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AMERICAN JEWS OWE POLITICAL LOYALTY TO U.S. ONLY, BEN GURION SAYS; HONORS BLAUSTEIN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- American Jews, as a community and as individuals, have only one political attachment and that is to the United States, Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel today declared here.

The Premier made this declaration at a luncheon in honor of Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee. Mr. Blaustein was invited to visit Israel by the Premier so that he could clarify certain aspects of the relations between Israel and American Jews for the benefit of both groups. Among the distinguished guests at today's affair were various Cabinet Ministers, Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, and U.N. Chief of Staff Gen. William E. Riley.

After praising the material and political support of American Jewry and their "warm hearted and practical idealism" which, he said, has been one of the principal sources of Israel's strength and success, the Premier said that certain misunderstandings about the relations between American Jewry and Israel are "likely to alienate sympathies and create disharmony where friendship and close cooperation are of vital importance."

He pointed out that from the earliest days of its existence "the government clearly stated without any reservation that the state of Israel represents and speaks only in behalf of its own citizens, and in no way presumes to represent or speak in the name of Jews who are citizens of any other country. We people of Israel," he continued, "have no desire or intention to interfere in any way in the internal affairs of the Jewish communities abroad."

"The government fully respects the right of integrity of Jewish communities in other countries to develop their own mode of life and their indigenous social, economic and cultural institutions in accordance with their own needs and aspirations," the Premier said. He expressed the hope that American Jewry will continue to extend its support and assistance to its brethren abroad, and added that any weakening of American Jewry, any diminution of its status would be a definite loss for the Jews everywhere and for Israel, in particular.

Says Israel Depends on Strength of U.S. Jewry; Defines Stand on Chalutzim

"We are happy to know of the deep and growing interest which American Jews of all shades and convictions take in what has fallen to us to achieve in this country," Premier Ben Gurion continued. "Were we, God forbid, to fail in what we have undertaken, the failure would cause grievous pain to Jews everywhere and nowhere more than in your community. Our success or failure depend in a large measure on our cooperation with and on the strength of the great Jewish community of the United States and we are therefore anxious that nothing be said or done which could in the slightest degree undermine the sense of security and stability of American Jewry."

"In this connection," Mr. Ben Gurion went on, "let me say a word on immigration. We would like to see American Jews come and take part in our effort. We need their technical knowledge, unrivalled experience, bold vision and know-how. We need engineers, chemists, builders, work managers and technicians. The tasks facing us in

this country are eminently such as would appeal to American genius for technical development and social progress, but the decision as to whether they wish to come--permanently or temporarily--rests with each American Jew himself."

Pointing out that Israel needs chalutzim also, the Premier said that some have come and expressed the belief that more would come, not only from countries where Jews are oppressed but also from countries where Jews live in freedom and are equal in status to all other citizens of their country. He stressed that the "essence of Chalutzint is free choice." The pioneers, he concluded, will come along with all others who believe that their aspirations as human beings and as Jews can best be fulfilled by life and work in Israel.

Praising American Jews for their tradition of aiding Israel, Mr. Ben Gurion said: "You, Mr. Blaustein, are one of the finest examples of this tradition. As an American Jew you are making many significant contributions to the Jewish cause and to the cause of democracy. I believe that I know something of the spirit of American Jewry among whom I lived for some years and I am convinced that it will continue to make a major contribution to our great effort of reconstruction. I hope that the talks we have had these last few days will lead to even closer cooperation between our two communities."

Blaustein Says U.S. Jews Are not in "Exile"; Lauds Israel's Achievements

Replying, Mr. Blaustein praised the tremendous achievements of the Israel Government. "What President Truman intends to do under his 'Point Four' program to assist people in underdeveloped areas to improve their conditions and raise their standards of living, you have been doing here, to a large extent, under difficult conditions and great sacrifice," he said.

