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## RUMORS OF MERGER OF W. J. C. AND ZIONIST ORGANIZATION DENIED

GENEVA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Rumors that the World Jewish Congress and the World Zionist Organization may amalgamate were denied here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Dr. Israel Goldstein, leaders of the WJC and members of the WZO executive.

Such a merger is not possible, Dr. Goldmann declared, because the Zionist Organization representation is based on parties while the WJC representation is based on communities. Dr. Goldmann repudiated charges that his suggestion to strengthen the World Jewish Congress was camouflage for making it an annex of the Zionist movement and the State of Israel.

"It is contradictory to my whole concept," he affirmed, "that world Jewry become an annex of the Zionist movement or of the State of Israel. I have said, again and again, Israel is the means to secure the survival of the Jewish people, and not vice versa. I stressed in my speech that world Jewry must support Israel and Israel must care deeply about the future and well-being of the Jewish communities outside Israel."

Dr. Goldstein said that "the suggestion heard occasionally that the World Zionist Organization take over the functions of the World Jewish Congress is not well thought out and is fraught with danger to the Zionist Organization." He pointed out that the task of winning support for Israel and of seeking to protect local Jewish rights require two separate organizations.

## Expansion of World Jewish Congress Advocated

At the same time, both leaders expressed the opinion that the WJC should be expanded by the addition of major groups to form an all-embracing international organization to concern itself with Jewish problems of common concern. Replying to a query whether such an organization might not become too unwieldy and break up as a result, Dr. Goldmann stated:

"There must be no numerous *clausulas* as to membership in the WJC. Every effort should be made to strengthen the Congress by improving its position within the various Jewish communities of the world and add to its representation so it can effectively fulfill its responsibilities."

Dr. Goldstein, who sought to allay the fears of some of the delegates that an enlarged organization, or a successor to the WJC, might eliminate "an ideological-based organization such as the WJC," insisted that there was room and need for an organization based on the principle of the oneness of the Jewish people, devoted to the cultural and moral implications of that struggle, and dedicated to the centrality of Israel in the struggle for Jewish survival.

## GED ALL JEWS TO REGARD THEMSELVES AS ISRAELIS

-- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting president of the World Jewish Congress, during the week-end the "unfortunate misinterpretation" of remarks made in his speech opening the Third Plenary Session on Tuesday night.

that Israel needs many more immigrants for consolidation and that anyone who emigrates to Israel has that right, "Dr. Goldmann said in the name of the Zionist movement to urge Jews to go to Israel for their development.

He said that all Jews outside Israel should regard themselves as Israelis, "he emphasized. "This is a complete contradiction of Jewish life, as my entire record will confirm.

He said, and repeated in my opening address here, that it is a bleak future, a very large part of the Jewish people, if they live outside Israel, "Dr. Goldmann declared.

He said that communities outside of Israel had their own important role to play and it is a fundamental error to regard Israel as the only center of Jewish life. "Consider the Jews in the Diaspora as no more than a source of support for Israel, "he declared.

Dr. Goldmann, president of the American Jewish Congress, speaking of the need for Jewish manpower to the upbuilding of the State of Israel, admitted that the American community was a factor of importance in the Jewish community in Israel as a factor of importance in the Jewish State.

He said that the material and moral support of American Jews for Israel was still "dominated by a deep and weather-proof love for the Jewish people that in the event of any crisis again affecting Israel would be still "dominated by a deep and weather-proof love

Dr. Goldmann, chairman of the British Section of the WJC, declared that the Jews throughout the world cannot be blue-printed for the future and the Jews throughout the world cannot be blue-printed for the future. "Events relating to Israel specifically and the world in general are too complex and we cannot and should not attempt a pre-arranged plan upon Jews to work through the United Nations to carry out Jewish aims and for human rights and stressed that Jewish world problems.

## PLANE CRASHES OFF THE COAST OF HAIFA

-- A second Israel Air Force plane crashed off the coast of Haifa while searching for the pilot and navigator of a two-engine plane which crashed since last Thursday. Wreckage from the second plane's shore front, was found almost immediately but the pilot was not rescued.

