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Z.O.A. CONVENTION DECIDES TO STRENGTHEN GENERAL ZIONISM IN ISRAEL; RE-ELECTS BROWDY

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 17. (JTA) -- After an exhaustive debate, the convention of the Zionist Organization of America, by a vote of 329 to 127, today adopted a resolution affirming its resolve to do all in its power "to strengthen General Zionism throughout the world." A substitute motion presented by J.M. Alkow of the South Pacific Zionist Region recording its disapproval "of any effort of any party outside of Israel to interfere in the internal affairs of the state of Israel was defeated. Benjamin G. Browdy was re-elected president. The resolution which was approved follows:

"In pursuing its activities on the world Zionist scene, the Zionist Organization of America has throughout the years played a major role as a General Zionist organization and has maintained close relations with fellow General Zionists in other lands, particularly with the organization of General Zionists in Israel (Histadruth Nazlonim Eklalim). We believe that a reinvigorated Zionist movement, capable of providing effective service to Israel and moral leadership in the Diaspora, can best be achieved through the realization of the principles of General Zionism, and are therefore resolved to do what lies in our power to strengthen General Zionism throughout the world.

"We affirm the position taken by our national executive committee in October, 1950, in hailing the remarkable growth and increasing strength of the organization of General Zionists in Israel and in pledging the continuation of our fraternal relations with it, to the end that it will fulfill its role as the great center party in the interest of stability and the harmonious collaboration of all constructive elements. We continue to deplore the rift in the ranks of General Zionism in Israel brought about by the formation of the Progressive Party, and commend the recent action of our administration in associating itself with the General Zionist Organizations of nine other countries for the purpose of renewing our appeal for unity, we shall continue to urge and press for the complete unification of the two groups.

Declaration Demands Special Status For World Zionist Organization

A declaration on the World Zionist Organization adopted by the convention called attention to the unabated need for a strong and independent World Zionist Organization. "We hold that the World Zionist Organization must continue to possess special status and retain freedom of action in its own proper spheres," the declaration said. It emphasized that the World Zionist Organization must possess constitutional independence and autonomy in the administration of its activities. "We urge the government of Israel to embark on a policy of reciprocal relations and mutuality of obligations with the Zionist movement to recognize the movement's unique role," the declaration stated.

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In another resolution the Z.O.A. convention called upon President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson "to use their good offices to the end that the U.S. delegation to the United Nations take the initiative in ensuring that the United Nations machinery in the area use its authority to remove the obstacles in the way of the full immediate implementation of the Huleh reclamation project. Backing up Israel's claim for \$1,500,000,000 reparations from Germany, another resolution asked that the American Government do not hand over full powers to any German Government without express reservations having been made for the payment of reparations to Israel.

### Lipsky Says Convention Gave Impression of Interfering With Israel's Affairs

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, addressing the convention declared "there is no question now that the Zionist movement is forced by historical necessity to continue its role for at least another decade" although, he added, the form of the Zionist organization may have to be changed and adapted to new conditions. Commenting on the resolution adopted by the convention committing the Z.O.A. to aid the General Zionist party, Mr. Lipsky said: "It will be disconcerting for many members of the Zionist organization to discover this morning that they are now the partners of one of the Israel political parties generally and that specifically they are now participating in the current election campaign to defeat Mr. David Ben Gurion and the forces associated with him. In fact this convention by discussion, debate and decision has given the impression of being an opening campaign rally."

Dr. Nahum Goldman in a telegram sent to the convention before leaving for Israel, expressed his personal conviction that "the World Zionist Organization requires recognized status in Israel as the representative of the whole Jewish people in its self-imposed task of cooperation with the Israeli government in the upbuilding of the Jewish state. He said that in the campaigns which preceded elections in Israel last Wednesday for delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, all parties, including the Mapai emphasized the belief that the Israel Parliament should grant such status by legislative action.

Israel's Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, in a cablegram from Jerusalem called upon the convention to "pave a way for a unifying and United Zionist movement which will stand at the head of American Jewry. Mr. Ben. Gurion, in his message, defined the tasks of the Zionist movement at this hour, as follows: the fulfillment of the ingathering of exiles; the enhancement of the pioneering movement; the Hebrew culture and education. He called for the unity of all parts of the Zionist movement into an organization of the Jewish people as a whole. "All parts of the movement, irrespective of social and spiritual tendencies, are now called upon to unite for common action," he stated.

"The establishment of the State of Israel," the Premier said, "has created the possibility for full realization of the Zionist vision, but we have still a long way to go, and the continuous effort of our entire people directed by the Zionist idea in its full history significance is still needed to reach our final goal. The Zionist movement in America is now standing at the crossroads and a rare opportunity has been given to your organization to pave a way for a unifying and united Zionist movement which will stand at the head of American Jewry in the great era opened to the Jewish people with the establishment of the state and the beginning of the ingathering of exiles."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann took sharp issue with recent statements by Ben Gurion. He declared that Mr. Ben Gurion had avoided any mention of Zionism or the Zionist movement in his public appearances through the U.S. He insisted on the indispensability of a special status to be given officially by the Israeli Parliament to the Zionist movement.

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# KAPLAN ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE WORK OF BOND DRIVE AND U.J.A.

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- Israel Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, left the United States yesterday after a visit of several weeks during which he participated in the launching of the Israel Bond drive and conferred with United States Government and Jewish leaders.

