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ZOA CONVENTION WANTS WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The 56th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America concluded here today with the re-election of Rabbi Irving Miller as president and with the adoption of a resolution urging that the next World Zionist Congress should, for the first time in Zionist history, be held in the United States.

In another resolution the convention took note of the fact that the executive of the Jewish Agency has before it several proposals looking toward its enlargement through the inclusion of non-Zionist individuals who are concerned with Israel's welfare. The convention recommended that "in furtherance of its aims to draw these pro-Israel elements into its work, " the Jewish Agency executive "should explore plans to that end apart from the enlargement of the Agency, through the appointment of a special committee consisting of representatives of all Zionist parties, which should be directed to submit its recommendations to the next World Zionist Congress. "

At the same time, the convention reaffirmed its support for the strengthening of the American Zionist Council and the expansion of its activities. It also expressed the view that the Assembly of American Zionists, which is to be convened on December 5 by the AZC, should not be invested with any legislative powers affecting the structure and autonomy of existing Zionist bodies.

Calls on U.S. Govt. to Urge Arabs to Talk Peace with Israel

In another resolution, the convention called upon the U. S. Government to urge the Arab states "to engage in direct peace negotiations with Israel." The resolution emphasized that American Zionists "are unalterably opposed" to the supply of arms to any of the Arab states as long as they persist in their refusal to come to terms with Israel. "We urge our government to withhold such arms in accordance with the traditional American policy of refusing military assistance to nations in a state of belligerency with a country towards which the United States maintains friendly relations," the resolution said.

The convention expressed appreciation of the "wise and constructive" program of economic aid which the Administration and the Congress of the United States have extended to the peoples of the Middle East, and of the "generous assistance" which Israel is receiving within the framework of the Mutual Security Program.

"We are in full accord with our government's declared policy of economic aid to both Israel and the Arab states on a basis of genuine impartiality," a resolution said. "The continuation of this program will serve the best interests of American democracy in a crucial area of the world. "

In another resolution, the delegates recorded their "profound satisfaction" over the formation of the coalition government in Israel in which the Mapai and General

Zionists are the major partners. They also hailed as a major achievement of the coalition government passage of the national education law unifying the school system.

Dr. Neumann Honored; Silver Says U. S. Is Friendly to Israel

The convention last night tendered a testimonial dinner to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA leader and member of the Jewish Agency executive, on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Rabbi Irving Miller and Mortimer May were the principal speakers at the affair, which was attended by more than 1,000 guests. It was announced that the General Zionist Organization in Israel will establish a settlement there in Dr. Neumann's name and that the Jewish National Fund of Mexico had decided to plant 1,000 trees in Israel in his honor.

Dr. Silver, in his address, dwelt on the attitude of the American Government towards Israel. He said he had reason to believe that it is friendly and sympathetic and eager to see Israel secure and prosperous. He also had reason to believe that the attitude of the U. S. Government on the status of Jerusalem is not remote from the position taken by the spokesmen of the State of Israel. "There is no occasion for apprehension or suspicion," he stated.

Nevertheless, he urged upon Zionists not to relax their vigilance. Powerful forces, he said, are at work to undermine, to discredit, to confuse and to mislead. "The Zionist movement must continue to cultivate friends everywhere, the press, the pulpit, university circles and in government," he declared.

On the subject of the future of the Zionist movement, Dr. Silver stated that the situation is still very nebulous and that the answer to the problem lies with the Government of Israel. "If it wishes, it is possible to have a strong Zionist movement, although much time has already been lost and considerable disintegration has set in," he stated. He praised Dr. Neumann for his "sober, responsible and scholarly approach to the manifold problems of the Zionist movement."

Dr. Goldmann Says Status of U. S. Jews is Secure; Bars Conflict

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, in a message cabled from London to the ZOA convention, said there "does not exist the slightest degree of conflict" between the efforts of U. S. Jews on behalf of Israel and their "continual contribution to American life generally, as citizens of a great democracy, who share equality of rights and equality of obligation with all their fellow citizens." The efforts of American Jews on behalf of Israel supplement their contribution to American principles, he said.

