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## WORLD ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE OPENS TODAY IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 20. (JTA) -- American delegates to the World Zionist Actions Committee, which opens its session here tomorrow to map policy for the world Zionist movement, are expected here to play a leading role in influencing the decisions of the Actions Committee, it was indicated today as delegates from various countries arrived to participate in the deliberations.

One of the major questions which the Actions Committee will discuss is how to attract more Jewish immigrants to Israel from the Western countries. The prevailing opinion that Jews from the United States, England or Canada cannot adjust themselves to life in Israel is not borne out by facts. It was established here that of some 550 Jewish professionals who left Britain for Israel during recent years, only five percent have returned because of their failure to adjust themselves to conditions here.

The question of unifying all the American Zionist groups into a territorial unit without affecting the individual existence of each group will also occupy the attention of the Actions Committee. This problem has been raised several times by Zionist leaders but some of the American Zionist groups have expressed their opposition to unification.

The relationship between Israel and the Zionist movement in countries outside of Israel is another issue which will be discussed at the present session. The problem of attracting non-Zionist elements friendly to Israel to more active work on behalf of Israel will also come up for discussion. The opening session tomorrow is expected to be addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Berl Locker, co-chairmen of the Jewish Agency executive.

The Israel Cabinet, meanwhile, named today a committee of four Ministers to complete the negotiations with the Jewish Agency for an agreement recognizing the Agency's special status in Israel. The four Ministers are Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Religious Minister Moshe Shapiro and Justice Minister Pinchas Rosen. After the negotiations the committee is authorized to sign the pact.

## UNITED NATIONS ARMISTICE COMMISSION CENSURES SYRIA AND ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 20. (JTA) -- The Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission adopted today several resolutions condemning Syria for bringing under fire Israeli patrol boats on Lake Tiberias July 1. The commission also censured Israel for replying with shore batteries and from patrol boats which shelled the Syrian troop positions.

DR. GOLDMANN ANALYZES AMERICA'S PRESENT POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive whose 60th birthday was marked today in Israel with the publication of a special edition of the daily newspaper "Zmanim" and articles in other newspapers, set forth his views on crucial problems including United States Government policy vis-a-vis Israel, Israel and American Jewry, as well as the future of world Jewry.

To a question on what he thinks of the present stand of the State Department toward Israel, Dr. Goldmann replied:

"I don't believe that the official policy of the American Government has become anti-Israel. I certainly do not believe in making a few highly-placed officials responsible for the policy of the Administration which is determined by the President and the Secretary of State and for which they have the responsibility. What is happening is that the American Government has come to the conclusion that it must try to fill the vacuum existing in the Near East and, for this purpose, win the confidence of the Arab States and do away with the notion that America is backing Israel under all conditions.

"The State Department is going about this in a prejudicial manner, however the root of the difficult situation is the lack of normal relations between the Arab world and Israel. The methods which the State Department has used recently, especially as expressed in some speeches of Mr. Byrroade, are detrimental to Israel and questionable in their effectiveness.

"The task of American Jewry and all friends of Israel is, to criticize frankly these methods and to convince the American Government that it must do everything possible to persuade the Arab States that Israel is here to remain and that it is to their interest as well as in the interest of Israel to achieve peace. As a precondition to peace, the Arabs must be willing to sit down with Israel to discuss their common problems and points of controversy just as Israel is willing to do."

On the question of his views on the future structure and trends in American Jewry, Dr. Goldmann stated:

"I believe in the possibility of survival and constructive achievements within American Jewry on condition that Israel, as the center of Hebrew culture, will form more and more an integral part of the life both of the American Jews collectively and of individual Jews and that greater efforts be made to ensure a Jewish and Hebrew education of the young generation of American Jewry to make it conscious of its being Jewish and to make it willing to participate in the continuity of Jewish living history."

