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## ZIONIST CONGRESS TO CLOSE TODAY; DR. GOLDMANN TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) - As the 24th World Zionist Congress approached its closing hours, unanimous agreement was reached today by all parties to elect Dr. Nahum Goldmann as president of the World Zionist Organization and as head of its executive.

Deliberations were still going on tonight on the naming of an acting chairman of the executive for Jerusalem as well as for the New York branches of the executive. These acting chairmen will direct the work of the respective headquarters during the absence of Dr. Goldmann from either New York or Jerusalem.

The Mapai delegates at the Congress suggested today that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver be elected chairman of the Zionist Actions Committee, which is the supreme Zionist body between world congresses. Joseph Sprinzak, the present chairman, has indicated his readiness to resign in favor of Dr. Silver. Other parties, too, are supporting the Mapai proposal, subject to Dr. Silver's acceptance.

Negotiations were also continuing on the possible inclusion in the World Zionist executive of the right-wing Herut party. The left-wing groups are opposed to admitting the Herut, and the Mapam has threatened to quit the executive if the Herut is admitted.

The legal committee of the Congress decided to accept in principle the suggestion by Dr. Goldmann that the world Zionist movement be reorganized on a territorial basis. The colonization committee accepted the demand of the religious groups that religious education be conducted in religious settlements.

## Congress to be Convened Every Three Years; Limited to 500 Delegates

The organization committee decided that the World Zionist Congress must convene every three years and that the number of delegates should not exceed 500. The decisions of all committees are expected to be approved at the closing session of the Congress, which is scheduled for tonight. The closing session will also elect a new executive of the world Zionist movement and of the Jewish Agency.

Dr. Goldmann, winding up the general debate today, dwelt on the relations between Israel and world Jewry, especially between "Israel's man in the street" and the Zionist movement. Dr. Goldmann emphasized that the Jews outside of Israel are still the main sources of Israel's strength, whether financially or politically. He predicted that Israel will continue to need this assistance for many years to come.

Dr. Goldmann urged that Zionists should be educated to strengthen Zionist influence among Jews. He stressed that the Zionist movement in the United States had not assumed the proper place which it should and could have assumed in the ranks of American Jewry. He attributed it to the lack of a central Zionist authority capable of guiding and directing the Zionists in every town in which they reside. A united-Zionist organization would be able to provide such advice, he stated.

Returning to the subject of relations between Israel and the Zionist movement, Dr. Goldmann asserted that he did not underestimate the importance of Israel's sovereignty, but he did not think that partnership with the Zionist organization would detract in any way from Israel's sovereignty.

## ZIONIST CONGRESS APPEALS TO MOSCOW TO RESTORE RIGHTS TO SOVIET JEWRY

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling upon the Soviet Union to restore to its Jews their full right to live a normal Jewish life, urging the freeing of all Zionist prisoners and their immigration to Israel, and condemning the Arab states for their worldwide anti-Israel anti-Jewish propaganda were adopted here tonight by the 24th World Zionist Congress.

The Soviet Government was also asked to restore to Jews: the right to re-open Jewish schools, yeshivah and seminaries for training rabbis and teachers as well as other institutions of Jewish culture and art; the right to re-establish in the USSR a Jewish press and literature and to use the Hebrew language; the right to establish contact with Jewish communities in other countries and with Israel.

The resolution further expressed concern about the fate of thousands of Zionists still in Soviet prisons for the "crime of yearning" for the creation of a Jewish State which, it was pointed out, now maintains diplomatic relations with the USSR. The resolution asked

the release of all such prisoners and the right for them to come to Israel. It also expressed the hope that the present "trickle" of Jewish emigration from the USSR to Israel is just "the beginning" and that increasingly large numbers of Jews would be permitted to quit the USSR for Israel.

