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TOP U.S. JEWISH LEADERS MEET ON PROBLEMS CONCERNING ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- A number of American Jewish leaders have met to discuss the advisability of establishing a procedure for regular meetings of the representatives of their organizations for the purpose of consultation and exchange of views on issues related to American Jewry's assistance to Israel, it was announced today.

The purpose of this procedure is to effect maximum cooperation in the sphere of American Jewry's efforts for Israel, the announcement said. It was agreed by the participants that such an exchange of views and consultation are most desirable and that they will ask their organizations to participate in such consultations.

The participants in these preliminary meetings, held here on May 10 and May 19, were: Herbert Abeles, vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Sol Bernstein, administrator of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations; Joseph Breslaw, chairman of the American Trade Union Council for Labor Israel; Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency; Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress.

Adolph Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee; Philip Klutznick, president of the B'nai B'rith; Louis Lipsky, honorary chairman of the American Zionist Council; Henry T. Madison, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States; Rabbi Irving M. Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Charles Rosengarten, president of the United Synagogue of America; Dr. Joseph Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Rudolf Sonneborn, president of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel.

Israel Cannot Accept America's "Unsolicited Advice," Eban Says

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Israel must reject the "unsolicited advice" given it recently to discontinue immigration and to consider itself merely another state in the Middle East without fraternal links with Jews in other countries, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban said at a luncheon today tendered in his honor by the Overseas Press Club here.

The Israel Ambassador reviewed the achievements of the Jewish State during the six years of its existence and emphasized the fact that Israel's progress--like the progress achieved by the United States--is due to a very great extent to immigration. "We shall keep our gates open for Jewish immigration at any cost," he

declared. He asserted that many of the 6,000,000 Jews who perished under the Nazis would have been alive today had they been admitted to Palestine under the British Mandate.

Ambassador Eban took issue with the decision of the United States to give arms to Iraq. This decision, he said, prejudices Israel's security. He reiterated Israel's readiness to negotiate peace with the neighboring Arab countries, and appealed to the United States to promote Israel's attempts to reach such a peace settlement.

The "negative references" on Israel recently made in this country have encouraged the Arabs to think that America's friendship towards Israel has weakened, he stated. He expressed the belief that Israel will gradually overcome the difficulties it is facing, and appealed to the United States to make clear to the world that its traditional friendship towards the Jewish State has not diminished.

ISRAEL SHUNS U. N. FUND FOR LIBYA; CALLS ARAB STATE HOSTILE

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today informed the United Nations that Israel would not participate in a UN fund for a program for the economic and social reconstruction of Libya because the Arab state had participated in the Arab Legion's hostile campaign against Israel.

In a communication from the Israel Foreign Office to Dag Hammarskjold, UN Secretary General, Israel noted that it had supported in the UN the creation of the kingdom of Libya. However, after Libya received its independence, the communication pointed out, Libya joined the Arab League and subscribed to its hostile policies against Israel.

Libya, the communication added, had severed commercial relations with Israel and had recently informed the International Postal Union that it would refuse to have postal and telegraphic relations with the Jewish State. Under such circumstances, the Foreign Office told Mr. Hammarskjold, it is doubtful whether Israel's assistance would be welcomed by Libya.

CHANGES IN ARMORED FORCES DEMONSTRATED "SOMEWHERE IN ISRAEL"

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- Recent changes in the organization of Israel's armored forces were demonstrated yesterday "somewhere in Israel."

After the exercises, Col. A. Pundak revealed that the armored forces will increase their training schedules greatly during the next year. Defense Minister Pinchas Lavon, addressing the soldiers and officers who participated in the exercises, said that Israel must make up in training for "enemy" superiority in weapons.

PHYSICIANS END THREE-DAY STRIKE IN ISRAEL; WARN OF LONGER STRIKE

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- The three-day nation-wide strike of Israel salaried physicians working for the government and the national institutions ended today, but the strikers warned that if a satisfactory agreement is not reached within ten days they will call a longer stoppage.

Meanwhile, unions representing attorneys and educators employed by the government or national institutions on a salary basis have also demanded increases. Both unions have threatened strikes if their demands are not met.

Representatives of the Israel Medical Association, which called the doctors' strike, told newsmen tonight that their members were embittered and had decided to keep up their fight until their demands were met. The doctors' spokesmen pointed out that doctors should at least get as much pay as magistrates. The same claim was advanced by the lawyers union which noted that the salary of the Attorney General was lower than that of a magistrate.

