



MRS. MEIR'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE: HOPE THAT THE RECENT WAR WILL BRING ISRAEL CLOSER TO PEACE

JERUSALEM, April 21 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir sent a message of greetings to world Jewry on the occasion of Israel's 26th anniversary, to be celebrated Thursday. In her message today, Mrs. Meir said Independence Day was a festival for all Jewry, since 26 years ago Israel made the promise to be "a home and a haven for any Jew, be he in need or not." She said the establishment of Israel gave a new strength to world Jewry, a strength which was reflected nowadays by the "magnificent awakening" of Soviet Jewry.

"We welcome them home, praying for the day when their numbers will be swelled through free immigration from Russia," the Premier said. This same right she demanded for Jews living in Arab countries, "subjected to the most brutal humiliation, inhuman acts and outright murder." She declared that Israel would not tire in its protest "until they are liberated from bondage and threat." Mrs. Meir expressed the prayer that the sacrifice of fathers, sons and husbands during the recent war would bring Israel closer to a genuine peace with security.

Compromise, Yes; Capitulation, No

"Toward this end Israel is prepared to take any reasonable risk and make every credible compromise." However, the Premier warned that Israel would never bow to aggression, capitulate to unreasonable demands, or compromise on vital security needs. She stated that the stronger Israel was, the greater the likelihood that the Arabs would enter into a peaceful dialogue.

"You, our fellow Jews," she addressed world Jewry, "are a component of our strength just as Israel is a factor of the universal Jewish spiritual steadfastness. Your support, your solidarity, your understanding, have helped to construct Israel, reclaim its waste places, absorb the refugee immigrants, build its schools and universities, expand its economy and advance its science."

Mrs. Meir called on world Jewry to rededicate this day of independence to the magnificent historic Jewish enterprise, and in addition-- "rededication to the educational needs of our Jewish youth in the diaspora. Only through the deepening and spreading of Jewish education can the young be brought to understand their heritage and faith and thereby discover their rich identity as members of the Jewish people."

FREAK MID-AIR COPTER CRASH KILLS 8 ISRAELI AIRMEN

TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA)--Eight Israeli airmen were killed in a freak mid-air accident involving two Air Force helicopters Friday. The names of the dead were disclosed today when funeral services were held for them. Air Force Commander Gen. Benjamin Peled is personally investigating the tragedy which occurred when both copters attempted to land on the Manhayim air strip near Safad in Upper Galilee.

The two aircraft were returning from operational missions. According to eye-witnesses, both descended at the same moment, one direct-

ly over the other. The lower helicopter was apparently not visible to the pilot of the higher one. The landing gear of the latter helicopter was struck by the rotors of the one directly beneath it which crashed and burst into flames killing all aboard. The second helicopter, though damaged, landed safely with no injuries to its personnel. Fire engines from the nearby Hatzor township were at the scene of the crash in less than three minutes but the eight men died before rescuers could reach them.

The dead were identified as: Capt. Adam Averbach, 24, of Sdot Yam, son of the settlement's founder, Joseph Averbach; Lt. Michael Nir, 23, of Beersheba; Lt. Itzhak Tapucht, 23, of Ashdod; Staff Sgt. Doron Ish Shalom, 22, of Upper Nazareth; Staff Sgt. Chaim Tachan, 23, and Sgt. Rami Yechiel, 23, both of Ashdod; Sgt. Eliezer Tamar, 23, of Bat Yam; and Sgt. Dan Farkash, 22, also of Bat Yam, son of the Israeli cartoonist, "Zeev." Sgt. Farkash was an outstanding tennis player and had toured the United States with the Israeli youth tennis team.

DOCUMENTS SHOW POLES WERE HOSTILE TO JEWISH RESISTANCE

TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA)--Authentic documents which indicate the hostile attitude of the Poles during World War II to the Jewish resistance movement were recently recovered and handed over to the Holocaust Museum at Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot (Ghetto Fighters Kibbutz) near Haifa. At a press conference here, two former commanders of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Dr. Avraham Berman and Itzhak Zukerman (Antek), presented some of the documents to reporters at Beth Sokolow, the journalists' center.

