

## Personalities

You don't have to be Jewish to play **Golda Meir**, says the New York Theater Guild president, **Philip Langner**.

But it might help. The former Israeli prime minister, who has sold her autobiography to be produced as a musical by the Theater Guild, wants the play to "enable more people to understand the dreams and aims that accompanied the founding of Israel," and she will have veto rights over the production.

The contract was signed in Israel, and the play is to be staged next year. Langner said that "a search is under way for an actress to portray Mrs. Meir, and four leading Israeli actresses are now being considered."

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**Julie Nixon Eisenhower** and her husband, **David**, are "unable to leave their apartment" because of "the pressure on the Nixon family as a result of the distribution of the book, 'The Final Days'" according to the Mississippi Economic Council which Mrs. Eisenhower was scheduled to address Thursday.

The Chamber of Commerce organization was told this by a spokesman for Mrs. Eisenhower, said the general manager, **Bob Pittman**, when the speech was canceled.

**Jonas A. Salk**, who developed the polio vaccine, will receive the Humanist of the Year Award from the American Humanist Association, and the Canadian humans, too, on April 30 . . .

**First Lady Betty Ford** received the Daughters of Penelope Award from the Grand Lodge of the Daughters, part of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, yesterday in New York.

A vacant cottage which is part of politician comedian **Dick Gregory's** 400-acre state in Plymouth, Mass., was destroyed by fire, and local police

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