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GOLDMANN DEMANDS ISRAEL LOOK UPON JEWS IN DIASPORA AS "PARTNERS"

JERUSALEM, March 18. (JTA) -- With a dramatic call for a revolutionary reversal of the present relationship between Israel and the Jewish people, as the only means of solving the unprecedented problems which will face both in the coming decade, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, opened the Zionist Actions Committee meeting here tonight. The Actions Committee is the policy-making body of the Zionist movement between world congresses.

Reviewing the Middle East situation and briefly sketching the position of the Jewish communities on both sides of the Iron Curtain, Dr. Goldmann called for a basic change from the present position of Jews outside Israel as mere "helpers" of Israel to a "joint partnership" as the only possible way to solve material and spiritual problems.

Listing Israel's three main outside sources of income as the Jewish people, American aid and German reparations, Dr. Goldmann warned that the American and German funds "will disappear or nearly disappear" in the next decade. "This means," he went on, "that the Jewish people will become the most important source of Israel's income in the next decade."

Dr. Goldmann warned that without success in "raising the level and form of Jewish participation in upbuilding Israel in a substantial and radical way, there is no chance whatsoever that we will be able to cope with the tasks which the second ten-year period will put before Israel and the Jewish people in making Israel secure, in enabling the development of the country--and especially of the Negev--in making possible large immigration of those who still have to come to Israel, and especially in view of the prospects wherein I fully believe that in the coming ten-year period Eastern Europe will 'open up' for Jewish immigration to Israel.

"None of these problems will be solved even sketchily if Jewish support for Israel remains what it is today, seen from the viewpoint of donations, of bond buying, of private investment and least, but certainly not last, of providing manpower for Israel," he added.

Says Jews Outside of Israel Cannot be Regarded Merely as "Helpers"

"We have started to move in the wrong direction, making the upbuilding of Israel nearly exclusively the responsibility of its citizens and regarding the other Jews of the world as helpers and friends," the World Zionist president pointed out. "If we regard them as givers and helpers, there is no limit to the gratitude we owe them. If we look upon them as partners in the crucial and historic task of Jewish life, we have the right and duty to blame the Jewish people for the insufficiency of its efforts."

The consequence of the separation between Israel and Jews abroad in the upbuilding of Israel was not less negative for Israel, Dr. Goldmann maintained. "Israel has got used to the notion it could do it more or less by itself. Its self-confidence became over-exaggerated and it began to regard the Jews of the world purely as helpers. It became indifferent, even contemptuous, of Zionism.

"It began to feel that it could fulfill its destiny without the Jews of the world. It became jealous of any intervention from Jews outside of Israel and began to develop with regard to the Jewish communities the nonsensical feeling of sovereignty, with the result that it has had more and more to go on its knees to the Jews of the world begging for help instead of approaching the Jewish communities as partners in one piece of work."

"In order not to be misunderstood," Dr. Goldmann continued, "I am not demanding for the Jews of the world the right to determine Israel's foreign policy, nor the right to mix in internal policies. I am against identification of Zionist parties with political parties in Israel. But I do think that the great, real partnership of the Jewish people with Israel will require their becoming familiar with the problems of upbuilding Israel and their right and duty to advise and influence the way their contributions--be it donations or investments--are being used.

Lists Conditions for Partnership between Israel and the Jewish People

"I know how difficult it will be to change this approach," he avowed. "The Jewish communities feel much easier in the position they have been for the last ten years. They and

their leaders are afraid of taking responsibility." In order to achieve this new partnership, Dr. Goldmann said, two conditions must be fulfilled

First, the Zionist movement must re-educate itself, admit newcomers, do away with petty party politicking and make chalutzit one of the essential parts of its program. At this point Dr. Goldmann severely criticized both Zionist leaders abroad and Zionist party leaders in Israel who had not implemented the last Zionist congress resolutions aimed at achieving the above aims.

