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EISENHOWER RECEIVES PERSONAL REPORT ON ISRAEL FROM U.S. AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- A personal report on the situation in Israel was given President Eisenhower yesterday by Edward B. Lawson, United States Ambassador to Israel, it was learned today. Mr. Lawson conferred with the President at the White House.

Government sources indicated that the Ambassador told President Eisenhower that basic problems remain in the Arab-Israel conflict despite the cease-fire pledges obtained from both sides by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. Ambassador Lawson outlined his views on these problems.

Asked at his press conference today to evaluate Mr. Hammarskjold's accomplishments, President Eisenhower said the Western world is trying to find means of eradicating the basic problems preventing Arab-Israel peace. He added that Mr. Hammarskjold brought about a cease-fire agreement, but that there have been some border incidents since. The President described these incidents as "very minor."

Mr. Eisenhower was asked at the press conference if anti-Jewish discrimination was being discussed in negotiations on the renewal of the lease of an air base in Saudi Arabia. He replied, at the outset, that he never heard that American Jews were being excluded. He referred the question to the State Department. When questioned further, he added that in connection with certain U.S. overseas bases the host countries did have some rights. The status of a leased airbase differed from that of a U.S. Embassy on foreign territory, he declared.

Ivan B. White, counsellor of the U.S. Embassy in Israel, was accused yesterday of increasing the Middle East war danger by spreading the idea that Israel might start a "preventive war" against the Arabs. Rep. Abraham J. Multer, New York Democrat, named Mr. White in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The committee is holding hearings on the Foreign Aid Bill.

Rep. Multer asked the committee to write into the aid bill provisions barring State Department officials from acts disruptive to peace and banning U.S. aid to any country unwilling to negotiate a peace settlement. He also urged a statement that the United States will be against the aggressor in any Middle East conflict.

MRS. HALPRIN NAMED ACTING CHAIRMAN OF JEWISH AGENCY IN NEW YORK

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, today appointed Mrs. Rose Halprin, Hadassah leader, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in New York during his absence from the United States. The appointment was made at a meeting of the newly-elected executive of the World Zionist Organization.

Joseph Sprinzak, Mapai leader, was unanimously named today president and chairman of a 14-man presidium of the Zionist Actions Committee. The presidium will name directors of the Jewish National Fund and of the Keren Hayesod. It will make decisions until the next plenary session of the full 100-member Zionist Actions Committee which will be held next winter. One of the first decisions adopted by the presidium today was to establish a settlement in Israel named for Louis Lipsky, veteran American Zionist leader.

At today's meeting of the World Zionist executive, under the chairmanship of Dr. Goldmann, it was decided that the executive should hold weekly plenary meetings. For reasons of efficiency, however, two sub-committees were elected to work in Israel and abroad. In the event the decisions of the two sub-committees are not unanimous, a plenary meeting of the executive will have the final word.

The executive devoted a part of its meeting to the question of the distribution of portfolios among executive members. The General Zionists insisted on having one of their members as the head of the Organization Department of the executive - a post which has been held for years by the Mapai. Negotiations over this request are being conducted, with Dr. Goldmann acting as a mediator. The General Zionists threaten to leave the executive if they do not get the portfolio.

WESTERN POWERS DETERMINED TO PRESERVE ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE, DULLES SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, speaking at a B'nai B'rith dinner here last night, said that the United States, Britain and France "all intend that the State of Israel shall be maintained in its independence." He revealed that at the conference of the foreign ministers of the 15 countries belonging to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization--which took place last week in Paris--there was recognition that "wide discrepancies in armed strength" between the Arab countries and Israel "would be likely to create dangerous tensions."

Mr. Dulles said he has no illusion that the Arab-Israel problem would be solved easily. However, he announced that the United States intends "to make progress" and will strive "to maintain the momentum now established by UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold" in his current effort to check hostilities on the Arab-Israel borders. He expressed the opinion that reliance should, above all, be placed in the United Nations.

