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ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTS GOLDMANN AS WORLD LEADER; NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- The 24th World Zionist Congress closed today with the election of Dr. Nahum Goldmann as president of the World Zionist Organization, the naming of a 17-member world executive and the election of a 100-member Zionist Actions Committee. Dr. Goldmann, who was elected by a vote of 272 to 42, with only the Revisionists in opposition, was also authorized by the Congress to appoint an acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive during his absences from either New York or Jerusalem.

The new executive includes representatives of every Zionist party except the extreme right-wing Herut, which advocates a "defensive war" by Israel. After the composition of the new executive was made known, Harry Levi, Herut leader, declared that his organization "will use all constitutional means to break the executive." The executive is composed of six members of the General Zionist Confederation, six Mapai members, three Mizrahi and Mizrahi Laborites, one Achdut Avodah member and one Mapam member.

The Congress adopted a resolution to invite non-Zionists to share responsibility in the Jewish Agency. The new executive was instructed to submit proposals to the Zionist Actions Committee on how to implement this resolution "as soon as possible."

The delegates authorized the Actions Committee to deal with and decide upon all matters pertaining to the structure and composition of the Congress; including the question of whether the "double shekel" should be abolished, elections of Congress delegates and the right to vote at congresses. The Actions Committee was instructed to meet at least once a year and to elect from among its members a "Small General Council," consisting of 33 persons, including all members of the Actions Committee presidium.

Decides to Form Overall Zionist Federations in Every Country

The delegates adopted a resolution ordering the establishment of overall Zionist federations in every country and providing that such bodies would include all Zionist groups in each country. In addition, it provided that any group which adheres to the Zionist program, but is not affiliated with a Zionist party may be admitted to the federation upon receiving a favorable vote from at least two-thirds of the members of the federation's executive body. If rejected, such groups may appeal to the World Zionist executive. Each federation will be empowered to establish its own rules for the admission of individuals who do not wish to affiliate with any subordinate group.

In the United States, the American Zionist Council will become the base of the Zionist federation. The Actions Committee was empowered to set up rules for electing the governing bodies of the territorial federations and for otherwise implementing the resolution.

The Actions Committee was further instructed to deal with the question of a Zionist Organization in Germany and how Zionist activities would be conducted in that country. A resolution submitted by the Herut calling for the Israel Government not to establish diplomatic relations with Germany was tabled.

The delegates instructed the Zionist executive and the movement's institutions outside Israel to make special efforts to attract middle class elements as immigrants to Israel, and hailed a decision by the Israel Government, Bank of Israel and the Jewish Agency to set up a loan fund aimed at assisting middle class families to establish themselves in Israel.

The executive was instructed to try to arrange with the government to give such immigrants favorable treatment and assistance in converting goods and other property they may transfer from abroad to Israel. It was also instructed to draft a plan for an organization to assist in the liquidation of property abroad of immigrants to Israel.

Congress Hails United Jewish Appeal; J. N. F. to Remain Independent

In another resolution, the delegates hailed the work of the United Jewish Appeal, Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod -- Israel Foundation Fund -- in the building and development of Israel. Noting a steady increase in the income of the JNF and UJA, the delegates commended the joint efforts of the Zionist movement and world Jewry to consolidate the State of Israel and to bring in immigrants and settle them in the Jewish State.

The Congress decided that the JNF would remain independent and also called on Zionist groups to refrain from independent fund-raising activities that would interfere with the Keren Hayesod. It instructed the Zionist executive to set up a commission to eliminate

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duplication of such activities. Other resolutions hailed the Jewish Agency's "ship to village" plan for speedy settlement of the immigrants, the Joint Distribution Committee's scholarship program for secondary school education in Israel, the Malben's social welfare program and the work of women's organizations in the immigrant villages.

Congress Adopts Resolutions on Youth Immigration, Education

In a resolution devoted to agriculture in Israel, the Congress stressed the importance it attaches to the establishment of a chain of settlements in the central and southern Negev. It reaffirmed the view that each Jew and each settlement of new immigrants or veteran settlers has the right to affiliate with whatever "trend" he or it chooses.

