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## ISRAEL PREMIER REITERATES PEACE OFFER TO ARAB COUNTRIES

TEL AVIV, March 15. (JTA) -- Israel Premier David Ben Gurion this week-end again made an indirect peace offer to the Arab countries, in the course of an address at the annual conference of the Israel Journalists Association. "The only thing that would bring peace and stability to the Middle East is peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors," he declared, adding that the Arab states need no arms, but improved social standards.

Mr. Ben Gurion pointed out that the fate of Israel would not be decided by officials in Washington or Moscow, although "one should not minimize the danger." Israel's future, he said, "will be decided by production in the fields and factories, by pioneering education and by strengthening the Israel Army."

"Looking at the Moscow changes through historic eyeglasses," Mr. Ben Gurion said, "no short-term changes--both internally and externally--can be anticipated." Touching on the change of administration in the United States, he said that the former isolationist policy of the Republican Party had been shelved, but there was still concern in Europe and other countries regarding America's new policy. The Premier said America needs the European countries and Israel as much as they need American help.

## SPECIAL TAX TO SOLVE UNEMPLOYMENT IN ISRAEL URGED BY GOVT. PARTY

TEL AVIV, March 15. (JTA) -- The Mapai, largest pro-Government party in Israel, today urged the government to introduce a special tax for the purpose of financing a program of settling Israel's unemployed on the land. A resolution to this effect was adopted at today's concluding session of the four-day meeting of the National Council of the Mapai Party.

Labor Minister Golda Myerson, who left afterwards for the United States to head Israel's U. N. delegation when the question of Soviet anti-Semitism is discussed by that body, emphasized the need to combat the growing unemployment and pointed out that efforts are under way to settle immigrant families on the land. The government, she added, needs a special fund for this agricultural settlement program. She revealed that the Knesset will soon be asked to approve an unemployment tax to make possible implementation of this project.

(A Haifa dispatch said that jobless demonstrators in that industrial area raided the Histadrut offices and attacked Histadrut officials, causing some damage to the offices. Later, 250 unemployed blocked highways and interfered with the flow of traffic. Police who tried to restore order were attacked by the jobless, and two persons were injured.)

DR. HAYIM GREENBERG, JEWISH AGENCY LEADER, DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Hayim Greenberg, member of the Jewish Agency executive and leading philosopher of the Labor Zionist movement, died at his home yesterday at the age of 63, after a prolonged illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 P. M. tomorrow at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun.

The news of Dr. Greenberg's death shocked not only his many friends in this country, but also many leading personalities in Israel, including Prime Minister David Ben Gurion who frequently sought Dr. Greenberg's advice. Messages of sympathy poured into the New York offices of the Jewish Agency today from all parts of the world.

Dr. Greenberg, long a leader of the Labor Zionist movement, was an outstanding figure on the world Zionist scene for more than 35 years as editor, essayist, orator and political theoretician. He played a major role in the United Nations deliberations which led to the establishment of Israel, by winning over many of the Latin American delegates to the Jewish cause.

As head of the Department for Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization, Dr. Greenberg directed efforts to forge strong cultural ties between Israel and Jews all over the world, particularly those in the United States and Latin American countries. During the past year alone his Department organized and conducted special seminars and lecture courses in six countries, including Israel and the United States, which were attended by more than 500 teachers of Hebrew, students and student-teachers from all parts of the world.

Was Editor of "Jewish Frontier" and "Yiddisher Kempfer"

Born in 1889 in the village of Todoristi, Bessarabia, Dr. Greenberg came to the United States in 1924 and became editor of the "Yiddisher Kempfer"--"The Jewish Fighter"--Yiddish language organ of the Labor Zionist Organization of America. In 1934 he became editor of the group's English magazine, "The Jewish Frontier." He held both these posts until his death. He was elected to the Jewish Agency executive at the 22nd World Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland, in 1946.

Dr. Greenberg, who was self-taught in both Hebrew and Russian, joined the Zionist movement while a boy, at the age of 15, delivered his first address at an illegal Zionist demonstration in Russia. While still in his teens he moved to Odessa, then one of the great centers of Russian Jewry, and plunged into the Jewish cultural and Zionist circles dominated by such historic figures as Bialik and Ussishkin.

He had long been active in the editorial field. The outbreak of World War I found him in Moscow editing the Russian-Jewish weekly "Rassweit"--"The Dawn." For a time after the March revolution of 1917 he was an instructor in medieval Jewish literature and Greek drama at the University of Charkov and was also a lecturer at the Kiev Academy. The Bolshevik revolution and the anti-Zionist policies of the Soviet Government led to his several arrests. In 1921 he left Russia and moved to Berlin where he edited "Haolam"--"The World"--official weekly of the World Zionist Organisation. He also edited the Zionist monthly "Atidenu"--"Our Future."