The wreckage was found in the sea off Ras el Nakura, a border town on the Israeli frontier. British planes from Cyprus and an American plane were in the search.

**U.S. EMBASSY IN JORDAN REFUSES TO ACT FOR U.S. JEWISH CITIZENS**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan, acquiescing in Arab prejudice against Americans of Jewish faith, according to information received by Sen. Herbert H. Lehman. The Senator has asked Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for an explanation.

Mr. Dulles was requested to give his "justification of the attitude taken by the American Embassy in Jordan in declining to make inquiries on behalf of a citizen merely because the citizen happens to be of the Jewish faith."

The Embassy's attitude was revealed in a letter it sent in connection with an inquiry from Elliott L. Biskind, a New York attorney. Mr. Biskind and members of his family are heirs to real estate in the portion of Jerusalem now occupied by Jordan. He inquired through U.S. State Department channels about information on what steps he might be able to take to register the property in the names of the rightful owners.

In response to his inquiry, Mr. Biskind received a copy of an official letter written by the American Embassy in Jordan declining to "make either formal or informal queries as to the possibility of recording the property of individuals of Jewish faith in Jordan." The Embassy said it did not "deem it appropriate to aid 'individuals of the Jewish faith' because it took 'in view' the 'partially violent anti-Jewish feeling prevailing at the present time in Jordan.'"

Sen. Lehman wrote Mr. Dulles that he recognized the necessity of promoting the best possible relations with Jordan but did not think "those relations should be cultivated at the expense of the legitimate rights of American citizens." He said "it should be repugnant to our diplomacy to tolerate or give comfort to discriminations among American citizens in such matters as this."

In his letter describing the events, Mr. Biskind said what concerned him more than the position of the Jordan Government, is the matter of official policy in which the American Embassy accepts, and apparently acquiesces in the attitude of the Jordan Government. Mr. Biskind pointed out that the matter pertained not only to property to which he and his brothers are heirs but "additional real property in the Jerusalem area which has been, and is, registered in the name of an aunt of mine who also resides in the United States and who has neither lived in nor visited Israel or Palestine in recent time." He said the initial inquiry referred also to her property.

**ISRAEL SAYS JORDAN IS DECEIVING U. N. INVESTIGATING TEAMS**

TEL AVIV, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Government this week-end demanded a special session of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission to condemn Jordan authorities' attempts to deceive United Nations teams investigating the situation on the Israel-Jordan border. The Israelis also demanded suspension of the activities of the inquiry teams in view of the possibility of the Arabs continuing their attempts at trickery.

An Israeli spokesman explained that when a UN team checked into Jordan, it was shown that Israeli forces had attacked an Arab village at Beth Iksa two weeks ago, and had shown a trail of blood inside Jordan. The Jordanians claimed that it was the result of an Israeli hit during the alleged raid. Upon investigation at the Israeli Ministry of Health laboratories blood-stained rocks removed from this trail were found to have been stained by the blood of cattle, not of human beings.

The Israeli spokesman underlined the fact that the UN armistice unit in the past year or so condemned the Jordanians for similar attempts to use UN truce machinery.

## WIS TO U.S. WITHIN THREE YEARS IS EXPECTED

-- About 15,000 Jewish refugees will be eligible to enter the next three years under the Emergency Immigration Bill President Eisenhower which authorizes the admission of refugees from Europe above existing immigration quota.

Announced here today by Arthur Greenleigh, executive director of the American Jewish Committee, which aids Jewish immigrants in the United States, on what his estimate was based. Charles Jordan, assistant to the Joint Distribution Committee, said that most of the Jewish refugees would be admitted to the U.S. under the Emergency Immigration Bill provisions which the law made for refugees from countries in Europe.

## CONTINUE SUPERVISION OVER NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

(JTA) -- The United States, Britain and France will continue to exercise control and supervision over German war criminals who may be released by the consultative review boards set up by the Western Allies. The State Department today informed Philip M. Klutznick, president of the American Jewish Committee, of the plan.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Mr. Klutznick said, "The release of over 500 Nazi war criminals. The State Department's telegram said: 'The contemplated program does not involve the United States relinquishing their ultimate responsibility for the release of these criminals. The boards are to be advisory only. On the other hand, the occupying powers will have such boards consisting of competent persons to review the cases in considerable detail and can make recommendations on the basis of all the factors.'

