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## Z. O. A. CONVENTION ASKS U. S. ARMS FOR ISRAEL; URGES MUTUAL SECURITY PACT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America today concluded its four-day annual convention here with a resolution calling on the United States not only to provide arms to Israel, but to give rather than sell such arms. The resolution also called for a mutual security treaty between the United States and Israel.

"As a firm ally of the West, Israel should not be called upon to impose a further strain on her economy in order to acquire these arms, but should receive such military aid and expanded economic assistance as a part of our program for mutual defense," the resolution stated.

The ZOA voiced "grave concern" over the steady deterioration of the American position in the Middle East. "We regard the severe political and diplomatic defeats suffered there by our country and by Western interests generally as the inevitable outcome of our government's policy of recent years, which was conceived in the mistaken belief that Arab friendship can be won by long discredited methods of appeasement," the resolution said.

"We profoundly regret that the many warnings... were disregarded by our Department of State, and that these warnings should have been so fully and tragically vindicated by the behavior of the Arab states, culminating in Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal," the resolution continued. Taking note of "the total collapse" of U. S. policy, the ZOA said: "We urge our government to act speedily and decisively to strengthen the American position by full and forthright support of Israel's defense."

The resolution welcomed "the Democratic Party's unequivocal call for the supply of defensive arms to Israel and the Republican Party's firm pledge to stand by Israel against armed aggression." It expressed commendation of France and Canada for selling jet planes to Israel.

"We have noted with satisfaction the statements of the President and Secretary of State upholding Israel's rights of passage through the Suez Canal and call upon our government to insist that these rights are assured in any settlement of the Suez conflict with Egypt," the resolution stated.

### Convention Elects Dr. Neumann Z. O. A. President

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, was elected president of the Zionist Organization of America at the closing session of the convention. In an address delivered last night prior to his election, Dr. Neumann reaffirmed the non-partisan political character of the ZOA. "We do not seek the triumph or defeat of any party," he declared.

At the same time, Dr. Neumann criticized United States foreign policy in the Middle East, saying it has not only been a failure, but that there were disquieting signs that the lesson has not yet been learned and no genuine change of policy has taken place. "It should be understood that such criticism as we are impelled to voice is motivated by deep and sincere concern for the national interest and wholly devoid of partisan consideration," he emphasized. He charged "we have in fact already capitulated to Nasser though the public is not fully aware of it."

Dr. Neumann said Nasser was getting away with his "humiliation of the United States and our allies. Our diplomats are now hunting a face-saving formula--a plausible fig leaf to cover the nakedness of their defeat." He cited four "cardinal blunders" which he said had been committed in official U. S. policy: encouragement of ambitions of Arab dictators; urging Britain to surrender Suez; promoting the Baghdad Pact which undermined rather than increased Western strength in the Near East, and refused defensive arms to Israel.

### Nixon Advises Taking Israel Issue Out of Election Campaign

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, addressing the ZOA convention, said with reference to Israel: "I know you will agree with me that for this issue to become a partisan one in the heat of a political campaign will serve neither the interests of Israel nor the United States." He expressed America's interest in Arab-Israeli peace, said America had worked to achieve it, and assured the delegates that "this Administration will continue

to have as one of its top priority objectives the promotion of a just and lasting peace between Israel and its neighbors."

He quoted from the 1956 Republican platform: "We regard the preservation of Israel as an important tenet of American policy... we shall support the independence of Israel against armed aggression," and added: "The Democratic platform also contains a strong statement on this issue. But while the platforms differ in wording they are based on the same sound principle--that the preservation of the independence of Israel is in the best interests of the United States as well as of Israel. And in the final analysis, in the best interests of world peace itself." At this point he called for agreement that the Israel issue not be made "a partisan one in the heat of a political campaign."

Mr. Nixon cited an April 9 statement by President Eisenhower pledging that "the United States, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations, will observe its commitments within constitutional means to oppose any aggression in the area." He reviewed U.S. economic assistance to Israel and said Israel knows "that no nation can be truly secure without a sound development and progress in the economic field."

Mr. Nixon told the convention that close ties by Americans with friends abroad "in no sense detract from our obligations and responsibilities as Americans." He said such friendship served "to strengthen the national endeavor to achieve a lasting peace all over the world. In this broad context, the efforts of the Zionist Organization of America to strengthen the bonds of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and Israel are deserving of support--and it is in this spirit that I convey the warmest greetings of the government of the United States to this convention."

#### Kefauver Says Israel Must be Assured Passage Through Suez

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Democratic nominee for the Vice Presidency, told the ZOA convention that the United States should accept no Suez accord at the United Nations which does not "include provision for safe passage (through the Suez Canal) for the commerce of Israel on an equal basis with all other nations of the world." He reiterated his position favoring the provision of arms by the United States to Israel. He said he was glad he belongs to a political party "which is in full agreement with my stand."

