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DANIEL FRISCH, PRESIDENT OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 53

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, died here early today at the Presbyterian Hospital, following a major operation. He was 53 years old.

Funeral services will be held here tomorrow at noon. His body will be escorted by a Z.O.A. delegation to Indianapolis where he made his home. Funeral services will be conducted in Indianapolis on Thursday at noon prior to interment. Mr. Frisch was the first president of the Z.O.A. to die in office.

Born in Palestine, Mr. Frisch was brought by his parents to Rumania at the age of one and immigrated to the United States in 1921. During the past 30 years he was active not only in the Zionist movement in this country, but also in the fields of Jewish communal welfare and education.

Mr. Frisch, who was descended from a long line of rabbis in Rumania, studied at a rabbinical seminary. He wrote extensively on the philosophy and organizational problems of the Zionist movement and his writings attracted worldwide attention.

He was the founder of the Indianapolis Zionist District, and later served as president of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region. Five years ago, prior to leaving Indianapolis for New York to take up permanent residence, he was named the outstanding Jewish citizen of Indiana.

Mr. Frisch attended most of the sessions of the World Zionist Congress during the past two decades. In 1934 he was elected to the National Z.O.A. Administrative Council and later became its chairman. Until his election to the presidency of the Z.O.A. in May, 1949, he served as vice-president of the Z.O.A. and vice-chairman of its Inner Committee. During the nine months that he held office, Mr. Frisch visited Israel twice to lay the groundwork for the launching of Z.O.A. projects in the Jewish state. On his most recent visit to Israel, he broke ground for the erection of the Z.O.A. House at ceremonies attended by Premier David Ben Gurion and other high government officials.

Frisch Defines Z.O.A. Policy in Special Testament

Z.O.A. headquarters here today released the text of a letter which Mr. Frisch dictated from his hospital bed on the eve of his operation. The letter, addressed to the officers of all Z.O.A. regions and districts, said:

"You might find it rather strange that one who, like myself, is facing an unavoidable major operation, should dictate from his hospital bed a letter to his friends--but strange things do happen in life. I trust you will believe me when, standing at the crossroads of life in more than one sense, I tell you that I am convinced that a strong Z.O.A. and a vigorous General Zionism (not Zionism in general), are as indispensable today to the welfare and growth of Israel, both as a state and as a people, as they have been.

"During the nine months of my presidency, I have given the Z.O.A. and the Zionist movement my very all. I have tried to manage the affairs of the Z.O.A. without

regard to past politics or any attempt to settle old accounts. I have tried to do my very best. I think I have earned the right to call on others to do theirs.

"We are now facing the next convention. Believe me that, as I lie here, I have nothing on my mind concerning personalities that may compete for one position or another. All I am concerned with is that the dignity and power and usefulness of the Z.O.A. should be reflected in the next convention. We must come to the convention with a treasury capable of carrying us through the lean summer months and with a membership as large, if not larger, than a year ago. For the Z.O.A. cannot maintain its influence and its creativity without a large membership."

The letter concluded with an appeal to Z.O.A. leaders throughout the United States to make special efforts between March 15 and May 15 for the success of the Z.O.A.'s drives in behalf of membership and the American Zionist Fund.

Benjamin G. Browdy, vice-president of the Z.O.A. and vice-chairman of the Inner Committee, has served as acting president of the Z.O.A. during Mr. Frisch's illness.

Mr. Frisch is survived by his widow, Tillie, a daughter, Mrs. Marvin Bacaner, of Boston, and a son, Lazar, a student at the University of California.

Jewish Leaders Issue Statements Mourning Passing of Frisch

Messages of condolences were issued today by Jewish leaders on the occasion of Mr. Frisch's passing. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, in a wire to Benjamin G. Browdy, acting president of the Z.O.A., said that Mr. Frisch's "unlimited devotion to the Zionist cause, his grasp of Zionist problems, his unshakable faith in the necessity of a strong Zionist movement, his love for Israel and for everything Jewish made him a source of strength for Zionist life."

"The executive of the Jewish Agency," Dr. Goldmann stated, "with whom he worked in close cooperation, wants at this sad hour to express its full appreciation of the great services he rendered to Zionism and its deep grief at his sudden and unexpected death. His name and personality and the record of his achievements will remain alive in the history of Zionism. In his devotion and enthusiasm he will remain an example for Zionists all over the world."

Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A., declared that Mr. Frisch "was imbued with a profound sense of the urgency of Jewish reconstruction overseas. His vigor and devotion in the service of his people will be keenly missed in the years ahead," he said. Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, stated that the death of Mr. Frisch "at the height of his Zionist career is a shock to the entire Zionist movement."

