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PROBLEMS OF U. S. JEWRY ANALYZED BY DR. GOLDMANN AT ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, April 30: (JTA) -- Fear that the majority of the young generation of Jews in the United States may not retain their Jewish identity and continue a Jewish life as it is today was expressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, in an address last night at the World Zionist Congress here.

Dr. Goldmann, who reviewed the Jewish situation in countries-outside of Israel and the tasks which face the Zionist movement, said that the threat of assimilation among Jews was never greater than today. He was especially worried about the situation of the Jews in the Soviet bloc countries where the question of the survival of Jewish communal life is most acute. He appealed to the government of the Communist countries to grant the Jewish communities the same rights enjoyed by other national minorities in those countries and "to lift the Iron Curtain separating East European Jewry from the rest of the Jewish world."

Dr. Goldmann urged the Zionist Congress to invite non-Zionists supporting Israel morally and financially to join in sharing the responsibilities for the direction of emigration to Israel and in the absorption and colonization of newcomers in Israel. He also proposed some radical reforms for the Zionist movement in its organizational structure. "Now that the State of Israel exists and enjoys the support of the vast majority of the Jewish people," Dr. Goldmann said, "Zionism must concentrate increasingly on the question of assuring the survival of Jewish life in the Diaspora as long as the Diaspora exists. It should link all Jewish life with Israel, both collectively and individually, so that it might culminate in the personal immigration of individual Zionists to Israel."

"Rarely in our history," Dr. Goldmann stated, "was our future in the Diaspora threatened as gravely as it is today. Only if one restricts survival to physical survival of the individual Jew can one feel moderately gratified. But when Zionists speak of survival, they mean collective spiritual survival as a people. Anti-Semitism could totally disappear in the world, yet the position of Jews as a people could be more imperilled than ever by spiritual and moral perils for their existence as Jews."

Appeals to Communist Countries to Permit Full Jewish Life

Dr. Goldmann pointed out that the problem of the Jews in the Communist countries is not a problem of anti-Semitism. "The Soviet and the East European states," he said, "are based on equality of rights for all racial and religious groups and minorities. We do not accuse the government of these states of intentional violations of the fundamental principles of their constitutions. But we accuse them of not allowing the Jewish communities to live their full Jewish lives and maintain their identity as Jews, and secure their future as Jews."

Pointing out that Zionism is regarded in these countries as "counter-revolutionary," and that the existence of Jewish schools is not permitted, and that the synagogues still existing there will shortly disappear on account of the lack of rabbis, Dr. Goldmann declared: "The Jewish communities in these countries are not permitted to maintain contact with Jewish communities abroad. There is no Yiddish literature, press and theatre in the Soviet Union. In short, Jews are not permitted to develop Jewish cultural creativeness."

The Jewish Agency leader, who was interrupted frequently by enthusiastic applause, demanded that the Communist countries permit the establishment of seminaries to train rabbis and clerical staffs. He also requested that Jewish communities in these countries be enabled to restore contact with other Jewish communities and that Jews be allowed to visit Israel. "There is no fundamental conflict between such demands," Dr. Goldmann said, "and the basic principles of the social regime in the above countries. The Soviet Union is based on recognition of the rights of all national minorities and is rightly proud of the dozens of languages of its peoples and their cultural lives. Why then deny these rights to the Jewish minority? The fact that this minority is not concentrated in the Soviet Union cannot serve as a reason for this death verdict," he stressed.

"In this new period, when the Soviet leaders want to break down the Iron Curtain to encourage contacts, to increase their commercial and cultural relations in other parts of the world, we have the right to ask that the Iron Curtain separating East European

Jewry from the rest of the Jewish world should also be lifted," Dr. Goldmann continued. "A special problem in all these countries is the right of Jews to emigrate to Israel.

"There were years when the East European states permitted large Jewish migration to Israel, and we were deeply appreciative. After years of complete stoppage of immigration and of persecutions and arrests of Jewish leaders, especially in Rumania, we gladly notice certain improvements in both directions. We do not hesitate to appreciate the release of most of the Zionist leaders, but we demand simultaneously that the remainder should be released and permitted to leave for Israel. There are even today Communist countries--like Bulgaria and Yugoslavia--permitting Jews to emigrate to Israel. Why should not the Soviet Union and other East European states revert to a more liberal policy?" Dr. Goldmann asked.

