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DR. GOLDMANN ASKS MOSCOW TO "RECTIFY THE WRONGS" DONE SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- Asserting that "the Communist regime in Soviet Russia has not solved the Jewish problem," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress and of the World Zionist Organization, today called on the Soviet Government "to rectify the wrongs done to the 3,000,000 Jews of Soviet Russia." He asked that "Jews in the Soviet Union get the same facilities as other national and religious minorities in the U.S.S.R., namely, to organize their own institutions and to foster their own culture."

Dr. Goldmann was the guest of honor at a luncheon meeting of the national administrative committee of the American Jewish Congress, held at the Stephen Wise Congress House here. He participated in a ceremony dedicating the Nahum Goldmann Library in the Congress House.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Goldmann said: "Our insistence upon these demands is not a fight against the Soviet Union. We ask from the U.S.S.R. what we are asking from any country in the world, whatever its regime or social system may be--the right for Jewish citizens to live in full equality and the right for the Jewish community to maintain its identity."

There is nothing in the theory and program of Communism, Dr. Goldmann continued, which rules out Jewish life and the survival of Jews as an entity. "In the last years of Stalinism," he said, "all remnants of Jewish life were recklessly eliminated. This policy of the Stalin regime was only recently publicly condemned by Soviet leaders who have tried to make good the wrongs and crimes committed by the Stalin and Beria regimes against various minorities. The one minority," Dr. Goldmann said, "for which no such correction was made is the Jewish minority."

Cites Anti-Jewish Discrimination in Economic and Cultural Fields

While noting that anti-Semitism is officially outlawed in the Soviet Union, Dr. Goldmann asserted, "there is no doubt that in reality discrimination exists as regards the economic and cultural opportunities for Jews. This," he said, "has been admitted in statements of Soviet leaders themselves."

"The main issue," Dr. Goldmann continued, "which compels us to take a public stand is that the Jewish community of the Soviet will, in the long run, disintegrate and disappear if present conditions prevail. Jews, throughout history, could mostly survive as individuals by conversion or by assimilation. As a people, we have the right not only to secure the physical survival of the members of our people, but to continue living as part of the Jewish community. It is this right which is so gravely endangered in the Soviet Union today."

The Jewish leader emphasized that the World Jewish Congress will continue to urge the Soviet Union to allow Jews to emigrate from Russia. "Many Communist countries in the past and in the present," he said, "have shown understanding for this right and the desire of Jews to go to Israel, to be reunited with their families and to live a full Jewish life in Israel. Is it impossible to hope that the Soviet Union just as other Communist countries will be fair and generous enough to allow her Jewish citizens to go to Israel if they wish?"

Dr. Goldmann expressed the "profound disappointment of world Jewry at the spectacular deterioration in the Soviet Union's attitude towards Israel." Israel, he said, wants nothing more than to live in friendship with all countries, Communist and non-Communist alike. "Recent Soviet policy of partisanship is unworthy of a great power and defeats her peace aims and the prospects of establishing stability in the Middle East."

Jewish Situation in the Soviet Union Discussed in Britain

LONDON, May 19. (JTA) -- Russian Jews still interested in Jewish matters are afraid to show such interest because the atmosphere created by Soviet authorities toward Jewish problems is "unfriendly, not to say hostile," according to a report presented today at the meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The report said that Jewish

travelers who have returned from recent tours of Russia, where they looked for opportunities to meet Jews for private talks, all confirmed that Russian Jews were afraid to talk to them.

The possibility of progressive improvement in relations between the Western countries and the U.S.S.R., which appeared possible at one time last year, was dampened by the Suez crisis, creating new tensions between Russia and the Western powers, especially England, and more hostility towards Israel and Jews generally, including Russian Jews, the report said.

Despite danger that a display of interest in Jewish matters may hurt chances of Russian Jews for employment, education of their children and similar personal issues, the returning travelers also reported, Jews they met showed the greatest interest in Jewish life abroad, particularly Israel. "However, this estrangement from Jewish life which has been enforced for so many years has inevitably resulted in a very far advanced process of assimilation, threatening the disappearance of the Jewish community in Russia--a matter of gravest concern to Jews in the Western world," the report said.

