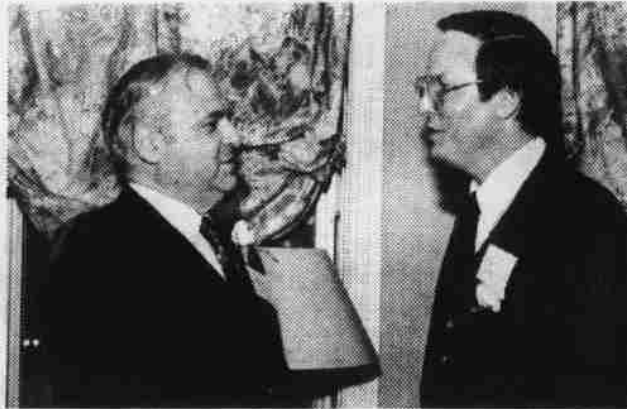


Thatcher Pledges "Absolute Support" For Soviet Jews



London — British P.M. Thatcher pledged her "Absolute Support" of Soviet Jewry at a meeting with world Jewish leaders in her office at 10 Downing Street. L. to R.: Edgar M. Bronfman, president, World Jewish Congress; Barbara Stern, chairman, Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry; Isi Leibler, president, Executive Council of Australian Jewry; Julius Berman, chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Arye Dulzin, chairman of the Executive, World Zionist Organization; Gerald Kraft, president, B'nai B'rith International; Mrs. Thatcher; Greville Janner, president, Board of Deputies of British Jews; Morris Abram, chairman, National Conference on Soviet Jewry; Avraham Harman, chairman, Israel Council on Soviet Jewry; Arye Handler, chairman, British Council on Soviet Jewry; Claude Kelman, chairman, French Committee on Soviet Jewry.

Republican Reception Held For Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne



At left is Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne. At right is Republican National Committee Chairman Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Betty Heitman, RNC co-chairman, hosted a reception for Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne.

About 350 guests attended the event at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C., including several members of Congress, Cabinet secretaries, White House officials and members of several Jewish organizations.

"This nation, as our president has stated many times, has a strong and enduring commitment to one of the closest allies the United States has, and that is the state of Israel," Fahrenkopf told the crowd as he introduced the ambassador.

Dr. Rosenne, who was nominated Israel's ambassador to the United States in May 1983, told those attending the reception that Israel is "united more than ever (with the United States) in the fight for freedom."

Dr. Rosenne became his country's ambassador to France in 1979, and served in that capacity until his present position.

Pioneer Women Hear Optimistic Report On Israel And The U.N.



At the Pioneer Women/Na'amat 28th National Biennial Convention, Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick was presented with the Golda Meir Human relations Award for "staunch defense of Israel in the U.N." Standing next to Ambassador Kirkpatrick is Phyllis Sutker of Stokie, Illinois, re-elected as National President and Ambassador Meir Rosenne.

U. N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick predicted that, despite a decade-long anti-Semitic campaign in the United Nations, where Israel has been "isolated, despised, humiliated and victimized," the position of Israel in the U.N. is beginning to improve.

"We've discovered that we can discourage the victimization of Israel...Israel's isolation inside the U.N. and outside the U.N. is diminishing," Kirkpatrick said.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick made her remarks during a 45-minute address to a crowd of 1000 at the 28th National Biennial Convention of Pioneer Women/Na'amat in Baltimore. Kirkpatrick received the Golda Meir Human Relations Award for "her staunch defense of Israel in the U.N., and her advocacy of the emigration rights of Soviet Jews, according to Shirley Asner, chairman of the award committee.

Ambassaadaor Meir Rosenne said in his greetings to the delegates: "When the history of the era is written, Mrs. Kirkpatrick will be the one to save the honor of the United Nations."

During the Convention, the following national officers were installed: Phyllis Sutker of Skokie, Ill., President, Gloria Eibling of Pittsburg, Pa., Lillian Elkin of New York City, N.Y., Phyllis Frank of Silver Spring, Md., Harriet Green of Coral Gables, Fl., and Edythe Rosenfeld of Trumbull, Ct., Vice Presidents; Joyce Schildkraut of Massapequa, N.Y., Treasurer; Elsie Wattenberg of Bronx, N.Y., Financial Secretary; and Dorothy Margolis of Baltimore, Md., Secretary.

In a panel focused on the American affairs agenda of Pioneer Women/Na'amat, Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski told the delegates that, in Congress, "Israel is always perceived as the bad guy."

She urged the delegates to sponsor trips to Israel for women active in political, peace, and women's rights movements. "Then they will know what a democracy in the Middle East means," she said.

Mikulski reported that, on her recent trip to Israel, she felt an immediate bond with Israeli women: "Our concerns are not specific to time and place...The goals of Na'amat are like the goals of NOW."

Stephen Solendar, Executive Vice President of the Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund of Baltimore, reported that, during the first five months of the year, the caseload of his agency had increased 35 percent, which included many Jewish middle class unemployed. "The Jewish community must adapt to a new reality because the program of Reagan cutbacks shows no sign of abating," he said.

Solendar proposed that Jewish agencies expand "preventative" programs, including day care and transportation services for the elderly.

Israel Supports U.S. In U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) — Israel was one of a handful of nations who voted to oppose a General Assembly resolution "deeply deploring" America's "armed intervention in Grenada." The vote was 108 in favor of the resolution and nine against, with 27 abstentions. The resolution was also opposed by the six Caribbean nations who participated in the Grenada action with the U.S., and by El Salvador.

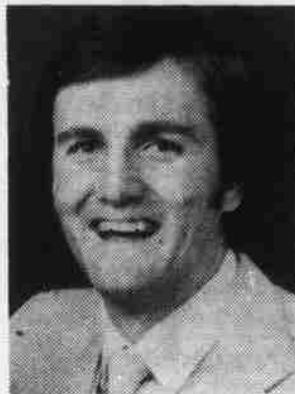
Yehuda Blum, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, said, "As a result of Israel's own experience, we naturally understand and identify with all other states who are confronted with the danger of subversion and destabilization. Certainly all states must be guaranteed the freedom to elect their own government and determine their own future without fear of external subversion." The U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Jean Kirkpatrick said in a television interview that the U.S. appreciated Israel's vote.

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