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MRS. MEIR, WZO ISSUE PLEAS TO WORLD JEWRY TO EMBARK ON ALIYA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA)--Impassioned pleas to Jews all over the world to immigrate to Israel to "build the land" and to stand "where the supreme struggles of Jewish history are being waged" were issued here by Premier Golda Meir and by the World Zionist Organization Executive.

Mrs. Meir's appeal was in the form of a letter addressed to Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the WZO Executive, which will be distributed abroad during the "Aliya Months" that will be held in various countries Feb. through April to try to stimulate increased immigration from Western countries. The texts of the letter and of a "Call to the Jewish People from the World Zionist Organization" were released yesterday at a meeting of the WZO Executive presided over by Dulzin and attended by members from Israel and abroad.

In her letter, Premier Meir expressed satisfaction with the "Aliya Month" campaigns and noted that "Aliya to Israel has always been the focus of Zionist education and the constant flow of immigrants has been a stimulus to our growth and to our taking root in Eretz Yisroel." Praising world Jewry for demonstrating "in its acts of identification with us that we are indeed one people," a reference to the unprecedented outpouring of financial aid during and after the Yom Kippur War, Mrs. Meir continued:

"But that is not enough. The meaning of a Jewish State is first and foremost an aliya oriented state, a state to which thousands of our brethren will immigrate and in which they will be absorbed. A strong Israel, an Israel whose future and fate are in her own hands--means an Israel in which many millions of Jews are building their homes. For us aliya is our life blood. Confident in our own stand, convinced of our inherent ability to overcome all difficulties, believing in the Jewish people, I call upon you: Come to Israel and build the land."

Fateful Times Ahead For Israel

The WZO Executive's message, in a similar vein, observed that Israel was "on the threshold of fateful times" in which it could once again find itself at war or "may have embarked on the road to peace. Either alternative means that we must build a strong Israel, an Israel firmly rooted in its soil, an Israel capable of facing the enemy while facing up to the challenges of peace," the message said. "Today, more than ever, Israel needs Jews who will come here on aliya and join us--with their talent, energy, professional skills and devotion--in building a free Jewish society, a commonwealth founded on values and deeds that shall attract every Jew wherever he may be."

The message stressed that "Immigration to Israel today means: Jewish self-realization in its highest form; the practice of Zionism to the highest degree." It called on Jews to "Respond to the challenge and come build Israel--a super edifice to last for generations." It is expected here that hundreds of thousands of Jews overseas will participate in Aliya Month events in

their respective countries which will include home meetings, public rallies and screening of a film featuring President Ephraim Katzir in a call for immigration.

REPORT SYRIA WAS PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN PEACE TALKS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO 5-Point Plan Disclosed By Rouleau

PARIS, Feb. 4 (JTA)--Syria was prepared to participate in the Geneva conference several weeks ago, reports "Le Monde" correspondent Eric Rouleau from Damascus today. Syrian President Assad has also drawn up a plan for the disengagement of Israeli and Syrian forces in the Golan Heights, Rouleau disclosed. According to Rouleau, a Syrian delegation to the Geneva conference had been named and was to be headed by Syria's Ambassador in Ankara, Salah Tarazi. His opening speech had been prepared, added Rouleau. He also writes that Hafez Assad has worked out a five-point Israeli-Syrian military disengagement plan which he summarizes as follows:

The separation of armies must be tied to the final aim of total evacuation of the territories occupied since 1967; disengagement must not be an end in itself; withdrawal of Israeli forces from the "pocket" they acquired in the October war and installation of Syrian units there; and the number of Syrian units to be determined jointly by both parties.

In addition, Rouleau wrote, the Syrian plan also called for: a 14-kilometer pullback of Israeli troops in the Golan to the heights that range the Israeli border, thus giving Israel a 4-kilometer wide strip of territory there; installation of UN forces in the liberated part of the Golan which is to be a demilitarized zone and under the civil administration of the Republic of Syria; resettlement in the Golan region of the 15-20,000 inhabitants who fled during the October hostilities; and Syria's release of its list of Israeli prisoners of war and its participation at the Geneva peace conference.