"The Soviet Government is now destroying barriers and is creating rapprochement, co-existence and a state of peace--don't its rulers understand that by granting to Jewish communities rights similar to the rest of the national minorities they would do away with the accusation of discriminating de facto against Jewish communities and would win the gratitude and appreciation of millions of Jews and non-Jews who are deeply interested with the future and survival of the great Jewish community in the Soviet Union?" Dr. Goldmann stressed.

Says Jewish Life in U.S. Is Over-Organized but Disorganized

Referring to Jewish life on the American continent, Dr. Goldmann stated that Jewish life in America enjoys a "beautiful facade," but in content and in depth of Jewish spiritual values is not equal to this facade. "Too much," he said, "is being spent on institutions and on organizational structure, but one needs only to penetrate the facade of American Jewish life to become frightened." He asserted that millions of American Jews do not belong to any Jewish organization, not even to a religious congregation.

"A very large section, if not the majority, of American Jewish youths receives no Jewish education whatsoever," he stated. "Most of the activities of American Jewry are concentrated in fund-raising and in organizational manifestations. Compared with the impressive external aspects, the spiritual output of American Jewry is most shockingly inadequate," he declared.

"The United States," he continued, "is generally a country not conducive to minority cultures. It is a melting pot. One of the many weaknesses of American Jewish life is that it is being over-organized and simultaneously disorganized. It has too many organizations and yet lacks a single representative body that would determine policies, survey the position of American Jewry and resolve its problems. Despite the beautiful facade, there is not a guarantee that the majority of the young generation of American Jewry will retain Jewish identity and continue Jewish life as it is today.

"Let us not forget that this is the situation ten years after the fall of Hitlerism. The worst feature of all this is that the assimilation of today is not ideological and does not respond to any slogan or appeal, but is quite natural and constitutes a spontaneous process of which those who are experiencing it are not even aware. The situation would appear to be hopeless if there were not an Israel. Israel is a source which can revitalize Jewish life. Israel is a substitute and more than a substitute for the destroyed Jewish strongholds of Europe. The problem now is how to utilize this source and how to link the Diaspora to Israel."

HAMMARSKJOLD CONFERS WITH SHARETT; ISRAEL DOUBTS EGYPT'S PLEDGES

JERUSALEM, April 30. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold arrived in Israel today to begin conferences with Premier David Ben-Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, even as Israel seethed as a result of the renewal of landmining of border roads and the murder of settlers by Egyptians.

Mr. Hammarskjold conferred today only with Mr. Sharett. He is scheduled to see Mr. Ben-Gurion tomorrow. After his two-three day stay in this country, the Secretary General will proceed to Rome and then the United Nations to report to the Security Council on the results of his pacification mission to the Middle East.

Meanwhile, the Israel Foreign Ministry charged that no reliance could be placed on Egyptian assurances to end hostilities in the border regions in view of the kidnaping, mutilation and murder of a settler from Nachal Oz and the mining of a military vehicle in the vicinity of Nir Itzhak, in which one Israeli soldier was killed and two others were injured. Referring to the mining of the road, the Foreign Ministry stated that "this particular form of aggression has long been a favorite Egyptian technique. It represents deliberate planning and execution" in violation of Egypt's pledged word.

Israel demanded an emergency meeting yesterday of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission over the two incidents, but there is no likelihood of the meeting taking place. The Egyptians refuse to come to the MAC's meeting place at "Kilometre 95" by the route outlined in the agreement under which the parties meet, insisting that they will come by whatever route they choose. Not even the MAC chairman has been able to get the Egyptians to honor the agreement.

DULLES QUESTIONED ON ARMS FOR ISRAEL AT SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING

WASHINGTON, April 30. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles today refused to comment before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on what the Administration thought of the imbalance of armed strength between Israel and the Arabs caused by the flow of Communist arms to Egypt.

