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## MILLER IS NEW Z.O.A. PRESIDENT; CONVENTION DECIDES ON IDENTIFICATION

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- The 55th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America today elected Rabbi Irving Miller as president of the Z. O. A. following the adoption of a "Miller Resolution" reaffirming the adherence of the Z. O. A. to the World Confederation of General Zionists.

The resolution, which received 594 votes as compared with 354 votes scored by a competing "Redelheim Resolution," emphasized the "ideological and moral kinship" which exists between the Z. O. A. and like-minded sister organizations of General Zionists in Israel and countries outside of Israel, and extended to them "once more an expression of cordial friendship and fraternal relations."

"The Zionist Organization of America," the resolution said, "has never been and is not now affiliated party-wise with any other Zionist group or party, is bound by no party discipline, reserves its independence and freedom of action and takes no part in the political life of the State of Israel--which is the exclusive function of Israeli citizens.

"The highest interest of General Zionists everywhere and the unity of the World Confederation of which we are a member, impel us to renew our plea to the two General Zionist groups to resolve their differences and bring about the complete unification of their forces," the resolution stated.

With regard to Z. O. A. relations with Israel, the resolution pledged full cooperation to the Israel Government in the work of "ingathering of the exiles" and in fostering the unity of the Jewish people. It accepted "without reservations" the obligations implied in the decision adopted at the last World Zionist Congress which declares that "the practical work of the Zionist movement and its various bodies calls for the fullest degree of cooperation and coordination on its part, with the State of Israel and its Government in accordance with the laws of the land."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Louis Lipsky spoke sharply against Z. O. A. identification with the General Zionist Party of Israel. Advocating the adoption of the identification resolution were Rabbi Miller and Dr. Emanuel Neumann. Benjamin G. Browdy, retiring Z. O. A. president, urged the convention to "adopt a policy of freedom of action for the Z. O. A. without entangling alliances with any Zionist group" and of non-intervention in the affairs of any party in Israel.

Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel, in a cabled message to the convention, stressed that "the tasks now facing the State of Israel and the Zionist movement are heavier and greater than they ever were and require a close and permanent partnership between the State and the Jewish people." Ambassador Eban, addressing the convention, urged a continuing partnership between Israel and world Jewry in order to maintain balance of forces favorable to the Jewish State.

DR. GOLDMANN PROPOSES CONVENING OF CONGRESS OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- The development of two separate instruments to assist Israel--one, the Jewish Agency in which Zionists and non-Zionists should carry joint responsibility for financial and economic assistance to the Jewish State, and the other, a strong Zionist movement devoted exclusively to Zionist tasks--was proposed here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, addressing the 55th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

Dr. Goldmann also proposed a Congress of American Zionists representing "the strongest single force in American Jewish life." This congress, he said, should be convened annually or once in two years. "A half dozen conventions of Jewish groups could not match the effect and effectiveness of this one great platform, this solemn manifestation of combined Zionist strength," he declared.

"It shall be one of the major tasks of American Zionist life in the immediate future to develop such structure, by forging the American Zionist Council to such instrument or in some other ways. Such organizational structure would inevitably eclipse the parties, push them into the background, and prevent issues arising from Israel's internal affairs from becoming decisive issues--artificial as that may be--in Zionist life in the Diaspora," he stated. At the same time, he defined the relationship between Israel and the Zionist movement as follows:

1. "There must be a genuine and full partnership between the Zionist movement and the State of Israel in building the State and in mobilizing the Jewish people behind this effort."
2. "No Zionist movement can work in opposition to the State and hope to survive. We will try to influence the leaders of the State, but on all matters concerning Israel, it is their decision that must be final."
3. "On the other hand, it is necessary that the State cooperate with the Zionist movement, fully and in a spirit of unqualified good will. All it undertakes, in organized form, in Jewish life outside Israel, must be done in consultation, coordination with the Zionist movement. On internal Jewish matters, the State must entrust to the Zionist movement the task of ironing out and reconciling conflicts and coordinating assistance to Israel."