"The Suez crisis ought never to have taken place," he said. He charged that "our present leaders insisted that the British leave Suez without obtaining an agreement which would have halted the embargo against Israel." He called Israel "a beacon of democracy in the Middle East" which lights the path to the future for that poverty-stricken area. "A policy that allows that light of hope to be snuffed out is not a policy that will serve our ideals or our interests," he declared.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban said that "nothing could be less accurate or less useful than to proclaim our alleged 'weakness' or 'isolation' to the ears of the world." He indicated that Israel has grown in military strength. "While a task such as this is never completed with finality, we owe appreciation to the friendly governments whose decisions, authorizations, or influence have contributed to the reinforcement of our strength and spirit," he said.

"While it is true that Israel faces greater dangers than ever before, it is also true that we face them from a position of growing strength and confidence," he stated. Referring to the Suez issue now before the United Nations, Mr. Eban reported: "I find welcome sympathy for the soundness and justice of our case in favor of free navigation in this great international waterway. But it is one thing to recognize an abuse. It is another thing to remove it. The grave question is whether the maritime powers will actually move in effective concert to eliminate what an eminent personality rightly called 'a black mark' on Egypt's record."

Ambassador Eban said Israel's economy "has been subjected to heavy strain by the welcome renewal of immigration and, above all, by the exigent claims of defensive preparedness. The need to strengthen our economic and financial capacity now moves into the first place in our sequence of national priorities."

Other speakers at the convention included Mortimer May, outgoing ZOA president; Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Leon Dultzin, member of the Jewish Agency executive; Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America; Jacques Torczyner, Mendel Fischer; Rabbi Leon Feuer, Rabbi Max Nussbaum, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, and others.

#### DR. ARON SYNGALOWSKI, WORLD ORT LEADER, DIES IN PARIS; WAS 67 YEARS OLD

PARIS, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Aron Syngalowski, world leader of the ORT, died here today following a heart attack several days ago. He arrived here from Geneva, the world seat of the ORT, where he has been living since World War II. He was 67 years old. His body will be taken to Geneva for burial tomorrow or Tuesday.

Born in Russia, he received a university education there and, as a student, was active in Jewish life, becoming known as an inspiring public speaker. In 1909 he left Russia for Germany, where he studied and became an attorney. However, he never practiced law. Instead he devoted all his life to promoting the work of the ORT in all parts of the world. He was also the author of numerous works on social and economic problems.

# U.S. WOMAN CHARGED WITH SPYING IN ISRAEL AWAITS VERDICT THURSDAY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- The verdict in the trial of Miss Mary Frances Hagen, of Huntington, West Virginia, who is accused of acting as a Syrian spy in Israel is expected to be handed down here Thursday. Her secret trial lasted three days, from last Wednesday to Friday.

The 29-year-old woman was arrested in August a few days after she came to Israel from Damascus. She arrived in the Jewish State as a tourist, a government spokesman said, then identified herself as a journalist although she did not register as such with the government. Arrested after her questioning of various people had aroused suspicion, she was alleged to have been in possession of incriminating documents and photographs.

Miss Hagen was a student at Columbia University in 1951, it was established, and subsequently became secretary of the anti-Zionist, anti-Israel American Friends of the Middle East in 1953 and a secretary to the Syrian delegation at the United Nations in 1954. In 1955, after a tour of several Arab states, Miss Hagen became secretary of the Arab Students Organization in New York.

Her trial was attended by a representative of the State Department and by a member of the staff of the U.S. Embassy in Israel. She was advised of her legal rights by the Embassy. American press reports that the Israeli authorities, who conducted her trial in camera, had hidden her identity at the request of the U.S. Embassy was denied here. An Israeli spokesman said that her identity was shielded for security reasons.

# CITY OF FRANKFURT TO PAY \$760,000 RESTITUTION TO JEWISH COMMUNITY

FRANKFURT, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- By unanimous vote, the Frankfurt City Council has approved an overall restitution settlement with the Jewish community, the first of its kind in any West German city to provide compensation for the looting and illegal use of communal buildings during the Nazi era.

The settlement involves \$760,000 in cash, payable in annual instalments of \$120,000. It also provides for the formal return of title to certain real estate, notably the buildings which used to be the seat of the century-old "Philanthropin" Jewish high school and of the one-time Orthodox elementary school, the large West End Synagogue, the former Jewish Hospital on Gagerstrasse that now accommodates the Old-Age Home of the Community, and nine cemeteries within the municipal area.

In introducing the motion for the restitution settlement, city councillor Hugo Dornheim of the Social Democratic Party reminded his colleagues that the disappearance of 35,000 Jewish citizens had left a void in the cultural, scientific and economic sphere perhaps more noticeable in Frankfurt than in any other German city. He recalled how the Nazi municipality had in April 1939, five months after the November pogroms and synagogue burnings, "purchased" for a song the entire real estate that was the property of the Jewish Community. The buildings were later used for Nazi purposes, their equipment and furnishings largely scattered.

Even the negligible purchase price had not in fact been made available, the Social Democratic leader pointed out. He cited a recent judgment of the Frankfurt Superior Court in a test case brought by the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization. With reference to the 1931 "sales contract," the court held that a transaction must be considered immoral and invalid "when the other business partner is doomed to perdition and has been forewarned of his forthcoming perdition through acts of brutal savagery."