"I am gratified to say that the people of Israel want democracy and will not accept any dictatorship or totalitarianism from within or without," Mr. Blaustein continued. "The vast majority of American Jewry recognizes the necessity and desirability of helping to make Israel a strong, reliable and self-supporting state for Israel's and the world's sake. We will do all we can to further increase our share in the great historic task of helping Israel to solve its problems.

"But," Mr. Blaustein pointed out, "we must in the true spirit of friendliness sound a note of caution for Israel must recognize that the matter of goodwill among citizens is a two-way street; that Israel also has responsibility in this situation--responsibility in terms of not affecting adversely the sensibilities of Jews who are citizens of other states by what it says or does.

"American Jews," he insisted, "vigorously repudiate any suggestion or implication that they are in exile." American Jews are attached to America, he stated, adding that for American Jews America is the home where they are rooted and which they helped build, sharing its fruits and its destiny and believing in the American future as a democratic society. "If America fails," he said, "there will be no future for democracy anywhere in the world and the very existence of Israel would be problematical."

"However, your statement, Mr. Premier, serves as unmistakable evidence that the responsible leaders of Israel and the organizations connected with it fully understand that future relations between the American Jewish community and the state of Israel must be based on mutual respect of one another's feelings and needs and the preservation of the integrity of both communities and their institutions," Mr. Blaustein concluded.

EBAN CONFERS WITH HEADS OF U.S., SOVIET, FRENCH, BRITISH AND INDIA DELEGATIONS AT U.N.

TAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban, who is also head of the Israel delegation at the United Nations, today met separately with Sen. Warren R. Austin, head of the American delegation, and Yacov Malik, head of the Soviet delegation.

Later, Ambassador Eban also met separately with the heads of the British, French and India delegations. The nature of his talks was not disclosed.

HADASSAH CONVENTION CLOSES; APPROVES \$7,000,000 BUDGET; MRS. HALPRIN REELECTED PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The 36th annual convention of Hadassah concluded here tonight with the adoption of a \$7,035,000 budget and the adoption of a resolution opposing the internationalization of Jerusalem and supporting the plan proposed by Israel for United Nations supervision of the Holy Places alone without any interference in the affairs of the peoples of Jerusalem.

The convention also voted to raise \$1,000,000 next year--in addition to the budget--as part of a special three-year building fund goal of \$3,500,000 approved by the convention earlier for the erection of a new medical center in Jerusalem. Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin was reelected president of Hadassah for a fourth consecutive term.

Addressing a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria which climaxed the convention, Ambassador Abba S. Eban of Israel told the audience that "democracy must prove itself" to the masses in Asia not only as the agent of their freedom, but also as the instrument of their welfare. Israel, looking out beyond the frontiers of its own democratic revolution, asks itself whether its achievement may not have wider significance than we ever suspected ourselves," he declared. "By our example we proclaim the capacity of a democratic system, even in the least promising and abundant conditions to assure to a nation its effective defense, its cultural revival, its social progress and the full dignity of constructive achievement. I believe that this is our chief service to democracy."

Turning to the problem of Israel-Arab relations, Mr. Eban noted that the effort of the United Nations to effect a peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors had failed because of the Arab refusal to accept procedures laid down by the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission which looked toward a final peace effort.

"We regret that these governments should increase their original offense of making war by their new offense of refusing peace," he stated. "Meanwhile we do not think that our colleagues in the United Nations will have much difficulty in assessing Arab claims which their authors will not put to the test of honest negotiation."

He said that Israel's foreign policy "has fixed ideals, but it has no fixed dogmas except that decision on each issue shall be taken on their independent merits. The one thing that a member of the United Nations should never surrender is its own freedom of judgment. In such freedom of judgment Israel has twice affirmed its support for the efforts of the Security Council to restore international peace and security in Korea."

John C. Ross, United States Deputy Representative in the United Nations Security Council, charged that the "armed attack upon the Republic of Korea is part of a Soviet Communist plan of world domination" and questioned whether the "Soviet Union wants to live at peace" with the free world.