One of the documents is an order by the Polish Government-in-Exile in London for the Polish underground to withhold funds collected by Western Jewish groups for the Jewish resistance, "because the Jews are unstable and led by Communists." The documents include writings by the historian Emanuel Ringelblum who himself perished in the holocaust, and correspondence between Dr. Berman and "Antek," the chief coordinator and his deputy, who later became commander of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Dr. Berman said that they made efforts to preserve the documents but a German shell destroyed many when it hit the bunker. The wife of Dr. Berman, now deceased, hid the surviving documents in glass jars that were placed with gentile friends. Much work is still to be done before all material can be exhibited at the Museum, Dr. Berman said.

LABOR PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE DECIDES TO DECIDE MONDAY MORNING TO SELECT SUCCESSOR TO MRS. MEIR

TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA)--The Labor Party's 600-member Central Committee meeting here tonight to select a successor to Premier Golda Meir, postponed its decision until tomorrow to allow additional candidates to be named. Only two candidates' names--Labor Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Information Minister Shimon Peres--were before the committee when it convened. Seven other potential candidates had either taken them-

selves out of the race or were persuaded to do so.

But the party's five-member committee appointed to draw up a list of candidates, indicated tonight that it would try to persuade Justice Minister Chaim Zadok to enter the competition although Zadok has insisted he was not a candidate for the Premiership. It set 10 a.m. tomorrow as the deadline for submitting a final list.

The party faced other alternatives--a motion by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, to call for new elections until which time the present care-taker government will remain in office; and the establishment of a national unity coalition embracing the opposition Likud, a proposal advanced by the former Rafi faction.

At last reports, Rabin, Israel's former Ambassador to the U.S., and a former Chief of Staff, seemed the most likely to inherit the mantle of leadership. His candidacy was staunchly supported by party strongman Pinhas Sapir, the Finance Minister, who represents Labor's Mapai faction. While Mrs. Meir has maintained strict neutrality, Sapir, who apparently could have had the Premiership for himself for the asking, came out publicly for Rabin. He refused a plea from Peres to remain neutral and bluntly discouraged another would-be contender, Foreign Minister Abba Eban, from entering the race.

Anti-Rabin Campaign Launched By Weizman

Peres is supported by Rafi and by some Mapai leaders. But Rafi is less than enthusiastic over the prospect of trying to form a new Labor-led coalition along the same lines as the outgoing one. It has called either for new elections or for a national unity government embracing the opposition Likud.

Even before the Central Committee meeting tonight, Likud leader Gen. Ezer Weizman launched an anti-Rabin campaign. Meeting with several Labor Party leaders, Sapir among them, the former Air Force commander who served in Premier Meir's short-lived national unity government in 1970, claimed that Rabin was not qualified for the highest leadership post. The National Religious Party indicated meanwhile that it would wait to see who Labor selected as its leader before deciding whether or not to join a new coalition.

Due to a paper shortage, today's Daily News Bulletin is printed on a different stock paper.

U.S., EGYPT FORMALLY RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AFTER 7 YEARS

WASHINGTON, April 21 (JTA)--Egypt and the United States formally resumed diplomatic relations Friday after a break of seven years with President Nixon providing an extraordinary display of affection for Egyptian Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal.

A fanfare of trumpets greeted Ghorbal when he arrived at the White House and he was escorted into Nixon's Oval Office for the formality of presenting his credentials. Usually new ambassadors are invited in groups of four or five at the East Room for such occasions. "This is a day I have looked forward to since the day I came into this office," Nixon told Ghorbal. The break in relations after the Six-Day War, he told Ghorbal, was "a great tragedy" for the two countries.

The President and Ghorbal both expressed hope that Cairo and Washington would continue their cooperation towards achieving a permanent peace in the Middle East. Ghorbal praised

Nixon as having "done tremendously" towards reducing Middle East tensions and said, "We look forward to your visit to Egypt very soon." The White House later said that Nixon had accepted an invitation to visit Cairo but that no date has been set.

In Cairo yesterday President Anwar Sadat praised Nixon and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger at a ceremony at which Sadat accepted the credentials of the new U.S. Ambassador Hermann F. Eilts. "The wisdom of President Nixon and the continuous efforts of Dr. Kissinger have made peace possible in this area for the first time in 26 years," Sadat said. "This is an opportunity to open a new page between our two countries."

