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ISRAEL CANNOT CONSIDER U.S. ZIONISTS AS REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. JEWRY, BEN GURION SAYS

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- American Zionists cannot be considered by the Israel Government as the representatives of all of American Jewry, Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion said last night at a dinner tendered him by the American section of the Jewish Agency executive. He emphasized that the Jewish state needs the financial and political aid of Jews in the United States who are not Zionists and who do not want the Zionist movement to stand "as a wall between them and Israel."

Mr. Ben Gurion said that his current visit to the United States has convinced him that all elements of American Jewry--with the exception of the American Council for Judaism and the Communists--are eager to support Israel. He advised American Zionist leaders to undertake the task of bringing all these elements together.

Declaring that his allegiance to the Jewish people comes before his allegiance to the State of Israel, the Israeli Premier said that the Jewish state has voluntarily yielded its sovereignty to the Jewish people by stipulating in its Constitution that every Jew wishing to immigrate to Israel must be admitted into the country. If peace prevails, he declared, the task to be accomplished within the next ten years must be the bringing of 4,000,000 more Jews to Israel. He estimated that more than \$7,000,000,000 would be required to carry out this task. This, he emphasized, could not be achieved without the aid of American Jews.

Mr. Ben Gurion made it clear that he does not expect mass emigration of Jews from the United States to Israel. However, he urged American Zionists to mobilize technological aid and skilled workers for Israel, declaring that the development of Israel depends to a considerable extent on American "know how." He also criticized American Zionist leaders for failing to develop the Chutz movement in the United States.

Refuses to Share Israel's Sovereignty with Zionist Movement

The Israeli Premier also asked that at least ten percent of American Jewish college students come to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem to take additional courses in Hebrew language and literature so as to become a living link between Israel and the American Jewish community. He urged that the American Zionist movement should also arrange mass tours of American Jews to Israel.

Mr. Ben Gurion flatly refused to share Israel's sovereignty with the world Zionist movement. Only a state can have sovereignty, he pointed out. Some Zionists, he said, have not as yet recognized the State of Israel. It is high time they should, he added. He denied that there is a crisis in the Zionist movement. "There is a crisis in some Zionists," he commented sarcastically. American Zionists, he declared, can advise and even criticize Israel, but have no right to issue orders to it.

The Israeli Premier told the 200 prominent American Zionists at the dinner that the Jewish state was not the fulfillment of Zionism and declared that since the estab-

lishment of the state the Zionist movement is needed more than ever before. Zionism, he explained, embraces all Jews everywhere, while the sovereignty of the Jewish State is limited to its citizens within its border. He made a strong plea to the American Zionist movement to expand Hebrew education among children in this country.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who presided, stressed the need for a decision on the future role of the Zionist movement in the light of Israel's achievement of statehood. Dr. Emanuel Neumann made a passionate plea for recognition by the Israel Government of the Zionist movement as a movement representing world Jewry vis-a-vis the Jewish State. He said that it was Israel's duty to strengthen the Zionist movement. Leaders of the Mizrahi, Revisionists and other Zionist groups also participated in the discussion.

In the afternoon, at a Zionist Youth Council reception in his honor, Premier David Ben Gurion said that his travels about this country had convinced him that although he could expect no mass immigration from the United States there was more than enough "raw material" for an effective Chutz movement among American Jews. He asserted that Chutzim are more needed now than ever before in Israel because the establishment of the state has created opportunities that did not exist before.

In the morning, he attended a memorial meeting at the Israel Consulate in honor of the late David Romaz. In a speech in Hebrew he recalled that the life of his associate of many years was a mirror of the history of the Jewish community in Israel. Dr. Nahum Goldmann also joined in the tribute to the late Israeli Education Minister.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN SALUTES ISRAELI WARSHIPS; CROWDS IN WASHINGTON VISIT VESSELS

WASHINGTON, May 30. (JTA) -- Capacity crowds turned out here today to visit the two Israeli warships--"Haganah" and "Misgav"--while Israel's naval commander Shlomo Erel, accompanied by the captains of the two ships, laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. A U.S. naval detachment was present and acted as host to the Israeli officers.

President Truman yesterday stood on the bridge of his yacht, the U.S.S. Williamsburg, and saluted the Israeli warships as they passed in the Potomac River at the entrance to Washington harbor. The Presidential yacht was heading for the open waters of the Chesapeake Bay for the Memorial Day week-end when the Israel ships were soon making their entrance into the harbor. The President stood on the bridge of the Williamsburg as the ships drew near. He saluted. The Israel crew came to attention and saluted the President.

At a ceremony after the ships arrived, the keys to the city of Washington were presented to the flotilla's commander, Shlomo Erel. The Metropolitan Police band played. District Commissioner Donohue said that "as an Irishman who belongs to a race which has fought a long time, I wish to congratulate Israel. Having fought for freedom, I know Israel will fight to keep it."

SEVERE DROUGHT AFFECTS ISRAEL'S WINTER CROP; DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$11,200,000

TEL AVIV, May 30. (JTA) -- The severest drought in 30 years has caused damage to winter crops estimated at four million pounds (\$11,200,000), Y. Efrati, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, reported here today.

In areas of the Negev, he said, 70 to 80 percent of the normal crop was lost. However, the Galilee, one of Israel's most fertile areas, was not seriously affected by drought conditions, he added. The government will aid farmers affected by the drought by extending loans and deferring collection of land taxes.

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ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT ON HULEH; IRCMTISES CO-OPERATION WITH U.N.

