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ISRAEL PROTESTS AT UNITED NATIONS AGAINST ARAB ATTACKS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A strong protest was voiced today by Israel's delegate Arthur Lourie at the United Nations Ad Hoc Political Committee over the fact that "the voice of Nazism is being heard in the United Nations" during the current debate in the Political Committee on the report of U. N. relief work among Palestine refugees.

Mr. Lourie referred to a violent speech today by Iraqi delegate, Dr. Fadhil al-Jamali, who had asserted that "the Jews have forfeited any moral or material claims unless they granted the legitimate rights of the Arabs in Palestine."

The Israeli delegate said that this remark had been made by one who was well known for his Nazi sympathies during the war. He said that the Iraqi delegate's speech was most remarkable for its distortions. Dr. Jamali claimed that the responsibility for the Arab refugees rested on the U. N. partition resolution and "Zionist terrorism."

Mr. Lourie asserted that the plight of the Arab refugees was due to a war of extermination launched by the Arab states. He made his remarks immediately after the Iraqi delegate had spoken. They were just an intervention, for he announced that Israel would not make a statement on the U. N. report on the Palestine refugees until tomorrow. Dr. Izzat Tannous, secretary-general of the Palestine Arab Refugee Committees in Lebanon, also will speak tomorrow.

Dr. Jamali, who returned to political attacks against Israel during the debate today, said that it would have been "more human to gas chamber the Arab refugees." He spoke of these refugees as "the greatest of all human tragedies." He asserted that the U. N. relief agency should have concerned itself with relief alone and left reintegration as part of the political issue.

The Political Committee has a resolution before it authorizing the U. N. relief agency to increase its relief budget for the present fiscal year to \$23,000,000. Australia and New Zealand told the Political Committee it will be increasingly difficult for them to contribute further to a long-term U. N. program for rehabilitating the Palestine refugees unless the Arab nations cooperate more fully with the program. The two comments appeared to be in answer to new Arab demands that the refugees be repatriated to Israel, and to Arab assertions that the U. N. program will hinder repatriation.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND GETS \$6,000,000 LOAN FROM BANK OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of Israel obtained a loan of \$6,000,000 from the Bank of America of San Francisco, Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, announced today. The money will be applied to land development projects, especially to the drainage and reclamation of the 15,000-acre Huleh swamp region in northern Israel, on the Syrian border.

The loan has been contracted for a period of three years. Dr. Josef Weiss, director of Finance of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, who came to this country on a special financial mission, negotiated the loan. It is estimated that when the Huleh project is completed, it will be possible to establish 2,000 farming units of 30 dunams each (a dunam is a quarter of an acre) on the 60,000 dunams of reclaimed land, with an annual income from agricultural produce of \$10,000,000.

Recently, the J. N. F. in Jerusalem awarded a \$4,500,000 contract to J. R. Sensibar, president of Construction Aggregates Corporation of Chicago, for the second phase of the drainage and reclamation of the Huleh swamp area, the first phase having just been concluded by an Israeli firm.

RISE IN HISTADRUT MEMBERSHIP REPORTED AT CONVENTION IN TEL AVIV

TELAVIV, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The membership of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, has risen to over 500,000, it was reported here today at the opening session of the Histadrut's national convention, which is attended by 200 delegates. Mordecai Namir, secretary general of the organization, told the delegates that the members of the Histadrut plus the members of their families compose more than half of the population of the country.

Speaking of the plans of the general federation of labor, Mr. Namir said that it expects to invest 500,000 pounds in the industrial development of the new Israeli port of Elath, at the head of the Gulf of Akaba. He called for increased productivity on the part of Israeli workers and pledged that the Histadrut would continue to press its policy of wages plus cost-of-living bonuses to keep up with the inflation.

Several hundred immigrants today demonstrated here in front of the hall where the Histadrut is holding its convention, to demand the labor federation's assistance in their request that the Jewish Agency and the government erect permanent homes on the site of their present temporary work villages rather than remove them to permanent homes in new areas.

MIZRACHI LABOR CONVENTION SUPPORTS STAND OF ITS MEMBERS IN CABINET

TEL AVIV, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing support of the stand taken by Poale Hamizrachi deputies in the Knesset and its members in the government was adopted here today at the closing session of the eight-day national convention of the Mizrachi Workers Party. However, the delegates also demanded that the government fulfill all its pledges on religious matters.

The resolution also reiterated the party's demand that religious women be exempted from national service, and urged the Agudah parties to rejoin the government coalition. The delegates asserted that the Zionist movement had not fulfilled its mission with the establishment of the State of Israel, but must now help support the Jewish state economically, politically, and spiritually. They also demanded the return to a policy of unrestricted immigration and expressed their sympathy for Zionist leaders arrested in Eastern European countries.

BEN GURION CALLS FOR UNIFICATION OF ALL ZIONIST GROUPS IN U.S.