On the question whether the Zionist movement is still viable and for how long; the Jewish Agency chairman declared:

"I believe in the necessity and viability of a Zionist movement for a very long period on condition that the Zionist movement dedicates itself to fulfilling that part of the Zionist program which, even with the creation of the State, has remained unfulfilled. That means the typing up of the Jewish Communities with Israel, the care for Jewish culture and education everywhere and the strengthening of the will of as many Jews as possible to take part in the upbuilding of Israel including personal Aliyah of large numbers of Galuth Jews."

To the question whether he shares the view of the gravity of the crisis of Israel-Galuth relations, Dr. Goldmann replied:

"I don't see any crisis at the moment, but I do believe that the relations between Israel and the Galuth represents the most important Jewish problem

of today both for Israel and the Diaspora Jewry. Forms and methods must be found to establish a permanent and safe relationship of mutual co-operation and partnership between Israel and the Jewish communities all over the world as essential both for the future of Israel and still more important for the future and survival of the Galuth Jewry."

Questioned whether Jewry, in the present crisis, is physically more safe than on the eve of World War II, Dr. Goldmann said:

"Generally speaking, the physical conditions of Jewry are today much safer as there is no regime like the Nazi regime determined to destroy Jewry physically. On the other hand, it should not be forgotten that in case of another war and upheavals in Eastern Europe, grave danger is threatening. The Jews might be caught in a vise between governments already suspicious of and persecuting Jews for their alleged 'connections' with the Western Powers -- on the one hand, and on the other, anti-Communist movements which might hold them responsible for the Communist regime. Thus the Jews of Eastern Europe would be caught between the devil and the deep blue sea."

The special edition of "Zmanim" devoted to Dr. Goldmann's birthday carries messages of congratulations to him from Deputy Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy, General Lucius D. Clay, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Senator Herbert H. Lehman, former Ambassador James G. McDonald, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, Dr. Joseph Schwartz and others.

Mr. Murphy, in his message, emphasizes that he has "the highest personal regard for the humanitarian work of Dr. Goldmann. I know something of his devoted and generous efforts in behalf of Israel. It is a great pleasure to extend to Dr. Goldmann, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday, my warmest wishes for his continued good health and happiness," the Deputy Undersecretary of State says.

#### STATE DEPT. QUERIES SPAIN ON HER SENDING ARMS TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, July 20. (JTA) -- The State Department has made official inquiries of the Spanish Government about the reported export of arms by Spain to Egypt and has expressed its concern that these exports might be contrary to the provisions of the American-Spanish military aid agreement, it was reported here today.

The report said that the State Department did not ask Spain to discontinue the exports, but has drawn Spain's attention to the fact that the American-Spanish pact states that arms supplied to Spain should be used exclusively for the defense of Spain. Spain says the arms are of Spanish manufacture.

(The Times of London today said that it has been known for some time that Spain has been selling arms to Egypt, and that this "fits clearly" into the context of Gen. Franco's attempts to identify himself with Arab aspirations.)

#### ARAB LEAGUE MEETS ON GERMANY'S REPARATIONS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, July 20. (JTA) -- The economic council of the Arab League convened in Cairo today to consider a report on the anti-Israel boycott and to discuss Israel's agreement for reparations from West Germany, the Beirut radio reports.

The Arab rulers are reported "enraged" by the failure of their representations to West Germany to halt reparations payments to the Jewish state, the broadcast stated. The Arab League, it is understood here, is preparing to increase its pressure on the West German Federal Republic, possibly using commercial blackmail.

**RUSSIAN EMIGRES FINED IN GERMANY FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA**

MUNICH, July 20. (JTA) -- In the first case tried in Germany on the basis of a law directed specifically against anti-Semitism, two Russian emigre leaders have been fined by a Munich judge for inciting racial hatred.

After a court session at which an anti-Jewish demonstration was staged by the defendants and their Nazi lawyer, a \$240 fine was imposed on Eugene Arciuk, alias Dershavin, head of the RONDD movement that carries on the tradition of the "Black Hundreds," the notorious pogromist league of Tsarist Russia. RONDD secretary-general Vsevolod Mositchkin, alias Kudinov, received a \$140 fine.

