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ISRAEL PREMIER LEAVES U.S.; APPRECIATES GOODWILL EVIDENCED AT WASHINGTON PARLEYS

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- Completing his three-week visit to the United States, Premier David Ben Gurion left today for Israel satisfied with the initial results of the Israeli bond sales campaign which he launched here. A total of \$55,000,000 has been subscribed since its inauguration early this month, it was announced on the eve of Mr. Ben Gurion's departure.

The Israeli Prime Minister and his wife sailed this afternoon on the S.S. Queen May for France where they will continue their voyage to Israel by plane. During his stay in the United States, Mr. Ben Gurion addressed public meetings in 12 cities where he was given impressive receptions by the local municipalities.

At a press conference held this morning, prior to his sailing, the Israeli Prime Minister said he was returning to Israel "profoundly moved" by the warmth and cordiality he experienced. "In Washington I twice had the opportunity of meeting with President Truman and of learning at first-hand of his deep personal interest in the welfare and development of Israel," he stated. "I appreciate deeply, too, the goodwill evidenced at meetings with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and the President's Special Advisor on Foreign Affairs." He was particularly grateful for "a most interesting and instructive visit" to the Tennessee Valley Authority arranged for him by the State Department.

Declaring that it was the launching of the \$500,000,000 bond issue that formed the major part of his visit to the United States, Mr. Ben Gurion said: "The response thus far has been highly encouraging and I know that America's recognition of what we are trying to do in Israel will find its answer in a full subscription to the loan. Our need today is agricultural and industrial machinery, irrigation equipment, building and raw materials which we hope we will be able to purchase through the proceeds of this loan."

Found American Jewish Community "Alive to Its Role" in Aiding Israel

Replying to questions from correspondents, Mr. Ben Gurion said that he believes in prospects for peace with the Arab countries. "The peace may not come soon, but we are ready any time," he declared. The Arab rulers, he added, will be amenable to peace with Israel when they realize that the Jewish state is becoming economically stronger every day.

The Israeli Premier lauded American Jewry and stated that he had found the American Jewish community "alive to its role in helping the upbuilding of Israel." He emphasized that the United Jewish Appeal is as important to Israel as the sale of

Israeli bonds in America. He urged the American Zionist movement to organize the Jews in the United States not only for economic aid to Israel; but also for sending Chalmers and promoting the Hebrew language in this country.

Asked about his talks with President Truman and with high officials in Washington, Mr. Ben Gurion refused to reveal the nature of the meetings. However, he said that he is leaving the United States under the impression that people who make policy in Washington are realizing more and more the role which Israel can play in the Middle East in helping to maintain world peace.

At a farewell dinner given last night to Mr. Ben Gurion by the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, which is conducting the Israeli bond sale, the Premier of the Jewish State said: "The people of the State of Israel guarantee that the bonds will be fully repaid because the Jews of Israel have the capacity to work and to create, because they have courage, a pioneering spirit and the will to succeed." Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors of the bond drive, paid tribute to the Prime Minister of Israel for "the inspiration he brought to American Jews in this new venture for the economic consolidation of Israel."

Ben Gurion Calls for Widest Support of Bond Drive and United Jewish Appeal

In a farewell statement to the Jews of the United States, Mr. Ben Gurion emphasized the importance of the State of Israel Bond Issue and the United Jewish Appeal for the future economic development of the new democracy and for the immigration and settlement of large numbers of Jews from lands of oppression. "I feel confident that the true friends of Israel will give their wholehearted support to both the United Jewish Appeal and to the Bond Issue, recognizing that both are phases of the same essential objective," the Prime Minister said.

Mr. Ben Gurion paid tribute to the leaders of the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel bond drive, adding that he was greatly encouraged by the results which both have achieved thus far. He said that while the United Jewish Appeal was essential for the support of immigration and the initial care of the newcomers, the \$500,000-Israel Bond Issue was vital to help Israel achieve economic independence.

At a meeting which Mr. Ben Gurion had with representatives of Jewish religious groups in the United States, he emphasized that Israel will never become a theocratic state. The Israel Government, he said, will encourage the teaching of religion, but will not grant to the Mizrahi or Agudas Israel the right to conduct all the schools available to new immigrants.