However, Dr. Goldmann told the convention delegates that Zionism cannot orient itself exclusively towards Israel. "If Zionism wishes to become the guiding force in Jewish life, it cannot orient itself exclusively towards Israel," he declared. "It must concern itself with all vital problems of Jewish life--community organization, the Hebreization of Jewry, etc."

Dr. Neumann Advocates Immigration to Israel of U. S. Specialists

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, called upon the Zionist Organization of America to proclaim among its primary aims increased private capital investment in Israel and promotion of immigration to Israel of American Jewish professional and technical workers. "We should overcome," he said, "any lurking inhibition or timidity about the idea of an American Aliyah but proclaim it forthrightly as one of our essential aims and follow through on it. The Zionist movement which fails to produce Aliyah or Chaluiziut ceases to be Zionist."

He reported that the interest of American Jews in investment in Israel is on the increase. He attributed the deficiency in Israel's economic output partly to a "very acute shortage of skilled workers," which he said is a consequence of the present

character of immigration into the country. "The present wave of immigration is notably deficient in the normal proportion of trained professional and technical people which characterized earlier waves of immigration," he asserted. "This has created a human deficit seriously affecting the rate of economic progress and production."

Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia, who presided, warned against "partial acrimony and personal bitterness" in determining the future course of the world organization, whose function, he said, needs to be seriously explored and radically changed.

#### JEWISH NATIONAL FUND RAISED \$200,000,000 IN U.S. IN FIFTY YEARS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund has raised since its inception 50 years ago, the sum of \$200,000,000 in the United States which was spent on redeeming the land of Israel from the waste and preparing it to receive the huge immigration which is now pouring into the country, Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, told the delegates to the annual convention of the Zionist Organization today at a special session devoted to J.N.F. activities.

Supplementing Dr. Levine's statement, Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the J.N.F., reported that within the last 20 months the Fund received over \$34,000,000 in income, adding that "the greater popular appeal of the Jewish National Fund is best illustrated by the fact that within the last ten years \$23,000,000 was collected from the so-called traditional sources."

The convention adopted a resolution calling for the reclamation through funds supplied by the Z.O.A. of 6,000 dunams of land in the Huleh swamp region in Northern Israel on the Syrian border, and the establishment on that land of a Z.O.A. colony. The Z.O.A. convention also ratified an arrangement made recently by Z.O.A. leaders and to the J.N.F. for the opening of a Z.O.A. Department for Jewish National Fund activities which is to stimulate fund-raising efforts among the Z.O.A. membership for the J.N.F. and its projects.

#### BEN GURION MAY EXCHANGE DEFENSE PORTFOLIO FOR ECONOMIC ROLE

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion considers the economic situation of Israel to be so precarious that he is planning to resign his portfolio as Minister of Defense so that he can devote himself more actively to coordinating economic measures, the Sunday Express reported today in a dispatch from its Tel Aviv correspondent.

The correspondent said that the position of Israel's economy was never as bad as it is now -- "with its reserves of foreign exchange gone, a near-bankrupt Treasury and an inflation which is rampant." He said that few Israelis expect the return of the money deducted by the government in its current compulsory loan. Finally, the correspondent stressed, "unless America comes to the rescue again, Israel will go hungry."

The Sunday Observer today published an article on Israel's economic crisis which attributed the Jewish State's difficulties in part to "domestic mismanagement" and the "too lavish" spending of foreign exchange on "ambitious capital development schemes without regard for the import of raw materials and fuel" nor for the "development of exports." The Observer expressed the opinion that if the gift dollars from American Jews are "not suddenly and drastically reduced," Israel is in no danger of economic collapse.

**ARABS ATTACK JEWISH QUARTER IN TUNIS; JEW KILLED, PROPERTY DAMAGED**

PARIS, June 15. (JTA) -- At least one Jew was killed and considerable property was damaged by an Arab mob that invaded the Jewish quarter of Tunis yesterday, it was reported here today from Tunisia.