This question was put to Mr. Dulles by Sen. H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey when the Secretary appeared before the committee to testify on the Administration's foreign aid request. Mr. Dulles, referring to the Israel arms question, said he had nothing to add to what he had previously testified before the committee in an appearance earlier this year.

Secretary Dulles, in response to questions about U.S. financing of the Egyptian high Aswan dam, said that cultivable land created by the project would be suitable for fruits and vegetables rather than cotton. The Aswan project had been questioned by U.S. Senators concerned that it might increase Egyptian cotton production to the detriment of American cotton. Mr. Dulles spoke favorably of the Aswan undertaking.

The possibility of international control or embargo of arms to the Middle East may be discussed at Paris by Secretary Dulles with the British and French Foreign Ministers. He leaves tomorrow for a NATO session in Paris. He will seek a formula for testing the Russian concept of a general embargo on arms for the Middle East nations.

Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, had a conference last Thursday with Secretary Dulles during which he discussed the situation in the Middle East and Israel's security problems, it was learned today. Mr. Blaustein also reviewed the Middle East situation with the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Edward B. Lawson, who is in Washington for consultations with the Department of State.

State Department circles today cited Egyptian Premier Nasser's alleged cooperation with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld as proof of the wisdom of the idea of avoiding friction by continued inaction on Israel's arms request. These circles hold that Israel's best interests are served by peace moves like that of Mr. Hammarskjöld rather than U.S. sales of arms. It is felt by some government officials that the peak of the Israel arms purchase campaign has been passed and that the Administration has successfully set the issue aside.

ZIONIST CONGRESS ASKS WORLD POWERS TO ARM ISRAEL; ISSUES MANIFESTO

JERUSALEM, April 30. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Congress, by unanimous vote, adopted last night a manifesto calling on the countries of the world to supply Israel with defensive arms and warning against any attempt to impose a peace settlement on the Jewish State. The statement, which warned the Great Powers that if war breaks out they will be held responsible because of their refusal to arm Israel while the Arab states are being given weapons, reads:

"The 24th World Zionist Congress meets at a time of grave anxiety for the young State of Israel. In eight years of its existence, we have witnessed with pride the rapid growth and consolidation of the state. Nearly 800,000 immigrants, remnants of the great European catastrophe and refugees from Middle East countries, have found a welcome home in Israel and are being integrated into one nation in its ancient homeland.

"The survivors of the dread Nazi concentration camps and former inmates of ghettos in the Middle East are molding themselves into free and proud citizens of a modern democratic state. The new generation that is growing up knows neither servitude nor oppression. The spiritual heritage preserved by the Jewish people throughout the centuries of dispersion are being restated in the new reality of daily life in Israel.

"This unique achievement is being imperilled by the hostility of Egypt and other Arab states. It is a senseless hostility, for Israel threatens nobody. Its energies are concentrated on the development of its homeland and the renaissance of its people. Israel's experience and example may indeed serve as a significant factor in the social and economic reconstruction of the whole Middle East, a problem now engaging the serious attention of statesmen throughout the world.

"The Zionist Congress, representing a movement which through the efforts and sacrifices of its heroic pioneers and fighters have brought Israel into being, meets in a moment fraught with dangers for the state. The Arab states, which have openly declared their aggressive intention toward Israel, are receiving arms from East and West, while Israel is denied the right to secure weapons to deter would-be aggressors and to enable it to ward off attack.

"This refusal by the Great Powers to recognize Israel's fundamental rights to arms for self-defense is morally and politically indefensible. The Arab states are attaining superiority in military equipment, both quantitatively and qualitatively. This imbalance must speedily be redressed. Israel must be enabled to assure its own safety. The dangers facing Israel constitute a grave threat to world peace. Should the conflagration break out, the Great Powers, both of the East and the West, will not escape responsibility in the eyes of history.

"In this crucial hour we call on all nations and men of goodwill to support Israel in the struggle for its very survival. Israel does not ask any other nation to fight for it, but it rightfully demands to be provided with adequate weapons to enable its sons and daughters

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to defend their country and its sovereignty. The Congress expresses its belief and faith in the necessity and possibility of a lasting peace between the Arab and Israel peoples. There must be no imposed settlement. Peace must be achieved by agreement, freely reached between Israel and the Arab states.