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100 NEW ENTERPRISES GRANTED PREFERRED STATUS IN ISRAEL; CAPITALIZED AT \$26,000,000

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- One hundred new enterprises with a total capitalization of 9,500,000 pounds (\$26,600,000) have received a preferred status from the Israel Government under the terms of legislation aimed at encouraging the investment of capital in Israel, it was announced here today.

Since the passage of the special measures three months ago these enterprises, half of whose capital was provided from abroad, have applied to the Government Investment Center and have been certified as "approved" industries--they will either add to Israel's self-sufficiency or will bring in vitally-needed foreign exchange. Among the special privileges enjoyed by "approved" enterprises are a favorable tax status and the right to export abroad a percentage of the profits earned in Israel.

ISRAEL AND HUNGARIAN NEGOTIATORS FOR TRADE PACT SIGN PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A preliminary agreement has been signed by Israel and Hungarian negotiators who have been discussing a new trade pact between the two nations, it was learned here today.

The talks, which began earlier this month, are reported to be progressing satisfactorily. Informed circles predict that the new agreement will bring about increased trade between the two nations.

DENMARK SENDS FISHING VESSEL TO ISRAEL WATERS; WILL TRAIN ISRAEL FISHERMEN

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Danish fishing vessel "Soenderstand" will leave Jutland in the autumn for a fishing trip in Israel waters, it was announced here today. The ship will bring its catches to Israel harbors.

The fishing trip is the outgrowth of recent talks between Israel Government officials and Danish fishing experts at Skagen, Jutland. The Israel Government invited the experts to visit Israel to instruct local fishermen in the use of Danish-made equipment.

ISRAEL CONSULATE WILL BE OPENED SOON IN CYPRUS; POLICE OFFICIAL APPOINTED CONSUL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- An Israel Consulate will be opened soon at Nicosia, Cyprus, it was officially announced here today. Yernohmiel Yaron (who changed his name from Robert Lustig), a high-ranking police official, was appointed Israel Consul for Cyprus.

ARABIC TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT WEIZMANN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY CONFISCATED IN LEBANON

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- President Chaim Weizmann's autobiography, "Trial and Error," which appeared in an Arabic translation, has been confiscated in Lebanon, the Herut Party's newspaper reported today.

POLIO CASES DROP SHARPLY IN ISRAEL; 130 CASES REPORTED THIS MONTH

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The poliomyelitis wave in Israel is receding, it was announced here today. The number of cases reported throughout the country thus far in August is 130, as compared with 247 cases discovered in July.

GESTAPO OFFICER CHARGED WITH KILLING 7,000 CRACOW JEWS IS EXTRADITED TO POLAND

HAMBURG, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Willy Hase, 45-year-old former Gestapo officer in Cracow, Poland, in 1943, was ordered extradited to Poland today by a British extradition court here to stand trial as a war criminal.

Hase is accused of having killed, or ordering the execution of, some 7,000 Jews in Cracow in 1943. A Jewish witness testifying during the initial hearing here said that he recognized Hase as the murderer of his children. The Jew said he punched Hase in the face.

TERROR AGAINST JEWS RENEWED IN AFGHANISTAN; DRIVEN FROM SEVERAL TOWNS TO KABUL GHETTO

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Reports reaching here from Afghanistan indicate that a new wave of terror has been unleashed against the 4,500 Jews living in that Moslem country.

The reports state that Jews living in Kheirat, Kandahar, Gahazani and other towns have been driven into the walled Kabul Ghetto. In addition, Jews have been forbidden freedom of travel and have been ordered not to trade in a special list of commodities. Instead of military service, the Jews must pay a special war tax.

The reports indicate that Afghan Jewry is eager to migrate to Israel, but the Moslem government forbids it. The entire community is in a state of health that has been described as "disastrous."

LAST JEWISH REFUGEE FAMILIES STRANDED IN TANGANYIKA WILL LEAVE FOR AUSTRALIA

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The last of sixty Jewish refugee families stranded in Tanganyika during the war will soon depart for Australia, Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Western Hemisphere Branch of the World Jewish Congress executive, announced today.