A statement issued later by Dr. Pinkhos Churrin, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, said that "there is no religious group in the United States or in Israel that has not rejected in toto any idea of a theocratic state." The very notion of a theocracy is as foreign to the Jewish spirit and Jewish history as all dictatorships, he declared.

DRAINAGE OPERATIONS CONTINUE IN HULEH; ISRAEL HAS NO ORDERS FROM RILEY TO HALT WORK

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- Drainage operations in the Jewish-owned areas of the Huleh demilitarized zone continue because the Israel Government has not yet received United Nations Truce Chief Major General William E. Riley's orders to cease work, a government spokesman stated today.

A Damascus broadcast monitored here today declared that the Syrian delegates to the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission would not attend a commission meeting scheduled for this Sunday unless all operations in the Huleh had ceased by then.

ISRAEL DENIES JORDAN REPORT THAT ISRAELI PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER SYRIAN TERRITORY

TEL AVIV, May 31. (JTA) -- An Israeli military spokesman today denied a report broadcast over the Jordan radio that an Israeli plane was shot down over Syrian territory and that the pilot was killed. "None of our planes has been over Syrian territory and none is missing," the spokesman said.

ARMISTICE COMMISSION REJECTS EGYPTIAN DEMAND FOR MODIFICATION OF ISRAEL'S FRONTIERS

TEL AVIV, May 31. (JTA) -- The Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission today rejected an Egyptian demand for modification of frontiers in the southern desert that would give Egypt direct access to Jordan territory, now prevented by Israeli control of an intervening strip of territory.

Maj. J.K. Gray, of the United Nations truce supervision staff, voted with Israel at the Commission meeting, at Audja el Hafir, against the Egyptian demand, originally filed with the Commission last June. The Commission noted that to accede to this demand would endanger Israel's position in Elath, its port on the Gulf of Akaba. The chairman of the Commission declared that the division of the Negev must be maintained under the armistice agreement until "there is no possibility of further military activity in the area." Egypt is expected to appeal from this decision to the special committee provided for in the armistice agreement.

The Commission, with the U.N. chairman voting with the Egyptians, also ruled that the Commission should decide which of the 2,000 Bedouins who formerly resided in Midyal, in Israel territory, should be allowed to return and be restored to their rights and property. Israel protested this decision pointing out that the previous U.N. chairman had ruled that the Egyptian complaint should be withdrawn. The Israeli delegates described the decision as "unjust, absurd and beyond the authority of the Mixed Armistice Commission" and an interference in Israel's internal affairs.

The U.N. chairman also voted with Egypt for repatriation to Israel territory of 7,000 Bedouins of the Azazmeh tribe, rejecting the Israel contention that the Egyptians had forcibly driven 4,000 of the tribesmen over the frontier into Israel territory and that they should be returned to Egyptian territory. Two motions concerning this were put to the vote despite Israel's request for postponement pending recommendations by Maj. Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, in accordance with the Security Council resolution adopted November 17. Israel gave notice of appeal from these decisions.

EGYPT CONFISCATES ISRAELI CARGO VALUED AT \$448,000; DETAINS SHIP AT ALEXANDRIA PORT

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- The Egyptian authorities have confiscated a cargo of Israeli olive oil and fruit juices valued at 160,000 pounds (\$448,000) aboard a vessel which touched at the port of Alexandria, the British-controlled Near East Radio reported today in a broadcast monitored here.

The announcer also reported a statement by Egyptian Foreign Minister Salah el Din that all ships carrying food to Israel would in the future be stopped, in compliance with the recent Arab League decisions extending the economic boycott of the Jewish state. Egypt still considers herself at war with Israel, the Foreign Minister said, and it will not allow Israel-bound vessels into Egyptian waters.

SIX MEMBERS OF BRIT KANAIM RELEASED; FIVE OTHERS TRANSFERRED TO JERUSALEM JAIL

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- Six members of the Brit Kanaim, arrested in connection with the alleged plot to blow up the Parliament building in protest against legislation they considered anti-religious, were ordered released yesterday by the examining magistrate. One of the six is a reporter on the Agudist newspaper.