The second condition for a new partnership between Israel and the Jewish people, Dr. Goldmann continued, is more essential than the first--namely, the proper attitude and willingness of Israel. A partnership cannot be imposed. One cannot run permanently after Israel trying to be even a junior partner. It is not a question of privilege. "Partnership has to be willed by both partners and even if the Jewish people realize it needs Israel desperately for its own future, it cannot impose joint responsibility and joint partnership on the major partner called the State of Israel."

Dr. Goldmann emphasized that "much more important than whether Israel should be Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, European or Asiatic, is the decision about which, in my opinion, there can be no possible doubt that Israel must be Jewish--the joint creation, the joint venture based on the joint responsibility of the Jewish people, as its instrument for its survival and its future."

Says Moscow Deprives Jews of Rights; Reviews Middle East Situation

In the beginning of his speech, Dr. Goldmann reviewed Middle East developments, listing Soviet penetration and the beginning of Arab unification as the most important and as creating a situation "most perilous for Israel." The only hope for Israel, he said, "is some agreement between the two blocs--some armistice--regarding the Middle East" increasing the area's stability.

In this connection, Dr. Goldmann clarified his views on his right to speak on Israel foreign policy matters. He said he had reached full agreement with Premier David Ben Gurion that while nobody can make a political statement in behalf of the Zionist Organization, every Zionist including the president of the Zionist Organization, has the right to express political views in his personal, individual capacity.

Continuing his review of the world scene, Dr. Goldmann said "Eastern European Jewry, especially that of the Soviet Union, is still deprived de facto, although not legally, of its rights and facilities to live a Jewish life and maintain its identity as part of the Jewish people. We are as determined today as we were a year ago to continue to press that these rights and facilities be granted to the Jewish community in the USSR. We demand for these Jews no more, nor less than is granted all other minorities in the Soviet Union.

"If there has been any progress in this respect," he continued, "it has been the fact that world public opinion is becoming increasingly aware of the problem. Even groups and personalities who cannot be suspected of antagonism or hostility toward the Soviet Union or the Communist world are beginning to comprehend the justice of our demands which are not to be confounded with any position regarding the Soviet Union or its ideology. We ask of every state in the world that the Jews be granted the right of equal citizenship and the right for the Jewish community to collectively maintain its Jewish character and remain an inseparable part of the Jewish people.

"The right to emigrate to Israel for those who so desire is only a self-evident part of our general demand and is based on the Magna Carta of Human Rights. I hope I am not mistaken in feeling that the leaders of the Soviet Union are also beginning to become slightly aware of this problem. Therefore we may hope that in pursuance of the policy of co-existence, relaxation of tensions and mutual good will and tolerance which the Soviet Union proclaims to be the basis of its foreign policy, the time will come when these justified demands will begin consideration and Jewish communities in the Soviet orbit will be allowed, within the social and political structure of their countries, to develop their national character and culture, re-establish contacts with Jewish communities in other parts of the world, and emigrate to Israel."

GENERAL ZIONISTS CONCLUDE TEL AVIV PARLEY; RETAIN "CONFEDERATION" NAME

TEL AVIV, March 18. (JTA) -- The world conference of the General Zionists led by Dr. Emanuel Neumann--as distinct from a similar conference of General Zionists held last week in London under the leadership of Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin--concluded here today with a resolution to surrender the name of the World Confederation of General Zionists unless the "dissidents" too agree not to call themselves World Confederation of General Zionists.

Should the "dissidents" agree to assume another name, the conference here empowered its newly elected executive of twelve to change the name of the organizations to "World Union of General Zionists." The conference elected Dr. Neumann president and decided to establish headquarters in New York with an office in Israel directed by the Israeli members of the executive. It postponed a decision on the question of a merger between the General Zionists of Israel and the Herut Party.