"The members of the NATO Council were acutely conscious of the problem of maintaining peace in the Middle East," Mr. Dulles declared. "You will recall that when the Palestine mandate came to an end, the United States and other Western nations supported United Nations consideration on the future of Palestine which resulted in the creation of the State of Israel. As members of the United Nations we all intend that the State of Israel shall be maintained in its independence. Also we all want friendly political, cultural and economic relations with all of the nations of the area on a basis of impartiality. We do not believe that the two goals are incompatible.

"I sensed the feeling in Paris, the feeling of grave concern that the Soviet Union had sought to further its ends by playing fast and loose with peace in the area. There was the feeling that that very fact made it more important for the Western nations to act with firm deliberation and with care. There was recognition at Paris that wide discrepancies in armed strength would be likely to create dangerous tensions. There was also a conviction that the safety of the countries of the Middle East is not to be found in an arms race, particularly one which tended to put great world powers against each other."

Believes Moscow Is Aware of Dangerous Consequences of Arming Arabs

"It seemed particularly important to avoid a situation where great military powers confronted each other, by proxy, under conditions which would engage their respective prestiges in a manner ominous for peace, not only within the area but possibly throughout the world. There was a belief that reliance should, above all, be placed in the processes of the United Nations, and that we can, perhaps, do so now with somewhat greater confidence, since the Soviet Union seems at least to be increasingly aware of the dangerous consequences of reckless action and has indicated that it, too, would be prepared to support a solution through the United Nations.

"We all welcomed the active part now being taken by the United Nations Security Council to preserve the integrity of the armistice agreements and we are encouraged by the fact that the Secretary General's mission to the area seems to have produced some initial positive result. We believe that solid reliance can be placed upon the principles of the United Nations Charter and that no nation of the area which conforms internationally with those principles will stand alone. President Eisenhower made it clear, in his statement of April 9, 1956, that so far as the United States is concerned there could not be aggression with impunity.

"Past efforts toward a settlement of the substantive issues in the Middle East have encountered serious obstacles. The task is immensely complex and I have no illusion that solutions will be easily come by. But if progress is difficult it is also necessary, and we intend to make that progress. There are now grounds for hope that it may be possible to maintain the momentum now established by Secretary General Hammarskjold's current efforts. That, I assure you, the United States will strive to do," Secretary Dulles emphasized.

U. S. TO ACT FAVORABLY ON ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR \$75, 000, 000 LOAN

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- The Export-Import Bank is expected to act favorably in the reasonably near future on an Israel request for a \$75, 000, 000 loan to finance development of water resources other than the main Jordan River scheme, it was indicated here today by Israel circles, which confirmed that the application had been made. The bank is an agency of the U. S. Government.

Meanwhile, the Administration made known it is asking development assistance funds totalling \$139, 000, 000 for the new fiscal year for Israel, the Arab states, Ceylon, India, and Nepal. Stephen P. Dorsey, acting director of Near Eastern Operations of the International Cooperation Administration, testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He did not break down the regional total in a way that might spell out how much Israel and other states would get in their share.

Mr. Dorsey requested authority to carry over \$45, 300, 000 of unobligated Palestine refugee program funds. He also requested a special fund of \$100, 000, 000 for flexible use in providing economic assistance at the discretion of the executive branch. It is thought funds for the Aswan high dam in Egypt might come from the \$100, 000, 000 because Congress has indicated some opposition to the idea of making a direct allocation for the project.

TWO NON-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL CABINET DEFEATED IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Government beat off two challenges today when votes of no confidence over its handling of the refusal of the Haifa municipal administration to close an industrial exhibition on the Sabbath were defeated. The votes ad-
furor in the Knesset, however, are reported to have resulted in a promise by Premier David Ben Gurion to give "more consideration" to the Orthodox point of view.

The first vote was proposed by the Herut. The posing of the question embarrassed the religious parties, which are members of the coalition. They could not vote against the Herut motion since it supported a protest which they themselves had raised nationally. On the other hand, they could not vote with the right-wing opposition party and thus en-
danger the life of the coalition government.

In the midst of this wrangle, Premier Ben Gurion made a personal appeal to the religious deputies to act in a "moderate" manner and to remember that "we have to live to-
gether." The religious deputies then abstained, insuring the defeat of the Herut resolution by 55 to 11, with 26 abstentions. The Poale Agudah then proposed a similar vote of no confidence and was put down by 52 to three with 33 abstentions. The Communists and General Zionists joined the religious bloc in abstaining.