In any event, the occupying power concerned will have the authority over parolees and will be in a position to order their release or detention should there be a serious breach of the conditions of their parole. The probable conduct of the individual released into society. I am sure the possible dangers that you mentioned to the members of the Board and that action will only be taken. In any event, the occupying power concerned will have the authority over parolees and will be in a position to order their release or detention should there be a serious breach of the conditions of their parole.

## NOT ORDERED FOR JEWISH DRAFTEES IN U.S. FORCES

(JTA) -- Jewish draftees ordered to report for pre-induction during the High Holy Days may request deferment for a short period, it was announced here today by the Jewish Welfare Council's Jewish Chaplaincy.

An order by headquarters of the Selective Service System that "the local (draft) board should, wherever possible, give deferment on such request."

## ON WORSHIPS IN SYNAGOGUE IN SAVANNAH

9. (JTA) -- The congregation of the Wesley Monumental Synagogue today worshipped at the Mikve Israel Synagogue, continuing a tradition of friendship and cooperation begun in 1927 and carried on by the Methodists and the Jews have offered each other the use of their synagogues whenever fire has damaged one or the other of the

Z. O. A. TO HOLD FIVE-DAY ANNUAL CONVENTION THIS MONTH IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The five-day annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America will open August 26 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel here. It will center its attention on issues affecting the structure and tasks of the Zionist movement today, the relationship of American Jewry to Israel and Israel's position in the Middle East, it was announced today.

More than 1,200 delegates representing 663 ZOA districts in the 48 states will attend the deliberations, the announcement said. The main issues to be discussed and acted upon by the convention will embrace the entire range of Zionist activity in this country, the role of the ZOA on the American scene, the future of the Zionist Organization and American Jewry's contributions toward solving the economic problems confronting the State of Israel, with emphasis on the promotion of a vast program of capital investments.

The Arab-Israeli problem, the current attacks upon Israel's political and territorial integrity, as well as the issue of the status of Jerusalem, will be the subject of comprehensive discussions at a special plenary session which will be addressed by outstanding American and Israeli leaders. The convention proceedings will also be highlighted by sessions devoted to cultural activities, economics and Israel's future.

U. S. ORTHODOX GROUP SUPPORTS ISRAEL'S DRAFTING OF GIRLS

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Hapoel Hamizrachi of America today issued a statement explaining the position of the Orthodox laborite group in Israel on the issue of national service conscription for Orthodox young women exempted from military service.

The statement takes credit for the organization for a number of concessions made in the present bill, including the right of religious women to assignment to tasks near their homes to permit them to return home every evening. It takes the Agudat Israel to task for their current opposition to the measure, pointing out that nearly 20 years ago the Agudah expressed support of such a measure and that the Poalei Zion signed an agreement accepting this proposal as a condition for entry into the present coalition.

The Hapoel Hamizrachi statement says that the Israeli Chief Rabbinate's opposition to a national service bill does not amount to a rabbinical edict against conscription. Pointing out that the Chief Rabbinate stated last week that the issue is not of sufficient importance to cause a Cabinet crisis, the statement asserts: "In other words, Jewish law is not contrary to Jewish law for if it were, the Chief Rabbinate would have insisted on a negative vote by all religious parties--government crisis or no crisis."

YALE LIBRARY GETS \$20,000 TO INCREASE ITS JUDAICA COLLECTION

NEW HAVEN, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The establishment of a \$20,000 endowment for the Yale Library by the late Mrs. Rebekah Kohut, who died two years ago, was announced here today by Yale University.

The endowment, left in the form of a trust fund, now amounts to approximately \$25,000 and will be used to increase the scope of Yale's collection of Judaica, one of the largest in this country. Mrs. Kohut, a patron of the Kohut Collection of Judaica at Yale, founded by her stepson Dr. George A. Kohut, has been memorialized in a volume containing a facsimile of a 400-year-old manuscript which is a translation of the Scroll of Antiochus, a work published some 1,200 years ago and describing the Maccabean revolt.