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Z.C.A. CONVENTION GETS PLAN ON RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- A blueprint for the relationship between the American Zionist movement and Israel as well as between Zionists and non-Zionists in the United States was submitted to the 52nd annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America which opened here today at the Statler Hotel. The blueprint prepared by a special commission headed by Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind also contains important recommendations with regard to the functions of the Zionist movement in America and elsewhere.

The Rifkind report points out that "Israel is a sovereign state" and that only the citizens of Israel owe it allegiance. "The establishment of Israel has in no way affected the citizenship of Jews of other lands," the report says. It recommends that consideration be given to the progressive conversion of the World Zionist Organization into a federation of territorial organizations. "Through the World Zionist Congress and the World Zionist executive the required measures of coordination among the territorial bodies and with Israel would be achieved," the report asserts.

The document urges that within individual countries, the various wings of the Zionist movement be united into a single organization or federated, by agreements freely made among them, into territorial organizations whose internal ruling bodies and whose delegations to the Zionist Congress should be proportionate to the relative strength of the various wings of the Zionist movement in the country.

"The reasons which justify conferring upon the Jews of Palestine representation at twice the ratio for Jews elsewhere have become invalid as a result of the growth of the population within Israel and the reduction of the number of Jews in other countries," the report declares. "Representation at the Zionist Congress should therefore be on a uniform basis throughout the world."

Cooperation Between Zionists and Non-Zionists Outlined

Emphasizing that the Zionists of America welcome the cooperation of non-Zionists in promoting the welfare of the people of Israel, the report suggests that American Zionists promote the formation of a consultative body representing all Jewish groups interested in the welfare of Israel. At the same time, it questions the coordination of Zionist and non-Zionist efforts on an international level and suggests that the two groups should cooperate on a territorial level.

Pointing out that the establishment of the state of Israel did not mark the fulfillment of the aims of Zionism, the report declares the present aims of the movement to be the safeguarding of the integrity and independence of Israel "by means consistent with the laws of the several countries whereof Zionists are nationals or inhabitants." To this end, the report continued, "the Zionist movement will render moral and material assistance to the people of Israel, will promote the speedy migration to Israel of Jews desirous of settling therein, will further their adequate preparation, economic absorption and cultural integration and will cooperate in lifting the standard of life in Israel."

Such a relationship does not preclude, but on the contrary invites, cordial consultation, friendly cooperation and intelligent coordination with the authorities of Israel, the report emphasized.

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS PARLEY REJECTS ISRAELI REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION OF MOGEN DOVID

GENEVA, May 27. (JTA) -- The International Red Cross conference meeting here to change its convention to meet the conditions of atomic war last night rejected an Israeli request that the Red Mogen Dovid be recognized as the official Red Cross symbol in Israel instead of the cross. The Israeli delegation to the parley pointed out that the Mogen Dovid has been the symbol recognized by the inhabitants of Israel for many years.

Red Cross officials, explaining the rejection of the Israeli application, stated that the Red Cross symbol has no religious significance. The Israeli delegation, in its plea, pointed out that it was asking equal status for the Red Mogen Dovid because the Red Crescent is recognized in Moslem countries as the Lion and Sun is in Iran.

WORLD REVISIONIST COUNCIL NEGOTIATING WITH HERUT FOR DIVISION OF FUNCTION, AUTHORITY

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- The World Revisionist Council, which is now meeting here, has appointed a three-man committee to open negotiations with Herut, the Irgun-sponsored political movement, for a division of function and authority between the two groups.

The plan for negotiations which was adopted by a narrow majority, authorized the committee to attempt to divide the functions and scope of the two related groups on the basis that the Herut would be the Israeli version of the Revisionist Party, which would continue to maintain its subdivisions abroad. The sessions of the Council have been adjourned until Sunday pending a report by the Committee.

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR CONFERS WITH STATE DEPT. AIDE ON SHIPPING AND COMMERCE PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Elath today met with Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Willard Thorpe. A spokesman for the Israeli Embassy said they discussed "problems of commerce and shipping between the two countries."

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development today announced that it is sending a mission to Iraq at the request of the Iraqi Government to investigate irrigation and hydro-electric projects in the Tigris and Euphrates Valley. This area has been mentioned by Israeli President Chaim Weizmann and U.S. Vice-President Alben W. Barkley as a logical place for the resettlement of Arab refugees from Palestine. The mission will leave for Baghdad Sunday and will remain several weeks.

