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Z.O.A. CONVENTION OPENS TODAY IN ATLANTIC CITY; U.S. CABINET MEMBERS GREET FARLEY

ATLANTIC CITY, June 13. (JTA) -- Action on major issues affecting the future status of the Zionist movement and its relationship to the State of Israel will be taken at the 54th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America which opens here tomorrow. More than 1,500 delegates from all parts of the country are expected to attend the four day sessions.

The issues to be discussed will take on special significance in view of the fact that the convention meets on the eve of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. Among the major items on the agenda are: the future of the world Zionist movement's structure, the role of the Z.O.A. on the American scene, and increased aid of American Jewry to Israel.

Paying tribute to the role of the Zionist Organization of America in the creation of the State of Israel and in safeguarding its future existence, three members of President Truman's Cabinet--Oscar Chapman, Secretary of the Interior, Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture and Charles Sawyer, Secretary of Commerce--voiced confidence that Israel will overcome its economic difficulties with the help of America.

Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman, expressing his appreciation "as an American, for the great work the Z.O.A. has done on behalf of the State of Israel," declared: "Israel's achievements in the few short years of its existence has been an inspiration to the troubled world. Its accomplishments in establishing the new nation on the firm foundation of democracy merits the acclaim and wholehearted support of all men of good will." The Secretary of the Interior further voiced confidence that the Z.O.A.'s efforts will not diminish in the years to come. "Your aid to Israel will result in strengthening the cause of freedom throughout the world."

Israel's Achievements Lauded; Economic Progress Predicted

From Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan came the message that the United States and other democratic nations of the world "look with deep interest and sympathy upon the magnificent efforts the new State of Israel is making to solve not only the heavy problem inherent in the birth of a nation, but in addition, to provide a homeland for hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees from other countries." Secretary Brannan emphasized the fact that "within recent months the United States and Israel governments have concluded a Point Four general agreement under which American exports will cooperate with Israel personnel in programs of economic development."

While listing Israel's economic accomplishments in the last three years, Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, however, asserted that Israel is still confronted with difficult tasks before it can establish itself as a "productive economic member

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in the family of free nations." The Cabinet official said that "the new nation had progressed steadily from dependence on emergency relief to an interim program of large scale public works," and "in recent months to a businesslike basis of conducting its economic affairs." He voiced deep conviction that Israel, "with the help of the Zionist Organization of America, will achieve whatever is needed for economic progress."

The wholehearted support of the entire American labor movement to the struggle which Israel is waging "to achieve peace, security and progress for its people" was pledged in messages by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

#### ISRAEL RATIFIES TEN-YEAR TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH U.S. IN COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today ratified a ten-year treaty of friendship in commerce and navigation with the United States. This is the first treaty between Israel and any other country. The Israel Ambassador in Washington was instructed to sign the treaty as soon as possible.

At today's Cabinet meeting Premier David Ben Gurion reported on his talks with high officials of the U.S. Government during his stay in Washington. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett reported at the meeting on the latest developments in connection with the drainage of the Hula swamps as well as on the stand taken by U.N. Chief of Staff Gen. William E. B. Riley with regard to Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal to Israel-bound shipping.

#### ISRAEL HOLDS ELECTIONS TO ZIONIST CONGRESS; 210 DELEGATES TO BE ELECTED

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- Some 665,000 shokolim have been sold in Israel where the electors go to the polls today to name 210 delegates to the World Zionist Congress. Elisha Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency executive, today told a press conference.

Mr. Dobkin reported that countries outside of Israel have already elected 243 delegates of various parties. He said that 470 to 480 delegates will finally be named to the congress. Of the 243 delegates elected outside the Jewish state, 110 are General Zionists, Progressives or Hadassah representatives; 60 are Mapai delegates; 39 Mizrahi or Labor Mizrahi; 12 Mapai; 16 Horut; and six others, including two of the Grossman Revisionist group.

The Agency official also reported that the Agency will submit a report to the World Zionist Congress listing its five major achievements of the past three years. They are: the transportation and resettlement of 630,000 immigrants to Israel; the establishment of 262 new agricultural settlements; the immigration of 38,000 children and youths under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah movement; the establishment of 52 farm training centers; and the collection of \$285,000,000 by various Zionist drives.

The Mapai platform for today's Congress elections proposes that the World Zionist Organization support the state and government of Israel in all its activities, while the Labor Party pledges to work in the Parliament to obtain a special local status for the organization in Israel. The program also suggests that all Zionist groups in each country outside Israel unite into one overall organization. Finally, the party pledges to fight for the emigration of Jews from countries which do not permit it, and the participation of private capital in constructive enterprises in Israel.

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# HIGH COMMISSIONER IN GERMANY REAFFIRMS U.S. DETERMINATION TO ENFORCE RESTITUTION LAW

FRANKFURT, June 13. (JTA) -- United States High Commissioner John J. McCloy today made public the text of a directive sent by him yesterday to various German Ministers in the American zone of Germany reaffirming the determination of the U.S. Government to carry through the present restitution law unchanged and unimpaired. The text of the document reads:

"During recent months there has been brought to my attention letters and comments appearing in the German press proposals circulated by organizations and statements attributed to German government officials which appeared to encourage speculation on the policy of the U.S. with respect to identifiable property under U.S. Military Government Law 59.