It could not be immediately determined if these proposals were those referred to by U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger when he returned to Israel on Jan. 20 from Damascus and told Israeli leaders that he had brought with him "concrete suggestions" from Damascus regarding possible steps for Syrian-Israeli disengagement talks.

HEAVY EXCHANGES ON SYRIAN FRONT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4 (JTA)--Heavy artillery exchanges continued along the Syrian front today for the ninth consecutive day as unconfirmed reports appeared that U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger would go to Damascus this week to try to further Israeli-Syrian disengagement talks. (See separate story.) Syria's Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khadam was quoted as saying yesterday that his country was waging a war of attrition against Israel intended to "paralyze" the Israeli economy by forcing Jerusalem to keep its armed forces in a high state of mobilization.

Military clashes on the Syrian front during the past two days were said to be the heaviest since the Yom Kippur War. A military spokesman

said that Israeli tanks and heavy artillery were thrown into the battle this morning after the Syrians opened fire with artillery, mortars and recoilless cannon all along the Golan Heights lines. The shooting was described as intermittent and sporadic, diminishing on one sector of the front only to flare up on another.

Israeli tanks hit and set fire to four Syrian armored troop carriers and also scored hits on a number of Syrian trucks today. A military spokesman said the Syrians were seen removing casualties. Israeli artillery also pounded Syrian artillery positions deep behind the Syrian lines, a military spokesman said. He said there were no Israeli casualties. The Syrians reportedly started shooting early this morning but later agreed to a cease-fire call by United Nations observers after taking a severe battering by Israeli return fire. But the cease-fire lasted only two hours and the shelling was resumed at noon. Israeli artillery went into action immediately afterwards.

DENY KISSINGER INVITED AS INTERMEDIARY IN SYRIA'S ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has not been invited to take an intermediary role in the current Syrian attacks against Israel and neither he nor Undersecretary-designate Joseph J. Sisco have plans to visit the Middle East soon, the State Department said today. Rumors were current here and in the Middle East that Kissinger or possibly Sisco, would go to Damascus by mid-Feb. to help induce Syria to enter talks for disengagement of forces on the Syrian front.

(According to diplomatic sources in Beirut, Kissinger will fly to Damascus this week at the request of the Syrian government. If he succeeds in arranging Israeli-Syrian disengagement negotiations the way would be open for Syria's participation in the next phase of the Geneva peace conference, the sources said.)

"No trips are planned but I never rule out anything," Department spokesman George Vest said. He added that Kissinger has a "sufficient clear-cut schedule" for the remainder of Feb. and Sisco has no travel plans. The intermediary role, Vest said, concerns the current fighting. "We consistently feel," he said, that the U.S. wants to continue the momentum of the disengagement of forces which the United States initiated and are being successfully carried out on the Suez front.

Commenting on the statements last week by President Nixon and Kissinger that indicated an early lifting of the Arab oil embargo against the United States, Vest said that the U.S. position is based on "the assurances of several Arab governments." He said "We continue on the basis of those assurances and we are not aware of preconditions to the embargo in the correspondence."

The question arose after Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khadim had said at Kuwait airport today on his way to Damascus after visiting Saudi Arabia and Kuwait that the governments of those two countries would not lift the embargo until Syria's conditions for disengagement are met. He said that the Arab summit meeting in Algiers in Nov. had made it clear that the embargo would not be lifted "from any state until that state clearly shows it is supporting the Arab cause."

PARLIAMENTARIANS SUPPORT ISRAEL

BONN, Feb. 3 (JTA)--More than 100 members of parliament of 13 European countries and Israel

unanimously passed the following resolution:

"This meeting of the European Parliamentary Committee for Friendship with Israel, attended by more than 100 members of parliament from thirteen countries, assembled here in Berlin February 1 and 2, 1974. Berlin was chosen as the venue to emphasize the truth that Israel's fight to live as a free democratic nation within secure and guaranteed frontiers symbolizes the will for freedom of all peoples.

"We pay tribute to the courage and determination of Israel in pursuing negotiations with Egypt which have already resulted in the disengagement agreement. We offer to Israel the support and encouragement of her friends, in her pursuit of a permanent and just peace with her neighbors. We draw attention to the fact that this agreement was the outcome of direct negotiations, for which Israel has striven ceaselessly for twenty-five years. We recognize that this agreement was achieved because Mrs. Golda Meir and President Sadat approached these negotiations without fanaticism.