ITALY ASKED TO INTERVENE WITH RUMANIA AGAINST ARRESTS OF JEWS

ROME, May 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish community has appealed to Italian Foreign Minister Attilio Piccioni to have the Italian Government intervene with the Rumanian Government to halt the trial of Zionist and Jewish communal leaders in Rumania and to release those who have been sentenced to long prison terms.

The Italian Jewish leaders, in their appeal to the Foreign Minister, noted that the Rumanian peace treaty of 1947 bound Rumania to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms. A similar plea was made directly to the Rumanian Legation here.

RUMANIAN LEGATION IN ARGENTINE GETS PROTEST ON ARRESTS OF JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, May 20. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, today protested to the Rumanian Legation here against the trial and imprisonment of Zionist and Jewish communal leaders in Rumania.

The DAIA delegation demanded that the trial be halted and the imprisoned Jews be released; also that they be allowed to leave for Israel. The delegation also voiced its objections to the Rumanian authorities' labelling Zionist activities and the desire to leave Rumania for Israel "crimes" against the Rumanian state. It pointed out that such activities were considered normal for Jews throughout the world.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, meeting in Edinburgh yesterday, condemned anti-Semitism and called upon its members "to be on the alert to oppose any appearance of it in this country."

Rev. Charles A. Smith, who presented the report on which the church warning on anti-Semitism was based, called the conference's attention to recent reports of anti-Semitic discrimination in golf clubs near Glasgow. Rev. Smith sharply reminded the clergymen that the people who discriminated against Jews in golf clubs might very well be members or even lay leaders of the Church of Scotland.

JEWSH MOTHER SUES ANGLICAN MINISTER FOR BAPTIZING HER CHILDREN

PARIS, May 20. (JTA) -- Mme. Georgette Glodek, a Jewess, has entered a suit against the Rev. Henry Brandeth, Chaplain of St. George's Church of Paris, on charges he baptized her two children into the Anglican faith without her consent. She has also appealed to Queen Elizabeth of Britain, as head of the Anglican Church, to annul the baptisms.

Mme. Glodek, who raised her children in the Jewish faith, was divorced from their father, Magistrate Roland Levy. Although she was given custody of the children, he had them once a week. On one of these visits last year Judge Levy had the children baptized by Rev. Brandeth, who has since stated that as far as he knew, the father had complete custody of the children and used to bring them to church regularly. Mme. Glodek is asking 1,000 pounds damages.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT FINANCES REHABILITATION OF FAMED SYNAGOGUE

AMSTERDAM, May 20. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Government will contribute the equivalent of \$112,000 and the city of Amsterdam about \$32,000 toward the cost of rehabilitating the famed Sephardic Synagogue here.

The building, which was consecrated in 1675 and is believed to be the oldest synagogue still standing in West Europe, is classified as a Netherlands national monument.

JEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA IRKED BY REMARKS OF NATIONALIST DEPUTIES

JOHANNESBURG, May 20. (JTA) -- A strong attack on members of the South African Parliament who make "veiled threats against the Jewish community" in their opposition to specific Jewish members of Parliament was voiced here today by I. Horowitz, chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies.

Addressing a meeting of the Board, Mr. Horowitz hit out at two Nationalist deputies who recently attacked Bernard Friedman, an M. P., for his criticism of their party. In the course of their remarks they accused Mr. Friedman of engendering anti-Semitism in this country by his remarks.

Mr. Horowitz declared that "it was disturbing to see veiled threats against the Jewish community because the views of a Jewish M. P. might or might not be popular with other members." This, Mr. Horowitz charged, was a denial of freedom of expression for the M. P. and "was an indefensible attack on the Jewish community for the views--right or wrong--of a Jewish M. P., who is not the spokesman for the Jewish community but for his constituency."

CHAIR FOR HEBREW INAUGURATED AT BUENOS AIRES UNIVERSITY

BUENOS AIRES, May 20. (JTA) -- The formal inauguration of the Chair for Hebrew Language and Literature at Buenos Aires University took place at ceremonies at the University yesterday. A huge crowd witnessed Rabbi Amram Blum, Chief Rabbi of this city, installed as the first Professor of the chair.

At the ceremonies, Dr. Blum delivered a formal lecture on the Bible. He also took occasion to acknowledge with thanks that the chair was created during the regime of President Juan Peron. Dr. Blum recently visited the United States to tour American universities where chairs of Jewish and Hebrew studies were in existence.

Present at the ceremonies was Israel Minister Ariele Kubovici and members of the legation staff, high government officials and representatives of Jewish organizations. Among the speakers at the inauguration were Prof. Antonio Serrano Redondet, Dean of Faculty, and Prof. Alberto Freixas, head of the Department of Ancient Cultures.

