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U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS DEMAND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES IN ISRAEL FOR THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT

ATLANTIC CITY, June 14. (JTA) -- Ranking Zionist leaders, headed by Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver tonight here took issue with Israeli government officials, including Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, over the status of the Zionist movement. The Zionist leaders emphasized that the World Zionist Organization must continue to play its important role with special privileges in the upbuilding of Israel.

As the Zionist Organization of America officially opened its 54th annual convention, Mr. Browdy asserted that the "Zionist movement in the United States must have a special standing as the most important agency concerned with Israel's interests in the United States." He warned that the "whole Israeli aid program throughout the world would be in jeopardy without the Zionists and their active leadership." Recently, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion had asserted at a dinner of the Jewish Agency in New York, just prior to his departure for Israel, that the Zionist movement must not seek a privileged status with reference to Israel.

Mr. Browdy pointedly asserted that "only by investing American Zionism with special recognition will American Zionists be placed in a position that will enable them to carry the whole American Jewish community with them, in the great enterprise of rebuilding the Jewish homeland." In a similar stand, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver asserted that only a strong Zionist movement "can insure for Israel that strength and support which the long hard pull ahead will require."

"The Zionist movement," Dr. Silver said "which was responsible for the creation of the State of Israel, in the face of violent opposition and large scale indifference, can alone be trusted to carry through the second part of its essential program--the ingathering and the integration of Jews who have to go to Israel or who may wish to go there."

Dr. Silver Warns Israel Against "Undermining" the Zionist Organization

Criticizing those in the Israel Government who refuse to grant a special status to the World Zionist Organization, Dr. Silver declared: "If the State of Israel will, in the future, regard the World Zionist Organization as the authentic instrument of the Jewish people, endowed with status and authority to speak for and implement the remaining phase of the Zionist program, the organization will be in a position to meet the challenge of the hour and to bring maximum support to Israel. There is no other competent agency or organization in the field, now existing or which can be created, which can take its place."

Dr. Silver underscored the fact that "the issue is not whether the sovereignty of the State of Israel should be interfered with, but whether the government of Israel

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should undermine the authority, prestige and effectiveness of the World Zionist Organization in the fond hope of finding some other bodies in world Jewry which will contribute more politically and economically to it."

Mr. Browdy criticized the view held by a segment of Israeli leaders that any status afforded the Zionist movement "would only constitute a wall between the whole community as such and the State of Israel." The head of the Z.O.A. emphasized that the Zionist movement has been responsible for enlisting the support of non-Zionist bodies for Israel.

Possibility of Cooperation Between Zionists and Non-Zionists Cited

"It is our profound conviction," Mr. Browdy said, "that the Zionists alone can be depended upon to serve as the chief factor in mobilizing the resources, material, moral, political, of the whole Jewish people throughout the world in support of the State of Israel. It is our firm belief that without the Zionists and their active leadership, the whole Israel aid program throughout the world would be in jeopardy."

Mr. Browdy stressed that the only method of bringing close cooperation between Zionists and non-Zionists is through the granting of special status to the Zionist Organization by the Israeli government. He characterized as "absurd" the argument that "we can leave it to American Jewry as a whole to come to the aid of Israel," maintaining at the same time that the Zionist Organization is the main instrument for soliciting all kinds of support for the new state.

Abraham Rodolheim of New York, national convention chairman, also took issue with Prime Minister Ben Gurion's statement that "non-Zionists have become an important factor in the development of the state of Israel." In formally opening the convention, Mr. Rodolheim declared that "it was only because of the dogged persistence of the Zionist movement and its never ending appeal to the hearts and minds of the Jews of America over a period of years and years that some response was elicited from non-Zionist quarters."

Dr. Sidney Marks, national secretary and executive director of the Z.O.A., submitted to the convention a far-flung economic, cultural, and public relations program in behalf of Israel and Jewish life in America.

840,000 WILL GO TO POLLS IN GENERAL ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL. INTERIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCES

TEL AVIV, June 14. (JTA) -- Some 840,000 Israelis will go to the polls in the forthcoming general elections at the end of July, the Interior Ministry announced today. A total of 502,000 voted in the elections for Israel's first Parliament in January, 1949.

So far, the Ministry said, over 773,000 voters have been enrolled in 1,435 polling places throughout the country. In Tel Aviv-Jaffa 215,329 persons registered, while in Jerusalem 73,716 registered and in Haifa 83,176 indicated their desire to vote.

260,000 VOTES CAST IN ISRAELI ELECTIONS FOR DELEGATES TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- A preliminary count of yesterday's voting for delegates to the World Zionist Congress revealed that somewhat over 260,000 votes were cast, although some 650,000 shekolin were sold in Israel. Jewish Agency circles stressed that at least 35 per cent of the 650,000 shekolin were never distributed or were lost by their original purchasers. Therefore, they said, actually 60 per cent of the distributed shekolin were voted.