Now Frankfurt wanted to rectify those violations of human and civic rights, Mr. Dornheim stated, and to compensate the Jewish community for the losses and damage suffered in connection therewith. It wanted to proffer the hand of reconciliation by carrying out, as the first city in West Germany, this comprehensive type of restitution settlement. He admitted it had been overdue ever since the enactment of the Allied Restitution Law in 1947.

Spokesmen for the three other parties represented in the City Council also supported the proposed agreement. For German cities which have been even more laggard, said Dr. Hans Wilhelm of the Christian Democratic Union, Frankfurt's attitude would set an example.

# NAZI VICTIMS EXEMPTED FROM U.S. TAX ON COMPENSATION FROM GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- The U.S. Internal Revenue Service ruled this week-end that Jews and other victims of Nazi persecution now in the United States do not have to pay Federal income tax on compensation received from the German Government for economic losses.

The ruling was requested by a victim receiving compensation. The victim's identity was not divulged. The ruling covers funds paid by the West German Government for damage to life, body, health, liberty, or to professional or economic advancement. It also covers, as determined by Bonn authorities, the value of property lost because of, or seized by, the Nazis.

## A. D. L. DATE BOOK FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS BANNED; A. D. L. HITS CENSORSHIP

MIAMI, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- The Board of Education of Dade County, Florida, this week-end voted 4 to 1 to ban a school memo and date book published and made available by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to teachers throughout the country. The date book is designed to help schools and teachers who desire to include human relations subject matter in their curricula.

The date book contains listings of the important holidays of the major faiths; of national, legal holidays and other historic dates; and quotations from proverbs of many nations, great philosophers and great historical figures. More than 150,000 date books have been distributed annually during the past four years to school systems throughout the country. The action of the Dade County school board came under pressure from White Citizens Council groups, the ADL said.

(In New York, Henry Edward Schultz, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, declared: "Until this moment, the Miami schools gladly accepted the date book as an aid to teachers in programing for education in the democratic way of life. The school superintendent was evidently willing to make it available to his teachers this year, too, if the League would agree to tear from the back a listing of books, pamphlets, films, recordings and teaching guides. This listing of universally accepted materials to help teach better human relations is also aimed at fighting blind prejudice--precisely the attitude which resulted in the Dade County school board action. We will, of course, under no circumstances become a party to such an attempt at censorship.")

## JEWISH GROUPS OPPOSE SCHOOL STATEMENT BY N. Y. BOARD OF EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- The New York Council of the American Jewish Congress today expressed its "dismay at the precipitous action by the Board of Education in adopting the revised statement on 'The Development of Moral and Spiritual Ideals in the Public Schools.'" The organization urged the board to "take effective steps" to ensure that the program does not "provide license for religious instruction."

The Jewish Labor Committee said in a statement that the decision by the New York City Board of Education to promulgate its controversial procedure for developing moral and spiritual ideals in the public schools "calls for extreme caution and is fraught with dire consequences for every religious group." It warned that "the adoption of this statement by the Board may well add to the unfortunate tensions and divisiveness among our religious groups."

"The schoolroom can never replace the pulpit, nor the teacher replace the trained theologian," the JLC declared. "It is therefore essential that our historic concept of separation of church and state continue, with the school drawing from all facets of scientific development the necessary data to help make our children citizens responsive to the needs of their home, their community and their respective faiths."

## DR. SABIN, JEWISH SCIENTIST, DEVELOPS ORAL VACCINE FOR POLIO

CINCINNATI, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Albert B. Sabin, a Jewish research scientist, announced yesterday that he is prepared to mass test a live-virus polio vaccine to be taken orally. The Sabin vaccine has already been tested on animals and human volunteers.

Dr. Sabin said that one dose of the oral vaccine would produce immunity against all three major forms of polio. He believes that the vaccine will provide individual immunity and at the same time be a safeguard against epidemics.

Tests of the vaccine will begin next year in the United States and four foreign countries. Dr. Sabin, 50, was born in Poland and came to this country in 1921. He served in the U. S. Army in World War II as a lieutenant colonel. A recognized authority on virus diseases including the common cold, Dr. Sabin is associated with the Children's Hospital Research Foundation of Cincinnati.

## TORAH BROUGHT FROM LENINGRAD PRESENTED TO NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Katsh, chairman of the Department of Hebrew Culture and Education at New York University, this week-end presented to NYU a very old Torah he obtained this summer from the Oriental Institute of the Academy of Science in Leningrad. During a tour of the Soviet Union Prof. Katsh also brought back 72 Hebrew manuscripts and a microfilm of what is believed to be the oldest Bible in existence.

## ANCIENT JERUSALEM STONE USED FOR WASHINGTON SYNAGOGUE CORNERSTONE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7. (JTA) -- A stone used 2000 years ago in the Wall of Agrippa, one of the defensive walls surrounding ancient Jerusalem, was dedicated today as the cornerstone of a new \$500,000 building of Temple Sinai, a Reform synagogue. Speakers at the ceremonies included Paul G. Hoffman, a member of the United States delegation, and Rabbi Balfour Brickner, spiritual leader of the temple.