In a resolution on Rumania, the Zionist Congress expressed satisfaction that the majority of Zionist leaders imprisoned in that country had been released, and called for the freeing of the remainder. It noted that only one such leader had been allowed to come to Israel and demanded that all be permitted to come to Israel. It also asked for the liberation of Mordecai Oren, Israeli Mapam leader, implicated in the Rudolf Slansky "plot" in Czechoslovakia and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

The Congress underlined the plight of thousands of Jewish families, some of whose members had gone ahead to Israel and others of whom were trapped when Bucharest halted Israel-bound emigration several years ago. The reunification of such families was characterized as a "supreme humanitarian obligation" of the Rumanian Government.

#### Hits Arab Blackmail Against Jews Throughout World

The Congress emphasized the economic war carried out by the Arab states not only against Israel but against Jews in all countries through a complicated system of boycott, blockade and "blackmail" of transportation and other companies and governments. This the delegates labelled Nazi-like and also pointed out the parallel between the Arab states methods today and the Nazis of 1933-45 in their worldwide propaganda against Jews, a development which the Congress pointed out violated fundamental human rights and the principles of the United Nations.

The resolution hit governments, airlines and shipping companies that give into Arab "blackmail" and permit discrimination against their Jewish citizens or customers. Finally, it drew the attention of all governments to the propaganda campaign of Arab "information centers" and Arab diplomats who attempt to discredit Jews in all countries.

In another resolution, the delegates hit Jordan's refusal to permit the Jews access to the Holy Places in the Old City of Jerusalem, despite the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement which specifically granted Jews this right. It called on the Security Council to force Jordan to live up to this pledge.

#### SOVIET ARMY ORGAN ATTACKS ISRAEL, BEN GURION AND WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

LONDON, May 6. (JTA) - The Soviet army organ "Red Star" charged this week-end that "certain Israeli circles," encouraged by the United States, are trying to maintain "war hysteria" in the Middle East. The article specifically attacked Premier David Ben-Gurion, the World Zionist Congress, and the State Department. It marked the first instance of a Soviet press assault on Israel following the recent Russian policy statement urging Middle East peace.

#### FIFTEEN ARRESTED IN LARGE RELIGIOUS DEMONSTRATION IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- Fifteen ultra-Orthodox men were arrested here yesterday in the wake of a large demonstration, including prayers in the open air, against the operation of an industrial exhibition in Haifa on the Sabbath. There was no violence during the arrest or at the earlier demonstration.

A crowd estimated at between 15,000 to 20,000 worshippers in their prayer shawls, headed by both Chief Rabbis Isaac Halevi Herzog and Itzhak Nissim, chanted their Sabbath prayers in an open air meeting. The synagogues were closed in protest against the Haifa exhibition. After the prayers, the Chief Rabbis reopened the synagogues. The bulk of the crowd demonstrated on the main street of the city, then quietly dispersed.

In Tel Aviv, several thousand religious demonstrators participated in a mass open-air prayer meeting opposite the Great Synagogue here yesterday, in protest against the Haifa industrial exhibition. Police cordoned off the entire district and diverted traffic around it to prevent any provocation. Many rabbis joined in the demonstration, and their followers danced in the streets and sang Chassidic songs.

Haifa itself was quiet, as many thousands flocked to the exhibition site. In the synagogues there, rabbis preached against the exhibition. The quiet was in sharp contrast to last week's near-riot when religious demonstrators attempted to break through a police cordon at the site. Twenty-eight persons, 22 of them policemen, were injured in that attempt.

#### "BIG THREE" DECIDE TO LEAVE ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE IN UNITED NATIONS HANDS

PARIS, May 6. (JTA) -- The problem of the Middle East must be settled within the framework of the United Nations Security Council, it was decided this morning at a joint meeting here of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau.

During the meeting, which took place in the French Foreign Office, M. Pineau indicated that the Tripartite Declaration guaranteeing the existing Arab-Israel borders is out of date. He expressed agreement with the Soviet proposal that no arms be sent to any country in the Middle East. However, it was decided to reactivate the tri-power Near Eastern arms committee which, sitting in Washington, acts as a clearing house on all requests for arms made by Israel and the Arab countries.