BRITISH MINISTER TO ISRAEL FORMALLY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT WEIZMANN

TEL AVIV, May 27. (JTA) -- Alexander Knox Helm, British Minister to Israel, today formally presented his credentials to President Chaim Weizmann in the Presidential office at Hakiryia, seat of the Israeli Government.

The British diplomat was driven out to Hakiryia in the President's private car and was met by a guard of honor which he inspected after a military band played the British and Israeli national anthems.

ISRAEL ADMITTED AS FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATIONS

PARIS, May 27. (JTA) -- Israel was admitted today as a full-fledged member of the International Conference on Telegraphy and Telephony now taking place here. A three-man Israeli delegation, headed by Zvi Prihar, director-general for radio, telegraphy and telephony in Israel, thanked the conference for the warm welcome extended the Jewish state's deputation and noted the swiftness with which Israel's admission was accomplished.

THREE JEWISH CONGRESSMEN SPEAK IN HOUSE ON REPORTED ANTI-SEMITISM IN SOVIET UNION

WASHINGTON, May 27. (JTA) -- Three Jewish Congressmen today expressed concern to the House of Representatives over the reported anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. They were Representatives Abraham J. Multer, Isidore Dollinger, and Louis B. Heller, all Democrats of New York.

Multer said: "Only yesterday Secretary of State Dean Acheson pointed out in Paris that only Russia and its satellite states refused to permit the outside world to know what goes on behind the Iron Curtain. I join Secretary Acheson in challenging the Soviet authorities to permit the representatives of the United Nations to enter Soviet Russia in order to freely determine the true state of affairs." The other Congressmen spoke in a similar vein.

JEWISH-OWNED CLOTHING SHOP BOMBED IN PARIS; ONE OF SERIES OF SUCH OUTRAGES

PARIS, May 27. (JTA) -- A small Jewish-owned clothing shop was blasted in the early hours this morning by a bomb thrown at the store's front window. Several similar outrages have occurred in this city recently.

A monument paying tribute to the memory of 600 Jews of Bordeaux who perished at the hands of the Nazis during the war was unveiled in the courtyard of the Bordeaux Synagogue. Among the Jews whose names were inscribed on the memorial is Georges Mandel, Jewish member of the last French Cabinet before the fall of Paris to the Nazi Army.

LONDON POLICEMAN TO STAND TRIAL FOR SETTING FIRES IN JEWISH DISTRICT; SOUGHT REVENGE

LONDON, May 27. (JTA) -- London police constable Clifford A. Weallans, 22, was committed today for trial at the Central Criminal Court on charges of setting fire to property in London's Jewish-populated East End and causing \$254,000 in damages.

He was alleged to have made a statement in which he said "the reason I did this was to get my own back on the Jews. I saw many bad things done to our men in Palestine and I wanted to even things up. I am terribly sorry for what I have done but I could not control myself."

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PROTESTS TO SWEDISH GOVT. AGAINST AABERG'S ANTI-JEWISH ACTIVITIES

STOCKHOLM, May 27. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the World Jewish Congress today called on Minister of Justice Herman Zetterberg, calling his attention to anti-Semitic propaganda recently disseminated in Italy by Ejmar Aaberg, a Swedish national. The delegation urged that the Ministry adopt measures to prevent such propaganda which, its members protested to Zetterberg, were damaging to Sweden's prestige.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA APPOINTS JEW AS ENVOY TO LONDON; APPOINTEE COMES FROM ZIONIST FAMILY

LONDON, May 27. (JTA) -- A Prague dispatch received here today reported that Dr. Rudolf Bystricky, a Jew and head of the economic department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Czechoslovak Ambassador to Britain. Bystricky, whose former name was Weichherz, comes from a well-known Zionist family in Banska Bystrica, it was revealed here.

CENTRAL JEWISH COMMITTEE OF POLAND SEVERS RELATIONS WITH W.J.C. ADMINISTRATION

WARSAW, May 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish Central Committee of Poland has issued a statement announcing that "it considers it useless to maintain connections with the present administration of the World Jewish Congress" because of the refusal of the executive of the Congress to participate in the World Conference for Peace which was held recently in Paris under the auspices of groups sympathetic to the Soviet Union.