"In view of the publicity given the criticism and suggestion relating to U.S. MG Law 59, I take this opportunity to reaffirm the policy of my government that persons and organizations deprived of their property as a result of National Socialist persecution should either have their property returned or be compensated therefor. I can further advise you that there is no intention to depart from those principles as expressed in MG Law 59 and I do not anticipate in the future developments which will relieve the holder of property subject to restitution from the obligation imposed by this law.

"It is suggested that you make known to the officials of your government engaged in the administration of the restitution law that U.S. policy remains unchanged in this respect. To allay any doubts which may have arisen in the minds of the general public, I am taking the liberty of releasing this letter to the press."

## Jewish Groups Satisfied with Firm Stand Taken by U.S. On Restitution

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Satisfaction with High Commissioner McCloy's statement was expressed in New York today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, a New York membership corporation, which is the official successor body designated under the restitution law by the American Military Government to claim all heirless and unclaimed property of which the Jews in Germany have been deprived. The operating agents of the J.R.S.O. are the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Dr. Goldstein pointed out that the tempo of attacks by German officials, newspapers and organizations against the restitution law has been greatly stopped up in recent months. "It is clear," said Dr. Goldstein, "that growing numbers of Germans now are unwilling to accept even the minimum responsibility of returning Jewish property. They now appear to regard restitution as a problem created by the Jews rather than the Germans. It is to be hoped that today's just and strong statement by Mr. McCloy may serve to check a tendency which can only outrage the civilized world."

## GERMANY ADMITTED INTO MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION; ISRAEL PROTESTS

GENEVA, June 13. (JTA) -- Despite the vigorous objections of an Israeli delegate, the International Labor Organization yesterday voted to accept West Germany as a member of the U.N. affiliate.

Opposing the admission of Germany, Zvi Borinson, director-general of the Israeli Ministry of Labor and Israel's delegate at the current I.L.O. session, declared: "We believe it is contrary to the spirit of reconstruction of the of the I.L.O. to disband after such a short period of time the horrible crimes against humanity which Germany committed before and during World War II. We have not discerned signs that prove that the Germans have entered upon the path of real and sincere repentance."

Z.O.A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CRITICIZED FOR SUPPORTING GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Criticism against the administrative committee of the Zionist Organization of America for giving "all-out support" to the General Zionists in Israel was voiced at a press conference here today by Jacob M. Alkow, newly-elected president of the Southern Pacific Region of the Z.O.A. He said that Israel needs a Zionist Organization "that will serve as an objective, friendly and sympathetic emissary" for the entire Jewish state and its people and not for any part of it.

The General Zionists of Israel have a political program that is based on economic consideration that the vast majority of American Zionists neither support nor understand, Mr. Alkow said. "I regard the raising of a 'war chest' to oust the Ben Gurion Government with the presumable 'knowledge and support' of our official American Zionist leadership as most regrettable. This is something that the Z.O.A. convention in Atlantic City must rectify," he added.

ISRAELIS GET THREE MORE WARBURG FELLOWSHIPS TO STUDY MEDICAL RESEARCH IN THE U.S.

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Three more fellowships in medical research memorializing the late Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, were announced last night by the New York Community Trust. The fellowships are in the amount of \$3,000 each and are made from a fund of \$100,000 set up by Mrs. Frieda Schiff Warburg, widow of Felix M. Warburg.

Four awards were made last year and about 23 more grants will be made at the rate of three each year. The recipients are students and doctors in Israel who are expected to return to teaching or practice there at the end of their studies in the United States. The new winners are Dr. David Bornbaum, specialists in gastroenterology and infectious diseases, Dr. K. Guarenheim, in charge of the nutrition department, Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, and Dr. M. Wolman, practitioner in pathological anatomy relating to degenerative diseases.

U.S. ARCHITECTS SEND DRAWINGS TO ISRAEL FOR A HERZL MEMORIAL PARK IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) An El Al Israel Airlines Constellation left New York today carrying with it more than a score of drawings submitted by leading American architects for a Memorial Park in Israel to honor Theodor Herzl, father of the world Zionist movement. The project, to be built on Mt. Herzl, overlooking Jerusalem, will be the largest of its kind so far attempted by the State of Israel.

The plans were submitted in an international contest sponsored by the Jewish Agency with the technical assistance in the United States of the American Technion Society. They will be judged in Israel by an international jury which will include as its American representative Percival Goodman, prominent New York architect and member of the faculty of Columbia University's School of Architecture.

JEWISH EDUCATOR STRESSES NEED OF "WHOLESOME PROGRAM" OF JEWISH EDUCATION IN U.S.

CHICAGO, June 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield, member of the Chicago Board of Jewish Education, today said here that in addressing the convention of the National Council for Jewish Education, which took place last week in Cleveland, he did not urge that communal education should take precedence over congregational.

"Indeed I stressed the need for Jewish educators to pay closer and greater attention to the congregational school than they have done hitherto," he said. "I did urge the need for a wholesome program of Jewish education rather than indoctrination in institutional denominationalism."