# HAMMARSKJOLD RETURNS; SAYS HIS ACHIEVEMENTS HINGE ON GOODWILL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 6. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold returned today from his "peace mission" to the Middle East apparently satisfied with his achievements in securing unconditional cease-fire pledges from Israel and the neighboring Arab countries. He emphasized, however, that "only the future can show what, thanks to the goodwill of the governments concerned, may grow out of it."

Mr. Hammarskjold, who was met at the airport by members of the United Nations Security Council, may return to the Middle East in June to continue further negotiations with the Arab countries and Israel in an attempt to reinforce the gains of his present four-week trip and to make a start on settling the broader issues of the Arab-Israel conflict. These issues include the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal against Israeli shipping, demarcation of permanent frontiers, the Jordan River development which Israel wishes to start but which the Arabs oppose, and the Arab refugee question.

Mr. Hammarskjold's full report of the results of his negotiations with the Arab countries and Israel is expected to be released by the Security Council Wednesday. The statement which he issued upon his arrival today was brief and limited itself to pointing out the role of the United Nations in helping member governments maintain peace. It read as follows:

"The assignment from which I return is so far unique in the development of the United Nations. It is for others to evaluate the result, and only the future can show what, thanks to the goodwill of the governments concerned, may grow out of it. However--and that I want to stress--the assignment has shown that the United Nations can be directly helpful to member governments in their wish to re-establish order and maintain peace; helpful, not by imposing its will, but by bringing out what is common ground for agreement to the parties in a conflict and crystallizing it in a way which gives the governments a firm point from which they can move forward."

In addition to members of the Security Council, Mr. Hammarskjold was greeted at the airport by Dr. Jacob Robinson, member of the Israeli delegation at the United Nations, as well as by representatives of Syria and Egypt. He left the airport for UN headquarters where it was announced that he would begin conferring with members of the Security Council and the "interested parties"--meaning Israel and the Arab delegations--at once.

Security Council president Dr. Joza Brilej, in a statement today, said: "The results which the Secretary General has so far been able to report with regard to the accomplishment of his mission are encouraging indeed. The most important achievement of the mission so far has been the unconditional pledge of the parties to the United Nations to observe the cease-fire clauses of the general armistice agreements. An essential step has thus been taken toward peace and security in the Middle East. This should augur well for the future."

James J. Wadsworth, deputy chairman of the United States delegation at the United Nations, said that Mr. Hammarskjold was not expected to perform miracles on his mission, but "his successful negotiations do testify both to his own ability and persistence, and to the cooperation of the parties in agreeing on practical steps to relieve tensions." Similar statements were made by the representatives of Britain and France at the United Nations.

## Arab Pledges to Hammarskjold Must Be Tested in Practice, Israeli Says

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 6. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's peace mission to the Middle East has resulted in certain positive achievements, but the agreements he has obtained "must be tested in practice" by the Arab states. Mordecai R. Kidron, deputy chairman of the Israel delegation to the UN, declared here today.

Mr. Kidron, who had left for a vacation in Israel on March 16--nearly three weeks before Mr. Hammarskjold left on his peace mission--returned here today, about an hour after the Secretary General's return. Mr. Kidron sat in, while in Israel, on all the conversations between the UN chief and Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

"The Secretary General," Mr. Kidron declared, "set out to do certain things, most important of which was his obtaining a cease-fire from all five governments concerned, Israel and the four Arab states signatory to the armistice agreements. But this is a series of agreements on paper and by word of mouth. How firm these agreements are depend on Israel's neighbors."

"Mr. Hammarskjold has made a considerable accomplishment. But the same dangers that existed before his mission exist today. Ultimate optimism depends on how the agreements are translated into action on Israel's borders. We have great admiration for Mr. Hammarskjold. He left those who had the opportunity of sitting with him around a conference table impressed with his great diplomatic skill, his tenacity, his tact."

Israel has been, right along, less tense than most people around the United Nations realize, Mr. Kidron added. "In our country," he stated, "life goes on. We are working, building, doing what we can."