(The Agudath Israel of America today protested to Israel Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and Haifa's Mayor Abba Hushi against what it termed "desecration of the Sabbath" by the industrial exhibition in Haifa which remains open on Saturday. In its cable of protest, the organization expressed its solidarity with Israeli religious Jews who demonstrated in protest against the exhibit last Saturday in Jerusalem and other Israeli cities.)

SAMARKAND RABBI, ONLY RABBI IN SOVIET UZBEKISTAN, ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 9. (JTA) -- Rabbi Yechiel Maximoff, only rabbi of Samarkand, fabled ancient city of Soviet Uzbekistan, arrived here today as an immigrant. The 74-year-old rabbi was wearing a traditional Bukharian robe of multi-colored silk.

Rabbi Maximoff told newsmen that the religious life of the Samarkand Jews had remained untouched throughout the Communist regime. He said that he had not only been the com-
munity's rabbi, but also its cantor, mohel and ritual slaughterer.

He arrived on a plane with 14 other Jews from the USSR. Another passenger on the plane was Levi Kliest, who spent the past 15 years in Siberia where he had been exiled for Zionist activities. On another flight that arrived today were Mr. and Mrs. Zoltan Hirsh, released a few weeks ago from a Rumanian prison.

B'NAI B'RITH RE-ELECTS KLUTZNICK; VOTES TO JOIN WORLD JEWISH BODY

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith concluded its triennial convention here today with the re-election of Philip M. Klutznick as president for a second three-year term and with the approval of a proposal that the organization participate on an "exper-
imental basis" in an international body which would, for the present, act "consultatively" on world Jewish problems.

The proposal, made by Mr. Klutznick, won the unanimous endorsement of the delegates representing the 400,000 members of the organization. Mr. Klutznick explained that the success of the "experiment" would depend on the participation of other major Jewish or-
ganizations throughout the world. He named the Alliance Israelite Universelle and the Comite Representatif des Juifs de France, the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the South African Board of Jewish Deputies, the World Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee as possible participants.

The proposed grouping of Jewish organizations would, if organized, operate on an "ex-
perimental" level for two years, Mr. Klutznick said. During that period it would be name-
less. Its objectives, he stated, would be to: 1. Take action whenever necessary and co-
ordinate action taken by affiliated groups on world Jewish problems; 2. Gather information on Jewish affairs and problems throughout the world; 3. Provide facilities for a regular
exchange of views on all common problems.

"During the experimental period, the participating organizations will deal only with
such questions on which there is agreement that they be dealt with," Mr. Klutznick said.
"In the absence of such agreement every one of the participating organizations can act on
its own. No voting procedure will take place during this period and decisions can only be
reached by agreement." The statements, representations and actions of proposed or-
ganization would be made in the names of the participating constituent agencies.

In a brief address following his installation as president, Mr. Klutznick interpreted
the foreign policy speech by Secretary of State Dulles at the convention's banquet last
night as "confirmation of a new and a different attitude on the part of the Western Powers
with respect to the problems of the Middle East."

He added that "the safety and security of Jews are our concern. These require arms
for Israel. If our government, for reasons which may be appropriate diplomacy, declines
to deliver arms physically but has embarked on a program that will induce and encourage
others to do it, I am not concerned."

WARBURG HONORED IN PHILADELPHIA; PRESENTED WITH \$2,202,000 FOR U. J. A.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9. (JTA) -- Edward M. M. Warburg, president of the United Jewish Appeal, was honored here by Jewish communal leaders who presented him with two checks amounting to \$2,202,000 for the UJA at the annual Philadelphia Community Award Luncheon at the Warwick Hotel.

It was reported at the luncheon that the Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia has raised a total of \$3,512,060 so far in the 1956 campaign. The sum represents a coverage of only 58.4 percent of cards and \$700,000 more than the same number had given last year. The checks were presented to Mr. Warburg by Myer Feinstein, AJA president, who said they represented two loans from local banks which Allied made at this time on the community's credit in order to speed funds to the Special Survival Fund to resettle 45,000 Jews of North Africa in Israel this year.