DETROIT, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Israel Premier David Ben Gurion today appealed to the Hadassah convention, which is taking place here, to raise the position of the Zionist movement in the United States as an "educational and guiding factor in Jewry." In a cable to the convention, the Israel Premier defined the mission of Zionism in the following program:

1. Enrich the lives of Jewry culturally and spiritually with the heritage of our people and the teachings of the Prophets and inculcate the whole people with Zionist truth.

2. Give youth a Hebrew education that will connect it to the great past of our people and its eternal Biblical inheritance so as to be a living link with the revival of Israel's independence on its own soil.

3. Promote a Halutz movement among youth and make the most courageous and adventurous, in the highest sense of the word, share personally in the historic re-birth of a nation and a homeland in many ways similar to that wrought by American pioneers some generations ago. Mr. Ben Gurion said that the implementation of this program called for a unification of all Zionist sections in the United States, without affecting the special projects or the autonomous set-up of each separate Zionist body. He paid tribute to Hadassah's medical activities in Israel, crowned this year with the ground breaking for the medical center in Jerusalem.

"The difficult period in which we live," the Premier said, "calls on Hadassah, without diminishing its present efforts, to pioneer in new fields of activity. Fortunately for us, Hadassah is rich in leadership, well qualified to educate and guide and Hadassah must play a leading role in initiating the integration and strengthening of the Zionist movement in America."

Mrs. Rosensohn Re-elected President; \$9,000,000 Budget Adopted

Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn of New York was re-elected national president of Hadassah at the concluding session of the convention, which adopted a record \$9,000,000 budget for 1952-53. It was also announced that the organization had sold to date \$10,000,000 worth of Israel bonds, and that bond selling activities would be speeded up to reach the organization's goal of \$30,000,000 by 1954.

Declaring that the failure of the United States to ratify the genocide convention of the United Nations was "inconsistent with its position of moral leadership among the free nations of the world," the convention urged "the bringing to the floor of the Senate of the genocide convention for its prompt ratification."

Another resolution urged Congress to appropriate sufficient funds for the Point Four program and "to technical assistance programs through the United Nations so that economic aid will be given to building up those areas of the world whose population suffers from disease and hunger, thus removing the causes of discontent and the tendency of these people to look for panaceas to bring about a better way of life that often lead to enslavement."

The principal items in the budget are: \$3,000,000 for the Hadassah medical organization in Israel; \$2,300,000 for Youth Aliyah; and \$1,175,000 for the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem and Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

ZIONIST, NON-ZIONIST LEADERS CONFER WITH GOVERNOR STEVENSON

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) — A number of Zionist and non-Zionist leaders met here yesterday with Governor Adlai Stevenson, Democratic candidate for President, during his visit to New York. The conference took place at the initiative of Governor Stevenson who told the Jewish leaders that he was greatly interested in the development of Israel and pledged, if he is elected, to continue the friendly relations between the United States and Israel established by President Truman. A similar meeting of Jewish leaders took place about three weeks ago in New York with Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Republican candidate.

Among those who attended the conference with Gov. Stevenson were Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress; Adolph Biele, president of the Jewish Labor Committee; Jack Weiler, leader of the United Jewish Appeal; Louis Segal, leader of the Zionist Laborites; Benjamin Brodie, former Z. O. A. president; as well as representatives of the Jewish War Veterans, Hadassah and other organizations.

Speaking on behalf of the delegation, Mr. Lipsky, replying to Gov. Stevenson's assurances, said: "I am confident that I express the gratification of all of us, in our personal capacities, with the assurances you have given on Israel and the fine perspective that has dictated your views. In addition, may I say that you deserve the thanks of every American citizen for the high level on which you have expounded and maintained the issues of our day in this difficult political campaign."

Synagogue Council Issues Warning on Election Statements

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) — The Synagogue Council of America today issued a statement emphasizing that declarations made in recent weeks by various prominent Jewish religious and organizational leaders in support of one or another of the candidates for the Presidency of the United States, represent the opinions of the individuals, and "should not be construed as representing the position of the Jewish community at large, or of any particular Jewish religious body with which the individuals may be identified."

Constituent organizations of the Synagogue Council of America are: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbinical Assembly of America, Rabbinical Council of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, and the United Synagogue of America.

Senate Urged to Probe Election Funds of Anti-Semitic Groups

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) — An investigation of election expenditures and propaganda by anti-Semitic, anti-Negro and other race hate agitators seeking to influence the result of next week's elections was requested by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League today, in a letter to Senator Thomas C. Hennings, chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Election Affairs.

Mentioned in the League's complaint were Robert H. Williams and his publication "Intelligence Digest" of Santa Ana, California; Gerald L. E. Smith and his publication "The Cross And The Flag" of St. Louis; Conde McGinley and his publication "Common Sense" of Union, New Jersey, and 12 other propaganda groups.

The League's complaint pointed out that while the League is not concerned in the partisan outcome of the election, it is disturbed by the dangerous spreading of un-American propaganda as a result of activities of agitators operating under cover of the election campaign.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE AND A. D. L. URGED TO RE-ENTER N. C. R. A. C.