The statement declares that the Central Committee will conduct a campaign "by word and in the press" against the present administration of the World Jewish Congress. "The leadership of the World Jewish Congress has remained an instrument of the reactionary Zionist bourgeoisie, and after the establishment of Israel it became a direct tool in the hands of those who strive to hand over Israel to Anglo-Saxon imperialists and to convert the Jewish state into a base against the Soviet Union," the statement asserts.

JEWISH EDUCATION PARLEY HEARS REPORTS ON FUTURE OF CULTURAL JEWISH LIFE IN AMERICA

ATLANTIC CITY, May 27. (JTA) -- Jewish education provides the key to the survival and growth of Jewish life in America, speakers at the annual meeting of the American Association for Jewish Education declared here today. The five-day parley is being held jointly with the annual meetings of the National Council for Jewish Education and the Hebrew Teachers Federation of America.

Dr. Samuel Dinin, executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Los Angeles, told the delegates that the emergence of the state of Israel constitutes the most important single event in the annals of world Jewry during the past year. "There is no doubt," he said, "that the new state of Israel will exert an important influence on American Jewish life though there are differences of opinion as to the nature and the extent of the transformation which will be effected in the shape and character of American Jewish life."

The issue of released time for religious instruction in public schools--a major controversy in American education since it was partially, but not conclusively, outlawed by the Supreme Court--will be considered by the delegates. A special session devoted to the theme of "Jewish Education in the American Scene" will review the place of Jewish education in the concept of "cultural pluralism" as against the "melting-pot" theory.

LEHMAN REACHES PARIS; PREDICTS ISRAEL WILL BECOME INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF MIDDLE EAST

PARIS, May 27. (JTA) -- Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman who arrived here today en route to the U.S. following a visit to Israel predicted at a press conference that the "time would come when Israel would become the industrial center of the Middle East, bringing prosperity to the entire nation."

The main problems now facing Israel, he asserted, are housing, the high cost of living, maintenance of a defense army and irrigation of arid areas. He added that the three ways to raise funds to overcome these difficulties are: 1. Gift funds for Israel from the United Jewish Appeal as well as from similar campaigns in other parts of the world; 2. Private capital investment; and, 3. Public assistance and government loans.

THREE VESSELS CARRYING OVER 700 JEWISH DP IMMIGRANTS TO U.S. DUE THIS WEEK-END

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Three ships, the Merine Jumper, General Taylor and General Stewart, carrying a total of 707 Jewish refugees will arrive here from Bremerhaven, Germany, during the week-end, it was announced today by the United Service for New Americans. A total of 430 of the newcomers, most of whom have no American relatives, will arrive under an "agency assurance" provided by the U.S.N.A.

HEBREW GAINING ACCEPTANCE IN U.S. COLLEGES; NOW TAUGHT IN 206 HIGHER INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- A total of 206 institutions of higher learning in the United States are now offering courses in Hebrew, according to a survey made public today. Sixty-two of these institutions are colleges, 60 are universities and 84 are theological schools.

The survey, conducted by Prof. Abraham I. Katsh of New York University's School of Education, established that Hebrew, both as a college entrance requirement and as a college course, is currently receiving greater acceptance than ever before in the nation's institutions of higher learning.

The study made by Prof. Katsh was based on replies to questionnaires returned by 1,021 colleges and universities in 47 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Alaska. Questionnaires were originally sent to 1,221 institutions of which 83.5 percent responded. Only 199 of the responding institutions would not accept Hebrew as an entrance requirement, but 496 colleges and universities stated categorically that they would accept Hebrew as meeting the entrance language requirement. An additional 34 schools indicated that they would accept the language as an entrance requirement, but in individual cases only. Seventy-two schools reported they would accept Hebrew for entrance, but pointed out, however, that no such requests have yet been made.

YALE UNIVERSITY PUBLISHES 15-VOLUME ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF CODE OF MAIMONIDES

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 27. (JTA) -- The first volume of an English translation of the Code of Maimonides was published here today by Yale University Press. The book represents the first time that any part of the famous encyclopedic Code has ever been translated into any language from the original Hebrew.

Publication of the book inaugurates a projected 15-volume translation of the entire medieval Code that is being prepared under the auspices of Judaica Research at Yale University. The volume published today is "The Book of Civil Laws" - Book XIII in the Maimonides Code. It was translated by Jacob Rabinowitz, New York attorney. The other 14 books of this monumental work are presently being prepared by a number of distinguished scholars in this country and abroad, each responsible for one of the books of the Code.