On the question of Youth Aliyah, the delegates called for increased appropriations to make possible the movement's expansion and permit it to care for 25,000 to 40,000 additional children in the next three to four years. The resolution appealed to the Soviet Union and the Communist countries to allow the emigration to Israel of Jewish war orphans. It called on parents in countries outside Israel to send their children to Israel to assure the future of the children and to avert the dangers of assimilation.

In still another resolution, the Congress stressed the importance of the education of youth outside Israel in Jewish and Zionist ideals. Both the appropriate Jewish Agency departments and Zionist organizations throughout the world were asked to "invest maximum effort in work among youth."

It further called on the Zionist executive and all Zionist organizations to raise the standard of education and cultural activities in all communities. The standards of Hebrew schools should be raised by drafting new curricula, by training educational personnel and by writing new texts. Special effort should be expended in the training of rabbis and in bringing rabbis closer to the Israeli community, the delegates urged.

Dr. Goldmann, in Acceptance Speech, Calls for Cooperation

Dr. Goldmann, in a moving acceptance speech, thanked the Congress for electing him president of the World Zionist movement, and emphasized that the success or failure of his leadership will depend largely on the sincere cooperation of all groups represented at the Congress as well as on the cooperation of the State of Israel. He told the delegates that he had wanted a broad "wall-to-wall" coalition, but he had realized that no one can get everything he wants. Nevertheless, he called for the full cooperation of the Revisionists, who are not part of the new coalition executive.

Evaluating the achievements of the Congress, Dr. Goldmann said that they marked the beginning of constitutional changes which would lead to a "glorious renovation" of the Zionist movement. "With a bit of skepticism but with faith in the future, with self-criticism but with hope, we will march to strengthen the movement and fulfill the great tasks ahead in these fateful days," he concluded.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, who reported to the Congress that the steering committee had decided to nominate Dr. Goldmann as president of the World Zionist Organization, noted that the Zionist movement had elected no president since Dr. Chaim Weizmann last held the post. The steering committee, she declared, considered it an honor to ask Dr. Goldmann to assume leadership of the movement because of his services to the Jewish people and to Israel. "Dr. Goldmann," she stated, "is a giant among us and we do not see anybody else who is able to lead us." Her words were greeted with tremendous applause.

The Congress was officially closed by Joseph Sprinžak, chairman of the Zionist Actions Committee, in the early hours of this morning and concluded with the singing of Hatikvah by all delegates. The 17 persons elected to the new executive are: Yehuda Braginsky, David Bet-Arieh, Eliahu Dobkin, Leon Dulczin, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. Giora Josephthal, Levi Eshkol, Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, Moshe Kol, Zvi Lurie, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Louis Segal, S. Z. Shragi, Zalman Shazar, Abraham Harman, Meir Grossman and Rose Halprin.

U.S. EXPERTS URGE ISRAEL TO START IMMEDIATE WORK ON JORDAN RIVER WATERS

WASHINGTON, May 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Abel Wolman, chairman of an American board of consultants on irrigation development in Israel, told a press conference today that work on Bnot Yaacov project in developing the Jordan River waters was not in conflict with later implementation of the Johnston water development plan proposed by the United States. He said that for political reasons joint Arab-Israel development agreement cannot be achieved, each country should go ahead on its own to work toward the Johnston plan concept.

The board of consultants, having reviewed the master plan prepared by J. S. Cotton, noted U. S. water engineer, reached the conclusion that: "The proposed Jordan River development, based on the Gesher Bnot Yaacov diversion is not in conflict with our understanding of the regional plan and the allocations of water generally known as the Eric Johnston plan. The board has assured itself that the plan it has considered conflicts in no way with the legitimate development of water resources of the neighboring states in the basin.

"Should the proposed Jordan River diversion scheme be constructed by Israel prior to a regional agreement, the board sees no difficulty in incorporating that system in its entirety within the framework of and without detriment to the regional plan, if adopted at a later date," the American experts said in their recommendations. "No justification has been found for allowing the waters in question to flow wastefully into the sea. Each of the countries would benefit from putting into force the proposals of Ambassador Johnston."