The indications of Soviet leadership of a new interest in developing contacts with Great Britain may make possible further endeavor for closer contacts and exchanges of properly constituted and authorized delegations between the Jewish communities of Russia and England, the report added.

Canadian Jewish Communists Leave Party in Protest Against Moscow

TORONTO, May 19. (JTA) -- Soviet discrimination against Jews brought about today the resignation from the Communist Party of Canada of Sam Lifshitz, former editor of a Canadian Jewish Communist newspaper, and J.B. Salzberg, former member of the Ontario Legislature. The latter visited Moscow recently where he conferred with Nikita Khrushchev, head of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union. Mr. Salzberg expressed disappointment over Mr. Khrushchev's views on the Jews.

In a statement announcing their resignation, the Canadian Communists emphasized that their move resulted from the Canadian Communist Party's refusal to protest against Soviet actions in Hungary and the "unjust and anti-Socialist treatment of Jewish culture" by the Soviet Government. Mr. Salzberg was one of the most prominent Communists on the American continent and was at one time a member of the "Comintern," once the supreme body of international Communism.

U.N. TO TAKE UP SUEZ ISSUE TODAY; ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES STAND

JERUSALEM, May 19. (JTA) -- With the United Nations Security Council scheduled to start discussion tomorrow on the Suez Canal issue, to be followed later this week by discussions of Syria's complaint against Israel's erection of a bridge in the Huleh demilitarized zone, the Israel Cabinet today took up these matters. It heard a report by Foreign Minister Gold Meir.

The Cabinet meeting today also discussed the joint American-Israel statement on the "Eisenhower Doctrine" which is to be issued as a result of the visit here of James P. Richard, President Eisenhower's special ambassador. The text of the statement is now being prepared.

Foreign Ministry officials, meanwhile, refused to discuss any aspect of a "test" ship attempting to pass the Suez Canal. They did hint, however, that no ship would be sent through the waterway pending clarification in the Security Council debate which starts tomorrow. Israel considers herself covered by the "six principles" for operation laid down for the canal's operation by the Council last October and which France now charges were violated by Egypt. It is for this reason that Israel has not requested a voice in the Council debate, it was indicated.

The Israel-chartered Norwegian freighter Mars which left Haifa this week-end will not be routed through the canal in line with Israel's policy to let the Security Council make an attempt to solve the problem. It was stated quite frankly last week by Foreign Ministry circles that there was a likelihood that the ship would be routed through the canal, although Israel did not consider her a "test" vessel since she did not fly the Israel flag.

In another action, the Cabinet today agreed to appoint a special committee to study expansion of the current national insurance program to cover more Israelis and to offer those already under its protection additional benefits in the form of health insurance.

KING SAUD NOTIFIES EISENHOWER HE WILL NOT PASS ISRAELI SHIPS

WASHINGTON, May 19. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower has received a personal message from Arabian King Saud reasserting an intention to prohibit Israeli shipping in the Strait of Tiran and protesting what the King regarded as U.S. assistance to Israel in the development of the port of Elath.

Meanwhile, Israel held firm today in the resolve to send an Israeli-flag ship through the Suez Canal--despite Egyptian warnings against such a step. A spokesman for the Israel Embassy said that Israel "will not be influenced" by a statement issued yesterday by Egypt. The statement warned that any Israel attempt to navigate the canal will cause Egypt to invoke her "right of self-defense."

AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL FORMED; ENROLLS ZIONISTS, NON-ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- A new organization of American Jews, to be known as the American Jewish League for Israel, was established here today following the conclusion of a two-day founding assembly of the Independent Zionists of America. Ezra Z. Shapiro, of Cleveland, was elected president of the new group. Louis Lipsky and Judge Louis E. Levinthal were named honorary presidents.