"We now urge Syria to follow Egypt in accepting direct negotiations. We demand that Syria should immediately provide a complete list of names of all Israelis held by her, should allow the Red Cross to visit these prisoners of war, and above all should agree to the exchange of prisoners between Syria and Israel.

"We renew our call to all governments of oil importing countries to stand together against political and economic blackmail. Our essential friendship for the people of Israel, which we here reaffirm, does not imply any hostility towards the Arab peoples. But if Israel were forced into submission as a result of pressure from major industrial powers, this would prove that aggression and blackmail pay. It is the developing nations of the Third World who are the most vulnerable victims of the undignified and counter-productive scramble for oil, and we express the hope that the conferences dealing with these problems will defend the interests of the industrialized nations."

URGE SENATE PASSAGE OF GENOCIDE TREATY

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (JTA)--The Ad Hoc Committee on the Human Rights and Genocide Treaties --a coalition of 52 national religious, labor, civic and ethnic groups--today called upon the Senate "to demonstrate its support for international human rights by voting its approval of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the crime of Genocide." The Genocide Convention, which was adopted by the United Nations in 1948 and signed by the United States but never formally ratified, will come before the Senate for a test vote tomorrow.

According to Betty Kaye Taylor, executive secretary of the Ad Hoc Committee, 64 Senators are pledged to vote for ratification despite a massive campaign to defeat the treaty organized by ultra conservative groups. Mrs. Taylor said "We are hopeful that the Senate will repudiate efforts of the Liberty Lobby and the John Birch Society and will instead reaffirm our nation's longstanding commitment to international human rights based on world law.

Constitutional objections raised by opponents of the treaty, she added, "have been fully rebutted by the Department of Justice, the State Department and all relevant sections of the American Bar Association. Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, who also served as U.S. Ambassador to the UN, is chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee.

1974/75 BUDGET UNDER STUDY; HIKED FROM IL 20 TO IL 32 BILLION Greatest Portion Will Be For Security

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA)--The Cabinet devoted several hours yesterday to what was termed as "first thoughts about next year's budget." Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir discussed ideas for the 1974/75 record budget, and promised no economic slowdown was in sight.

Details of the budget will be prepared and discussed beginning today by the ministerial economic committee. "It is to be submitted by the government to the Knesset by March. The extent of the new budget was not revealed, but it is assumed to be more than IL 30 billion. This year's budget was originally set at IL 20 billion, but because of the war was increased to IL 32 billion.

In his presentation Sapir said the greatest portion of the next budget will be for security. The proportion of security expenditures to the gross national product rose from 12 percent in 1965 to approximately 48 percent this year. Next year's budget will probably be the first in which more than 50 percent of the GNP will be devoted to security expenditures.

Government Offices, Officials Face Economy Act

The heavy security burden forces an increase in the foreign currency deficit. This year's deficit in foreign currency is estimated to be \$2.5 billion compared to \$1.75 billion in the last fiscal year. Next year's deficit will be higher, partly to be covered by United States foreign aid. The Cabinet decided yesterday on a series of measures intended to "depress the standard of living" in the government offices and of officials. These were the first measures adopted following the recommendations of a ministerial saving committee, headed by Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati. The new measures are intended to save IL 30 million in the next two months, a cut of 20 percent in the expenditures in that period.

The measures the Cabinet adopted include: replacement of large official cars, including those serving ministers and deputy ministers, by medium sized cars; mileage quotas to be frozen until the end of the next fiscal year; the policy of providing high officials with full-time cars to be reviewed; telephone expenses to be frozen; special efforts to be made to see that officials do not use office telephones for private calls; travel abroad on public account (government, Jewish Agency, municipalities, universities, Histadrut) will be decreased.

The Cabinet also discussed in detail problems arising from the implementation of the recent law providing special privileges for discharged soldiers. Housing Minister Zeev Sharef told how in some ministry district offices soldiers entered with their personal weapons in order to make their demands for better housing more impressive. Labor Minister Yosef Almogi will coordinate the services of the various ministries for discharged soldiers. Special bureaus will be set up in the urban centers to provide demobilized soldiers with the various services--all under one roof.

