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Z.O.A. CRITICIZED BY EUROPEAN ZIONISTS FOR SUPPORTING GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL

PARIS, June 25. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing regret over the decision taken by the Zionist Organization of America to support the General Zionists in Israel was adopted here today at the meeting of the General Zionist Council. Delegates from 15 countries participated in the session.

In adopting this resolution, the Council pointed out that by identifying itself with the General Zionists in Israel, the Zionist Organization of America "endangered the unity of the World Confederation of General Zionists." Another resolution adopted by 30 votes against 10, stressed the need for unity within the General Zionist party and regretted the action taken by the General Zionists of Israel in establishing offices outside of the Jewish State and in encouraging General Zionists outside of Israel to support the General Zionist Party in Israel.

The two resolutions were adopted at the concluding session in the early hours of the morning after stormy all-night debates. Earlier sessions were addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, and Moshe Kol, member of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem.

MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION DECIDES TO REGISTER ARABS WHO WISH TO RETURN TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 25. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today decided to form a sub-committee for registration of all Arabs who left Israel, in order to pave the way for those who wish to return. The decision was supported by Colonel Bennett de Ridder, United Nations chairman of the Commission.

An Arab broadcast from Lebanon today reported that the Lebanese government submitted a protest to the Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission over Israel's alleged burning of a large wooded area along the common border in order to enable the building of an Israeli military road.

JEWISH LEADERS IN IRAQ FORCED TO SIGN THEY WITNESSED DISCOVERY OF ARMS IN SYNAGOGUE

TEL AVIV, June 25. (JTA) -- Information reaching here from Iraq states that 54 Jews are still under arrest in Baghdad in connection with the alleged discovery last week of arms in a synagogue there.

The report says that representatives of the American Embassy in Baghdad, as well as local Jewish leaders, were invited by the Iraqi authorities to witness the search. However, when they arrived on the scene, the arms were already inside the synagogue. The Jewish leaders, who were asked to sign that they attended the search, refused to do so, but were finally compelled to sign under the pressure of threats.

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TENSION IS NOT LESSENING BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL, STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS

WASHINGTON, June 25. (JTA) -- There is "not any real evidence" that tension is lessening between the Arabs and Israelis, Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee said today in an interview made available by the U.S. News and World Report.

The Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs said also that "unfortunately, there are some expressions of anti-American feeling in the Middle East. This is true particularly among the Arab states because of resentment of our Palestine policies. We feel, however, that we are regaining their confidence." With reference to the continued tension between Jews and Arabs, McGhee said: "There have recently been difficulties between Israel and Syria over the Hulah swamp area which resulted in U.N. Security Council action and which brought new tension."

Asked what is going to happen to the "million" Arab refugees from Palestine, Mr. McGhee made the following statement: "There is now for the first time a disposition on the part of the Arab states to accept those refugees who do not wish to return to their former homes, provided their right to return and their compensation is not prejudiced by settlement and the U.N. will assure adequate funds."

"As a part of the 125-million dollar economic program that the President has requested for the Near East---the first comprehensive program for the Near East---there is included an item of 50 million dollars which would be available for refugees for resettlement or repatriation. This money would be available to pay the settlement expenses of the refugees. The President in his budget message recognized that this would be a program which would necessarily carry beyond the present year. The U.N. has estimated that it will take possibly five years and will cost 150 million dollars to achieve reintegration of the 800,000 Arabs who are now homeless around the periphery of the former state of Palestine."

TWENTY GROUPS REGISTER LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR ISRAEL'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, June 25. (JTA) -- Twenty groups registered their lists of candidates for the forthcoming parliamentary elections which are scheduled to take place on July 30, it was announced here last night. The lists have all been approved by the Supreme Election Committee. Each list is signed by 750 supporters.

Last minute efforts to establish a unified bloc of all religious parties failed. The 20 lists include: the pro-government Mapai Party; the pro-Soviet Mapai Party; the General Zionists; the Mizrahi Laborite Party; the Herut Party; Sephardim; the Progressive Party; the Communist Party; the Mizrahi Orthodox Party; the Agudas Israel; the Agudah Laborite Party.

Other groups whose lists of candidates were recognized are: the Yeshurun groups; the Hinnai Israel; the Knesset Israel Haolamith; the Arab Agricultural and Development Group; the Democratic Arab Party; the Arab Progressive and Labor Party; the Peace Party; the Yemenite Union; the Union of New Immigrants.

ISRAEL AND SWITZERLAND ESTABLISH OFFICIAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

TEL AVIV, June 25. (JTA) -- Official diplomatic relations between Israel and Switzerland were established today with the appointment of Samuel Tolkowsky, hitherto Israel Consul-General in Zurich, as Minister Plenipotentiary. Otto Seiffert, presently Swiss Charge d'Affaires in Vienna, has been appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Israel.

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AUTHORITIES IN ROME BAN JEWISH PROTEST MEETING AGAINST GERMAN REARMAMENT

ROME, June 25. (JTA) -- A protest meeting of Jews here against German rearmament was banned by police authorities. As a silent sign of protest, many Jewish citizens placed tributes of flowers outside the Ardeatine Caves, where scores of Jews had been slaughtered by the Nazis in 1944.

