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JEWISH LEADERS TO DISCUSS U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- Leaders of American Jewry will exchange views on American-Israel relations with officials of the United States Government at a two-day conference which opens here Saturday evening at the Shoreham Hotel. The conference was arranged by presidents of 16 major Jewish organizations in this country.

The views of the U.S. Government will be outlined at the conference by three high officials of the State Department. They will deal with the general policy of the U. S. in the Middle East, American Government aid to Israel, and the security situation in the Middle East.

The conference, which will be attended by about 500 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country, was called to consider the urgent situation in the Middle East and its effects on the security of Israel and on America's interests in the area. It will also discuss future American policy in the Middle East and evaluate U. S.-Israel relations and American economic assistance to Israel during the past six and one-half years.

Most Important Conference Since the Establishment of Israel

The conference is regarded as the most important gathering of American Jewish leadership since the establishment of Israel's independence in 1948. It will open Saturday evening with an address by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, who will review the general political situation in Israel and the Middle East. The other speaker at the opening session will be Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen, who is in charge of Middle East affairs.

The Sunday morning session of the conference will hear an address by Norman S. Paul, Near East regional director of the Foreign Operations Administration. Mr. Paul will speak on American economic assistance to the Middle East. A review of Israel's economic situation will be given at the morning session by Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister of Israel.

The Sunday afternoon session of the conference will be devoted to security problems. The principal speaker will be John D. Jernegan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, who will discuss the military defense of the Middle East.

The national organizations participating in the conference are: American Jewish Congress, American Trade Union Council for Labor Israel, B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, National Community Relations Advisory Council, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and the United Synagogue of America.

The Zionist delegation to the conference consists of representatives of the Jewish Agency, American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, American Zionist Council, Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist

Organization of America, Mizrahi Organization of America, Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization of America, Progressive Zionist League, United Zionist Labor Party, and the Zionist-Revisionists. The Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds will have observers at the conference.

ISRAEL BRINGS COMPLAINT AGAINST EGYPT TO SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 3. (JTA) -- Israel today made clear that it expects the United Nations to try and do something fundamental in an effort to bring about peace in the Middle East by seeking the insertion in the agenda of tomorrow's Security Council meeting of an item covering substantive grievances against Egypt.

Abba S. Eban, chairman of the Israel delegation here, late this afternoon sent a letter to Selim Sarper of Turkey, this month's president of the Security Council, requesting that tomorrow's Council meeting consider for insertion in the agenda of the following text:

"Complaint by Israel of continuous violation by Egypt of the General Armistice Agreement and the resolutions of the Security Council to the danger of international peace and security by means of:

- "1. Attacks of regular and irregular Egyptian armed forces against Israel armed forces.
- "2. Assaults of raiders from Egyptian controlled territory on lives and property in Israel.
- "3. Failure of the Government of Egypt to adopt and enforce effective measures against such acts of violence.
- "4. Assertion by Egypt of the existence of a state of war and the exercise of active belligerency against Israel, particularly the maintenance and enforcement of blockade measures.
- "5. Warlike propaganda and threats against the territorial integrity and political independence of Israel.
- "6. Refusal of Egypt to seek agreement by negotiation for an effective transition from the present armistice to peace."

Israel's complaint was worded in such a way as to make it possible for the Security Council to undertake the broadest examination of basic conflicts threatening Middle East security, according to observers here. Whether or not the Council will probe that deeply will depend entirely on the position of the West's Big Three--the United States, Britain and France.

(In Washington, Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Hussein today met with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. He said he pointed out to Mr. Allen that the United States could help the cause of peace by expressing disapproval of Israel tomorrow when the Security Council considers the Gaza question. He said the casualty figure for Egyptian forces has risen to 42 dead and 29 wounded.)

(In Tel Aviv today, an Israel military spokesman revealed that Israel forces had suffered eight dead and 13 wounded in the Gaza battle Monday night. Five of the wounded men have already been returned to full duty.)

Israel Disagrees with State Dept. on Turco-Iraq Pact

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- Israel circles here sharply disagreed today with the view taken by the State Department that the Turkish-Iraqi treaty is a development favorable to the Jewish State. They also rejected the State Department's contention that this treaty was breaking up the Arab League.