Mr. Warburg was also presented with a specially inscribed Bible with a hand-illuminated dedication page in token of the community's appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the persecuted Jews of the world. In accepting the award, Mr. Warburg declared he was "thrilled and honored" but he appealed for greater giving. "Even though Philadelphia is to be congratulated for its expanded efforts we need not only the pledge--we need the cash--and we need it now, for it is, the cash which will help Israel and save the Jews of North Africa who must get out," he said.

COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL IN CHICAGO RAISES \$3,530,000 IN FIRST MONTH

CHICAGO, May 9. (JTA) -- The Combined Jewish Appeal has raised \$3,530,000 since the 1956 campaign opened one month ago today. Nine fund-raising dinner meetings are scheduled for the current week as the Appeal goes into its second month. The goal is \$6,825,000 for overseas and local needs, including immigration and resettlement in Israel.

With the campaign stressing a special \$1,500,000 Survival Fund for the immigration and resettlement in Israel of 45,000 Jews from Morocco and Tunisia, the local campaign has speeded up its annual appeal to provide emergency funds before political or military events in the Middle East and North Africa make rescue efforts impossible, according to David Borowitz, general chairman of the campaign.

The Combined Jewish Appeal, which also provides part of the annual deficit financing required by the Jewish Federation's affiliated hospitals and social welfare agencies in Chicago, makes its contribution to Jewish welfare nationally and overseas through the country-wide United Jewish Appeal. A total of 34 relief, medical, educational, religious, immigration, and other institutions and agencies--national, overseas, and local--receive a portion of the local campaign dollar, it was announced. Spurred by the Middle East crisis, and the plight of disrupted North African Jewish communities, CJA contributions are running 25 percent ahead of last year, it was reported.

CONVENTION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS STRESSES NEED FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

LIBERTY, N. Y., May 9. (JTA) -- Support for the expanded adult education program of the Conservative movement and for the greater stress on youth activities and leadership training proposed by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and the United Synagogue of America, was pledged here today at the closing plenary session of a convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, an affiliate of the Conservative movement.

The 600 delegates adopted a resolution hailing United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's efforts toward a peaceful solution between Israel and the Arab states. They also warned that the Soviet supplying of arms to the Arab states endangered not only the State of Israel but the peace of the region and possibly of the world.

Rabbi Joel S. Geffen, spiritual advisor of the federation, revealed that the total membership of the clubs was 50,000. Abraham Satovsky was elected president of the federation.

JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL PRESENTS FOUR AWARDS FOR BEST BOOKS IN 1955

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- Four awards carrying cash prizes totalling \$700 for 1955's best works of Jewish interest in the fiction, poetry and juvenile fields were made at the annual meeting of the National Jewish Welfare Board-sponsored Jewish Book Council of America today. The Council also presented a certificate of honor to Louis M. Rabinowitz, prominent philanthropist, "in recognition of his generous and discriminating devotion to Jewish literature."

The \$250 Harry and Ethel Daroff Memorial Fiction Award went to Miss Jo Sinclair, Novelty, Ohio, for her novel "The Changelings." This award, presented by Joseph Daroff, of Philadelphia, in behalf of himself and his brother, Samuel A. Daroff, was given for the best work of fiction of Jewish interest written and published in the U. S. in 1955. The \$250 award for her cumulative contribution to Jewish juvenile literature was given to Mrs. Sadie Rose Weilerstein, Atlantic City, N. J.

The Harry Kovner Memorial Awards of \$100 each went to Professor Hillel Evioli, New York, for his book of Hebrew poetry, "Aderet Hashanaim" (Mantle of Years, Jerusalem, Mosad Bialik), and Naphtali Gross, Yiddish poet, given, posthumously, for "cumulative contributions to Yiddish poetry." The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Eisig Silberschlag, dean of the Hebrew Teachers College, Boston. Distinguished educator and noted poet, Dr. Silberschlag spoke on Hebrew Literature at Midcentury.