INTERDATING DOES NOT LEAD TO INTERMARRIAGE, JEWISH YOUNGSTERS SAY

DENVER, May 20. (JTA) -- Interdating between Jewish and non-Jewish youngsters was frowned upon here at a Jewish Youth Council Institute at Camp Le Foret as "a step toward intermarriage."

Rabbi Richard Hirsch of Temple Emanuel, who warned against the practice, told the institute that dating was preparation for marriage and that interdating would lead to intermarriage. In discussion, however, a majority of the teenagers present saw no connection between dates they might have and intermarriage and wanted their parents to approve of interdating.

JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATED IN PHILADELPHIA; 33 STONES OVERTURNED

PHILADELPHIA, May 20. (JTA) -- Philadelphia police today were searching for a gang which overturned 33 tombstones in the Mikveh-Israel Beth-el-Emeth Cemetery here, apparently after having had a beer party on the cemetery grounds.

The burial ground is more than 150 years old and some of the overturned stones date back at least 75 years. Ten of the stones were cracked or broken when they were pulled from their foundations.

RABBI HALPERN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA

UNION TOWN, Pa., May 20. (JTA) -- The 54th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America concluded here today following the election of Rabbi Harry Halpern of New York as president. Some 300 Conservative rabbis from the United States and Canada attended the four-day sessions.

HIAS TO ENLARGE HOSTEL IN NEGEV TO HOUSE TECHNICIANS, SCIENTISTS

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Ben Touster, president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, on his return today from a two-month visit to HIAS offices in Europe and Israel, announced that he had taken up an option to increase the size of the Society's modern hostel now being built in Beersheba, at an additional cost to HIAS of about \$100,000.

The hostel, Mr. Touster stated, will initially house technicians, educators, scientists, engineers, agronomists and other specialists being brought to the Negev for the purpose of building modern cities in that region.

U.S. COURT HOLDS HEARING ON ASSETS OF DEFUNCT JEWISH PAPER

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- A hearing for the final disposal of the assets of the defunct Jewish Morning Journal took place yesterday at the Federal Court House here before Judge Sidney Sugarman. A report submitted by the trustee, Charles Seligson, showed assets amounting to approximately \$174,000 and recognized liabilities of \$128,000.

These liabilities are in the form of certificates of indebtedness, issued by the trustee against funds lent him to enable the re-opening of the paper on August 31, 1951, after it had previously been closed for five months, and to keep it in operation.

The trustee has submitted a claim of \$47,000 for his services, while M. Fogelson, an attorney, is asking \$20,000; another lawyer, Arthur Rosenberg, is asking \$8,500; and an accountant, Louis Kramer, has submitted a bill for \$3,500, in addition to the more than \$8,000 which he was paid during the 20 months that the paper operated under the jurisdiction of the Federal Court. The Yiddish Writers Union, as a creditor and in behalf of its members formerly employed by the Journal, entered objections to these claims as excessive.

TWO ISRAELIS, ONE AMERICAN WIN W. J. C. AWARDS IN ESSAY CONTEST

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Two Israelis and an American carried off the three 1953 Robert S. Marcus Memorial Awards offered by the World Jewish Congress in a contest designed to stimulate research and increased knowledge of Jewish life, it was announced here today by Dr. Aron Steinberg, director of the WJC Department of Culture and Education.

The two Israelis, Joseph Nevada and Dr. Ruth Kestenberg-Gladstein, shared the first and second prizes, each receiving \$400. Dr. Abraham G. Duker, sociologist, educator and author of New York, received the third prize of \$200. The awards, established in memory of Dr. Marcus, late political director of the WJC, will be presented at ceremonies at Congress House here June 1.

PROF. BRODETSKY BURIED AT WILLESDEN CEMETERY IN LONDON

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- Prof. Selig Brodetsky, world Zionist leader, spokesman for British Jewry and brilliant mathematician, was buried today at Willesden Cemetery in London. He died Tuesday at the age of 66.

The funeral cortege halted for two minutes in front of 77 Great Russell Street, headquarters of the World Zionist Organization here, where the late Prof. Brodetsky has spent so much of his life working for the Zionist cause. The funeral service was conducted by British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie. Among the many mourners were Israel Ambassador and Mrs. Eliahu Elath, representatives of every major Jewish organization in the country and countless Jewish and non-Jewish friends and colleagues.

Among the numerous messages received by the family since his death was one from Israel Premier Moshe Sharett, in behalf of the Israel Government, leading figures of the Jewish Agency and the Israel Parliament.

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