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AMERICAN GROUPS INVITED TO ATTEND FIRST U.S. ZIONIST ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The eight major Zionist groups in this country were invited today to participate in the first American Zionist Assembly, which will seek "to establish a broader base of fraternal and cooperative relations" with the American Zionist movement, and to lay the groundwork for more effective Zionist activities in the United States "without impairing the autonomy of participating groups."

The invitation, addressed to the president of each group, was issued by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, which represents all Zionist organizations in this country. The Assembly will be held on December 5-7 at the Hotel Roosevelt, here, Mr. Lipsky announced.

ISRAEL CABINET AMENDS CITIZENSHIP LAW; ACTS ON JERUSALEM CRISIS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- An extraordinary Cabinet meeting last night approved an amendment to the Israel citizenship law empowering the Minister of Interior to "prevent the immigration of persons who may endanger the public security."

A Cabinet spokesman explained that the bill was so worded that it could not be misused for political purposes. He said it was aimed at keeping professional criminals out of Israel, adding that the government suspects that Jewish criminals abroad are sometimes released from prison on condition that they leave for Israel.

The Cabinet also approved the draft of an ordinance which gives the Minister of Interior the power to dissolve a municipal council upon the recommendation of a special commission of inquiry. Although the measure does not mention Jerusalem, it was drawn up in accordance with the recommendations of a commission which investigated Jerusalem's current municipal crisis. At present, the Minister may only dissolve a municipal council if it acts illegally or if it permanently lacks a quorum.

ARABS APPEAL TO IRAN AGAINST RENEWING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Communications have been received in Iran by Premier Zahedi and Ayatullah Kashani, an extremist Moslem leader, from Iraqi religious officials urging the new Iranian regime to support the Arab League stand against Israel, it was learned here today.

One message asked Premier Zahedi's support "because the Israeli danger is not confined to Palestine but will extend to the Moslem Holy Places in Hejaz and Iraq." Similar cables have been sent to Teheran by the Iraqi Government. The occasion for the communications was a report that Iran was considering renewing its relations with Israel. It is known that the messages were viewed sympathetically by Kashani, who was the only important leader to urge Persians to take up arms with the Arab League against Israel.

ISRAEL FOREIGN OFFICE DISCUSSES STAND ON U. N. ISSUES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Office today began three days of discussions of Israel's position at the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly. Present at the talks, which are under the chairmanship of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, are Abba Eban, Israel's chief delegate to the UN, members of the Ministry's various departments and two members of the Knesset who will join the delegation at the UN.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY MAY OBJECT TO SENDING JET PLANES TO ARABS

LONDON, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The annual conference of the British Labor Party will be asked to adopt a resolution supporting the stand taken by its faction in Parliament which opposed the supplying of jet planes to the Arab states as long as they did not conclude peace with Israel. The resolution will be presented by the British Zionist Labor Party.

The conference, which will take place at the end of this month in Margate, will be asked to declare that the arms race in the Middle East is endangering the economic progress of the region and preventing the raising of the living standards of the population.

The resolution also asks that in any arrangement between Britain and Egypt, the wider interests of the region as a whole, including the security and welfare of Israel, be taken into full account. It deplors the "serious incidents" along Israel's borders and calls upon the Arab rulers to reach a final settlement with the State of Israel through direct peace talks.

Furthermore, the resolution asserts that peace between the Arab world and Israel based on full sovereignty and territorial integrity of all the states in the area, is a "vital need both for the Middle East and for the cause of world peace. It also asks the British Government to use its "longstanding friendship with Jordan" to achieve better understanding between that country and Israel.

BEN GURION VISITS ISRAEL FLOTILLA WHICH AIDED VICTIMS IN GREECE

HAIFA, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today visited the four-vessel Israel Navy flotilla which recently joined American, British and Greek naval units in relief and evacuation operations for victims of earthquakes in the Ionian Islands off the coast of Greece.

Mr. Ben Gurion thanked the crews of the Israeli vessels for the "great humanitarian help" they gave the Greek people and stressed the ties between Israel and Greece. He pointed out that the Greek culture was as old as that of Israel.