Dr. Greenberg's advice on opinions were always solicited by the top Zionist leaders. In recent years Prime Minister Ben Gurion has frequently sought his advice and analysis of problems affecting the relation between Israel and overseas Jewry.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT, JEWISH AGENCY MOURN DEATH OF DR. GREENBERG

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The office of the Jewish Agency executive here was flooded today with messages from outstanding Jewish leaders in many countries mourning the death of Dr. Hayim Greenberg. Israel President Isaac Ben Zvi and Premier David Ben Gurion, who are close friends of Dr. Greenberg, led the Israeli leaders in their messages of sympathy.

The message from the President of Israel and his wife reads: "We are at one with you in this hour of misfortune. Our colleague Hayim Greenberg, a man of the rarest quality, was steadfast in the struggle for the establishment of Israel and the renaissance of the Jewish people." Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labor, Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister without portfolio, and Ambassador Abba Eban will represent the Government of Israel as Honorary Pallbearers at the funeral services tomorrow.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, who is now in Paris, cabled the following message: "Dr. Hayim Greenberg was one of the great moral and intellectual Jewish leaders of our generation. He combined in the fullest measure the richness of Jewish tradition and modern culture, and was the very embodiment of Zionism at its most qualitative. His idealism, integrity, intellectual brilliance and versatile talents as a writer and speaker, and, above all, his moral authority made him one of the most respected and beloved educators and spiritual leaders of contemporary Jewry. Dr. Greenberg's demise has a tragic significance for Jews everywhere, because he is truly irreplaceable. He will be enshrined in the pantheon of Jewish immortals as one of the noblest figures of this decisive period in Jewish history."

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, issued a statement on behalf of the Agency's executive, reading: "The passing of Hayim Greenberg deprives his colleagues on the Jewish Agency executive of a wise kind and deeply understanding counsellor, and deprives Zionism and world Jewry of one of its great contemporary moral leaders and cultural guides. In a career which spanned several continents he was witness to severe crises for his people from which he emerged with increased faith in the ethical verities of Jewish history. The American Jewish community, amidst whom he has lived for a major part of his life, the people of Israel whose state and society he has helped to shape, and Jewish communities throughout the world stand bowed in grief at the passing of a great teacher."

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban said in a statement: "In the death of Hayim Greenberg, the Jewish people have lost a son who was infused with the loftiest sense of duty to his people and to mankind. His liberal and steadfast faith was coupled with a penetrating and constructive mind, a wide scholarship and a mastery of the art of exposition. He helped to broaden and enrich the understanding of the cause of Zionism, the central passion of his life, not only in the travails and the needs of the Jewish people, but in a great, continuing and universal historic process. In the inner circle of those who gave unstintingly of their rich qualities to the rebirth of Israel, the tragic passing of Chaim Greenberg leaves a deep void."

The list of Honorary Pallbearers includes Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz and Edward M. Warburg for the United Jewish Appeal; Dr. Abraham Granott, World President of the Jewish National Fund; Dr. Pinchas Churgin, of Yeshiva University; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Dr. Moshe Davis, and Dr. Robert S. Gordis - of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Dr. Nelson Glueck, of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; General Yaakov Dori, retired Chief of the Israel Army; for the Jewish Agency - Morris M. Boukstein, Benjamin G. Browdy, Gottlieb Hammer, Zvi Lurie, Dr. Nathan Morris; for the Labor Zionist movement - Louis Segal, general secretary; Meyer L. Brown, Benjamin Teller, and S. Bonchek of the Farband Labor Zionist Order; Dr. James G. Heller, president of the Labor Zionist Organization.

## Z. O. A. PARLEY ADOPTS PLANS FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The two-day Economic Conference sponsored by the Zionist Organization of America with several hundred leading American industrialists and businessmen from all parts of the country in attendance, closed today with the adoption of a comprehensive economic program to mobilize the manpower and resources of the ZOA for the fullest encouragement and promotion of private investment and capital in Israel.

The program was formulated by Dr. Irving Miller, president of the ZOA, on the basis of the discussions at panels devoted to private investments, trade promotion and tourism. The major objectives of this program are: To increase U. S. investments in Israel industry, trade and agriculture; to promote capital imports of goods and cash into Israel; to promote Israel's exports to the United States; to improve conditions for trade between the United States and Israel; to utilize American experience and skills in industry and agriculture for the benefit of Israel's economy; and to promote good will between businessmen in both countries.