BRITAIN WILL SEND "CONTROLLED" ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL, ARAB STATES

LONDON, May 7. (JTA) -- A British Foreign Office spokesman said today that no decision was taken on Middle Eastern arms talks in Paris involving Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, and French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau.

The spokesman said Britain would continue sending strictly controlled arms shipments to the Arab states and Israel in line with the 1950 Tripartite Declaration. This was in comment on reports that M. Pineau said in Paris yesterday that France supports Soviet suggestions for an international arms ban applied to the Middle East.

The British Government was pressed in Commons today on why it had not recently raised the issue of the Suez Canal blockade of Israel shipping with the Egyptian Government. The question was raised by both Conservative and Labor MP's. When Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, answered a question about discussions concerning the future of the canal by noting that the canal convention will be up for negotiation again in 1968, the MP's refused to be put off and insisted that the real issue was the Nasser regime's halting of Israeli shipping.

Mr. Nutting insisted that the best way to settle the Suez Canal question was through a general Arab-Israeli settlement. He refused to say whether the British Government would raise this question when the Security Council meets to consider UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's report on his Middle East mission. He did express the government's support of Mr. Hammarskjold and Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce chief, in their work in Palestine.

U. S. URGES NO INTERNATIONAL EMBARGO ON ARMS TO ISRAEL, OFFICIAL SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 7. (JTA) -- No international embargo on the sale of arms to Israel was being urged by the State Department and no attempt was being made to prevent foreign countries from selling arms to Israel, Lincoln White, State Department spokesman, said today.

Mr. White emphasized that because of certain conditions applying to the United States, this country could not act on the Israel application for arms. Other countries, he said, would have to decide for themselves. He indicated that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has neither urged other nations to provide Israel with arms nor dissuaded them from doing so. He said that he could not confirm reports that Mr. Dulles urged other Western nations to sell arms to Israel.

The State Department, Mr. White declared, continues to look to the United Nations in connection with implementation of the 1950 Tripartite Declaration objectives. He said the declaration was meant to be applied within or outside the United Nations. If the Soviets mean what they say about cooperation with the United Nations, he added, Middle East goals can be pursued within the international organization.

At the same time, Mr. White revealed that the State Department has received confirming reports that Czech munitions are on their way to Syria. He said information was received as far back as a month ago. Asked about the U. S. view of the seriousness of the Syrian-Communist arms, Mr. White said that so much had already been said nothing need be added.

AUTHORITIES CORDON OFF ARAB VILLAGE IN ISRAEL IN HUNT FOR TERRORISTS

TEL AVIV, May 7. (JTA) -- Israeli military and police forces cordoned off today the Arab village of Tiebeh, inside Israel but near the Jordan border in central Israel. They were looking for Arabs who blasted a building at Kfar Yavitz, near Nathanya, Sunday night.

In a house search, the Israeli authorities were concentrating on finding either those responsible for the bombing or persons who might have assisted them. Kfar Yavitz recently had some trouble with neighboring Arab villages in Israel over certain lands.

Meanwhile, a military spokesman revealed two more incidents today along the Egyptian border, neither of them involving any casualties to Israeli personnel. At Nir Itzhak, where a soldier was killed in a landmine explosion last week, another Israeli car was demolished by a landmine, but no one was hurt. In the vicinity of Kfar Aza a band of infiltrators was found harvesting Israeli fields, but when an Israeli patrol moved to intercept them Egyptian soldiers from inside the Gaza strip laid down a covering fire.

YEHUDI MENUHIN AWARDED DECORATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF WEST GERMANY

BONN, May 7. (JTA) -- West German President Theodor Heuss personally bestowed the Grand Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic upon violinist Yehudi Menuhin today at a reception in the presidential residence.

Mr. Menuhin, whose Berlin debut as a thirteen-year-old in 1929 under Bruno Walter's baton is still remembered in local musical circles, is popular here because he was one of the first Jewish artists to play for German audiences shortly after the war, often donating the proceeds of his concerts to charity.

