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JEWISH AGENCY ENDS DEBATE ON FUTURE OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- The debate within the Jewish Agency plenary session on the future structure and functions of the World Zionist Organization concluded here last night after more than a day of exhaustive discussion in which virtually all speakers agreed on the need for some change in the organization to meet changing conditions.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Agency executive, who is the principal proponent of the idea of enlarging the Agency to include outstanding non-Zionist leaders, told the meeting that if the situation remains unchanged the Zionist Organization will not be able to reach its fullest value. Pointing out that movements are not valued by their deeds but by the tasks which they must fulfill in the future, Dr. Goldmann stated that Jews are not coming in masses to the Zionist Organization.

He insisted that the Jewish nation must be organized to fulfill its role in the consolidation of the Jewish State and that the Zionist Organization must remain in existence to complete that portion of its program which has not yet been achieved. Therefore, Dr. Goldmann continued, there must be two organizations, one to organize Jewish life in each country separately and the other to conduct general Zionist activity.

Goldmann Opposes Limitation of Zionist Organization Functions

Dr. Goldmann took issue with Premier David Ben Gurion's proposal that the Zionist Organization deal only with educational and cultural activities. This, he asserted, is only one function of the Zionist Organization; there are other functions for it in constructive fields. Dr. Goldmann added that nobody had suggested the disbandment of the Zionist parties, but emphasized that they must not be a decisive element in solving every problem. He pointed out that there was need for harnessing the energies of Zionists who do not fit in with any party. Finally, he stressed that the state cannot take upon itself the task of organizing Jews throughout the world, that this must remain the responsibility of the Zionist Organization.

Berl Locker, the other co-chairman of the Agency executive, also rejected the idea of disbanding the Zionist parties. He insisted upon the need for strengthening the Zionist Organization by including in its ranks not only those who buy the official token of membership, the Shekel, but also those who contribute to Israeli campaigns.

In concluding, Mr. Locker stated that the debate in the enlarged executive -- in which the presidents of all Zionist parties in the United States had participated --

had made an important contribution to the job of clarifying the problems currently facing the Zionist Organization. Everybody, he added, was agreed on the necessity of finding means of harnessing non-Zionist support for Israel.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, president of Hadassah, who reported on the activities of the American Zionist Council, opposed the enlargement of the Agency. She demanded that the Zionist Organization be strengthened.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann asserted that it was impossible to suddenly change the character of the 50-year-old Zionist Organization, insisting that it must continue its work as hitherto. He said that if it were engaged only in cultural and educational work it would "shrink." He also opposed the Ben Gurion suggestion for organizing territorial federations. Earlier, Dr. Neumann outlined his plan for the creation of an "American Council for Israel" to embrace both Zionists and non-Zionists to aid the Jewish State.

(In London it was reported today that in response to a protest by the Mizrahi organization that the invitations to the American Zionist leaders to attend the plenary session of the Jewish Agency coupled with a failure to invite Zionist leaders from Europe was discriminatory, Berl Locker had sent the following message to the Mizrahi:

("The leadership of the American Zionist Council was invited to the Jerusalem meeting for consideration of purely American affairs connected with public relations and fund-raising problems. No representatives of other countries were invited and no discrimination was intended.")

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, DR. SILVER DISCUSS ISRAEL-ARAB PEACE

WASHINGTON, July 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver today called on President Eisenhower at the White House and discussed with the President Arab-Israel peace prospects and civil rights problems.

Following his talk with the President, Rabbi Silver told newsmen that he had come away with the feeling that Israel and the Arab states may have confidence "that he will be constructive and helpful to all concerned." The President, Dr. Silver added, was interested in the advancement of peace between Israel and the Arab states and had the interest of both parties at heart.

Dr. Silver, who revealed that he had commended the President on his Dartmouth speech denouncing "book burning," expressed disapproval of Congressional investigation of the nation's clergymen. He said he felt that political freedom is derived from religious freedom and that indirect action to inhibit clergymen from speaking as their basic religious tenets prompt them, "will in the long run hurt democracy."

The President, Dr. Silver said, appeared determined to work for freedom and peace abroad and also "for true freedom for classic and unfeared American liberties" at home. Dr. Silver said the President outlined his philosophy on the matters discussed. He also revealed that he had commended Mr. Eisenhower on the progress of the administration bill to admit 240,000 additional refugees in the next two years.