In his translation, Mr. Rabinowitz aimed at making the Book of Civil Laws available to modern jurists as well as to others interested in the legal institutions of Judaism. The Code is the most detailed and systematic exposition of Jewish civil law after the close of the Talmud. Book XIII contains five treatises dealing with the laws of hiring, borrowing and depositing, creditor and debtor, pleading, and inheritance.

To introduce the Code of Maimonides to English readers has been one of the major projects of Judaica Research at Yale, established in 1944 by Louis M. Rabinowitz, of New York, for research in Hebrew lore and literature. Julian J. Oberman, professor of Semitic Languages at Yale, has directed Judaica Research from its beginning and is editor-in-chief of the Yale Judaica Series. Associated with him as editors are Professors Louis Ginzberg, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Barry A. Wolfson, of Harvard University.

N.Y. CITY SCHOOL BOARD DECIDES TO RETAIN "OLIVER TWIST" AS APPROVED READING MATERIAL

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- The New York City public school system's Board of Superintendents announced yesterday that it has decided to retain Charles Dickens' novel, "Oliver Twist," on the approved list of reading material for high school students. The British-produced movie, based on the book which depicts a Jewish villain named Fagin, has been banned in several European countries.

The decision was based on a unanimous recommendation submitted to the board by a seven-member reading committee. Several members of the committee were Jewish, it was explained by Dr. William Jansen, Superintendent of Schools.

3,000 EAST EUROPEAN JEWS REACHED AUSTRIA ON WAY TO ISRAEL DURING APRIL, JDC REPORTS

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- The number of Jews who left Eastern Europe for Austria on their way to Israel reached 3,000 during April, while the figure for this month is slightly higher, Harold Trobe, Joint Distribution Committee director for Austria, reported here today following his return from Vienna for a visit to the U.S.

Touching on the situation of the Austrian Jews at present, he revealed that "there are now 11,000 native Austrian Jews" remaining in the country as compared with a pre-war Jewish population of 220,000. Eleven thousand Jews are now living in DP camps in Austria while an additional 12,000 Jews reside in cut-of-camp areas, he said.

DR. GOLDSTEIN ARRIVES IN U.S. TO HELP U.J.A. DRIVE; STRESSES NEED FOR "GIFT DOLLARS"

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, Jewish Agency treasurer who arrived here yesterday to undertake a speaking tour throughout the U.S. in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, told a press conference today that "some \$200,000,000 in 'gift dollars' and an equal amount in investment dollars would be required to provide maintenance and economic integration for a total of 200,000 new immigrants."

A concerted effort is now being made to establish new immigrants in agriculture, he stated, pointing out that 20 percent of the population in Israel should work on the land. In this connection, he said that food production as well as security considerations make necessary an increase in the rate of settlement in the Negev, in the Galilee and in the corridor between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

MORGENTHAU CITED BY MASSACHUSETTS INTER-RELIGIOUS BODY FOR GOOD-WILL ROLE

BOSTON, May 27. (JTA) -- The Massachusetts Committee of Catholics, Protestants and Jews, at its 12th annual dinner here last night, cited Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, as "a living symbol of the identity of the Jew and the American" who has carried "the message of good-will through international boundaries on a world-wide scale." Mr. Morgenthau was honored earlier at a luncheon arranged in his honor by the Combined Jewish Appeal of Boston.

Others cited by the Massachusetts Committee were Vice-President Alben W. Barkley and former heavyweight boxing champion James J. Tunney.

"CARE" PARCELS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN ISRAEL, BEGINNING SEPT.; EXPERTS TO PLAN CONTENTS

NEW YORK, May 27. (JTA) -- Distribution of CARE packages to supplement the food supply of the people of Israel will begin about Sept. 1, it was revealed here yesterday by William Cholko, of the CARE organization, and I.L. Kenen, director of information for the Israeli Consulate, addressing a luncheon meeting of representatives of organizations interested in aiding Israel.

Israeli food experts and American nutritionists will confer here shortly to decide on the contents of the packages. Approval of the contents of the CARE parcels will be obtained from the Israeli Ministry of Food Control.

AN ACCOUNT OF DECECRATION DAY THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON TUESDAY