Judge Morris Rothenberg, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, asserted that Mr. Frisch "dedicated his life to the development of a far-ranging program calculated to forge an unbreakable bond between the people of the United States and the Jews of Israel. The Zionist movement has lost a faithful and courageous leader who gave himself unsparingly for the welfare of his people," the statement said.

The American Jewish Committee, in a statement issued by Jacob Blaustein, president, said that after Mr. Frisch's "life-long devotion to the cause of Zionism, he came to the helm of the Z.O.A. where he continued to serve the ideals so close to his heart to the utmost of his ability and strength. The Committee profoundly regrets the death of Daniel Frisch in the prime of his life," the statement said.

TWO ISRAEL COMMUNISTS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF POSSESSION OF SECRET MILITARY DATA

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- Israel police have arrested two prominent Israel Communists on charges of illegal possession of secret military documents concerning the strength and striking power of the Israel Army, it was reported here today by the press.

The police had kept the entire matter secret, prohibiting publication of news of the arrests, until today when the story was broken by Kol Haam, Communist newspaper, which reported the details and charged that the two men were being held not because they were spies, but because of their political opposition to the government. The two Communists are Uri Winter and Gustav Golubner.

Mr. Winter was arrested during a Communist demonstration against Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, in the latter part of January. He was released on bail and subsequently rearrested on the present charges.

U.S. WILL SUPPORT EVERY CONTRIBUTION TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE, DIPLOMATIC PARLEY TOLD

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government will support every contribution to peace and stability in the Middle East, it was emphasized today by Jefferson Caffery, U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, in addressing the opening session of the conference of American diplomats in the Middle East which is taking place in Cairo, it was reported here today in dispatches from Egypt to the British press.

Mr. Caffery is presiding at the session which is being attended by about 50 American diplomats from various countries in the Near East, including James G. McDonald, American Ambassador to Israel. American policy toward Israel is one of the questions which will come up for discussion at the session in which representatives from the State Department are reportedly participating.

EGYPTIAN DELEGATE WALKS OUT OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SESSION OVER MINOR ISSUE

GENEVA, March 7. (JTA) -- The Egyptian delegate at the U.N. Trusteeship Council session here walked out of the meeting chamber today in protest against the failure of the U.N. Secretariat to distribute an official document to observer nations, of which Egypt is one. The Israel delegate, who associated himself with the Egyptian protest, did not walk out.

The Council today received an official communication from the Ashkenazi community of Jerusalem demanding that the Orthodox Ashkenazi community be given representation in any legislature set up in Jerusalem. The document, which is being distributed to the delegates as an official communication and has not yet been made public, also asks that the Trusteeship body give official recognition to the Ashkenazi Rabbinical Council, and declare Jerusalem a Holy City.

MAPAM NATIONAL CONFERENCE DECIDES AGAINST JOINING ISRAEL COALITION CABINET

TEL AVIV, March 7. (JTA) -- A resolution declaring that "present conditions do not offer a basis enabling the Mapam to join the coalition Cabinet" was approved today at a national conference of the left-wing United Workers Party held at Petach Tikvah. The resolution, which received 155 votes, was adopted after an earlier recommendation, submitted by Israel Galilee, former commander of the Haganah, stating that "prevailing conditions permit further exploration for finding a basis for negotiations," received only 95 votes.

LABOR UNIONS IN CANADA ANNOUNCE WAR AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN COUNTRY

MONTREAL, March 7. (JTA) -- A full scale war against racial discrimination will be waged in every major population center in Canada, Claude Jodoin, president of the local Trades and Labor Council, said in an address here before a two-day labor institute on discrimination.

Mr. Jodoin stated that the Trades and Labor Congress' 450,000 members in the country and the 350,000 members of the Commonwealth Cooperative League were backing the battle against discrimination. Committees will be organized in all major Canadian cities to stamp out existing discrimination and to "nip in the bud" any attempt to foster such group troubles, he declared. "Labor is in a good position to locate possible sources of trouble in this respect and in an equally good situation to fight discrimination," he stressed.

ANTI-SEMITIC ARGENTINE PAPER RENEWS ATTACKS ON JEWS; CALLS ATOMIC BOMB "SEMITIC"

BUENOS AIRES, March 7. (JTA) -- "Alianza," organ of the pro-fascist and anti-Semitic organization, Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista, today renewed its attack on Jews. The paper described the atomic bomb as a "Semitic" weapon, and called the rivalry between East and West a "bluff, since both Communism and capitalism are instruments of Jewish international forces."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE EULOGIZES THOMAS G. MASARYK ON CENTENNIAL OF HIS BIRTH

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- On the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of his birth, Thomas G. Masaryk, founder and first president of the Republic of Czechoslovakia, was eulogized by the American Jewish Committee "as one of history's great fighters in the cause of individual liberty."