The aims and purposes of the new organization were outlined at the two-day parley by Dr. Arthur Lelyveld and were ratified at the closing session of the conference. The new Zionist organization came into existence as a result of dissatisfaction with Zionist groups which are affiliated with political parties in Israel.

"The new organization," Dr. Lelyveld said, "will be composed of Jews who stand above class or political party and who, though they may differ among themselves in their philosophies of Jewish life, will be united in a common dedication to the Jewish ideals which motivated and conditioned the creation of the Jewish State."

Declaring that the existence of Israel "demands a redefinition of the relationship between Jews in America and the Land of Israel," Dr. Lelyveld, as chairman of the committee which prepared the guiding principles and a program of action for the new group, stated that the organization will be united in its dedication to Israel, but will also "seek to enrich the Jewish content in the lives of American Jews." The organization intends to enroll Zionists as well as Jews who have never been affiliated with the Zionist movement, Dr. Lelyveld emphasized. It will not be affiliated with any political party in Israel, he stressed.

Judge Levinthal, a former president of the Zionist Organization of America, addressing the conference, said: "We would not be true to our conscience, and to our devotion to Israel as a whole, if we permitted ourselves to become identified or aligned, directly or indirectly, with any political party in the state (of Israel), and therefore to interfere in Israel's internal problems which its citizens alone have the right to solve for their selves."

Lipsky Criticizes Z. O. A.; Goldmann Talks on Arab-Israel Problem

Louis Lipsky, also a former president of the Zionist Organization of America, told the conference that the ZOA "has preferred to ignore the challenge" posed by the establishment of the Jewish State, and "takes shelter in a political party in Israel." He said that the new organization "is the first step in the renaissance and reconstruction of the Zionist movement" and that it will "create new forms of organized action" by avoiding the "ambitions and controversies of parties."

"In discarding all entangling political partisanship in Israel, the new organization will rise to a higher level, from which the Diaspora may see the greatness of Israel and serve to develop a more realistic sovereignty for the State," Mr. Lipsky said.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, who returned to the United States after an absence of six months, voiced a note of qualified hope that the Israel-Arab problem may be moving closer to solution. The Zionist leader said there is reason to assume that for the first time in years the Arabs may begin to "accept the fait accompli of Israel's existence." Once the Arab nations accept the fact that Israel cannot be erased from the map, Dr. Goldmann continued, "the psychological basis will have been laid for an eventual settlement."

He based his reserved hopefulness, Dr. Goldmann said, on two factors. "One is that notwithstanding their unabated belligerent utterances, the Arab leaders must soon begin to concede, as a consequence of Israel's impressive Sinai campaign, that the new state is there to stay. As a result of the same event, the Big Powers have certainly realized that a first condition for the stabilization of the Middle East is a settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict."

Amplifying these remarks, Dr. Goldmann said: "We are hopeful, therefore, that the Big Powers will continue to treat this problem as a most urgent issue and that they will, at long last, make a serious attempt to stabilize the Middle East. A special responsibility evolves upon the United States of America which is increasingly filling the vacuum created by the decline of British and French influence. Consequently, no other democratic power bears as great a responsibility as the United States for the peaceful development of this vital area."

The conference, which was also addressed by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, elected Samuel Rothberg as chairman of the board of directors of the new organization. Louis P. Rucker was named chairman of the executive committee. Other officers are: vice-presidents, Rabbi Isadore Breslau, Benjamin R. Harris, Dr. Arthur Lelyveld, Philip M. Lown, Dewey D. Stone and Julian B. Venezky; secretary, Jacob M. Elkow, treasurers, Samuel H. Daroff and Joseph M. Mazer.

An anonymous bomb threat disrupted the session today for a short time. The manager of the Biltmore Hotel, where the convention was held, received a telephone call which threatened to bomb the hotel if Ambassador Eban spoke. After a police search, which revealed nothing, Mr. Eban spoke--with a police guard in attendance.