Dr. Silver said he was not aware of reported steps by Congressional investigating authorities to probe him and a Protestant clergyman who officiated with him at the inauguration of President Eisenhower. He said he supported clemency for the late Julius and Ethel Rosenberg because he felt that while they were guilty the penalty was too severe.

DENY REPORTS MOSCOW WILL LET 2, 000, 000 JEWS MIGRATE TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- The New York Times, in a dispatch from C. L. Suizberger, its chief European correspondent, from Paris, today denies reports that Moscow is preparing to offer free emigration to Israel for 2, 000, 000 Jews from the Communist satellite states or that secret talks have taken place in Switzerland between a Soviet "personage" and Dr. Walter Eytan, director of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

"Yet," says the Times dispatch, "and on this point there is positive evidence the gathering ugliness of the anti-Semitic storm that lasted from the spring of last year to the spring of this year and that seemed to wane with the famous vindication of the Russian doctors accused of a plot to murder Soviet officials, has now ceased. For about six weeks relatives of Jews within the Soviet bloc have been receiving cautiously worded letters. For the first time in almost a year unsolicited messages have arrived in Israel from Rumania and Poland saying that Zionist families were preparing to emigrate - although no official advice has yet arrived in Tel Aviv through diplomatic channels."

The Times report adds: "The change in policy on the Jews is a logical and expected facet of the laborious process, now encouraged by Moscow, of seeking to prove to the West that the change in Soviet policy as a whole is 'real' and aimed at a true relaxation of tension. So far, the only available trends that can be confirmed may be regarded as straws in the political wind. They are worth regarding - but not yet worth believing implicitly."

ISRAEL DIPLOMAT STARTS TOUR OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

TEL AVIV, July 8. (JTA) -- Shmuel Bentsur, head of the East European desk in the Israeli Foreign Office, left yesterday for an official tour of Israeli legations in East European countries. He will visit Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

Michael Comay, recently named first Israeli Minister Plenipotentiary to Canada, left yesterday for Ottawa. He sailed aboard the S. S. Jerusalem which will dock at New York.

EGYPT DROPS THREAT OF GERMAN BOYCOTT OVER ISRAEL REPARATIONS

BONN, July 8. (JTA) -- Egypt has now in effect abandoned the pretense that she is still contemplating an economic boycott against West Germany because Bonn approved the reparations agreement with Israel.

Egypt's recognition that the Israel agreement will not be allowed to interfere with her relations with Germany is seen in the appointment, after a long delay, of an Egyptian Ambassador to Bonn and in the opening of negotiations about a new trade pact between the two countries. Germany, it is learned here, recently displaced Britain as the country ranking first in Egyptian imports and exports.

ISRAELI MILITARY COURT SET-UP TO TRY SUSPECTED EXTREMISTS

TEL AVIV, July 8. (JTA) -- Three officers have been appointed as a military court to try 15 ultra-religious youths arrested on suspicion of being involved in an extremist underground group, a military spokesman announced. The local papers report that the evidence against the arrested men may include alleged links with the bombing of the Soviet and Czech legations here earlier this year.

AUSTRIA FAILS TO REPLY ON REPARATIONS; JEWISH TEAM UNEASY

VIENNA, July 8. (JTA) -- The members of the Jewish delegation to the reparations negotiations with the Austrian Government were today reported somewhat uneasy over the fact that the Austrian Government has not yet made any reply to the presentation of the Jewish case, nor has the date of the next meeting yet been fixed. Concern is felt because an Austrian Government spokesman last week promised the delegation an early reply.

Meanwhile, Austria's neo-Nazi party, the League of Independents, has called upon the Raab Government to widen the Austrian representation at the reparations talks with the delegation of world Jewish groups. In a memorandum to the government, the League urged that "competent Austrian representatives" in addition to those representing the government parties should be present to help guarantee that Austrian property is not "diverted" abroad. This was interpreted here as a bid for the neo-Nazi party to be included in the talks.

UN COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND CONTINUATION OF REFUGEE COMMISSION

GENEVA, July 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations Economic and Social Council yesterday voted to recommend the continuation of the Office of UN High Commissioner for Refugees for another five years. The Soviet and Polish delegates cast the only opposing votes.