"Any attempts to create the appearance of a conflict between these two strong and obvious devotions," Dr. Goldmann said, "are artificial, detrimental to American Jewry and unworthy of a distinguished community enjoying mature and secure status." He added that "Israel's future is of legitimate and vital concern to all Jewish communities" and that "in fact it supplements the vigorous efforts of Jews everywhere to strengthen Jewish life outside Israel."

He urged the Zionist Organization of America, and other Zionist groups, to "become increasingly more instrumental in uniting American Jewry so that this greatest Jewish community in the world may achieve its own fullest creative development." He said that this unity would also facilitate American Jewry's efforts "to make Israel firm and safe." Israel, he stated, will need "not only material and moral help" but "also the intellectual and technical talents of American Jewish youth."

Delegations from Jerusalem and Haifa are pleading for ZOA houses in their communities, similar to the one in Tel Aviv, which serve not only as a cultural, social

and recreational center for American visitors but for Israeli citizens as well, it was reported by Jacob M. Alkow. Mr. Alkow spoke of the hunger for cultural and social institutions among Israelis and said: "It is at a time like this that our Israeli brothers feel most keenly the need of fellowship with their fellow Jews not only of Israel but especially of America. They need more than ever the sympathetic understanding and the encouragement of their brothers from America."

J. N. F. Leaders Report on Current Projects in Israel

At a special session of the convention devoted to the activities of the Jewish National Fund, Dr. Harris J. Levine and Mendel Fisher, president and executive director of the JNF of America, respectively, reported on ZOA participation in the Huleh drainage project and in other reclamation and development projects in Israel. Mr. Fisher revealed that the Huleh drainage project has now entered the second phase to be carried out by the Construction Aggregates Corporation of Chicago.

Other enterprises include the reclamation project in the Judean Hills and in the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Corridor, linking Jerusalem with the new settlements on the Mediterranean, and the project for the establishment of settlements in the hill country of Western Galilee--a mark of great strategic as well as agricultural importance which the Jewish National Fund is conducting jointly with the Colonization Department of the Jewish Agency.

The building of an agricultural trade school in Israel in honor of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, to be known as Kfar Silver, will be one of the major projects to be financed by the American Zionist Fund of the ZOA, it was announced by Dr. Sidney Marks, national secretary, in his annual report to the convention.

EBAN PRESENTS REPORT TO CABINET ON AMERICAN-ISRAEL RELATIONS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Abba S. Eban, Israel's chief delegate to the United Nations and its Ambassador to Washington, today reported to the Cabinet on Israel-United States relations.

At a public meeting of the Israel-America Friendship League, earlier, Ambassador Eban stated that the U. S. has no intention of departing from its policy of friendship for Israel, but that Israel must understand America's difficulties, foremost among which is the Arab world's policy of holding itself aloof from the West.

Although the U. S. has no reason to apologize to the Arab world, Mr. Eban emphasized, United States policy has had to take into account the fact that the Arab states professed fear of Israel and demanded safeguards against her. It is therefore Israel's main task to make it plain that Arab friendship cannot be obtained at Israel's expense, he added.

Israel, on the other hand, is not hostile to national liberation, social reform and the economic independence of the region, he pointed out. None of these aims can be advanced by stultifying American-Israel friendship, he continued.

Touching on the Jerusalem problem, Mr. Eban said that since the United States attitude on Jerusalem is consistent with Israel's, it is "hard" to see why the Foreign Ministry's move to Jerusalem was opposed by Washington. The Arabs had shelled Jerusalem and had conspired to destroy it and therefore were not entitled to any consideration, the Ambassador declared. They had thwarted internationalization of the city and stood in the way of the only effective solution of its problem.