UNITED NATIONS CALLS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO SECURE PROTECTION OF REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 25. (JTA) -- A new international convention for the protection of refugees and stateless persons is expected to be signed at a three-week U. N. conference of plenipotentiaries opening on July 2nd in Geneva. So far, 13 governments have communicated their intention of participating in the conference. A total of 81 governments have been invited.

The conferees will have a 40-article draft convention on which to take final action. This draft, the two-year work of the U.N. Economic and Social Council, seeks in general to give refugees the same rights as the nationals of signatory states, and in no case less than the rights and privileges accorded foreigners generally.

MRS. LOUIS BLAUSTEIN DONATES \$1,000,000 TO NEW JEWISH MEDICAL CENTER IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, June 25. (JTA) -- A \$1,000,000 gift for the erection of the Obstetrical and Gynecological Building of the Sinai Hospital unit of the new Jewish Medical Center in Northwest Baltimore, was made today by Mrs. Louis Blaustein in memory of her late husband, the Baltimore industrialist and philanthropist. The new building will be known as 'The Louis and Eschrietta Blaustein Building.' The announcement was made at the annual meeting of the Associated Jewish Charities held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

In announcing the gift for his mother, Mr. Jacob Blaustein quoted her as stating that she makes this gift now "because I believe in giving while living." She emphasized that for many years she and her family have given substantially to many causes, both Jewish and non-sectarian, in this country and abroad. "This particular gift -- a memorial to my late husband -- I want to make right here at home as a tangible expression of the sense of devotion our family has always felt toward Baltimore and our country, for the blessings and opportunities we Americans enjoy here," she declared.

Mrs. Blaustein was present at the meeting where the announcement was made as were other members of her family, including her two daughters and their husbands, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Thalheimer and Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Rosenberg; her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Blaustein; and several of her grandchildren. Jacob Blaustein and Dr. Alvin Thalheimer are past presidents of the Associated Jewish Charities, and Henry A. Rosenberg is a past president of the Sinai Hospital.

JEWISH GROUPS JOIN IN AN APPEAL TO TRUMAN TO ESTABLISH F.E.P.C. BY EXECUTIVE ORDER

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA) -- All major Jewish organizations yesterday joined in an appeal to President Truman asking him to issue an executive order establishing a Federal Fair Employment Practices Committee similar to the one established in 1941 by President Roosevelt.

REFORM RABBIS DECIDE TO ESTABLISH CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH CONSERVATIVE RABBIS

NEW LONDON, CONN., June 25. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis ended its sixty-second annual meeting here with the re-election of Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein of Rochester as president of the organization which represents the spiritual leaders of the Reform wing of Judaism.

Among a series of unanimously-passed resolutions was one that called for the passage of the congressional bills which would give Israel a grant of \$150,000,000 to carry out its "gigantic tasks of resettlement and rehabilitation." Another resolution urged the organization heads to effect a closer working relationship with the Rabbinical Assembly, the body representing the Conservative Rabbis, in varied fields of activity through a joint committee.

Dr. Bernstein, in an acceptance speech, said that the liquidation of the displaced persons problem in Europe and the establishment of Israel as a nation has produced "a turning point in Jewish history." He said that American Jews no longer can expect European Jews to provide ideas, institutions and personnel necessary to enrich Jewish life in this country. The conference head said that "whatever institutions American Jewry will have, must be created and sustained by the American Jewish community, or there will be none."

INTERCOLLEGIATE ZIONIST FEDERATION DECIDES TO BE ACTIVE; NUCLEUS WITHIN HILLOL

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 25. (JTA) -- The relations between the Hillol Foundations and the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of American were discussed here today at the sixth annual convention of the I.Z.F.A. which is attended by more than 100 delegates. The convention affirmed the stand that the I.Z.F.A. should be an active and positive nucleus within the Hillol.

The convention saluted the first marin of Haoloh, the chalutz arm of I.Z.F.A., which has permanently settled at Kibbutz Yiftach in Israel, and adopted a resolution to strengthen the bond with former I.Z.F.A. members who are living in Israel. An extensive projects campaign and an increased emphasis on membership and public relations for Israel on the campus were also planned by the convention.

42,000 CHILDREN TO ATTEND 224 CAMPS SPONSORED BY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA) -- More than 42,000 children will attend the 224 resident and day camps operated by Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWELs throughout the country during the 1951 camping season, beginning July 1st, it was announced today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. The J.W.B. is the national association of Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWELs.

Thirty resident country camps sponsored by JWB-affiliated Centers will accommodate 14,000 youngsters. These camps, in addition to swimming, hiking, nature lore, sports and other usual camp activities, offer the Jewish child many of the elements of Jewish cultural and religious tradition, music, dancing and folklore.

CLEVELAND JEWISH FEDERATION ESTABLISHES FUND TO HONOR MEMORY OF KILLED OFFICIAL

CLEVELAND, June 25. (JTA) -- A fund to honor the memory of Joseph E. Kapell, associate director of the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Federation, who was killed in a train wreck last month, has been initiated by the board of directors of the Federation, it was announced today. Mr. Kapell was killed while enroute to the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare.