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DR. GOLDMANN APPEALS FOR "OPEN DOOR" IN THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- An appeal to world Zionist leadership to open the doors of the Zionist movement to all who want to help Israel but do not belong, or do not wish to belong, to any particular Zionist group, was voiced here by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, in addressing the Zionist Actions Committee - supreme Zionist body between world congresses - now in session here.

Recalling the political crisis faced by Israel recently, Dr. Goldmann said that the crisis is not yet over and emphasized the need for Israel to mobilize the entire Jewry for its support. He stressed the fact that Israel needs not only economic, financial and moral support of world Jewry, but also political aid.

"Let the Zionist parties show more understanding," Dr. Goldmann said, "Let them be more flexible. Let them not fear competition of those not belonging to them." He cited the American Zionist Assembly, which took place in New York recently, as an indication that the time is now ripe for a reorganization of the Zionist movement and that American Zionism is beginning to seek a remedy for the lack of Jewish and Zionist education in the United States.

On the other hand, Dr. Goldmann said, the Israel Government must exercise more cooperation with world Jewry, especially in matters affecting not only Israel. He pointed out that a situation has now been created whereby anything Israel does affects every Jew in the world. If Israel errs sometimes, all Jews are blamed, he stated. He also called for closer cooperation between the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency.

Wants Increased Immigration to Israel; Analyzes Re-Emigration

Dr. Goldmann strongly appealed for increased immigration into Israel. There is no reason, he said, to fear the re-emigration from Israel. "It is the natural right of every human being to look for a better place for himself," he declared. However, re-emigration must be compensated by increased Aliyah, he insisted. He also refuted the argument that Chalusiat symbolizes a lack of patriotism.

Dr. Goldmann praised David Ben Gurion, the retired Premier of Israel, as the man "with whom we did not always agree, but who inspired and influenced us by his

their presence, even if he did not participate in our debates." The chairman of the Jewish Agency has been invited by Mr. Ben Gurion to visit him at his residence in the Sdeh Boker settlement, in the Negev.

A review on the achievements of Israel and the Jewish Agency during the year was presented to the session of the Actions Committee by Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem. He emphasized that regardless of the achievements, many outstanding problems still remain to be solved.

More Than 40,000 Jews Left Israel During Five Years

Mr. Locker decried the fact that during the last five years 40,000 to 50,000 Jews re-emigrated from Israel. He called for measures to prevent emigration from the Jewish State by creating special facilities for those who have not found their place in the state. Mr. Locker also urged that maximum efforts should be made to provide Jewish education for Jewish youth in countries outside of Israel. He pointed out that most of the Jewish youth in these countries do not receive any Jewish education whatsoever.

Dr. G. Josephthal, Jewish Agency treasurer, reporting on the Agency's budget, amounting to 17 million Israeli pounds, revealed that 60 percent of the entire budget has been allocated for agricultural activities. He emphasized that the approach of last year's budget to the needs of the work conducted by the Agency proved to be "realistic."

Dr. Josephthal pointed out the three main characteristics of the submitted budget as being: productivization of immigrants, education of immigrants, and social rehabilitation of immigrants. The problem of productivization, he said, is being solved by the establishment of agricultural settlements and vocational training centers. During the year, 43 new settlements were added to the 376 already in the care of the Jewish Agency, he reported.

Referring to other forms of absorption of immigrants, the Jewish Agency treasurer emphasized that no immigrants are living in tents any more, except 400 families who refuse to leave their tents unless permanent houses will be built at the same spot where their tents are situated. Dwelling on the social aspect of the housing problem, he indicated the fear of Oriental immigrants that housing costs would prove too high for them.

Dr. Josephthal also reported that in order to encourage studies among Oriental Jews, the Jewish Agency decided to establish 1,000 scholarships for schoolchildren with a view to enable them to receive secondary education.

Ben Gurion Urges Clarification of Obligations Imposed by Zionism

David Ben Gurion, the retired Premier of Israel, in a letter to the Actions Committee from his desert retreat at Sdeh Boker, requested the present session to clarify "the most vital problem" of the Zionist organizations abroad. This problem, he said, is: Is it possible to have a Zionist Organization, after the establishment of the State of Israel, without personal obligation toward Israel - what is the ideological content and special mission of Zionism without immigration, and what is the personal obligation imposed by the Zionist Organization upon each individual member?

Expressing regret that he is not participating in the session, Mr. Ben Gurion said in his letter that he personally has no doubt that there is a necessity for the existence of the Zionist Organization after the creation of the State of Israel. Its task, he believes, is to educate and urge its members to fulfill their personal

allegation towards Israel. Otherwise, he pointed out, the Zionist Organization and its institutions are in the danger of being converted into a body for transferring money only, which the Jews all over the world contribute for Israel.

It is doubtful says Ben Gurion in his letter, whether such an organization would be long-lived and whether it would be of any use to the Jews in the Diaspora or to Israel. It is necessary to clarify--concludes the letter--and to formulate the binding contents and the program of the Zionist movement. This content must find its expression in personal obligations imposed on every member, otherwise Zionism will be converted to an empty name, quite in contrast to its honorable past, Mr. Ben Gurion emphasized.

Acting Premier Moshe Sharett, in greetings to the session on behalf of the Israel Government, said that Jerusalem is the proper place to hold the meeting of the Arab League Committee since the city has become the actual center of world Jewry. At a time before did Israel need increased immigration and material and moral aid as urgently as now, he declared. He concluded by calling for "the education of the Jewish masses to Zionist consciousness."

Knesset Speaker Joseph Sprinzak, who opened the session, called on the Jews outside of Israel to rally at the side of the Jewish State in order to overcome the present difficult times. He said there are increasing signs of a revival of the Zionist movement all over the world.

RAB LEAGUE INSTRUCTS JORDAN TO ABSTAIN FROM TALKS WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Arab League Political Committee, meeting in Beirut, today instructed Jordan to reject Israel's bid for direct talks between the two countries.

The meeting was called after the United Nations had notified Jordan of Israel's invocation of Article XII of the Armistice Agreement calling for compulsory direct negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

EGYPT CONFISCATES 2,000 TONS OF CLOTHING SENT TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Office today indicated that it may take steps against Egypt following a report that Egyptian authorities confiscated it only a transport of meat destined for Israel when the Italian ship Franca Maria passed the Suez Canal, but also 2,000 tons of clothing.

The report does not indicate the origin of the clothing, but it is assumed that the transport was sent as a gift to Israel from South Africa. The Israel Government has already protested against Egypt to the U. N. Security Council, as well as to the United States, England and France, regarding the confiscation of the meat. Israel now awaits the reply of the three powers before deciding on further steps.

ISRAEL RATIFIES PACTS SPONSORED BY INTERNATIONAL LABOR OFFICE

GENEVA, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has adhered to six more international conventions sponsored by the International Labor Office, it was disclosed here today.

Dr. M. Kahany, Israel's permanent representative at the European headquarters of the United Nations, deposited the instruments of ratification this week-end with the Director general of the ILO. Israel became a member of the ILO in 1949 and is gradually adhering to the conventions concluded under its auspices since 1921.

ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE OF VENICE GHETTO RESTORED; WAS BUILT IN 1415

ROME, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A 538-year-old synagogue, the oldest in the ghetto of Venice, was rededicated last night after extensive restoration carried out with funds made available by the Joint Distribution Committee.

The synagogue, known as "La Scuola Grande Tedesca" (The Great German School), was built in 1415 in the ghetto of Venice inhabited then by Jewish bankers, most of whom had come from Germany, hence its name. Four other historic synagogues in the ghetto have been restored this year. All five structures were found in 1949 to be in danger of imminent collapse and the small Jewish community of Venice, numbering 1,100 persons, was unable to pay for their repairs.

At the ceremony last night, Vittorio Fano, president of the Jewish community of Venice, expressed his gratitude to the Jews of the United States and especially to the JDC. "For many years," he said, "the JDC was instrumental in preserving the health and physical well-being of our children, our aged and our needy. Restoration of the centers of our spiritual and religious life is an equally great contribution to the welfare of our community." The JDC was represented at the ceremonies by Harold Trobe, its director for Italy.