The sentence is considered a mild one, particularly in view of the fact that nothing other than jail terms are prescribed in the law under which they were found guilty. Everyone concerned knows, moreover, that the present verdict will be wiped off the books by the impending German amnesty. Defendants and prosecution alike are, nonetheless, going through the motions of filing appeals which, because of the amnesty, are unlikely ever to come to trial.

The RONDD, which takes its name from the Russian-language initials of "Russian National Organization of the People's Imperial Movement," is an extremist group seeking to restore a centralized Russian empire. For the present it is engaged in bitter feuds with most other emigre organizations. Its headquarters are in Munich, where it publishes Russian, German and English versions of its monthly bulletin, "Nabat" or "The Alarm."

Arciuk and Mositchkin were indicted because, in one of the issues of "Nabat," they published unbridled attacks upon the Jews. Arciuk's article insisted, for instance, that a certain section of the Jewish people knowingly and deliberately incites pogroms. Much Jewish blood will yet be shed, he further predicted. A Jewish woman, who felt libelled by the defamatory articles, filed a criminal complaint last year. This was at first dismissed, because German law does not recognize group libel.

Later they were prosecuted under a Bavarian decree against anti-Semitism that had been promulgated in early 1946 and had not been applied a single time since.

**MANY JEWS IN GERMANY DIE BEFORE RECEIVING INDEMNIFICATION**

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA) -- The West German Federal individual indemnification program is proceeding so slowly that many Jewish victims who apply for its benefits die before their cases are settled, it was revealed here in an analysis of 20,000 pending indemnification cases.

The study, completed by Kurt Grossman, expert on German indemnification, disclosed that 40 percent of the applicants are "priority cases" -- aged, ill and those in need. The average case handled by the Federal Government takes between two and four years before an applicant gets even part of his claim, Mr. Grossman established.

He noted that of the more than 500,000 cases submitted to the indemnification offices in the United States zone of German by April 30, 1954, only 136,000 had been settled, 70,000 favorably. He underscored the fact that the indemnification program, which is expected to handle 700,000 applications before it is completed, is not likely to settle its business by 1962, as it is supposed to, if it takes four years to settle 136,000 cases.

Stressing the need for speeding up the program, Mr. Grossman pointed out statistically that many of the applicants will have died before obtaining any benefits if the program continues to lag.

ANNIVERSARY OF DR. HERZL'S DEATH COMMEMORATED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA) -- The fiftieth anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist movement, was commemorated at a public meeting tonight held under the joint auspices of the American Zionist Council and the Jewish Agency.

The speakers were Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs; Mordecai B. Kidron, Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, and Dr. Samuel K. Mirsky, Professor of Rabbinics at the Yeshiva University. Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, a vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, presided.

Mr. Lipsky read from a proclamation received from Jerusalem and issued by the World Zionist Organization, announcing the observance of the 50th year since Herzl's death, beginning July 21, 1954 until July 21, 1955. Mr. Lipsky added that in the United States the year will be highlighted by activities in November, December and January.

"The World Zionist Movement" the proclamation said, "proclaims that this, the fiftieth year since the passing of the father and founder of the World Zionist Organization and the prophet and executor of the concept of a Jewish State in our times, Theodor Herzl, shall be dedicated to the commemoration of his name and the application of principles of his spiritual heritage within the entire Jewish people, in the State of Israel and throughout the world.

"The eternal hope which Herzl, the architect and dreamer, rekindled in our people, led them to the re-establishment of the State of Israel. This hope inspired the fighters in the battle for liberation; it inspires us all in the struggle in which we are engaged today, in the in-gathering of the dispersed and their secure integration in their sovereign ancestral land," the proclamation declared.