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT APPROVES NEW CHARTER FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY

BUENOS AIRES, May 7. (JTA) -- The new regime in Argentina has approved a new charter for the Buenos Aires Jewish Community, recognizing its right to participate in activities on behalf of Israel and to represent the Jews of Argentina in matters affecting their status as Jews.

The signing of the charter by President Gen. Pedro Aramburu and Minister of Justice Dr. J. Landaburu was announced at a press conference here by Dr. Abraham Mibashan, president of the Buenos Aires community, and Nachman Radzicovsky, its secretary general, who hailed the advancements contained in the new statute. The document was drafted two years ago by Drs. Jonas Kovensky and Tobias Kamenszain.

The document specifically authorizes the community to support constructive efforts in Israel's behalf. Previously such campaigns of the United Israel Appeal and training for young pioneers were not officially supported by the community and any work in their behalf was done under one pretext or another. The charter also authorizes the community to help increase spiritual and cultural exchanges between Israel and Argentina.

Another article authorizes the community to intervene to defend the good name of its members and the reputation of the community at large. In effect, this gives the community the right to intervene in instances of anti-Semitism that can be brought into court. A number of changes in the electoral procedure of the community add up to a democratic, direct election system rather than the earlier unwieldy general assembly system of choosing community officers.

U. J. A. CALLS TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE; SEEKS \$50, 000, 000 IN CASH

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- A two-day emergency conference of Jewish leaders from all parts of the country to spur the collection of \$50, 000, 000 in cash for the United Jewish Appeal has been called by the UJA leadership, it was announced today by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman. The conference will be held on June 9-10 in New York, and will be addressed by General Mordecai Makleff, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Army.

Rabbi Friedman explained that the current \$50, 000, 000 cash collection drive "has been made imperative" by the dangerous outlook for Israel's people which, he added, "may reach its pinnacle of danger this summer." It is the major task of the drive, he said, to bring about the conversion into cash of the tens of thousands of pledges already made to the regular campaign and the Special Survival Fund.

"Never before in the 18-year history of the United Jewish Appeal has the need for cash collections been greater than in the current crisis that confronts Israel's people," Rabbi Friedman declared. "Nor has the United Jewish Appeal ever had to ask for as large a sum as \$50, 000, 000 in cash collections within a period of only four weeks to meet so dangerous a situation. It is my sincerest hope that the Jews of the United States, who have been so benevolent in meeting crisis after crisis, will exert themselves to the utmost in this unprecedented emergency." He urged all contributors who have made pledges to turn them into cash at once.

NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION PRESENTS PLAN FOR BETTER JEWISH CHILD CARE

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- A plan for the care and rehabilitation of children served by Jewish child care agencies in New York City was advanced by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies here today on the basis of a study it just completed in collaboration with twelve such agencies and the New York City Jewish Child Care Council.

The changes in services recommended in the report are dictated by the fact that the vast majority of children requiring help today are no longer those whose families cannot provide for them but those who either present serious personality problems or who come from home environments which prevent their normal development.

In marked contrast to the child care needs of 1940, when emphasis was on assistance to dependent children, the report establishes that only twelve percent of the children in placement today are half orphans, while fewer than two percent are full orphans. Two-thirds of the children in care today, the report points out, come from homes broken up by death, divorce, separation or mental illness; while 93 percent of the living parents of children in placement suffer from some form of mental or physical illness.

JEWISH CHARITIES IN BALTIMORE TO BUILD \$15, 000, 000 MEDICAL CENTER

BALTIMORE, May 7. (JTA) -- A construction contract of over \$15, 000, 000 for the Sinai unit of the Medical Center of the Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore has been awarded to the Turner Construction Company of Philadelphia, it was announced today by Abraham Krieger, president of the Associated Jewish Charities.

The Medical Center building project, including the cost of the land and architectural fees and the already completed buildings of Levindale and Mount Pleasant, total approximately \$21, 000, 000. The center's three hospitals will provide 714 beds, 423 at Sinai General Hospital, 231 at the Levindale Hospital for the chronically ill and aged, and 60 beds at the Mount Pleasant Hospital for tuberculosis and pulmonary diseases. Ground will be broken within a month.