GRAVES OF RABBI SHIMON AND RABBAN GAMALIEL UNCOVERED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Israel archaeologists working on the site of Bet Shearim have uncovered graves bearing the names of Rabbi Shimon and Rabban Gamaliel, noted Jewish sages who lived about 2,000 years ago.

The archaeologists are not yet certain whether they are the graves of the sages or of other scholars bearing the same names. It is believed that inscriptions over the graves on the site warning that persons who break open the graves will die, place the age of the graves in the same period as the one in which the sages lived.

GERMAN-ISRAEL REPARATIONS PACT EVALUATED BY CHIEF NEGOTIATOR

FRANKFURT, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- An analysis of the significance of the German-Israel reparations pact for world Jewry is contained in an article written by Prof. Franz Boehm, chief German negotiator of the pact, for a Jewish Year Book published here today on the occasion of the Jewish New Year, which starts next week.

"Restitution must mean more than only compensation for material losses," Dr. Boehm wrote. "It must help the Jewish people regain its moral and spiritual strength and its traditions. This restitution must be a German 'act of state.'"

Reviewing the negotiations which led to the signing of the Luxemburg agreement, he said the German Government "had disregarded the formal and legal difficulties resulting from the fact that it had to negotiate with private institutions (the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany) on the basis of international law.

"It would not let itself be deterred by the fact that these organizations do not represent all the injured Jews, that not all the organizations which were founded after the war have joined the Claims Conference, and that there prevails a noticeable tension between some of these and the Conference," Prof. Boehm continued. "The German negotiators did not try to gain any advantage from this fact."

Prof. Boehm emphasized that "the German Federal Republic on purpose acknowledged the State of Israel and the world organizations as representatives of the whole Jewish people, thus proclaiming them a political factor as a nation among nations. On the other hand, the 3,000,000,000 marks restitution program substantially promotes the economic development of the new State of Israel," he pointed out.

GERMAN PASTOR, FRIEND OF JEWS, INVITED TO ISRAEL BY GOVERNMENT

STUTT GART, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Rev. Hermann Maas, supervising Protestant clergyman in the Heidelberg area and one of the most warm-hearted German friends of the Jewish people, has been invited for a second postwar visit by the Israel Government. He hopes to depart within the next few weeks.

Archdeacon Maas, who is 76, has been a dedicated Zionist ever since he attended a Zionist Congress in Basle shortly after the turn of the century. He became thoroughly conversant with modern Hebrew, translated Chaim Nachman Bialik into German and journeyed to Palestine even during the early years of the Hitler regime. Later, he saved many Jewish children from the fury of persecution. The end of the war found him in a Nazi labor camp.

In 1950, he was the first German Gentile to be invited by the Israel Government to visit the Jewish State. The enthusiastic and deeply touching reports of this tour, which he delivered to the German people upon his return, together with his constant reminders of Germany's accountability and obligation towards the Jews, helped to create the psychological atmosphere in which the Israel reparations agreement became possible.

AUSTRIAN JEWS, FORMER NAZI VICTIMS, ORGANIZE COUNCIL IN ITALY

ROME, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- A Council of Austrian Jews in Italy has been organized here for former victims of Nazi persecution residing in this country. The new group is affiliated with the World Council of Austrian Jews and the World Union of Austrians Abroad. The new group plans to distribute special application forms for individual damage claims on losses suffered as a result of Nazi persecution.

JEWISH LEADERS TO SEEK PRIMACY OF SYNAGOGUE IN COMMUNAL LIFE

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- A national advisory committee of 81 Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States has been established in a major expansion of the program of the Synagogue Council of America, the organization representing all branches of American religious Jewry, Dr. Norman Salit, Council president, announced today.

Among those accepting appointments to the new committee are Adm. Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Roger Straus, co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and Sen. Herbert H. Lehman.

The function of the new committee will be to assist in the development of a long-range program "aimed at strengthening the primacy of the synagogue in all aspects of Jewish life in the United States." Invitations have been extended in a manner assuring representation of both rabbinical and lay leaders of American Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism.