The other rebuilt synagogues include Scuola Canton, probably named after the family that founded it in 1532; Scuola Italiana, built in 1575 on a portico supported by pillars; Scuola Spagnola, founded by Spanish Jews in 1580 and enlarged by the famous Baroque architect Baldassare Longhena in 1635; and Scuola Levantina, founded by Levantine Jews at least 300 years ago and endowed with an important collection of ceremonial objects.

920-YEAR-OLD "RASHI SYNAGOGUE" IN WORMS UNLIKELY TO BE REBUILT

WORMS, Germany, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Reports in the Berlin press that the ancient "Rashi Synagogue" here, used by the great Biblical commentator of the 11th century, is to be reconstructed were established today to have little basis in fact.

Built in 1034, the venerable edifice was in constant use as a house of prayer until Nazi vandals dynamited it during the November pogroms of 1938. The famed "Rashi Chair" was later salvaged from the wreckage, together with some tablets and a number of ritual objects. They are now showpieces of the local St. Andrew's Museum, where devout Jews visit them on occasion. The centuries-old archives of the Worms Community are also at the disposal of interested scholars.

Today, however, two old women are the entire resident Jewish population of Worms, one of the three Rhine cities--Speyer, Worms and Mainz--known and renowned in the Middle Ages among Jews everywhere as communities of wealth and learning, distinguished by the Hebrew abbreviation of "SHUM." Newspaper stories to the effect that the spokesmen of German Jewry are anxious to have the Synagogue rebuilt are not to be taken seriously, since there is no chance that a Jewish congregation will arise again. The Kehillah at Mainz, which encompasses Worms, knows as little about such plans as does the Central Council of the Jews in Germany.

Shortly after American troops occupied Worms in 1945, the Military Governor encouraged the city's Custodian of Monuments, Dr. Illert, to have the entranceway to the synagogue reconstructed with the original stones that were still littering the area. He also had the ancient cemetery put in order.

The Mayor of Worms is among those who would like to have restored as tourist attraction, this building, which until its destruction was Europe's oldest synagogue still in use. The total cost is estimated at 200,000 Marks. His attempt to secure a good part of the necessary sum from the state or federal governments has met with little success so far.

NUMBER OF JEWS REPORTED KILLED IN BOMB EXPLOSION IN CASABLANCA

CASABLANCA, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A number of Jews were killed and injured when a bomb exploded in the central market of the European quarter here. The bomb was placed in an area within which Jewish merchants are concentrated. The explosion is believed to be the work of Arab nationalists.

CHIEF RABBI OF HUNGARIAN TOWN ARRESTED; JEWISH LEADERS SENTENCED

VIENNA, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. M. Schoenfeld, Chief Rabbi of the Reform Jewish Community in the Hungarian town of Arad, was arrested by the local authorities, it was reported here today.

The report also said that three Jewish leaders were sentenced last week by an Hungarian court to various terms of imprisonment on the charge of conducting Zionist activities. Those sentenced are: Stephen Kraus - to three years' imprisonment; Ludwig Gardos - to one year; and M. Weisenberg - to seven months. Three other defendants charged with the same offense were acquitted, the report stated.

BEN GURION DEMANDS ABOLITION OF 300-YEAR BAN ON SPINOZA

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The abolition of the excommunication declared by the Amsterdam Jewish community about 300 years ago on the philosopher Baruch Spinoza, and the publication of all his works, is demanded by David Ben Gurion, retired Israel Premier, in his first article written in Sdeh Boker, his residence in the Negev. The article is published in Davar, a pro-government Laborite daily newspaper.

Mr. Ben Gurion suggests that the Hebrew University should sponsor the publication of the works of Spinoza. He points out that just as the excommunication declared by Athens on Socrates could not prevent the Greek philosopher from being recognized as first thinker of Hellenic times, so the excommunication of Spinoza by the Jews of Amsterdam can not evade the fact that Spinoza was Jewish.

Mr. Ben Gurion urged that the publication of Spinoza's works should be timed for the 300th anniversary of his excommunication, in 1956.