Herman L. Weisman was named chairman of the newly established ZOA Economic Committee for the Economic and Industrial Development of Israel, which is charged with implementing the program formulated and adopted by the conference. The establishment of an American-Israeli Chamber of Commerce by the Israel Manufacturers Association, the Israel Chamber of Commerce and the Israel Farmers' Federation, and the establishment of a ZOA tourist department to promote tourism to Israel was also announced.

In presenting the program, Dr. Irving Miller, ZOA president, declared that "this does not involve economics alone, for Israel's political survival is inseparable from her economic problems." He warned that "until these problems have been definitely solved, Israel's enemies will continue to scheme for her destruction, hoping to achieve through economic strangulation what they failed to accomplish by military aggression and political maneuvering."

### Israel Govt. May Lift Foreign Currency Controls, Minister Says

Dr. Peretz Bernstein, Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry, last night reaffirmed--in an address to the conference--the State of Israel's goal to attain "economic self-sufficiency in terms of "sufficient production to satisfy the needs of its population either by direct production for home consumption or by such exports as would finance the needed imports." Outlining the economic problems confronting the State of Israel, Dr. Peretz Bernstein declared that "the basic problem of Israel's economic and financial weakness is an unnaturally big gap between production and consumption until now insufficiently bridged by foreign aid in various forms."

"In order to attract and facilitate foreign investment we have decided on a number of measures conducive to the attainment of this aim," Dr. Bernstein said. He revealed that "a number of the most important fields, until now considered as the domain of state enterprise, will be thrown open to foreign investment." He said also that the possibility of lifting government control on foreign exchange at least partly is seriously being studied and that the government is "very much alive to that necessity."

Samuel W. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs, asserted last night that Israel could make strong strides toward a balanced economy if her leaders would sacrifice some "of the desirable but costly cultural benefits they have planned," seek markets abroad and attract foreign investors "who can help them produce the goods with which they can fight effectively the battle of exchange." From 1948 to 1952, Mr. Anderson noted, about \$1,000,000,000 in loans, gifts, grants and direct investments flowed into Israel, most of it from the United States.

U.S. ZIONIST COUNCIL CONSIDERING CONVENING NATIONAL PARLEY

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency in New York today issued the following statement by Dr. Nahum Goldman: "The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported last week that the plenary session of the Jewish Agency Executive, which met in Jerusalem, recommended the convening of a national conference of American Zionists to deal with political problems.

"The Executive had merely been informed that the American Zionist Council had for some time now been considering the convening of a national conference to deal with internal Zionist problems only. If such conference is convened, it will be at the initiative of the American Zionist Council."

J. N. F. OWNS 80% OF ALL AGRICULTURAL LAND IN ISRAEL, GRANOTT REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Granott, chairman of the board of directors of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, revealed at the annual meeting of the National Advisory Board of the JNF that 80 percent of the total Jewish agricultural land in the State of Israel is in the hands of the Jewish National Fund and that four-fifths of the total agricultural production of Israel derives from Jewish National Fund holdings.

Referring to the five-year development projects upon which the JNF is now embarked, Dr. Granott disclosed that, by an agreement recently reached with the Colonization Department of the Jewish Agency and the Government of Israel, the Jewish National Fund has assumed the sole responsibility for building a chain of settlements through the hill country of Israel, stretching all along the northern border, with a view not only to assuring a greater agricultural output, but also heightening the security of Israel.

Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, stated that \$150,000,000 was raised within the last five years in the United States by JNF. Of this sum \$15,000,000 was raised in nickels, dimes and dollar bills from school children, collections at Jewish festive occasions, the JNF Blue-White Box and other so-called traditional collections. Other speakers included Congressman Emanuel Celler and Mendel Fisher, JNF executive director.

HADASSAH ANNOUNCES \$500,000 MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- A \$500,000 Medical Fellowship program, designed to elevate the standards of medicine and science in Israel to the levels prevailing in these fields in the United States, was announced tonight at the opening session of the four-day Mid-Winter Conference of Hadassah, at the Park Sheraton Hotel.

Details of the comprehensive half-million dollar fellowship program, believed to be the largest ever undertaken by a voluntary membership organization, were reported to Hadassah leaders from all sections of the United States, representing more than 1,200 chapters with a combined membership exceeding 300,000, by Mrs. Samuel J. Rensohn, national president of Hadassah.

The conference adopted a resolution appealing to the leaders of the Soviet Union to bring about an immediate cessation of its campaign of vilification and incitement against the Jews in Eastern Europe. "We urge the leaders of the Soviet Union to permit all Jews seeking to emigrate to Israel to do so without fear of reprisal" the resolution said. "Peace and friendship are meaningless phrases without implementation by deeds."