Israelis point to Article V of the Turkish-Iraqi pact which makes Arab League membership a precondition for eligibility in the pact. Thus, it is felt, the pact actually gave the League status, prestige, and strength. At best, the pact is seen by Israel as containing lip service for anti-Israel political considerations. At worst, it is viewed as a commitment to the reduction of Israel.

EGYPT THREATENS TO IGNORE U. N. DECISIONS IN DEALING WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser, addressing a formation of officer cadets in Cairo today, said that Egypt "will give Israel a lesson they will never forget" and emphasized that Egypt will no longer rely on the United Nations in its dealing with the Jewish State.

Referring to Monday's clash in the Gaza area, Col. Nasser declared that the Egyptian Army has been instructed to meet force with force. "I still remember how the Security Council let us down previously and helped the Jews achieve their ends. From now on, we will not rely on the Security Council and its resolutions," he declared.

Taking cognizance of Israel Premier Moshe Sharett's warning in the Israel Parliament last night that Egypt must "face the consequences" of her campaign of hostilities against the Jewish State, the Egyptian dictator said: "I heard Sharett's warning yesterday, but I wish to confirm that we never forget harm done to us."

He said Israel did not win the 1948 war. "UN resolutions were the victor. If we enter this battle, we shall make up for the past knowing we are defending our honor, our fatherland and our duty," he stated.

Reports from Gaza today set the number of Arab refugees injured and wounded by police and Egyptian troops in the two days of rioting in that city as high as 50, although the official number is only seven. United Nations truce observers and other UN officials were the targets of many of the attacks, although police and troops also were attacked. Huge stores of food and clothing assembled by the UN in Gaza for refugee relief purposes were burned by mobs of rioters.

Arabs to Establish "Information Office" in New York

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 3. (JTA) -- An Arab information office will be opened in New York soon, it was announced yesterday by Kamil Abdul Rahim, head of the Arab states office at the United Nations. Mr. Rahim said the office will be supported by the eight Arab League states.

A statement against Israel for its "attack" on Gaza was issued here today by Dr. Izzat Tannous, secretary general of the Palestine Arab Refugee Office. The statement exonerated the Arabs in Gaza for attacking UN quarters there.

ISRAEL AND U. S. AGREE TO WAIVE VISA FEES; VISAS STILL NEEDED

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Consulate General in New York announced today that agreement had been reached between the United States and the Israel Government to waive visa fees for their respective nationals, as of March 15, 1955. This arrangement, it is hoped, will serve to facilitate visits to Israel on the part of United States citizens.

It will still be necessary for United States nationals to secure tourist visas for Israel, but as from March 15 such visas will be issued gratis, the statement pointed out. It drew attention to the fact that the volume of American tourist traffic to Israel has been growing steadily year by year and has been encouraged by the growth of tourist facilities in Israel, particularly modern hotel accommodations and transportation and resort facilities.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN ISRAEL HONORED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, who came here from Tel Aviv last night to be guest of honor at a reception of the Israel-America Friendship League, lauded Israel's achievements, in a speech to the affair. He singled out for special praise the quick recovery of the Hebrew University after loss of its campus and educational facilities on Mt. Scopus and its re-establishment in temporary quarters in many buildings scattered throughout this city.

TWO JEWS, ONE MOSLEM KILLED BY EXTREMISTS IN MOROCCO

CASABLANCA March 3. (JTA) -- A gang of terrorists in a speeding car machine-gunned and killed a Jewish motorist and a young passenger in the vehicle Monday night, it was revealed here last night.

A Jewish stockbroker was wounded in another attack, while a Jewish proprietor of a tobacco shop escaped uninjured from a third attack. One Moslem was killed and three wounded in still another incident. The attacks are believed to be the action of extremist Moroccans in the current anti-French campaign.

LONDON BISHOP BANS PERFORMANCE OF JEWISH PLAY IN CHURCH

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- A scheduled performance of J. L. Peretz' play "Bontze Schweig"--which deals with the entry of a humble Jew to Heaven--at the St. Georges Church at Bloomsbury, London, was cancelled today by the Bishop of Stepney, on the advice of the censors of the Church of England, on the grounds that the play is not Christian in character and is not in accordance with Church teachings.