American aid to Israel was a "model of positiveness," he asserted. Israel has every reason to appreciate the caution exercised by American legislators dealing with the aid question, Mr. Eban said.

CHIEF RABBI OF LEBANON REPORTED MURDERED AT HIS HOME IN BEIRUT

LONDON, Aug. 30 (JTA) -- A report from Beirut published here today said that Rabbi Lichtman, chief rabbi of Lebanon, was found murdered in his home last week. According to the Beirut police, the crime had no political significance. About 6,000 Jews, most of them of Sephardic origin, live in Lebanon.

JORDAN KILLS FIVE JEWISH HIKERS; TURNS OVER BODIES TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The Jordanian authorities last night turned over the bodies of three boys and two girls, all about 16 to 17 years of age, who were slain by Jordan troops while on a hiking trip in the southern Negev. The bodies, now at Elath, have not yet been identified.

The Jordanians claimed that the five were members of an Israel Army unit found on Jordan territory by an Arab Legion unit, which promptly opened fire. The Israelis denied that there were any troops in the area in question and said that the youths were civilians who had apparently wandered over the border by accident.

It was learned that last Thursday, the five youths appeared at Ein Hotzev and asked for transportation to the south where they wished to hike. The authorities refused to let them go through, pointing out that the area was wild and dangerous. The leader of the group was sent northward in a car, but the other four managed to get a hitch in a civilian car heading south. Later, the leader headed southward also.

The authorities, learning that the youths had gotten away to the south, alerted all guard posts to halt them. One car, with five youths, was stopped and ordered to return northward. It was learned, afterwards, that this was the wrong car. What happened after that is not known since none of the hikers survived the Arab Legion attack. The Israelis first learned about their fate from United Nations observers who carried out the transfer of the bodies.

ISRAEL CAN BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT IN TEN YEARS, U. N. EXPERT SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Scientific surveys seeking additional underground sources of water have contributed materially to the up-building of Israel, Dr. Albert G. Black, head of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization mission to Israel, declared here prior to emplaning for Israel today at the conclusion of a period of home leave.

Dr. Black emphasized that if sufficient capital were available to exploit all the possible water sites already located, the Jewish State might be able to achieve economic self-sufficiency in about ten years. He reported that United States technicians who are aiding the Israel Government believe that the area from Beersheba northwest to Gaza can be tapped at virtually any point for additional water supplies.

UNITED NATIONS HELPS JORDAN DEVELOP PORT OF AQABA

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Major improvements at the port of Aqaba, Jordan's only outlet to the sea, are nearing completion on projects undertaken by the Jordan Government with the aid of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, it was announced here this week-end. The announcement said that what is regarded as of prime importance in the port's development is the recent successful conclusion of a new regular shipping connection between Aqaba and various British ports.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL STARTS SECOND HALF OF ITS 1953 DRIVE TODAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal will open the second half of its 1953 campaign tomorrow with an emergency drive to raise \$25,000,000 in cash, it was announced here this week-end by Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the UJA.

Special appeals in behalf of the UJA will be made in synagogues and temples during the Rosh Hashanah holidays. The special campaign will be headed by Joseph Holtzman of Detroit, who this year is serving as a national chairman of the UJA and its national chairman for cash. The emergency campaign will be opened in 4,500 communities throughout the country, and an additional 1,500 communities will join the drive later.

NATIONAL JEWISH PARLEY IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS AID TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- American Jewry's participation in Israel's economic growth will be the theme of the third annual National Economic Conference for Israel which will be held at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington from Saturday evening, September 26, through Monday, September 28, it was announced today by Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee of the Israel bond organization. The conference will be sponsored by State of Israel Bonds.

The New Jersey State Federation of Labor, AFL, representing hundreds of union locals, this week-end officially began a special campaign to obtain \$500,000 in subscriptions to the State of Israel Bond Issue "to aid Israel in its economic struggle," it was reported today. It was also announced that former Vice-President Alben W. Barkley and Senator Alexander Wiley, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will visit synagogues during the High Holy Days in behalf of the State of Israel Bond Issue.