Prior to his departure, Mr. Kaplan announced the formation of a national committee jointly representing the State of Israel Bond Issue and the United Jewish Appeal to coordinate the activities of the two enterprises. He declared that in projecting its three-year program for Israel's economic development, the State of Israel "placed strong reliance on the traditional generosity and sense of statesmanship of the American Jewish community. "The two points of the four-point program," he said, "that involve community-wide action are the United Jewish Appeal, for philanthropic purposes, and the State of Israel Bonds, for investment purposes.

"The State of Israel is interested in the best results for both," he stated. "It believes that the two activities are complementary and that both should have the full support of all friends of Israel." Pointing out that a number of problems have arisen as a result of which it is believed that coordinated action would be helpful, Mr. Kaplan said a committee had been proposed representing the U.J.A. and the American Financial and Development Corporation. "The aim of this committee," he explained, "would be to implement the desire of Israel to see maximum results for both endeavors. I have indicated to the two organizations the underlying principles which animate the State of Israel in respect to the two enterprises. It is gratifying to be able to announce that the United Jewish Appeal and the bond organization have accepted the proposal for a joint committee and are going forward to implement it."

At a meeting with the executive committee of the State of Israel bond drive, on the eve of his departure, Mr. Kaplan expressed confidence that the half-billion dollar bond issue will be subscribed prior to the three-year period. "The best indication of ultimate success is the fact that the Israel Bond Drive has already achieved the status of a popular community-wide undertaking," he declared. "We already have a very substantial number of purchasers in the amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 and \$500,000 who have established a solid foundation for our Bond Issue. However, the number of purchasers of Israel Bonds from \$50 to \$500, consisting of our capital appreciation or twelve year dollar savings Bonds, is considerably larger, indicating a very wide public responses which will increase as the sale activities progress in the coming months.

## YESHIVA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST JEWISH MEDICAL SCHOOL IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University will join with New York City in the construction of a \$61,000,000 hospital and medical center in the Bronx section of the city, it was announced tonight by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University. The project involves a collaboration in which the University will provide the medical center and the personnel, an investment of \$25,000,000, with the city spending \$36,000,000 on a tuberculosis hospital and a general hospital.

The projected \$10,000,000 Yeshiva University Medical School, the first such school to be established in the United States under Jewish auspices, will mark the initial phase of the University's \$25,000,000 Medical Center expansion program designed to include Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Public Health and Post-Graduate divisions.

Dr. Belkin and Mayor Impellitteri spoke tonight at the University's Founders Dinner held at the Waldorf-Astoria. The 700 guests present pledged more than \$2,000,000 to the project. Preceding the dinner, the University held a special convocation at which Governor Thomas E. Dewey received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

ORDER BRITH ABRAHAM OPENS ANNUAL CONVENTION; TRUMAN SENDS GREETING TO DELEGATES

SOUTH FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 17. (JTA) -- The 64th annual convention of the Independent Order Brith Abraham opened here today at the Flackler Hotel attended by 900 delegates representing 335 lodges. Grand Master Louis A. Weissman in his annual report called for liberal immigration laws and for the setting up of a federal "Fair Employment Practice Act."

Mr. Weissman also called upon the U.S. government to grant Israel 150 million dollars under the Marshall Plan. President Truman, in a message to the delegates, warned that Communist imperialism is challenging the rights of people and world peace. The convention will continue for three days.

HISTADRUT OPENS HEADQUARTERS FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE; NEW YORK MAYOR PARTICIPATES

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The International Headquarters of the Histadrut in the Western Hemisphere was opened here today amid all-day festivities. Mayor Vincent Impellitteri officially opened the headquarters by cutting a blue and white ribbon in the presence of 1,000 persons.

More than 2,000 representatives of cities and towns across the nation took part in a special rally in the afternoon at Temple Emanu-El where they heard addresses by Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing, Arthur Lourie, Israel consul-general at New York, and Dr. Joseph Burstein, special Histadrut delegate to the United States.

FIRST CANTORS TRAINED ON U.S. SOIL GRADUATE FROM HEBREW UNION SCHOOL OF SACRED MUSIC

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The first class of cantors ever to be trained in a school on American soil for service in Jewish religious congregations was graduated from the Hebrew Union School of Sacred Music today. Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, of which the School of Sacred Music is a part, gave the charge and invested as cantor-educators the 10 men who have been trained to serve as the singers of the synagogues and as religious school administrators.

The School of Sacred Music, the only school for cantors in the world, was established in 1948 to fill the gap after the European centers of Jewish sacred music were destroyed by the Nazis. Although it was founded by the rabbinical school of Reform and Liberal Judaism, it trains its men for service in Orthodox and Conservative as well as Reform congregations.

PROF. POPPER, SCHOLAR IN HEBREW AND ARABIC STUDIES, HONORED BY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

BERKELEY, Calif., June 17. (JTA) -- Dr. William Popper, professor of Semitic languages at the University of California and a brother-in-law of the late Dr. Judah L. Magnes, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, yesterday received an honorary L.L.D. from the University.

Prof. Popper was also honored by faculty members, who, on the occasion of his 75th birthday, published a jubilee volume, "Semitic and Oriental Studies," edited by his successor Prof. Walter J. Fischel, formerly of the Hebrew University. Prof. Popper, internationally recognized scholar in Hebrew and Arabic studies, joined the University of California in 1905 and retired in 1945. He is the author of six volumes on Semitic studies.