In February, 1948, these families who were then residing in a refugee camp in Tengeru, Tanganyika, appealed to the World Jewish Congress against an I.R.O. decision to close their camp and transfer them to camps in Germany. Protesting against the transfer, they asked instead for an opportunity to settle elsewhere. The World Jewish Congress obtained the right for several of these families to settle in the United States, and for some to settle in Australia. The majority left for Israel.

ANTI-SEMITIC INSCRIPTIONS APPEAR ON WALLS OF INDEPENDENCE HALL IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Philadelphia Police Department joined with the Jewish Community Relations Council in efforts to apprehend the person or persons responsible for anti-Semitic markings that have been appearing in recent weeks on the outside walls of Independence Hall, the national shrine located here. As fast as the markings, in black crayon, are washed away from the walls, they appear again with such defamatory remarks as "Kill the Jews," "Don't Buy from Jews" and "Jews are Communists."

Acting on complaints from the Council, Superintendent of Police Howard P. Sutton issued an order calling for "an immediate investigation into this matter and to make every effort to apprehend the person or persons responsible for these unlawful acts."

ARGENTINE JEWS OPEN CAMPAIGN TO FINANCE FOREST IN ISRAEL, HONORING NATIONAL HERO

Buenos Aires, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A campaign to raise funds in Argentina to plant a forest on Jewish National Fund land in Israel in honor of Gen. San Martin, Argentine national hero, was inaugurated here last night at a mass meeting addressed by Senator Diego Molinari, who recently returned from a visit to Israel, and J. Zerubavel, member of the Jewish Agency executive. The project is supported by the major Jewish groups in Argentina.

At a press conference, Zerubavel, a Mapam leader, attacked the Israel Government's stand on the Korean conflict, asserting that "nobody believes that it is the United Nations which is fighting North Korea." He also criticized the Israel Government's domestic policies.

URUGUAYAN SENATOR EXPRESSES STRONG OPPOSITION TO INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- "I am strongly opposed to internationalization of Jerusalem, which is comparable to proposing internationalization of Rome in order to protect the Vatican," Senator Paysse Reyes, of Uruguay, declared here today. The Uruguayan statesman, who is here on a visit, added that "to enter the Holy Places in Israel is easy for anyone, since there are no restrictions, but it is a difficult procedure on the Arab side."

Senator Reyes, a member of the Uruguayan delegation to the United Nations, is in Israel as a guest of the government, along with Jose Figueres, former President of Costa Rica, and Francisco Orlich, former Costa Rican Minister of Public Works. Mr. Figueres decided that he would spend several weeks in a collective settlement in order to "experience communal living," since he is a "great admirer of the social experiment now taking place in Israel."

UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF AMERICA TO HOLD BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER

New York, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The 1950 biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America--the national organization of Conservative synagogues in the U.S.--will be held in Washington from Nov. 15-19, Judge Simon Rifkind, chairman of the group's convention committee, announced today.

Results of a survey undertaken by the organization in cooperation with Columbia University--which will focus attention on the problems of synagogue attendance and synagogue youth work, as well as on the status of adult and primary education within the Conservative movement--will be made public at the convention, Judge Rifkind said.

TRAINING BUREAU FOR JEWISH COMMUNAL SERVICE CERTIFIES COMMUNITY EXECUTIVES

Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Four Jewish communal executives were certified by the Training Bureau for Jewish Communal Service this week after successfully completing an intensive 14 months' course of study, it was announced today by George W. Rabinoff, executive director of the Training Bureau.

The four graduates are: Abraham A. Fleischman, field secretary of the New York metropolitan section of the National Jewish Welfare Board; Ben Lappin, executive director, central region, Canadian Jewish Congress; Michael Sage, community relations consultant, American Jewish Committee; and Louis A. Schwartz, regional representative, Bellefaire Regional Child Care Service, Cleveland.