The Arabs were apparently organized into two groups which attacked from different directions. Police broke up the clash by firing into the air. Leaders of the local Jewish community, which numbers about 35,000 people and represents less than 10 percent of the city's population, have appealed to the World Jewish Congress for assistance.

**JEWISH SITUATION IN NO. AFRICA DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS**

ALGIERS, June 15. (JTA) -- The first conference of the North African Jewish communities affiliated with the World Jewish Congress concluded a four-day meeting here and endorsed steps taken by the W. J. C. to improve the conditions of the Jews of Morocco. Urging continuation of these efforts, the conference noted reports of a special status under which Jews in Mazab, Algeria, are subjected to discriminatory measures.

The conference asked the World Jewish Congress to undertake action that would assure the Jews in that city the same status that Jews in other parts of Algeria enjoy and also adopted a decision to establish a permanent body for the purpose of coordinating the activities of the Congress in North Africa.

Attending the conference was a six-man delegation from Algeria headed by B. Heler, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Algeria; a five-man delegation from Tunis; and a five-man delegation from Morocco. Representing the W. J. C. executive were A. L. Easterman, political director; Dr. A. Steinberg, head of the W. J. C. cultural department; Dr. G. Riegner, and Marc Jarblum, members of the W. J. C. executive.

In a political survey, Mr. Easterman warned the parley that the anti-Jewish attitude of the Arab states was likely to continue and in recent months had taken new forms. He said this problem must be dealt with on an international level. The W. J. C., he added, is making representations to the governments whose citizens are affected and whenever necessary, to the United Nations, to secure the rights and liberties of Jewish minorities.

"Apart from local and regional problems," Mr. Easterman said, "there is the issue of the Arab nationalist movement, which has derived support and encouragement from states violently anti-Jewish. After May, 1948, there was discrimination against Jewish communities in Iraq, Yemen, Aden and other Arab areas. As a consultant organization, the W. J. C. brought these violations of human rights to the attention of the United Nations, and these representations reached the Security Council.

"The problems of North African Jewry," he continued, "should be considered in their totality. The attacks upon the liberties and rights of the Jews, discrimination and the denial of status and security, had their repercussions in other lands. Any success of an anti-Semitic policy in any country was a precedent and source of encouragement to protagonists of such a policy in other countries and called for thinking and planning on an international level by common cooperative action."

## POLITICAL PARTIES CAUTIONED AGAINST RACIAL BIGOTRY IN CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations have called upon the Republican and Democratic parties to take effective steps to prevent the injection of religious and racial bigotry into the impending political campaign.

The American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, and Union of American Hebrew Congregations and 27 local Jewish community councils, which together comprise the National Community Relations Advisory Council, jointly sent identical letters to the chairmen of the Republican and Democratic National Committees.

These letters, signed by Irving Kane, N.C.R.A.C. chairman, urged the major parties to "scrupulously avoid the use of appeals to class, racial, or religious prejudice" and to repudiate the support of fringe groups who "are not above using such methods." The political parties were requested to publicly declare their abhorrence of the use of bigotry in election campaigning and to instruct their local affiliates accordingly.

Reports that racial and religious bigotry have already been injected into some of the primary contests had given rise to anxiety, the Jewish organizations told the political party chairmen. "Such recourse to bigotry could produce tragically harmful effects should they be used in the impending campaign, which takes place at a time when the greatest possible unity is required to meet the challenge of Communist tyranny," their letter declared.

## N.Y. STATE MEDICAL SCHOOLS CONTINUE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Most of New York State's nine medical schools are violating the state's fair educational practices law by continuing their discriminatory practices in connection with the admittance of qualified Jewish students, the American Jewish Congress and the Committee for Equality in Education charged today in a letter to John P. Myers, chancellor of the state's Board of Regents.

