would permit persons not born in this country to become President.

Bingham said that his proposal "does not amount to an endorsement of Henry Kissinger as President," and added, "I must say in all candor his achievements as Secretary of State have highlighted the problem. Why should a citizen of Dr. Kissinger's talents be barred from the Presidency? More importantly, why should the American people be denied the right to elect a Kissinger to any office?"

The measure has very little chance of passage, Capitol sources indicated.