ISRAEL SAYS EGYPTIAN BLOCKADE OF SUEZ CANAL MUST BE TAKEN UP BY U.N. COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, June 14. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Israel delegation to the United Nations last night said that the Egyptian blockade of Israel-bound shipping through the Suez Canal must be considered by the United Nations Security Council as a problem involving international interests. In a statement commenting on the ruling by Major General William E. Riley, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, regarding Israel's complaint against Egypt for denying free passage of Israel-bound vessels through the Canal, the spokesman said:

"General Riley makes it clear that Egypt has been engaged for two years in an 'aggressive and hostile act' contrary to the object of the armistice agreement between Israel and Egypt.

"This considered judgment by the authorized representative of the United Nations follows the action of the Israel Government in initiating a discussion in the Security Council in November, 1950. Moreover, wider international interests are also involved. Nearly all of the maritime powers have protested at various times against Egypt's action.

"Israel agrees with General Riley that the matter cannot rest where it is, and has no doubt that further consideration of the problem by the Security Council must follow. At the same time, it is difficult to see how an 'aggressive and hostile act' by Egypt against Israel can be regarded as lying outside the jurisdiction of the Egypt-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission."

Britain Will Not Bring Suez Canal Issue Before U.N. Security Council

LONDON, June 14. (JTA) -- The British Government does not consider it necessary to raise in the United Nations Security Council the question of Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal against Israel-bound shipping because the Jewish state has already placed the matter on the Council agenda, an official spokesman said here today.

He said that the British Government expects that the Council will consider the question after Major General William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff in Palestine, reports on the situation. Asked if the British Government has confidence in Gen. Riley, the spokesman answered affirmatively, pointing out that the General is an official of the U.N., which Britain supports. It is known that British official circles were surprised by Riley's ruling in favor of Egypt on the Suez Canal blockade issue.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Office official denied reports that Britain had postponed large-scale Royal Air Force maneuvers over the Suez Canal zone in order to "avoid international complications," as had been reported. The spokesman said that the Air Ministry had made the change for administrative reasons, and without consulting the Foreign Office. The exercises, scheduled for the end of this month, were supposed to have been the largest in that area since the end of the war.

TURKEY REVIEWS TRADE PACT WITH ISRAEL; AGREEMENT CALLS FOR EXCHANGE OF GOODS

ISTANBUL, June 14. (JTA) -- The Israeli-Turkish trade pact signed last July has been extended another year, in accordance with the provisions of the original treaty, it was learned here today. The agreement calls for the exchange of \$840,000 worth of goods between the two countries.

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UNITED NATIONS GROUP DECIDES TO COMBAT RACIAL PREJUDICE; WILL PUBLISH PAMPHLETS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 14. (JTA) -- As part of its campaign against racial prejudice, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization plans to issue five pamphlets on various aspects of race, it was announced here today. The pamphlets will deal with racial myths, race and biology, race and culture, race and psychology and roots of prejudice.

UNESCO has also concluded contracts with specialists to do studies of the cultural assimilation of immigrants in various countries, including Israel. The studies will take account of such factors as language assimilation, inter-group relations and participation in political and social movements.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA PLEDGES COOPERATION WITH CIVIL DEFENSE AUTHORITIES

WASHINGTON, June 14. (JTA) -- President-elect Rabbi Simon G. Kramer of the Synagogue Council of America today pledged all possible cooperation at a conference of religious leaders of all faiths which mapped plans for ways in which churches and synagogues will aid the Civilian Defense Administration.

The Synagogue Council delegation issued a statement pledging every possible cooperation with the civil defense authorities for disseminating knowledge of all phases of civil defense and particularly aid in the procurement of volunteers. Rabbi Kramer said the group "plans to give and create such assistance which will be for the welfare of life and property of the entire American community through religious administration."

Rabbi Norman Salit of Lawrence, L.I., presided at the afternoon session of the conference. Others participating were Rabbi Hirsch Freund, executive director of the Synagogue Council; Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman, St. Louis; Rabbi Jesse Finkel, Newport News, Va.; Rabbi F. Goldfetter, Cincinnati; Rabbi Joseph R. Narot, Miami; Rabbi Leon Fran, Detroit; Rabbi Eli Pilchik, Newark; Rabbi Nathan Gaynote, Alexandria, Va.; Rabbi Mauritz Eisendrath, New York and others.

DR. GOLDMANN LEAVES FOR EUROPE AND ISRAEL; WILL MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, left by air today for Europe and Israel. He will attend the conference of General Zionists of Europe and North Africa in Paris, June 23, after which he will proceed to Israel for preparatory work in connection with the World Zionist Congress scheduled to convene in Jerusalem, August 14.

MORGENTHAU RECEIVES TEMPLE BROTHERHOOD AWARD FOR 1951; HIS AID TO ISRAEL EMPHASIZED

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors of the State of Israel Bond drive, today received the 1951 Brotherhood Award of the Metropolitan Conference of Temple Brotherhoods. The presentation was made at a dinner held at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel. The citation emphasized Mr. Morgenthau's aid to Israel.

BARBADOS LEGISLATURE RESTORES JEWISH CEMETERY; WAS USED FOR HORSE RACING

LONDON, June 14. (JTA) -- The former Jewish cemetery in the Barbados, in the West Indies, has been restored to its original use by a special act of the Barbados Legislature, it was reported here today. In the early 1930's the cemetery was converted into a horse racing club, despite the protests of the Jews.

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