BOMBINGS OF JEWISH CENTERS IN NASHVILLE, MIAMI FIND ECHO IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, today warned in remarks on the Senate floor that bombing of institutions of the Jewish faith in the South represented a danger to other groups. He offered new legislation that would strengthen Federal law protecting judges like U.S. Judge William E. Miller of Nashville, who was threatened simultaneously with the bombing of a Jewish community center.

The legal change urged by Sen. Javits would punish "whoever, alone, or in conspiracy with others, by threats, force or intimidation prevents or attempts to prevent a Federal officer, including a judge, from carrying out his duties or threatens to injure him because he has already done so."

A spokesman for the Department of Justice said today the FBI is continuing to observe the situation arising from the bombing of Jewish centers in the South and the threatening of Judge Miller. U.S. attorneys in Miami and Nashville are reporting to Washington on developments.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has evidence that segregationist groups are planning a south-wide series of bombings such as those which hit Jewish centers Sunday at Miami and Nashville, district ADL director Nate Perlmutter said today. "We are in possession of highly-restricted evidence, shared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation," he stated.

The more than 900 posts and auxiliaries of the Jewish War Veterans were asked by their national leaders today to contribute to a reward fund to compensate those who provide information leading to the arrest of the dynamiters of Jewish community centers in the South. The reward fund was suggested by the Alexander D. Goode Post of Washington, which made the first cash contribution.

RESTITUTION CLAIMS DEADLINE EXTENDED; NO EXTENSION FOR INDEMNIFICATION

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- The extension of the filing deadline under the German Restitution Law (BRUEG) to December 31, 1958 has been approved by the German Bundessarat at Bonn, it was reported here today by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The BRUEG was enacted by the German Parliament last year and provides for payments to Nazi victims tallying up to 1,500,000,000 marks (\$357,143,000), in compensation for the loss of non-traceable properties, including bank accounts, securities, jewelry and personal valuables.

The extension of the filing deadline is applicable to the BRUEG only, the Conference pointed out today. It does not pertain to the Federal Indemnification Law (BEG), where the filing deadline is scheduled to expire on March 31, 1958.

Indemnification Claims Can Be Made By Cable, Official Says

JERUSALEM, March 18. (JTA) -- While the deadline for filing indemnification claims with the German authorities will not be extended beyond March 31, German officials will handle any claim reaching them before the deadline, even if filed by cable and without particulars, Dr. Blessin, head of the Compensation and Restitution Department at Bonn's Finance Ministry, told a press conference here today.

Dr. Blessin and three other Bonn officials were ending a two-week visit to Israel during which they consulted with Israel Finance Ministry officials and hundreds of attorneys handling compensation claims against Germany.

Figures released at the press conference indicated Israel claimants should receive a total of \$100,000,000 in the coming fiscal year. Dr. Blessin said that the total number of claims submitted by the end of 1957 was 1,700,000, most of it from abroad. He said the largest number of claimants resided in Israel and the second largest in the U.S.

ISRAEL MINISTER CONFERS IN WASHINGTON ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- Pinchas Saphir, Israeli Minister of Commerce and Industry, today met with U.S. officials to discuss in detail pending questions involving American-Israeli economic cooperation. Mr. Saphir is believed to have discussed Israel's application for an \$18,000,000 loan from the U.S. development loan fund. He met with William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and others.

Mr. Saphir recently returned from the Far East where he took up economic matters with a number of nations. It was indicated that his visit to Washington involved not only a courtesy call on officials but actual detailed discussion of pending projects. The \$18,000,000 loan from the development loan fund would finance power development in Israel.

U.S. REVISIONISTS CALL CONFERENCE TO PROCLAIM FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- The executive of the United Zionist-Revisionists of America announced today a national conference of Revisionist groups and affiliates for March 23 to proclaim a fund-raising campaign for the Herut-Revisionist institutions in Israel. The conference will be addressed by a number of Revisionist leaders from Israel, the announcement said.