Also transmitted to Mr. Myers were the findings of a recently completed survey by the two organizations to back up this charge. The survey analyzes the admittance experiences of 57 of the 72 pre-medical students who were awarded in 1951 full-tuition paid state medical scholarships, good in any school in this state, on the basis of written competitive examinations.

This survey revealed that the 41 Jewish students who won state scholarships, had to file a total of 214 applications with the nine state schools in order to gain admittance, or twice as many per capita as the 16 non-Jewish winners who filed 39 applications, a ratio of 5.4 to 2.4. Thus, the samplings revealed applications of non-Jewish scholarship winners achieved a record of 76.1 percent of acceptances by New York medical schools, while those of Jewish scholarship winners achieved only 35.9 percent, although both groups ranked equally in scholarship and medical aptitudes.

A further analysis revealed that Cornell University's medical school and the Flower Hospital's New York Medical College were the worst offenders: the former accepted only two out of 30 Jewish state scholarship winners who applied, the latter only one out of 13. Cornell medical school also rejected the application of every Jewish scholarship winner living in New York City--21 in all. Columbia University's record was hardly better, its College of Physicians and Surgeons having accepted three of the 19 Jewish scholarship winners surveyed.

**REFORM RABBIS CONVENTION CLOSES; JOSEPH FINK ELECTED PRESIDENT**

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Joseph L. Fink of Buffalo was elected president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis at the 63rd annual convention of the organization of the Reform rabbinate concluded here today. He succeeds Dr. Philip Bernstein of Rochester, N. Y. Rabbi Fink welcomed increasing manifestations of unity and cooperation on matters of mutual interest among Reform, Orthodox and Conservative rabbis.

A resolution on Israel approved by the conference commended the new state on its "mighty achievements in the four years since its establishment," and applauded "the sacrificial idealism of the young nation in absorbing 700,000 new immigrants in this short time despite its own grave trials and privations.

"This is an achievement of human helpfulness and rescue unprecedented in history and an example of practical Judaism at its best." It further praised Israel for providing medical, social and educational services for all inhabitants of the land whether Jewish, Arab or Christian. The resolution expressed confidence that "problems of food distribution, free public education and of adjusting various elements of the population to one another would be resolved when the pressures of economic security and military safety are relieved."

Commending continued American support of Israel through the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel bond drive, the conference expressed the hope for an "ever increasing interchange of the precious gifts of American experience and the fervor, spark and faith of a new pioneer land. Thus will the greatest democracy and the newest democracy strengthen each other as a token of that greater fulfillment of democratic world brotherhood."

Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof of Pittsburgh, chairman of the conference Commission on Jewish Education, reported a substantial increase in the number of adult education groups in Reform congregations, the establishment of 15 regional centers to activate youth programs in different parts of the country, and the inauguration of an audio-visual education program to make the study of Bible and history more understandable to children.

**23 RABBIS ORDAINED AT JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY EXERCISES**

NEW YORK, June 15: (JTA) -- Twenty-three rabbinical students, including a native of Calcutta, India, who will become the first American-trained rabbi to occupy a pulpit in that country, were ordained here today at the 58th annual commencement exercises of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The Seminary also awarded three honorary Doctorates in Letters and five Doctorates in Hebrew Literature, in course, while the newly ordained rabbis were awarded Masters degrees in Hebrew Literature, in course. Two fellowships, established in honor of Dr. Louis Ginzberg, Professor of Talmud at the Seminary, were awarded to Rabbi Haim Joshua Kosovsky and Rabbi Abraham A. Schreiber of Jerusalem.

**TWENTY-ONE U.S. CHRISTIAN LEADERS TO STUDY ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEMS**

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- A study of Arab-Israel problems will be made by 21 Christian leaders from 14 states who left here this week-end on a tour of Egypt, Jordan and Israel. This is the sixth study tour of the Near East conducted under the auspices of the American Christian Palestine Committee. The group includes a former Congresswoman, Christian clergymen, educators, civic leaders, a business man and a labor leader.