MEYER W. GASNER, CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER, DEAD AT AGE 67

TORONTO, April 21 (JTA)--Meyer W. Gasner, long-time Canadian Jewish leader, died here last week at the age of 67 after a long illness. Born in New York, he came to Toronto in 1927 and helped establish the United Jewish Welfare Fund in 1937 to ensure financial security for Jewish educational institutions. He served as chairman of the Ontario region of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and was founder and chairman of the Congress' Orthodox division, coordinating and certifying food products as kosher. He headed the Toronto Zionists Revisitors and was later president of the Canadian Mizrahi Organization. He was active in the Friends of Bar Ilan University, Albert Einstein College and many yeshivas. In the 1960s he was publisher of the Canadian Jewish News.

ISRAEL'S PEOPLE ARE NOT ALONE

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--"Israel's political crisis is Israel democracy's finest hour," it was asserted today by Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. In a statement issued on the eve of Israel's 26th anniversary, Rabbi Miller noted that "Israel's many friends in this country are understandably concerned about the national mood in the Jewish state. The situation is serious and should not be minimized. But it is important to put it into proper perspective."

The Presidents Conference chairman said that "the differences among Israel's people are many. But they stand united in defending their land and building their nation. And they are resolved that political and social change shall be achieved only through the country's democratic institutions." Rabbi Miller's statement was issued in the form of a letter to the heads of the Presidents Conference's 33 constituent organizations. He asked the organizations to disseminate the statement among their memberships.

Rabbi Miller described the role of the American Jewish community during the current period as "crucial." He declared: "Clearly, we cannot participate in the political processes of Israel, nor take sides in the controversies of past and present. But we can--and must--act to demonstrate that we are at one with the people of Israel."

A major task of the organized Jewish community in America, Rabbi Miller said was "to demonstrate for all to see that Israel's people are not alone. At a time when the Soviet Union is encouraging Arab intransigence at the bargaining table and re-supplying Arab armies with ever-greater shipments of military equipment, our country must remain steadfast in providing Israel with essential diplomatic, economic and military support." He added: "The unity of interest between Israel and the U.S. is the great constant in the rapidly-shifting Middle East scene."

**HEAVY FIGHTING ON GOLAN CONTINUES;
2 ISRAELI PHANTOMS DOWNED;
5 ISRAELIS WOUNDED, 1 KILLED**

TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA)--Israel Air Force jets attacked Syrian targets in the Mt. Hermon region, beginning at 2:45 p.m. local time today and returned safely to their bases. A Syrian MIG-21 attempting to cross Israeli lines in the same region was chased off by Israeli interceptors. The Syrian front was relatively quiet yesterday and remained so this morning after fighting on Friday reached the intensity of a full-scale war.

Syrian jets challenged Israeli Air Force planes Friday for the first time since the Yom Kippur War as Israeli jets pounded targets deep inside Syrian territory. Israel reported the loss of two Phantom jets in these operations to Syrian SAM-missile fire and said two Syrian MIG-21s were shot down in aerial combat. Five Israeli soldiers were wounded Friday during heavy Syrian shelling of Israeli positions on Mt. Hermon and all along the cease-fire lines.

Israel Air Force jets struck at Syrian artillery emplacements and armor concentrations well behind the front lines and hit a radar station near Zabadani, some 40 kilometers east of Mt. Hermon. Direct hits were scored and severe damage was done, an Israeli communique said. The two pilots of the Israeli Phantom, lost during the in-depth attacks were seen bailing out over Syrian territory. A Syrian communique said one of the pilots was severely injured and was rushed to a hospital to undergo surgery. The other was found dead, according to the Syrians. The second lost Israeli plane crashed in the Mt. Hermon region. The fate of its crew was not reported.

Israeli engineers meanwhile succeeded in building a road from positions on the slopes of Mt. Hermon to its peak. The road is now being used by Israeli armor to re-enforce positions on the mountain top, according to an Israeli military spokesman.

**EFFORTS TO RECONCILE KIRYAT SHEMONA
RESIDENTS AND DRUZE COMMUNITY**

JERUSALEM, April 21 (JTA)--Mayor Avraham Aloni and other local leaders of Kiryat Shemona are making intense personal efforts to effect a reconciliation between the residents of that bereaved Upper Galilee town and the nearby Druze community. Relations, normally friendly, deteriorated after the April 11 terrorist massacre of 18 people in Kiryat Shemona. Grief stricken residents accused the Druze of collaboration with the terrorists and attacked the family of a Druze soldier who was badly wounded by the terrorists.

About 1000 Druze workers, normally employed in the town, were barred from it for their personal safety. Aloni visited Druze dignitaries at M'rar village Friday night to assure them that the incidents did not represent the general attitude in Kiryat Shemona toward the Druze minority. He promised the Druze leaders that he would do all he could to speed the safe return of all Druze employes to their jobs. Aloni will also visit Druze communities on the Golan Heights. The Druze, a non-Arab Moslem sect, for the most part are loyal to Israel and serve in the Israeli armed forces and police.

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu and a parliamentary delegation visited Kiryat Shemona today to study the rehabilitation problems facing the town. He said the purpose of the visit was to see to it that the promises made by various public institutions after the April 11 tragedy will be kept. He said the Knesset intended to supervise

development work in the town and would send an official there every two weeks to report on progress.

Harassment Serves Israel's Enemies

Yeshayahu denied that today's visit was a direct response to an angry demonstration by several hundred Kiryat Shemona residents outside the Knesset building last Thursday who demanded better protection for the town. He said that "despite the bitter feelings, that demonstration was inexcusable." Yeshayahu was accompanied to Kiryat Shemona by MKs Shmuel Tamir and Ben Zion Keshet of Likud.

Addressing today's Cabinet session which dealt with increased terrorist activities and the Syrian front situation, Premier Golda Meir expressed concern regarding "irresponsible acts" toward Druze and innocent Arabs. Referring to the harassment of these citizens during the heat of excitement over the Kiryat Shemona massacre, she stated that such incidents only served Israel's enemies who seek to disrupt and damage the good relations among Israeli citizens. "Israel is proud of these relations," she declared, "and will do its utmost to continue with these relations so that all citizens, of all religions and communities will be able to feel themselves secure as equal citizens in the country."

RAA RAPS CALLEY SENTENCE REDUCTION

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Alliance of America said Friday it had sent a letter to Army Secretary Howard Callaway protesting his reduction from 20 to 10 years in the sentence imposed on Lt. William Calley for the murder of 22 Vietnamese civilians at My Lai during the Vietnam War. Rabbi David B. Hollander, president, said in his letter:

"In this period of history, when human lives in countless numbers were and are being destroyed, when innocent men, women and children are being taken hostage and often killed in the name of just grievances and noble causes, we find it most disturbing that the United States authorities whose concern for human life had been well established from the day of its inception should by this action in the My Lai case convey the impression, however unintentional, that the future taking of human life under similar circumstances and the penalties that would follow such an act, need not be taken seriously."

Rabbi Hollander added that "the position of the Rabbinical Alliance is obviously not aimed at any particular convicted defendant but rather at all who have taken upon themselves the horrendous burden of deciding who shall live and who shall die."

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Zionist Organization of America this weekend urged President Ephraim Katzir to use his "presidential powers and personal influence to the utmost to bring about a national all-embracing government." This action would "assure unity of purpose and action within Israel and by Israel, and thereby command the support of Jews of the diaspora on a united basis for a just and durable peace," said the ZOA. The cable sent to Katzir by Herman L. Weisman, ZOA president, stated that an immediate end to divisiveness within Israel and the diaspora is indispensable to the welfare and security of Israel and the Jewish people. "Anything less than a national unity government will only intensify and prolong divisiveness."

EVENTS MARK WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING, MASSACRE OF SIX MILLION JEWS

Tekoah Calls Upon Jewish People To Be Conscious Of The Lessons Of The Holocaust

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah called today upon the Jewish people to be conscious of the lessons of the holocaust, "the first and foremost of them--that the world around us remains essentially the same. It is still a world of violence and bloodshed and war."

Another lesson, the Israeli envoy told some 8000 people attending the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising commemoration services at Temple Emanu-El, is that illusions are dangerous. "There should be no illusion about the menaces still confronting the Jewish people. If the Arab states could, they would have brought about our total destruction. Illusions are perilous, whether they come from within ourselves or from outside."

The commemoration service at Temple Emanu-El was one of numerous services today across the country marking the 31st anniversary of the heroic act of resistance and memorializing the death of six million Jews in the Nazi holocaust. Under clear skies and warm weather thousands lined up the entire block outside the temple here to listen to the ceremony inside broadcast over loudspeakers. Inside, hundreds of memorial candles were lit by Warsaw Ghetto survivors and Jewish school children.