Five other Brit Kanaim suspects were transferred from the detention camp at Jalameh to the Jerusalem jail as investigation of the alleged plot continued. Police officers testified in magistrate's court that they found plans to sabotage the Knesset by disconnecting the electric wires and throwing incendiary bombs into the building while it was plunged in darkness. They also testified to the discovery of plans for the theft of documents from the Ministry of Defense dealing with the mobilization of religious women.

Police officer M. Budinger read before the magistrate testimony given by Yehuda Ridder, the 23-year-old chief defendant, confessing that he manufactured the bomb which was to be thrown in the Parliament on the day when the parliamentary debate on the conscription of women was to have taken place. Ridder, who arrived in Israel in 1937 from Germany, was a member of the Haganah and was one of the defenders of Mt. Castel in Israel's war of liberation. He told the police that he organized the Orthodox underground group "in order to impose the rule of the Torah."

The Knesset Home (Rules) Committee today decided that the Parliamentary investigation of the conduct of the Israeli police would be investigated by representatives of the six largest parties in the Parliament. The investigation has developed out of the smashing of the underground Brit Kanaim religious movement and complaints that a number of the men detained were mistreated by the police.

(In New York, Orthodox Jewish leaders protested the arrest of religious youths in Israel at a mass meeting sponsored by Agudath Israel Organization of America. The meeting adopted a resolution proclaiming "the solidarity of the religious Jewish community in the United States with the religious Jews in Israel.")

MAPAM CONFERENCE SEEKS TO RECONCILE POLICY DIFFERENCES WITHIN COMPONENT UNITS

HAIFA, May 31. (JTA) -- A three-day national conference of the Mapam Party is now in session here in an effort to reconcile differences in policy which have arisen among its three component units, the Hashomer Hatzair, the Achduth Avodah and the Left Poale Zion.

The conference was opened last night by Yakov Hazan who, in a two-hour speech, denounced Titoism and reasserted his party's belief in the identity of interests of the working class of Israel and "the revolutionary workers' front in the East." In the course of his speech, Mr. Hazan bitterly assailed Premier David Ben Gurion and denounced the government's "subservience to the West." The conference is being attended by 951 delegates of whom 563 represent the Hashomer Hatzair, 326, the Achduth Avodah and 62, the Left Poale Zion.

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER OPENS JERUSALEM EXHIBITION OF CHAGALL'S 200 PAINTINGS

JERUSALEM, May 31. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today formally opened an exhibition here of 200 paintings and drawings by the internationally celebrated artist Marc Chagall. The exhibition was arranged by the Union of Israel's Museums which hopes to acquire some of the works.

Knesset Speaker Josef Sprinzak, members of the Cabinet, the consular corps and others attended the opening ceremonies and viewed the exhibits. Mr. Chagall, who is now recuperating from an operation, is expected here in two weeks as a guest of the government.

JEWISH WELFARE FUNDS IN U.S. AND CANADA RAISED MORE THAN \$1,000,000,000 DURING DECADE

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- More than \$1,000,000,000 was raised by the organized Jewish welfare funds of the United States and Canada during the past ten years to meet urgent Jewish needs in Israel, Europe and at home; it was reported today by Julian Freeman, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Citing an analysis of ten years of central Jewish fund raising prepared by the Council, Mr. Freeman pointed out that approximately \$225,000,000 was contributed during the period of 1941-45, and \$800,000,000 from 1946-50. At the same time, Mr. Freeman disclosed that communities throughout the nation report 1951 campaign results still running ahead of last year's pace, when a total of \$140,000,000 was raised for all types of valid Jewish causes. Spring campaigns are now 70 to 90 percent complete, he added.

The two principal reasons for the more than 250 percent--or almost three-fold increase--in contributions during the 1946-50 period, Mr. Freeman explained, were: 1. American Jewry, primarily through Welfare Funds, assumed major responsibility for the rescue and rehabilitation of hundreds of thousands of European Jews who managed to survive World War II, and for their resettlement, especially in Israel; 2. The growing concern of American Jewry with pressing health and welfare needs at home--with both intensified by the shrinking value of the dollar.

During the latter half of the past decade, the Welfare Funds allocated about \$490,000,000 - 61 percent of the \$800,000,000 they raised in those years - to the United Jewish Appeal to carry out its global program of rescue, rehabilitation, care and immigration, Mr. Freeman stated. For the full ten-year period, the U.J.A. received approximately \$590,000,000 of the \$1,000,000,000 raised.