KLUTZNICK CALLS FOR RESTRUCTURING OF U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY

Says Jewish Establishment Neglects Needs

CHICAGO, Feb. 4 (JTA)--A "more representative" restructuring of the American Jewish community to deal with "changing needs, changing lifestyles and the increasing burdens of in-

flation" was proposed yesterday by Philip M. Klutznick, a former president of B'nai B'rith and long-time advocate of greater communal unity. Klutznick called for an assembly of community leaders, academics and scholars, business and professional specialists, and college youth--"supported by adequate technical studies"--to engage in "critical and constructive examinations" of the community's needs, programs and activities.

Addressing convocation exercises commemorating the 50th anniversary of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, Klutznick predicted that "the next 10 to 20 years will be a testing period for Jewish life in this country, a concomitant to the shifting economic, political and social complexes that all of America is likely to experience." American Jewry, Klutznick said, will have to exercise "ingenuity and skill" to avoid "indiscriminate budget cuts" in many Jewish communal services and "to diminish, if not curtail, wasteful duplication where it exists."

He warned that the combined pressures of inflation and "indispensable Jewish communal needs" abroad that must be met" can mean a weakening of its own Jewish institutions and programs if the American Jewish community continues to "trifle with the need for change." He said that over the past decade, the dollars "in absolute terms"--discounting inflation--provided for domestic Jewish programs have meant, in effect, either budget cuts or "barely enough more to absorb inflation." As a result, "the Jewish establishment has been charged with neglecting the real needs of Jewish youth, education and culture. We are not free of guilt," he said.

The convocation honored Dr. Abram L. Sachar of Brandeis University whose leadership in the Hillel movement spans its full 50 years. Dr. Sachar, 73, was awarded the B'nai B'rith President's Medal as the "Master Builder" of a program that began with a handful of Jewish undergraduates at the University of Illinois and has since proliferated to 315 campuses in this country and abroad. B'nai B'rith president David M. Blumberg surprised the 400 invited guests with a similar but unscheduled presentation to Dr. Sachar's wife, Thelma, for her own involvement in the campus program in its formative years.

AZF-ZOA RIFT HEALED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4 (JTA)--The long and frequently acrimonious dispute between the American Zionist Federation and the Zionist Organization of America has at last been amicably settled. Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the AZF and Jacques Torczyner, chairman of the administrative board of the ZOA, toasted the new accord here yesterday over Israeli brandy as Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization-American Section, looked on. The final settlement was ratified at a full meeting of the Zionist Executive here which preceded this week's deliberations of the Zionist General Council. The formal re-entry of the ZOA into the AZF will take place March 17 at a board meeting of the AZF.

Avraham Shenker, the head of the World Zionist Organization's education and information department, told the JTA today that the basis of the rapprochement had been laid early last year by the late Louis Pincus, ZWO chairman. Acting chairman Leon Dulzin had followed through with meetings in the U.S. with Rabbi Miller and with ZOA president Herman Weisman. The ZOA formally broke with the AZF in a resolution adopted by its National Executive in NY Feb. 20, 1972.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK (JTA)—Valery Panov informed western newsmen in Moscow this weekend that his wife, Galina, has been permanently barred from leaving the Soviet Union, according to Jewish sources here. The former star of the Kirov Ballet said Soviet officials told him late last week of this decision and also warned him that his own exit visa would be revoked and "administrative measures" taken against him if he continued to insist on refusing to emigrate to Israel without her. Panov told the newsmen that on Dec. 18 he could leave for Israel but that his wife, who was also a ballet star with the Kirov Ballet, would have to remain in the Soviet Union because her mother objected to her departure. He said he would appeal the case to international legal bodies, according to the sources.

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger—before he was appointed Secretary—contributed to a Jewish National Fund grove of trees in the name of the late Kurt Fleischman, a childhood friend in Fuerth, Bavaria. The grove will be planted in the Taoz forest. Many of the former members of the Fuerth community, now scattered throughout the world, contributed towards this project. Kissinger's contribution was sent to the JNF through the organizing committee of the former Fuerth community in Switzerland.