Reform Rabbis Pay Tribute to Dr. Herzl's Memory

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA) -- The executive board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis adopted a resolution in tribute to the memory of Dr. Herzl which reads: "On this day, July 21st (Tammuz 20), which marks the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl, the executive board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis expresses its deep and reverent tribute to the memory of this valiant and noble leader of Israel, and one of the heroic spirits of our time.

"In the love he bore for his people, in his dream of, and labor for, a restored Zion, in his passionate yearning for a world free from injustice and cruel discrimination, Theodor Herzl was prophet, statesman and liberator. His name, enshrined in the hearts of a grateful people, will always inspire courage, hope and faith in men dedicated to the highest, the deepest and the noblest in human life."

British Zionists Observe Anniversary of Herzl's Death

LONDON, July 20. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation of Great Britain today held a meeting marking the 50th anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism.

The meeting also marked the inauguration of the Herzl year celebrations in this country, during which a number of special exhibitions, membership drives, seminars, lectures and other events will be held. Among the speakers at today's meeting were Gershon Avner, Israel Charge d'Affaires in London, Bianett Janner, president of the Zionist Federation, and Sir Leon Simon.

RABBINICAL CONVENTION OPPOSES CHANGE IN MARRIAGE CONTRACT

DETROIT, July 20. (JTA) -- The intention of the Conservative rabbinate in this country of changing the text of the traditional Hebrew marriage contract -- the Kesubah -- was assailed here today at a convention of the Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox group.

Addressing the convention, Dr. Theodore Adams, president of the organization, said that the proposed change is "nothing more than a publicity stunt" and "an attempt to break down basic traditions that are holy." He claimed that the proposed change would do nothing to eliminate domestic friction. "Judaism has survived by linking itself to the past and not by breaking with the past," the leader of the Rabbinical Council declared.

Rabbi Adams scored the present American policy of refusing permission to American Jews to visit Holy Places now under Jordan jurisdiction. "There is ample precedent for the United States to intercede when the rights of any group of its citizens are challenged," he said. "We recall that President William Howard Taft broke off diplomatic relations with Russia in his day because American citizens of the Jewish faith were denied admittance to certain areas where Russian Jews were not permitted to live."

Rabbi Israel Klavan, national executive secretary of the Council, reported the organization now has a membership of more than 550 Orthodox rabbis from the U. S. and Canada. A convention luncheon was held today in honor of 70 new members who were admitted into the council during the past year.

CHARLES SCHOTTLAND NAMED FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSIONER

WASHINGTON, July 20. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower yesterday named Charles I. Schottland to be Federal Social Security Commissioner. Mr. Schottland has been active in Jewish welfare work. He also held an executive position in the Jewish War Veterans organization.

Mr. Schottland is currently director of the California Department of Social Welfare and was previously assistant chief of the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor. After the collapse of the Nazi regime and the end of the war, he headed the program of repatriation of DP's from Germany.

ISRAEL MINISTER PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO PARAGUAY PRESIDENT

ASUNCION, Paraguay, July 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Arich Kubovi, Israel Minister to several South American countries, today presented his credentials as Minister to Paraguay to President Tomas Romero Pereira, at a ceremony here.

During his week's stay in this capital, Dr. Kubovi has been welcomed by all Jewish groups and has proposed the creation of a Paraguay-Israel Chamber of Commerce and organization of a Zionist representation from this country.

U. S. AGUDAH LEADER SEES TURNING POINT IN ORGANIZATION'S WORK

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA) -- "The recently held world congress of the Agudath Israel World Organization in Jerusalem will serve as a major turning point in the struggle of Orthodoxy to preserve its traditional character," Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive vice-president of the American Agudath Israel Organization, declared upon his arrival today from Israel where he attended the international conclave as one of the 125-person American delegation.

Rabbi Sherer reported that the American delegation played a vital role in reaching the compromise solution on organizational structure for the Agudat world movement, whereby the policy-making level is decentralized in three world centers, while the executive arm will primarily function out of Jerusalem.