In addition, other overseas causes during the past decade were granted \$24,000,000 by Jewish Welfare Funds, including \$8,000,000 for agencies operating in all parts of the world, excluding Israel; and \$16,000,000 for organizations whose programs were devoted exclusively to Israel. On the national scene, the Jewish communities allocated \$44,000,000 over the ten-year period for such activities as community relations, health and welfare, Jewish education, Jewish religion and culture, community center programs, aid to servicemen and women in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Similarly, the Welfare Funds utilized a substantial part of their income to meet urgent needs in their own local communities. During the past decade they provided local agencies with \$216,000,000 to deal with health problems, family service, care of the aged, child welfare, Jewish education, community relations, vocational and other services, and for facilities for these programs. This figure includes \$18,000,000 spent locally, excluding New York City, for the adjustment of European survivors who came to the U.S. and Canada.

FASCIST INFLUENCE IS RISKY IN LATIN AMERICA AND GERMANY, JEWISH CONGRESS LEADER SAYS

PHILADELPHIA, May 31. (JTA) -- Totalitarian movements, which had gone underground in many areas as a result of allied victories in World War II, have now come to the surface again and pose a serious danger to the democracies, Dr. Maurice D. Perlman, director of the International Affairs Department of the World Jewish Congress, declared here addressing the annual convention of the Philadelphia Council of the American Jewish Congress.

In several Latin-American countries, he reported, former Nazi leaders are exercising considerable influence on government policies. They occupy positions of governmental authority and publish German-language periodicals which are bitterly hostile to the U.S. and which are helping to revive violent anti-Semitism.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS FILE BRIEF IN N.Y. COURT AGAINST RELEASE TIME PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- The released time program in New York schools, which excuses children one hour weekly from public school classes to attend outside religious classes, is a violation of American Constitutional separation of church and state, it is charged in a joint brief filed with the N.Y. State Court of Appeals today by the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The organizations are appearing as amicus curiae in the case of Tessim Zorach and Esta Gluck versus the Board of Education of the City of New York and the Commission of Education of the State of New York. Tessim Zorach is of the Protestant Episcopal faith, while Esta Gluck is Jewish. The children of both families receive regular instruction after school hours at religious schools of their respective creeds. The parents are seeking to have the courts declare the New York City released time program unconstitutional.

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE AND ORDER BRITH ABRAHAM DEMAND INVESTIGATION OF NEO-NAZI PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- Investigation of organized, international neo-Nazi propaganda, tending to undermine free governments, was sought today in joint communications from the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League and the Independent Order Brith Abraham.

In a letter to Secretary General Trygve Lie of the United Nations, the two organizations demanded an investigation and joint action by the democratic countries against the activities of neo-Nazi groups, by the appropriate sub-committee of the United Nations Assembly. In a letter to Attorney General H. Howard McGrath, they requested "investigation of domestic support given this international propaganda cartel, particularly by the organization called the German American Voters Alliance."

RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA ADOPTS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RELIGIOUS BLOC IN ISRAEL

ATLANTIC CITY, May 31. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, concluding its 15th annual convention last night, adopted a resolution supporting the Religious Bloc in Israel.

MRS. ROOSEVELT AGREES TO SERVE AS SPECIAL CHAIRMAN OF NEW YORK UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has agreed to serve as special chairman for the month of June of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, it was announced here today.

FIRST ISSUE OF ZIONIST QUARTERLY WILL APPEAR AT Z.O.A. NATIONAL CONVENTION

NEW YORK, May 31. (JTA) -- The Zionist Quarterly--a new magazine, devoted to the discussion and interpretation of the Israel and American Jewish scenes, World Zionist affairs and Jewish cultural developments--will make its initial appearance on June 14 at the national convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which will be held in Atlantic City. This was announced today by Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Z.O.A., which is sponsoring the publication of the new journal. Harold P. Manson, is editor of the Quarterly.

LEADER OF ZIONIST REVISIONIST MOVEMENT IN BRITAIN DIES IN LONDON

LONDON, May 31. (JTA) -- The funeral of M. Supran, chairman of the Zionist-Revisionist Party of Britain, who died here yesterday at the age of 67, took place today. The Russian-born veteran Zionist played a leading role in the Revisionist movement for many years.

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