In an address punctuated by emotional and historic references to the continuing and unyielding will to resist oppression and slaughter, Tekoah called upon the audience to "remember and never forget the inhumanity to which the Jewish people has been subjected through the ages. But also remember and never forget our resistance and our redemption. Let the savage crimes of Amalek across the centuries never be obliterated from our memories. But neither should the fact that despite the pain and grief and suffering and cruel bloodshed, our forefathers never gave up, always persevered, always rebuilt and created new life."

Why The Holocaust Took Place

Recalling the barbarism and merciless bestiality toward innocent children, women and men, the silence of the world, and the martyrdom and struggle of the Jewish people who rose from the ashes to live and construct anew, Tekoah declared: "Let us remember and pay tribute, but also learn. The time to wonder how the holocaust could have happened is over. The time to ask why it happened is past. Thirty years and more after the tragedy we know why; we know how." It happened, the Israeli diplomat stated, "because ours is a world in which cruelty and hatred and brute force are still rampant. It happened because mankind has not freed itself from bloodlust."

It also happened, he observed, "because the Jewish people was weak, because it was defenseless, because it was disunited. The holocaust took place because there was no Jewish state to stand up for the rights of Jews, to try to protect them, to offer them refuge and shelter." The holocaust also happened, Tekoah continued, "because we didn't want to believe that it was possible. It engulfed us because there were too many illusions in the midst of our people, too much complacency and confusion in Jewish leadership."

Fate Of Jews Depends On Unity

Tekoah stated that Israel shall be untiring in the search for peace but emphasized that "even

as we work for peace we are still at war for the life and freedom of our people. It is a struggle not of our choice but unless we face the truth as it is; unless we are ready to cope with reality, grim as it may be, we might find ourselves in situations even more threatening than the Yom Kippur War."

Israel's strength to assert its right to exist in the face of certain Arab countries seeking to destroy her "lies in our defense capabilities for which we owe so much to the United States," Tekoah said. But in the final analysis, he asserted, the survival of the Jewish people is assured by the survival of the Jewish State, and the survival of both the State and the Jewish people is based on the "covenant of the Jewish people, Jewish brotherhood and solidarity, in the redemption of Soviet Jewry, in their liberation and in their union with us. Above everything else our strength lies in our faith and our determination."

The World Must Remember

Benjamin Mead, a ghetto survivor and chairman of the United Commemoration Committee which sponsored the Temple Emanu-El service at which Sen. James Buckley (R/C NY) also spoke, stated that the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising "was perhaps the most heroic act of resistance to oppression and hatred in the history of mankind. The ghetto fighters who died in the struggle for their lives and dignity of their people have become a symbol of all six million Jews slaughtered in the Nazi ghettos and concentration camps. The world must remember the heinous crimes committed during the holocaust, and just as importantly, we must remember the heroism of the gallant martyrs in the courageous battle for freedom."

Other ceremonies included one at the New York High School of Fashion in Manhattan where a large audience was addressed by Prof. Tevya Grol of Paris, who lived in the ghettos of Brest-Litovsk and Kovel and fought as a partisan during World War II, and Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D NY).

In Philadelphia, Ambassador Jacob Doron, deputy head of Israel's UN Mission, addressed several thousand persons at the Monument to Six Million Martyrs. The parkway, at the site of the ceremony, was closed to traffic and filled with thousands of seats. Benjamin S. Loewenstein, chairman of the Memorial Committee for Six Million Jewish Martyrs, said he had invited all area synagogues and organizations to place wreaths on the monument which was dedicated 10 years ago.

In Los Angeles, a community service was held at Temple Beth Am. The Jewish Community Council of Greater Boston and the New American Association sponsored a service at Brandeis University's Berlin Chapel. The university's Hillel Foundation sponsored a Holocaust Week that will conclude Tuesday with a program of lectures, films, panel discussions and religious services at various locations on the campus.

On Friday, Times Square in New York became Warsaw Ghetto Square. Mayor Abraham Beame issued a proclamation renaming the square. In a telegram to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Anniversary Committee and the Zionist Organization of America, which co-sponsored the event, Beame stated that "those who died in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and those who stood to defy insurmountable odds are symbols of an indestructible longing for freedom." Governor Malcolm Wilson proclaimed Friday as Warsaw Ghetto Day in New York State.