DALLAS, Texas, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A resolution reaffirming their belief in the principles and objectives of the National Community Relations Advisory Council as the planning and coordinating agency in the field of community relations, was adopted here at the concluding session of the two-day annual conference of the Southwest Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The resolution was passed by 150 leaders of the 19 Jewish communities of the Southwestern Region. It declared that the N. C. R. A. C. should have the responsibility of eliminating "such unnecessary duplication of efforts and conflict of activities as may occur" in this field.

As part of this resolution, the community leaders called upon the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee, "in accordance with the will of the majority of the communities as reflected by resolutions passed throughout the country," to re-enter the N.C.R.A.C. as soon as possible to achieve the "basic objective of most effectively serving the American Jewish community."

The resolution on Jewish community relations programs recognized "the important role" that the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee have played in the fight against anti-Semitism. "We are also cognizant of the fact that no one organization can or should speak for all the Jews in the United States on these matters," the resolution added.

Harold Glasser, director of the C. J. F. W. F. Institute on Overseas Studies, told the delegates that Israel could look forward to the prospect of developing its economy without the constant interference of new emergencies. "For the first time since the state was established, there is a real prospect that the economy of Israel will be free to develop without the constant interference of new emergencies," Mr. Glasser pointed out. "The United States grant-in-aid and promised reparations from Germany will take the place of, and we hope, and forever, Israel's era of frantic borrowing. This intergovernmental assistance should provide the basis of long-term planning and sound economic development."

Emphasizing, however, that American philanthropic assistance to Israel is as necessary in 1953 as in past years, he asserted that the people and government of Israel are counting on the continuation of this aid in undiminishing volume. "American Jewry's philanthropic aid must continue, to help insure the stability, maintenance and development of the country," Mr. Glasser added. "In this connection, our efforts to provide maximum free dollars, purchase of Israeli bonds and investment of private capital are essential for finishing the job of integrating economically the 700,000 immigrants who arrived in Israel during the past four years."

A. I. Lack of Houston, was re-elected regional president for 1953. Other regional officers elected by the delegates included: vice-presidents Herbert Kohn, Memphis; and Alexander Oppenheimer, San Antonio. Dr. Jerome Levy, Little Rock, was named treasurer.

A. D. L. Group Appeals for Harmony in Community Relations Work

DENVER, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The regional advisory board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has voted to approve the organization's withdrawal from the National Community Relations Advisory Council, but voiced the hope that "representatives of all Jewish community relations organizations will use their best efforts to harmonize their differences for the good of the entire Jewish community."

ISRAEL PREMIER EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO J.D.C. FOR WORK IN ISRAEL

PARIS, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel today expressed his government's "recognition and appreciation" of the "extensive and valuable work" of Malben, the Joint Distribution Committee's program of assistance to disabled and handicapped immigrants in Israel. His thanks to Malben were expressed in a message to the meeting here of J.D.C.'s field directors, and was read by Dr. Chaim Sheba, director-general of the Israel Ministry of Health.

Charles Passman, J.D.C. director for Israel, reported to the five-day parley today that approximately 10,000 blind and disabled persons had been helped become productive members of society in Israel by the Malben program. This was done, he said, by four major projects: the establishment of 12 "sheltered workshops" where handicapped persons follow their trades under "protected" conditions; a central rehabilitation center where TB patients receive post-hospital medical care and vocational training; a village for the blind where the head of each of some 100 families is a sightless person who has been helped become self-supporting; and, the granting of rehabilitative loans to assist handicapped persons to open shops.

Disclosing that the average monthly case load for Malben in 1953 will exceed 20,000, Mr. Passman reported plans for expansion of the agency's program in the next year. Firstly, he said, a new 500-bed tuberculosis sanatorium, the largest in the Middle East, will be completed in Beer Yaacov. Secondly, a vast new village for the aged, with facilities for 1,000 persons, will be built at Ein Shomer. In addition, various smaller projects will be completed and inaugurated next year.

BRITISH JEWS MARK 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF BALFOUR DECLARATION

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Representatives of the British Conservative, Labor and Liberal Parties last night spoke at a meeting sponsored here by the Zionist Federation of Britain to mark the 35th anniversary of the publication of the Balfour Declaration guaranteeing the Jews a national home in Palestine. The Declaration, contained in a letter from Lord Balfour, British Foreign Secretary, was made public November 2, 1917.

Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, told the meeting that Israel "could only succeed in its task if the world realized that it had come to stay and would resist any attempt by its neighbors to destroy it." He added that "we expect the Jewish people here to see to it that we command respect from our neighbors both by our strength and our goodwill."

DR. HERZL'S LETTERS TO FIRST Z.O.A. PRESIDENT PRESENTED TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Some 150 unpublished letters from Theodor Herzl to Prof. Richard Gottheil, first president of the Zionist Organization of America, were today presented to the Zionist Archives here. This gift is part of a large collection of Zionist documents, including some original Max Nordau letters, to be turned over to the Archives.

PRESIDENT OF UNION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ITALY RESIGNS

ROME, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The council of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities today announced that it has accepted the resignation of Prof. Renzo Bonfiglioli, president of the Union, which was "motivated by differences of opinion between the council and the president on political issues outside the sphere of Jewish problems."