Committee members have been chosen from 23 states and 38 cities. Further appointments are scheduled until the total membership of the committee reaches 100. Among the other national leaders who have accepted appointment are Maxwell Abbell, president of the United Synagogue of America; Rabbi Oscar Fasman, president of the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago; Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Samuel Schneiders, chairman of the Jewish Education Committee; Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of Dropsie College.

One of the first assignments for the new committee will be to aid in plans for a national assembly, tentatively scheduled for May, 1954, to assess the basic religious needs and problems of American Jewry. The assembly will seek to develop a comprehensive analysis of the spiritual assets of American Jewry," Dr. Salit said, adding that Jewish religious leaders from Europe will be invited to participate.

EISENHOWER LAUDS JEWISH WAR VETERANS' PEACETIME ACTIVITIES

CHICAGO, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today lauded the Jewish War Veterans of America for "displaying in their peacetime activities the same dedication to high purpose that marked their service in time of war."

The President expressed his praise in a message to the 58th annual convention here of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. Jesse Moss of New York, national commander of the organization, in his opening address last night, told the delegates that "Communism's drive for world domination has evoked fears, hatreds and suspicions whose efforts are impairing human rights and civil liberties in every corner of the globe."

Mr. Moss assailed "the bigots and racists who are the Communists' brothers under the skin," and said that the House Un-American Activities Committee "has a duty to focus public scrutiny on totalitarians of the right, as well as the left." He deplored "a disturbing tendency to regard the bigot as little more than a noisy nuisance because, unlike his Communist counterpart, the right wing extremist is not part of an organized international movement."

ISRAEL'S FIRST MINISTER TO CANADA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Michael S. Comay, Israel's first Minister to Canada, yesterday presented his credentials to a representative of the Governor General in a ceremony here in the Supreme Court Building. Lester B. Pearson, Canada's Minister for External Affairs, participated in the ceremony.

Judge S. H. Locke, representing the Governor General, warmly greeted Mr. Comay. The Israel Minister, in reply, stressed the ties of friendship between Israel and Canada. Minister Pearson expressed the hope that Israel will grow strong and that the Bible would serve as a source of inspiration for further development of the country.

NEW YORK RABBIS OPPOSE DEMOLITION OF SYNAGOGUE BY CITY

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Rabbis, representing 650 rabbis of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations, has decided to appeal to Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri to halt the demolition of a synagogue on the Lower East Side for a proposed municipal low rent housing project.

The Board believes that the Sincer and Wilna Synagogue should be spared because it is one of the largest and most strategically placed synagogues in the area. The housing authority, which has offered the congregation a site for a new synagogue in the adjacent Baruch Housing project, is going ahead with its plans to erect nine 16-story buildings on the project site; one of them will be on the site now occupied by the synagogue.

YIVO TO PUBLISH HISTORY OF JEWISH LABOR MOVEMENT IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Yiddish Scientific Institute--YIVO--will publish a history of the Jewish labor movement in the United States, it was announced here today. Dr. Reich, Professor of Economics at Hunter College, is editor-in-chief of the project. The history will appear in a four-volume edition in English and in a five-volume edition in Yiddish. The first volume, in English, is slated to mark the American Jewish Tercentenary.

ENGLISH-JEWISH WEEKLY TO BE PUBLISHED ON LONG ISLAND

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The first issue of "The Long Island Jewish Star," the first English-Jewish weekly to serve the entire Jewish community of Long Island, will be published October 9th, it was announced today by Z'ev Kronish, editor and publisher. There are 600,000 Jewish residents on Long Island.

According to Mr. Kronish, his publication "will be dedicated to reflecting the widest possible range of interests of this vital new Jewish community, particularly emphasizing those of cultural, religious, business and social value."

ARGENTINE JEWISH ATHLETES LEAVE FOR ISRAEL MACCABIAH

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- A party of Argentine Jewish athletes who will participate in the Fourth Maccabiah in Israel this month left today for Mar-
stilles where they will board an Israeli vessel which will take them to Haifa. A second group will leave here later.