HOTELS IN NEW YORK STATE CHARGED WITH VIOLATING ANTI-BIAS LAW

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee charged today that some hotel and resort owners are violating New York State's Civil Rights Law by falsely labeling their establishments "private clubs," despite a ruling by the State Commission Against Discrimination that such subterfuge is illegal. The AJC said it was investigating the practices of several alleged violators in an effort to halt this discrimination.

Ben Herzberg, a vice-president of AJC, said that his organization will use as a precedent the recent order of SCAD, following an AJC complaint, which required one such resort to "cease and desist" these activities. He revealed the SCAD action had been taken against the Westkill Tavern Club in Greene County, N. Y. which, he added, had used the device of accepting reservations from prospective guests through an application form for "club membership." The AJC official declared that the "membership application" had requested information as to the applicant's race, religion and citizenship.

"The overwhelming majority of hotel and resort owners in New York State are complying with both the letter and spirit of the state's anti-discrimination laws," Mr. Herzberg declared. "A small minority, however, blinded by their own prejudice, cannot see that, with the eyes of the whole world focused on the United States, discrimination is a vice we can no longer afford. These few morally blind individuals must be patiently but firmly led along the right path."

JEWISH GROUPS SEEK EXTENSION BY CANADA OF IMMIGRATION PROJECT

MONTREAL, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Canada will propose to the Canadian immigration authorities in Ottawa that the Dominion's present special immigration project for the admission of immigrants with specific skills be extended three more months beyond the present deadline of October 31, it was decided at a conference here of JIAS and HIAS officials.

Ben Touster, president of HIAS, revealed after the parley that if the Canadian authorities grant the extension it will be possible for most of the prospective immigrants for Canada whom HIAS is processing overseas to arrive in this country in time to meet the new deadline. They have been delayed in their immigration because of complex security clearances.

JEWISH STUDENTS IGNORANT ABOUT JUDAISM, STUDENT INSTITUTE TOLD

WEST SHOKAN, N. Y., Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Most of the American Jewish students affirm their Jewishness and most of them are pro-Israel, but organized Zionism on the campus has few adherents today, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, declared in his keynote address at the 8th annual national Hillel Summer Institute at Camp High Point. More than 160 student leaders from various universities and colleges are attending the Institute.

Rabbi Lelyveld also reported that "most Jewish students are almost completely ignorant about Judaism and Jewish history." He declared that "the Jewish student of today has a hunger for spiritual security."

30TH ANNUAL B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH CONVENTION OPENS; DISCUSSES JUDAISM

URBANA, Ill., Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The 30th annual national convention of Aleph Zadik Aleph, B'nai B'nai B'rith youth organization, opened here today to discuss problems of "basic Judaism." About 250 leaders of the organization and their adult advisors are participating in the parley.

Philip M. Klutznick, national president of the B'nai B'rith, told leaders of the youth organization that "the American Jew wants and needs the building of a dignified Jewish community" and B'nai B'rith youth can greatly contribute to the achievement of this aim. He also called for consolidated efforts of Jewish community workers and laymen "to generate constructive forces to bring about a renaissance of Jewish cultural life in America."

JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE EXPELLS FRATERNAL GROUP AS COMMUNIST

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Youth Conference, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, today expelled the Jewish Young Fraternalists from the Conference after approving a report by a Conference committee finding that the JYF is an organization whose "basic purposes and objectives are in direct conflict with the Conference."

The report, submitted to the plenary session of the sixth annual meeting of the Conference at Cejwin Camps here, found that the JYF was directly related to the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order and that the latter organizations were "Communist organizations whose major principles and objectives are diametrically opposed to the major principles and objectives of the National Jewish Youth Conference." The investigating board was set up at last year's annual meeting of the NJYC.