High Commissioner Dr. G. J. Van Heuven Goedhart had recommended continuation of the office for from three to five years. He told the Council that the refugee problem would continue for many years. Originally, his office was set up to aid the refugees for a three-year period.

GERMAN COMPENSATION LAW OVERLOOKS SOME NAZI VICTIMS

LONDON, July 8. (JTA) -- The German Government's bill for compensation for victims of Nazism does not in its present form cover all those who were imprisoned in concentration camps, Foreign Under Secretary Anthony Nutting revealed here today.

In a written reply to Conservative M. P. Major Tufton-Beamish, who had questioned whether the German law discriminated between German and non-German victims, Sec. Nutting disclosed that the UN Refugee High Commissioner had informed the Allied High Commission in Germany that the bill did not cover all former camp inmates. Sec. Nutting said that the bill seemed to satisfy Germany's legal obligations in this matter, but that the point raised by the High Commissioner was being considered.

EX-GESTAPO LEADER TERMED "MAJOR OFFENDER" BY GERMAN COURT

MUNICH, July 8. (JTA) -- Walter Huppenkothen, former top Gestapo official and onetime commander of the Nazi Security Police and of the SD Security Service, a sort of super-Gestapo, in Cracow and Lublin, has been classified as a "major offender" by the last remaining denazification court in Bavaria.

He was sentenced to certain financial sanctions and to three years in a labor camp, but was released because he is deemed to have served them during a period of postwar internment and pre-trial custody. Also, all labor camps were closed years ago.

Huppenkothen has twice faced a criminal court on charges of having been an accessory to murder in connection with the execution, early in 1945, of outstanding leaders of the anti-Nazi resistance. He was twice acquitted, although the German Supreme Court vacated the first acquittal as legally inadmissible.

SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES TODAY ON EISENHOWER IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, July 8. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee today considered the President's emergency request for the admission of 240,000 additional refugees but deferred voting on the measure until tomorrow. Yesterday, a Senate subcommittee approved the legislation.

WORLD REFORM MOVEMENT HONORS RABBI BAECK AT LONDON DINNER

LONDON, July 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi Leo Baeck, retiring president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, was honored here last night on the occasion of his 80th birthday and his retirement, at a dinner sponsored by the Union.

Reform leaders from South Africa, France, the United States and a Liberal Rabbi from Jerusalem presented him with gifts expressing the appreciation of Reform Jewry for Dr. Baeck, Chief Rabbi of Berlin before and during the Nazi regime. In an address to the dinner, Dr. Baeck predicted that Progressive Judaism was paving the way for a new era in Judaism.

ISRAEL MIZRACHI CALLS FOR UNITY WITH ORTHODOX LABORITES

HAIFA, July 8. (JTA) -- A national conference of the Mizrachi organization of Israel concluded with a call for the Hapoel Mizrachi to join with the Mizrachi in one party. In addition to other resolutions calling for unity among the religious parties, the Mizrachi conference welcomed the beginning of construction of Bar-Ilan University, which is sponsored by the American Mizrachi organization.

DR. PILCH DISCUSSES RESPONSIBILITIES OF U. S. JEWISH TEACHERS

ELLENVILLE, N. Y., July 8. (JTA) -- The teacher in the American Jewish school is responsible for imparting a community consciousness to his students, Dr. Judah Pilch, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education, today told a special two-week workshop on Israel sponsored by the American Association, in cooperation with the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency.

Dr. Pilch said that the term "Jewish community" in present day life implies an attachment to the local community as well as an identification with Jews throughout the world, especially in Israel. "We of the Jewish community, through our schools, should foster this inter-Jewish solidarity," he concluded.

64 STUDENTS, PROFESSIONALS LEAVE FOR SUMMER PROGRAM IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- Sixty-four young American students and professionals who will participate in the Jewish Agency's fifth annual summer programs, left for Israel in the last two days. The groups complete the roster of 136 enrollees in this year's summer programs, 72 of whom went to Israel in June. This week's group left Idlewild International Airport on two flights: Eighteen departing yesterday and 46 teen-age members of Young Judea today.

(A group of 108 students from the United States, Canada and various countries of Europe arrived in Jerusalem this week-end to take Jewish Agency-sponsored summer courses. Their visit is being made under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah.)