SETTLEMENT THAT EXISTED BEFORE ABRAHAM DISCOVERED IN NEGEV

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A settlement that existed 1,000 or 2,000 years near Beersheba before Abraham made the famous water-rights contract with Abimelech there, is now being uncovered, the New York Times reported today from Beersheba.

The discoverer of the ancient community is a young French archaeologist, Jean Perrot, who is directing the exploration for the French National Center of Scientific Research with the assistance of Israel's Department of Antiquities and the municipality of Beersheba.

Mr. Perrot says that the settlement is older by a couple of thousand years than any other found in Palestine, and that it indicates a pattern of life at the "dawn of civilization" in this area. One hundred or so people apparently lived in the hill in little round houses connected with each other by tunnels. Mr. Perrot's diggers have cut into ten of these houses and laid bare the pattern, which has been preserved in wind-blown soil that eventually covered the whole settlement.

Below the floors of the houses are silos in which were found grains of wheat and barley, grape seeds and beans. One of the houses had been used for the smelting of copper. M. Perrot has located a few pounds of copper in this refinery and has found copper tools and ornaments throughout the old apartment house. Chemical tests suggest that the copper ore came from a rich deposit in the Jordanian hills.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT MOURNS DEATH OF U.S. AMBASSADOR DAVIS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi today cabled a message of condolence to President Eisenhower in connection with the death here yesterday of the U.S. Ambassador Monnet Davis who died of a heart ailment. Mr. Davis, who was 60 years old, returned to Israel five weeks ago from sick leave in the United States.

During his service in Israel, since 1951, Ambassador Davis used his influence in an effort to aid the Jewish State. He played a leading role in negotiations which led to the granting of \$65,000,000 by the United States to Israel. He was also active in arranging Point Four aid for American technical assistance in Israel's economic development.

Acting Premier Moshe Sharett issued a statement emphasizing that in the death of Ambassador Davis, Israel has lost a "deeply understanding" friend. "His personality was a remarkable blend of keen mind and sensitive conscience, of firmness of character with gentleness of soul," Mr. Sharett pointed out. "To all who knew him, and in particular to those familiar with his habits of work, he was always an example of a high sense of duty, an extraordinary capacity for sustained effort and deep human feeling. His memory will be cherished in his own country and in ours, where he leaves so many friends to mourn his untimely passing."

(In Washington, Secretary of State Dulles said that in the death of Ambassador Davis the United States and its Foreign Service had suffered a "great loss." Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban emphasized in a statement that the cause of friendship between Israel and the United States "has lost a warm and devoted protagonist.")

DR. ALEXANDER MARX, JEWISH HISTORIAN, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Alexander Marx, director of libraries and Jacob H. Schiff - Professor of History at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, died yesterday after a brief illness at the age of 75.

Born in Elberfeld, Germany, he received his doctorate from the University of Koenigsberg in 1903 and in the same year was invited to assume a professorship of history at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Under his direction, the Seminary library grew from 5,000 volumes and three manuscripts to 144,000 books and 8,000 manuscripts.

Dr. Marx was the author of numerous historical books and bibliographies. His published works included "Seder Glean," "A History of the Jewish People," "Studies in Jewish History and Booklore," "Moses Maimonides" and "The Life and Work of Rashi." He had received honorary doctorate degrees from the Jewish Institute of Religion, the Hebrew Union College and Dropsie College of Philadelphia.

FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY FOR LEE SHUBERT AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Funeral services for Lee Shubert, president of the vast Shubert Theatrical Enterprises and owner of 18 theatres in New York, who died last week at the Mount Sinai Hospital here, will be held today in Temple Emanuel. He was 78 years old.

The son of a Jewish peddler in Syracuse, where he was born, Shubert was regarded as the empire builder of theatre chains. Together with his two brothers, Jacob and Sam, he started with a chain of theatres in Syracuse, Utica and Rochester and later "invaded" New York. By 1929, they controlled a theatrical empire worth \$400,000,000. During the depression, this empire collapsed. However, Lee Shubert bought back many of his interests for \$400,000 and rebuilt them on a smaller but less vulnerable scale.