The Vicar of St. Georges expressed surprise at the ruling. Canon Clarence May of St. Paul's Cathedral, who was scheduled to preach a sermon after the performance, declared that he could "see nothing objectionable" in the play, adding that "it is in accordance with the Old Testament and we teach the Old Testament in the churches."

FOEHRENWALD JEWS TO RECEIVE MEDICAL AID FROM GERMAN HOSPITAL

PARIS, March 3. (JTA) -- The medical, clinical and hospital services maintained at the Foehrenwald DP camp, last remaining Jewish DP camp in Germany, will be moved out of the center to a nearby German hospital, as part of the Bavarian Government's campaign to close the center, the European Office of the Joint Distribution Committee reported here today on the basis of information from its office in Germany.

There are currently some 1,500 men, women and children in the camp, which is supported by the West German Government with some supplementary services supplied by the JDC. In line with an agreement of last year seeking to close the camp, the German Government has granted some 3,000,000 marks to DP's emigrating from Germany and to those who attempt to integrate themselves in the German economy.

"It is hoped that through the grants being offered by the German Government and the JDC, the remaining residents of Foehrenwald will eventually be able to take over their own support and to free themselves from the need for relief services," the JDC stated today. Some 400 DP's left Germany last year, most of them for South America and Australia. It is expected that most of those still in the camp will remain in Germany.

FIRST PASSENGER SHIP FOR ISRAEL TO BE LAUNCHED IN GERMANY TODAY

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- The "Israel," new flagship of the Zim Israel Navigation Company and the first passenger liner built for Israel's merchant marine under the reparations agreement, will be launched in Hamburg tomorrow, according to a cable received here today by the American-Israeli Shipping Company, representatives of Zim in the United States.

The "Israel" will make her maiden voyage to New York in October. She and a sistership, also being built in West Germany, will offer the only year-round direct passenger service between the United States and Israel, with a sailing from New York every three weeks. The ship is a combination passenger-cargo liner with accommodations for 312 passengers in two classes and a capacity of 300,000 cubic feet of cargo, including 20,000 cubic feet of refrigerated space. She will accommodate 80 passengers in first class and 232 in tourist, all in outside staterooms.

DETROIT ZIONISTS BACK ALLIED JEWISH CAMPAIGN; CRITICIZE "INTRUDERS"

DETROIT, March 3. (JTA) -- The Zionist Council of Detroit, at a meeting attended by representatives of all Zionist groups in the city including, Zionist Organization of Detroit, Hadassah, Mizrahi, Labor Zionist Organization, Mizrahi Women, Pioneer Women, Farband and Jewish National Fund, unanimously adopted a resolution urging the community to concentrate all efforts during the coming three months on the Allied Jewish Campaign. It criticized efforts by "outside" forces to divide the community and disrupt its leadership.

"The Zionist Council of Detroit," the resolution said, "calls upon the Jewish community of Detroit to concentrate all its efforts during the coming three months to the Allied Jewish Campaign, a major portion of whose income is earmarked, as free philanthropic dollars, for aid to Israel and to facilitate the settlement in the Jewish State of the 70, 000 Jews who are clamoring for haven from persecution in the new state.

"Shocked by the unnecessary controversy which was created by intruding forces and by the interference of outside elements whose autocratic decisions have resulted in the dissolution of the Detroit Israel Bond Executive Committee, we call upon our Zionist constituencies to stand firm in defense of democratic principles when considering Israel's needs and to strive for unity in our ranks in behalf of philanthropic as well as investment projects--bonds and others--in support of the Jewish State.

"We call upon the American Zionist Council and other nationally responsible Jewish movements to mobilize Zionist sentiments for a complete review of the existing bond situation, and we call upon all Detroit Zionists to join with us, in the very near future, in planning sessions for such reviews of the bond situation locally."

SWEDISH NON-JEWS CONDUCT FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN FOR ISRAEL

STOCKHOLM, March 3. (JTA) -- Stockholm Mayor Carl Albert Anderson today turned over 100, 000 Swedish crowns to Israel Minister Dr. Abraham Nissan raised in a "Help Israel" campaign conducted exclusively by Swedish non-Jews.