AMERICAN FREEDOM STIMULATES GROWTH OF JEWISH LIFE, KLUTZNICK SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- The spirit of American freedom "is stimulating a new growth rather than a decline" in Jewish life in the United States, Philip M. Klutznick, president of the B'nai B'rith, declared here last night. Jews in America are "enjoying the freest environment for the longest period of time known to a Jewish community," Mr. Klutznick added.

He spoke at the opening session of the five-day triennial convention of the 113-year-old organization, the oldest of its kind in the United States. More than 1,000 delegates were present, including observers from the B'nai B'rith organization in Israel, Europe and Latin America. B'nai B'rith has 400,000 members in 1,750 chapters in this country and Canada, in addition to branches in 30 other countries.

Mr. Klutznick predicted the expansion of Jewish communities throughout the non-Communist world "both numerically and as spiritual and cultural movements." He decried "excessive nostalgia" among some Jewish leaders who, he said, are attempting "to superimpose on Jewish life in America some of the methods, ideas, programs and customs of the Jewish communities of yesterday."

The world president of B'nai B'rith scored the "penitence by propaganda" of Soviet rulers. The new Soviet rulers, he declared, "are trumpeting some truths about the persecution of Jews behind the Iron Curtain, but seek absolution by casting the blame for it on Stalin." He said he would "accept the premise that the new Soviet regime is truly opposed to anti-Semitism the same day that I recognized the existence of conditions which would make possible a B'nai B'rith movement in Moscow or Kishinev free to pursue its purpose as are the Jews of B'nai B'rith in such places as Rome and Dublin."

The B'nai B'rith leader asserted that United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's mission to the Middle East "very likely averted a shooting war" at this point, but questioned the longterm value of the cease-fire agreements. He called for the U. S. to supply Israel with defensive arms and to bolster the chances of peace by restoring a military power balance.

Maurice Bisgyer, national secretary of the organization, reported last night that the B'nai B'rith had spent \$15,000,000 in the last three years on its educational, communal and philanthropic activities. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is scheduled to be the guest speaker at a convention dinner Tuesday night.

1,350 U. S. RABBIS DENOUNCE THE AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) - Some 1,350 American rabbis of all three branches of the Jewish faith--Orthodox, Conservative and Reform--this week-end scored the American Council for Judaism in one of the sharpest denunciations of the Council voiced. The statement was released by the New York Board of Rabbis, which circularized 1,500 rabbis in all parts of the country with the document.

The joint declaration hit the American Council for Judaism, asserting that it has "consistently misrepresented the Jewish people before the bar of public opinion" and "has consistently realigned and impugned the integrity of Jewish institutions, organizations and causes, and has consistently distorted the precepts of Judaism which it purports to serve." The joint declaration reprimanded the anti-Zionist organization for what it termed "slanders" against American Jews "who adhere to the ideals of Zionism."

Asserting that the Council's "real goal is the complete disappearance of the Jewish people," the declaration stressed that the Council represents numerically "an infinitesimal fraction" of American Jewry. "We view with contempt the Council's attempt to dissuade Americans from helping their fellow Jews and the State of Israel through contributions to the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Drive," the rabbis' statement continued. "If the Council is unwilling to aid in the rescue and rehabilitation of harassed Jews, let it at least not frustrate the efforts of those who would," it said.

U. J. A. EULOGIZES SEN. BARKLEY; HADASSAH TO PLANT TREES IN HIS HONOR

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- The role which Senator Alben W. Barkley, who died last week, played in American Jewish life, was emphasized today in a message of condolence sent to his widow by William Rosenwald, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. At the same time, the national board of Hadassah voted today to plant a grove of 100 trees in Israel in Sen. Barkley's memory.

"Sen. Barkley will be particularly missed by the American Jewish community, for he gave invaluable support to the campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal on behalf of the survivors of the Nazi holocaust and thousands of other victims of oppression," Mr. Rosenwald said in his message. "His consistent championship aided in the re-birth of the Land of Israel and helped immeasurably in developing the State of Israel as an outpost of freedom and a haven for the homeless."