GOLDA MEIR ARRIVES IN NIGERIA ON FIVE-DAY VISIT; CONFERS WITH PREMIER

LAGOS, Nigeria, March 18. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir conferred here today with Dr. Namdi Azikiwe, Premier of the Eastern region of Nigeria, as she began her five-day visit to this country, the most populous on the African continent. She is also scheduled to confer later in the week with the Premier of the Western region and the Federal Premier.

One of the purposes of Mrs. Meir's visit is to offer the Nigerian nation, scheduled to receive its independence from Britain in 1960, and any technical, development and trade assistance it desires which Israel is able to furnish. She will also continue a discussion on trade begun several months ago when Chief Akran, Minister for Economic Planning, visited Israel on a study tour.

Her official residence during her stay in Nigeria is that of the Governor General, Sir James Robertson. In addition of the official functions at which she will be the guest of honor in this city and in the regional capitals of Enugu and Abadan, Mrs. Meir will be honored at a reception given for her by the small local Jewish community.

The Israeli Foreign Minister came here from Abidjan, capital of the French Ivory Coast, where she participated in ceremonies opening the newest and largest bridge in the colony. At a dinner in her honor there, she met African leaders of all of French West Africa, who were eager to hear of Israel's economic and developmental achievements. By their questions, the Africans indicated an interest in Israel's assistance with the development of agricultural cooperatives.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN U.S. HONORED BY ALLIANCE ISRAELITE; LAUDS ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- France and Israel "will forever be united in the eternal struggle for liberty and human dignity," stated Herve Alphand, French Ambassador to the United States, last night addressing 250 Jewish leaders assembled at a reception given in his honor at the Hotel Pierre by the American Friends of the Alliance Israelite Universelle. He likened France's aid to Israel, "at a time when help was most needed" to the help given by France to the American colonies in their struggle for independence.

M. Alphand warmly praised the work of the Alliance, a leading French-Jewish organization, active in the defense of Jewish rights throughout the world and operating a large network of schools in Israel and other Near Eastern countries as well as in North Africa. A telegram from Yitzhak Ben Zvi, President of Israel, expressing appreciation for the Alliance's "contribution to the growth of Israel" was read at the gathering. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who also addressed the gathering, stated that she is sure the schools of the Alliance, some of which she visited during her latest trip to North Africa, are strengthening the social fabric of that part of the world by raising the educational level of the local Jewish population.

Professor Rene Cassin, head of the French Conseil d'Etat in France, former chairman of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and who is known as the "father of the Declaration on Human Rights," shared with the audience his reminiscences on the drafting of the document. In his capacity as president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, Professor Cassin expressed the gratitude of the organization for the help extended to many of its schools by American Jewry through the American Joint Distribution Committee.

Former Senator Herbert H. Lehman, honorary president of the American Friends of the Alliance, who chaired the meeting, said that he is certain the governments of Morocco and Tunisia will encourage the Alliance to maintain and strengthen its network of Jewish schools in these countries. Other speakers included Marcel Franco, president of the organization and Alan M. Stroock, chairman of the Board.

FANNIE HURST PRESENTS \$360,000 AS GIFT TO EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Novelist Fannie Hurst has made a gift of \$360,000 to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine for a laboratory unit for Cardiovascular Research, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University of New York, announced today.

Dr. Belkin said that the laboratory unit would be dedicated at a dinner April 2 at which Miss Hurst would be honored for her contributions to literary, civic and communal endeavors in America.

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT INVITED TO ISRAEL; VISITED BY ISRAEL ENVOY

BUENOS AIRES, March 18. (JTA) -- Argentine President-elect Arturo Frondizi will definitely visit Israel some time in the future, but cannot fix the time now, he told Israel Ambassador Arie L. Kubovi this week-end.

Ambassador Kubovi had called on Dr. Frondizi to invite him to visit the Jewish State and to thank him for the pro-Israel statement which the President-elect had made during his campaign for election. Dr. Frondizi said that he intended to stick by his pro-Israel sentiments.