Expressing the Israel Government's appreciation of the move, Dr. Nissan presented Mayor Anderson with a Jewish National Fund certificate notifying him that a grove of 100 trees has been planted in Israel in his name. The largest portion of the Swedish gift--73, 000 crowns--was contributed by the city of Stockholm.

The King and Queen of Sweden attended the opening of the Land of the Bible Exhibition in Stockholm's Historical Museum. Doctor H. Thordeman, Royal Custodian of Antiquities, expressed gratitude to the Israel Government and the hope that the exhibition would serve the purpose of giving background to an understanding of the land and the people of the Bible.

REFORM SYNAGOGUE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL ON GOVERNMENT LAND

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has granted a plot of land in Jerusalem for the establishment of a Reform synagogue, Premier Moshe Sharett announced last night.

When Eliahu Genichowsky, Poale Mizrahi, said the establishment of a Reform institution would not be tolerated, Mr. Sharett pointed out that the proclamation of Israel's independence in 1948 guaranteed freedom of religion and conscience.

B'NAI B'RITH DELEGATION TO STUDY ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- A thirty-five man delegation from the New York Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith will leave Saturday for a two-week visit to Israel, which will include a study of industrial and agricultural development projects financed by funds provided by American investors in Israel bonds, it was announced today.

JEWS PROTEST TEACHING OF RELIGION IN ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., March 3. (JTA) -- The local Jewish community has submitted a brief to the Board of Education asking for the abolishment of religious education in the city's public schools. The brief charged that when a clergyman gives religious instruction on school premises the school ceases to be public and becomes denominational.

Religious teaching in grades seven and eight of Fort William public schools by ordained ministers started last fall at the request of the Religious Education Council. The brief stated that religious instruction during school hours violated the tradition of the separation of church and state in the Canadian way of life. Although exemptions are granted to children who do not wish to participate in the religious exercises, the brief stated that this exemption sets up in the children's minds that those who do not take part belong to some dissenting "second-class" faith which marks them apart from the rest of the pupils.

FIRST "WHO'S WHO IN WORLD JEWRY" PUBLISHED; CONTAINS 11,000 NAMES

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- The first "Who's Who in World Jewry," containing biographical data on 11,000 prominent Jews in more than 70 countries, was published here today by Monde Publishers, an organization created especially for the purpose. The book lists 6,253 American Jews.

At a reception marking the book's publication, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, said that the new compilation reveals three notable features about American Jewry. They are: 1. The relatively high proportion of Jews active in general public service; 2. The increasing role played by Jewish women in community endeavors; 3. The relatively high proportion of rabbis among the community's leaders.

11-VOLUME BRAILLE PRAYER BOOK FOR JEWISH BLIND PUBLISHED IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- The initial copy of the first Jewish prayer book ever published in Hebrew and English Braille was presented here today to Dr. David M. Katz, blind New York psychiatrist, whose concern for the spiritual needs of the Jewish blind inspired it, at the national headquarters of the Jewish Braille Institute of America.

Publication of the books, which will be available in sets of eleven volumes including the Sabbath, Festival and High Holy Day liturgy, has been made possible through funds contributed by the affiliated Sisterhoods of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, the women's arm of Conservative Judaism. Full sets of this religious work will be presented to each Jewish blind person requesting them from the Institute as a gift.

It is estimated that there are 12,000 Jewish blind in the United States eligible for the services of the Institute, in addition to the Jewish blind in other parts of the world for whom services are also provided by the Institute.

ATLANTA JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL RE-ELECTS MEDINTZ AS PRESIDENT

ATLANTA, March 3. (JTA) -- The Atlanta Jewish Community Council re-elected Barney Medintz, prominent Atlanta businessman and active communal worker, to a third term as president of the Council, which is the coordinating and planning body of all its affiliated adult Jewish organizations in Atlanta. The Council is concerned with promoting mutual understanding with all groups in the community.

Mr. Medintz, in a message, stressed the importance of voluntary association for common welfare, the idea of individuals and groups of diverse points of view working together on projects in the best interests of the total community. He indicated that action resulting from such voluntary planning is in accordance with the traditions and principles of the American way of citizens working together.