Fleischman succeeded in reaching England after Hitler came to power in Germany. He changed his name to Kenneth Frazer, enlisted in the British army, was seriously wounded in the battle of Arnheim, taken prisoner by the Germans, and returned to Britain after the war. Because of his serious injuries he was never able to realize his life-long ambition of immigrating to Israel. He died in 1972 at the age of 53.

TEL AVIV (JTA)—An Israeli driving license is issued to new immigrants upon presentation of a driver's license from their country of origin. The Israeli authorities suddenly noticed the great number of Russian driver's licenses presented for exchange to Israeli licenses. An investigation soon revealed they were forged. Further investigation revealed a workshop in Tel Aviv issuing not only Russian licenses but also medical diplomas, university graduation certificates—all expertly printed. A man was brought before the magistrate in Tel Aviv and was remanded pending investigation. He is from Soviet Georgia.

MERIDIAN, Miss. (JTA)—Seymour Marcus, president of the Jewish Federation in Birmingham, disclosed that four Meridian Jewish residents had helped Amman-born Sam Dabit of Meridian to get citizenship papers. Dabit was described by Meyer Davidson, one of the four Jews, as an Arab who came to the United States four years ago and had become a very successful merchant in Meridian. Davidson said he, Herman Feld, Sam Niemetz and Saul Feinstein drove Dabit to Biloxi for a hearing on his application for citizenship. Davidson said the group had been assured by the Naturalization Commission that Dabit would get his citizenship papers in about a month.

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, David Rockefeller, has arrived in Israel "as a banker" for a two-day visit dur-

ing which he will meet with Premier Golda Meir, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Rockefeller has arrived with two vice-presidents of the bank and some other aides from a visit to several Arab oil producing states and he seems to be convinced that the oil boycott will be lifted soon. He stressed he came to Israel on business, not as a politician but because "we have connections with Israeli banks." From Israel he will proceed to Egypt.

MEXICO CITY (JTA)—A delegation of the Central Jewish Committee met here recently with Tadao Kato, the Japanese Ambassador to Mexico and asked him to convey to the Japanese government the opposition of the Jewish community against Arab oil blackmail and its hope that the Japanese government would resist such pressures to break diplomatic ties with Israel. The envoy received the delegation cordially and promised to transmit its views to the Japanese Foreign Ministry, according to Fernando Jenó, president of the Committee. Other members of the delegation were Sergio Nudelstejer, secretary general; and local Jewish merchants and industrialists who have business ties with Japan.

BOSTON (JTA)—Christian and Jewish clergymen from throughout New England are continuing to circulate petitions on behalf of Israeli POWs in Syria. According to Rabbi Murray I. Rothman, spiritual leader of Temple Shalom of Newton and chairman of the Interfaith Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston, which initiated the petition drive, over 10,000 signatures have been obtained thus far. The petitions are being forwarded to the International Red Cross in Geneva and United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. Serving as consultant to the drive is Philip Perlmuter, New England Regional Director of the American Jewish Committee. Assisting the effort is Dan Mariaschin of the Jewish Community Council staff.

NEW YORK (JTA)—Assemblyman Leonard Silverman, Manhattan Democrat, said he introduced last week in the State Legislature a bill to exclude Saturdays as registration days throughout the state. The existing election law specifically excludes Sundays as registration days but also specifically includes Saturdays for voter registration. During the 1971 session, Silverman introduced a bill, which became law, which excluded Saturdays and Sundays as election days throughout the state. Silverman said his new bill embodied the principle that the same equality should apply to registration days as now applies to election days. In a memorandum with the bill, Silverman said there are several counties which limit registration to two Saturdays, thereby severely reducing opportunities for observant Jews to register.

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Ken W. Clawson, formerly a news writer in Ohio, Michigan and for the Washington Post, has been promoted by President Nixon from deputy director of communications for the Executive branch to communications director to the President. In this capacity, Clawson, 37, who is Jewish, now manages the office formerly headed by Herbert G. Klein, who left it last summer to become broadcasting administrator. Klein, who is not Jewish, arranged the meeting at the White House in April, 1972 of American Jewish newspaper editors.