"FORWARD" CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY; EISENHOWER GREET'S NEWSPAPER

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 guests filled Carnegie Hall today to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Jewish Daily Forward, largest Jewish daily newspaper in the world. Principal speakers at the celebration included Israel Ambassador Abba Eban; George Meany, president of the organized American labor movement; Harry Rogoff, editor-in-chief of the Forward; Alexander Kahn, general manager of the newspaper; Adolph Held, president of the Forward Association, and others.

President Eisenhower, in a message of greetings, emphasized the role which the Forward played in spreading American principles among its readers. Israel President Ben Zvi and Premier Ben Gurion, in cabled greetings, pointed out the role which the newspaper played in strengthening the American Jewish labor movement and in stimulating active interest to Israel among its readers. Greetings were also received from Hugh Gaitskell, Herbert Morrison and other British statesmen.

Governor Harriman of New York, and Mayor Robert F. Wagner, in their greetings, expressed pride over the fact that the Forward is published in New York. Israel Ambassador Eban said that "in this great Yiddish newspaper Israel has found staunch and unwavering support, an understanding for its trials and deep sympathy for its aspirations." The 200-page jubilee edition of the Forward carries an article by Ben Gurion, written in Yiddish, especially for this edition, relating experiences of his first years in New York.

Z. O. A. LEADERS CALL UPON REGIONAL PRESIDENTS TO HELP U. J. A. DRIVE

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- "An inadequate response to the UJA and Rescue Fund campaigns would gravely jeopardize the current immigration program of the Jewish Agency," warned Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, at a meeting of ZOA regional presidents and UJA chairmen of the metropolitan Zionist districts, held at the Hotel Biltmore.

Abraham Goodman, chairman of the national executive council of the ZOA, who presided, called upon all Zionist districts to provide additional volunteers to assure the success of the UJA campaign. Scoring any attitude of complacency or apathy, Dr. Neumann said that those who fail in their duty toward the Rescue Fund are, in effect, imposing "Jewish sanctions on the State of Israel and may be held guilty of torpedoing its rescue program."

\$500,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD AT DINNER HONORING U. S. LABOR LEADER

NEW YORK, May 19. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 labor and management representatives of the meat, fur and leather industries attended a dinner here tonight honoring Earl W. Jimerson, noted trade union leader, at which \$500,000 of Israel bonds were purchased. The dinner, held in Hotel Commodore, was sponsored in cooperation with the State of Israel bond drive. A plaque of a silver map of Israel was presented to Mr. Jimerson for his efforts on behalf of Israel's economy.

Responding to the tributes paid him, Mr. Jimerson said: "I am proud that our union has demonstrated its support for Israel in the past. I am proud that we are continuing that support through purchases of Israel Bonds tonight--because our support of Israel is part and parcel of the active role that American labor is playing in the defense of decency and freedom and democracy--just as the people of Israel are also defending freedom and democracy in their part of the world."

SHARETT GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTIONS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Australia, May 19. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, former Israeli Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, is receiving extremely enthusiastic receptions in this country from leaders of the government as well as from the Jewish community.

In Perth, Adelaide and in this city, he has been greeted by governors, mayors and military guards of honor. Many Jews have turned out at airports to meet Mr. Sharett, who is accompanied by Mrs. Sharett. The Jews danced the hora in honor of the visitors, sang Hebrew songs and shouted greetings in Hebrew.

Mr. Sharett is aiding campaigns here to assist Jewish emigration from Europe and North Africa to Israel. He is also meeting with leaders of the Labor Party and explaining Israel's position in the present Middle East crises.

ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATION IN WILLIAMS COLLEGE FRATERNITIES SUBSIDES

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., May 19. (JTA) -- Although religious and racial discrimination in college fraternities on the Williams College campus has decreased as a result of the administration's order in 1955 to end discriminatory membership bars, there is still some prejudice, according to a student study released here this week-end.

The student council's committee on discrimination found that in general the atmosphere on campus had improved and could be expected to continue to improve. However, it noted that in several Greek letter societies Jews were barred as a result of an "unwritten agreement" between the local chapter and the national organization. Most fraternities, the report continued, admitted Jews to membership but limited the number who belong at one time. Since 1953, it reported, the number of Jews who became fraternity members has doubled.