JERUSALEM, May 30. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett told the Knesset today in winding up the debate on the Huleh situation that the Government of Israel was ready to meet United Nations Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. William E. Riley at his earliest convenience for clarification of the "oral misunderstanding" which Gen. Riley reported to the Security Council this week.

Gen. Riley had reported that owing to an "oral misunderstanding" of talks he had had with Israeli authorities on May 21, they had assumed he had agreed to Israel resumption of work in the non-disputed areas of the demilitarized zone after a 24-hour stoppage. Mr. Sharrett told the Parliament that the minutes of the two meetings with Gen. Riley clarifying the whole situation were not challenged by the U.N. truce chief. He added that Israel would continue its policy of the closest cooperation with the United Nations for a clarification of the situation.

The government spokesman asked the members of the House to take the long view in dealings with the United Nations. Israel, he declared, will complete the humanitarian and colonization task of draining the Huleh marshes since, even in Gen. Riley's view, this was not a Syrian matter but a problem between the United Nations Chief of Staff and the Israel Government.

Representatives of all parties spoke in the debate. Poretz Bernstein, of the General Zionists, said Israel's political failure was the result of the state's economic weakness. Mordecai Ben Tsvi, Mapam leader, argued that the Israeli set-back in the United Nations on the Huleh issue was the result of Premier David Ben Gurion's "on-slavine visit" to the United States. Spokesman of the Religious Bloc, which formerly supported the government, criticized its handling of the Huleh question. No votes were taken by the Knesset this week on any issues discussed. This was at the request of the Mapam Party, a majority of whose members are attending a pre-election party conference at Haifa.

Calls Security Council Decision on Huleh "A Measure of Appeasement"

Opening the debate last night, Mr. Sharrett told the Israel Parliament that the Security Council resolution ordering Israel to cease work on the Huleh reclamation project was a measure of appeasement that would fail to bring peace to the Middle East. The moral basis for the Security Council's order to cease the reclamation work was "shrouded in doubt and its moral efficacy worthless," he stated.

"The Security Council, standing in the way of progress and development, barring the way to a project aimed to prevent waste of soil, water and health, cannot raise the prestige of the highest United Nations organ," he declared, "especially when it acts under pressure of fire from the other side."

"Just as the international policy of appeasement failed to bring the desired results and did not prevent a world war, so this small-scale appeasement in the Middle East will not encourage the Arab states to seek peace with Israel. On the contrary, on the following day, the Syrian Premier announced that there will never be negotiations for a peace treaty with Israel and the Israel Government has warned all the powers of the danger of such development and has undertaken all the necessary security measures."

The Israeli Minister warned that the "Security Council resolution has also encouraged the leaders of the Arab League to build the League on negative bases which will not assist peace but will widen the field of dispute." He declared that despite the unfavorable nature of the resolution, "as a freedom-loving nation, we are obliged to adhere even to an unjust decision of the Council."

PRICELESS HEBREW MANUSCRIPT, LOOTED BY NAZIS, WILL BE RETURNED TO BARON ROTHSCHILD

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- A priceless volume of 40 mediaeval Hebrew manuscripts belonging to Baron James de Rothschild was recovered here and will be returned to its rightful owner, it was reported here yesterday by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The manuscripts are believed to have been looted by the Nazis.

The volume was offered to the library of the Seminary for the price of \$5,000 by agents reported to be representing an East German nobleman. It was recognized by Dr. Alexander Marx, Seminary librarian, as belonging to Baron Rothschild's collection. Officers of the Seminary communicated with Baron Rothschild and asked him to sue the Seminary for the return of his property. Accordingly, representatives of the Baron filed papers in a New York court which signed an order restoring the volume to its pre-war owner.

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS INITIATES STUDY OF IMPROVING INTER-GROUP RELATIONS

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- An extensive study of the ways in which information can be used with more effect in improving attitudes and behavior in all group relations has been launched as the result of a grant by the National Conference of Christians and Jews to the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues to finance the preparatory work. The study is expected to take three years for completion, costing upward of \$100,000.

Announcement of the project was made yesterday in a joint statement by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference, and Professor Otto Klineberg of Columbia University, secretary of the Society. The initial grant of the National Conference will make possible the first stage of the study, Dr. Clinchy said.

CALL FROM MYSTERIOUS "RABBI" CAUSES BOMB SCARE IN NEW YORK JEWISH NEWSPAPERS

NEW YORK, May 30. (JTA) -- Eighty police and firemen yesterday conducted searches in the buildings of the Jewish newspapers, the Jewish Daily Forward and The Day, following an anonymous warning received by the two newspapers over the telephone that the structures would be blown up.

The caller, who identified himself as "a rabbi," said that the buildings were mined and the bombs would explode between 1:30 and 2 p.m. However, the search conducted by the police and the firemen from collar to roof produced no evidence of any bomb or any explosive. About 1,000 persons were evacuated from the two buildings during the search.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR JEWISH EDUCATION OPENS 25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, May 30. (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary conference of the National Council for Jewish Education opened here today at the Hotel Hollenden. The sessions will be devoted to discussions on "objectives of American Jewish education in the light of the establishment of the State of Israel and the changes in the American Jewish scene in recent years."

ASSOCIATION OF HEBREW ALL-DAY SCHOOLS OPENS ANNUAL CONVENTION IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, May 30. (JTA) -- A total of 148 Hebrew day schools are now functioning in 49 cities, it was reported here today at the annual convention of the National Association of Hebrew Day Schools of the Torah Umesorah Orthodox organization. More than 250 delegates are attending the convention at which problems concerning all-day schools are being discussed.

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