Jacob Blaustein, president of the Committee, pointed out in a statement that American Jews were among Dr. Masaryk's firmest supporters in his struggle to achieve independence for Czechoslovakia. "In 1918, Louis Marshall, then president of the American Jewish Committee, worked closely with him, and Justice Louis D. Brandeis helped him draft, on American soil, the historic proclamation of Czechoslovak independence.

"The trust and friendship which marked the American Jewish Committee's earliest relations with Thomas G. Masaryk were continued with Masaryk's distinguished disciples, President Edouard Benes and the great statesman's son, Jan Masaryk, both of whom followed their ideals to ultimate martyrdom," the statement said.

CONVERT JEWS TO CHRISTIANITY ARE SCORED BY RABBI ROSENBLUM; TORAH TOUR OPENS

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Speaking before a group of ministers of the Reformed Church of America, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of Temple Israel here yesterday attacked efforts by Christian religious leaders to convert Jews to Christianity. Rabbi Rosenblum suggested that since "there are so many hundreds of millions of Christians who do not practice what they profess" missionary efforts "might more profitably be directed to their salvation" rather than to the conversion of Jews.

In an effort to "promote and clarify" Orthodox Judaism, the Rabbinical Council of America has instituted a nationwide "Torah Tour" aimed at strengthening existing Orthodox institutions. The Council has organized regional teams of rabbis to visit urban and rural communities to encourage Orthodox Jewish life.

KAISER-FRAZER COMPANY ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF AUTOMOBILE-ASSEMBLY PLANT IN HAIFA

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The establishment of an automobile assembly company to produce 6,000 cars a year in Israel was disclosed today in a joint announcement by Arthur Lourie, Consul General of Israel, and Edgar F. Kaiser, president of the Kaiser-Frazer Corporation.

To be known as Kaiser-Frazer of Israel, Ltd., the new company has obtained a plant of 115,000 square feet in Haifa, where production is scheduled to begin in August, according to Mr. Kaiser. Initial production schedule of 6,000 Kaiser cars a year is based on a one-shift operation. American-made assembly equipment is now being rushed to the new plant and an American plant manager has been sent to Haifa. Technical supervisory personnel from the company's Willow Run plant will be sent to train the more than 300 Israelis who will be employed in the new company, Mr. Kaiser stated.

ISRAEL BUYS 16,000 TONS OF SURPLUS U.S. POTATOES; FIRST SHIPMENT DUE TODAY

TEL AVIV, March 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Ministry of Supply has purchased 16,000 tons of surplus potatoes from the United States, it was announced here today. Three thousand tons are expected to arrive in Haifa today.

LUBAVITCHER YESHIVOTH SEEK TO ESTABLISH JEWISH RELIGIOUS DAY SCHOOLS IN LATIN AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The administration of the United Lubavitcher Yeshivah is now conducting a survey to examine the possibility of establishing Jewish religious day schools in various countries in Latin America, it was announced today by Rabbi S. Gourary, chairman of the executive committee of the Yeshivah.

The announcement said that the Lubavitcher Yeshivah are now expanding their work in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and have acquired new buildings there. It also cited the activities of the Lubavitcher Yeshivah and Rabbinical Seminary in Paris and in Montreal. A number of graduates of the Paris Yeshivah were recently called to Eire to minister to the religious needs of the Jewish community in Dublin, the announcement stated.

CANADIANS WHO SERVED WITH ISRAEL ARMY DURING ARAB-ISRAEL WAR FOUND NEGEV COLLECTIVE

MONTREAL, March 7. (JTA) -- A group of Canadian veterans who served with the Israel Army during the Arab-Israel war have established a collective settlement in the Eilat sector of the Negev desert, located at the southernmost tip of the Jewish state, it was revealed today. The Zionist Order of Habonim is providing financial assistance to the settlers, who named their colony Kissufim.

ORTHODOX RABBI RECITES INVOCATION IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR FIRST TIME

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- Rabbi Nachum David Herman, of Congregation Tifereth Israel of Brooklyn, today pronounced the invocation at the opening of the House of Representatives session, marking the first time in the history of Congress that the invocation was recited by an Orthodox rabbi.

FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF CITRUS PRODUCTS FROM ISRAEL IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK TODAY

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The first oranges to be shipped to the United States from Israel will arrive in New York tomorrow when 5,000 cases of citrus fruits reach here aboard the S.S. Exbrooke. This is the first consignment of citrus fruits to reach this country from the Palestine area since 1921.