"Israel is one of the most ancient nations of the Middle East, of which it is an integral part. By a tragic fate, this people was uprooted from its homeland. It has now returned to the land of its origin to rebuild there its national life in peace, dignity and security. This is a significant hour in the life of the Middle East. We pray that its people may find the way to peace and cooperation.

"The Zionist Congress records with deep appreciation that in this crisis Israel has not stood alone: it has received from many parts of the world heartening evidence of a deep sympathy and moral support which has been a source of great encouragement for our people in its hour of trial.

"On this solemn occasion the 24th World Zionist Congress proclaims the indissoluble historical bond between the Jewish people and the land of Israel. It calls on Jews throughout the world to fulfill their responsibility toward the State of Israel by rallying to its well-being and security. In this hour every Jew is called upon to do his duty--the Almighty will stand by his people."

HIGHEST JEWISH OFFICIAL IN COMMUNIST GERMANY RELEASED UNDER AMNESTY

BERLIN, April 30. (JTA) -- Paul Baender, Jewish-born veteran Communist leader who was sentenced to six years at hard labor in 1954 as a result of the anti-Semitic campaign in East Germany, was released from jail today. He was the highest ranking Jew arrested in the East German drive, and first of the East German Jews to be released since the recent Communist campaign for "Socialist legality."

In 1952, Baender was ousted from his position as State Secretary of the Ministry of Supply. Later he was sentenced to jail for "upsetting the food supply of the population by deliberately false planning and through wrong directives." Baender's release came as part of an amnesty granted 88 political prisoners by East German President Wilhelm Pieck. At the same time, however, the Communist regime ordered also the release of 698 prisoners previously condemned as Nazi war criminals.

U. S. POLITICAL PARTIES TOLD NO GROUP CAN COMMIT THE VOTES OF JEWS

CHICAGO, April 30. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism, at the closing of its conference last night, adopted a resolution calling to the attention of the Republican and Democratic National Committees that "no individual and no organization can commit or control the votes of Americans of Jewish faith."

The anti-Zionist organization also declared that to characterize as "anti-Semites" persons who oppose Zionist political objectives tended to "equate nationalistic Zionism with the religion of Judaism" and beclouded "constructive consideration" of the Middle East crisis.

NEINKEN FOUNDATION GIVES \$250,000 TO MAIMONIDES HOSPITAL IN BROOKLYN

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- A gift of \$250,000 from the Neinken Foundation to Maimonides Hospital of Brooklyn was announced at the annual meeting of the hospital's board of trustees tonight by Edward Neimeth, president. In transmitting the gift, Jacob Neinken and his sons, Mortimer and Edward, directors of the Foundation, stipulated that it be applied to the cost of constructing a building on the hospital site to house a new out-patient department and clinic. It is estimated that the new annex will cost approximately \$1,000,000 to construct and equip.

MRS. SCHIFF WARBURG GETS WORLD BROTHERHOOD AWARD; TWO OTHERS HONORED

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- Mrs. Frieda Schiff Warburg, widow of the late Jewish leader Felix Warburg and veteran worker and contributor to philanthropic and communal causes, was one of the three recipients last night of the World Brotherhood Award for her "distinguished contributions to human dignity and world understanding."

Two others who received the award were Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, of Maryland, and Father John La Farge, editor and educator. The leather-bound citations were presented at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria. The World Brotherhood movement is sponsored by the Jewish Theological Seminary.

ISRAEL SOCCER TEAM DEFEATS ALL-AMERICAN SQUAD IN MATCH IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 30. (JTA) -- The Israeli Olympic Soccer Team defeated an all-star squad picked from American League soccer teams yesterday by a score of two-one. A crowd of many tens of thousands of persons watched the match, the final event on an "American Salutes Israel" celebration.

The Israeli team, which came to the United States for just this one game, left by air today for Tel Aviv. In July, the Israeli teams will meet a star Soviet soccer aggregation in play-offs for the Olympic Games in Melbourne.