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## DR. GOLDMANN STRESSES LINK BETWEEN STATE OF ISRAEL AND JEWS ABROAD

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- Winding up the debate in the Zionist Actions Committee session, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, voiced strong disagreement with speakers who conceived of Jewish life in two distinct entities, Israel and the communities abroad.

This viewpoint, he said, meant abandonment of the central point of classical Zionism, that the solution of the Jewish problem and the possibility of a full Jewish life lie in Israel. While the Zionist movement must work for a maximum Jewish life in the communities outside Israel, Zionism without a program of immigration and pioneering is "unthinkable and untenable."

The Zionist movement cannot be responsible for, nor can it determine foreign policy of a sovereign Israel, he declared. But that does not mean that the movement nor its members should not be interested in Israel's foreign policy, he emphasized. There is no reason why it should not be discussed, he said, though there cannot be any binding decision nor any real dealing with political questions except where the state asked for support in specific cases or in defense of the rights of the state.

### Insists on Right to Differ with Israel Government in Opinion

In reference to criticism that he had expressed his personal opinions about Israeli policy, the president of the WZO noted that this was everybody's right and that he would not accept a decision which forbade his stating his position on matters be regarded as vital for Israel if that position were not in full accord with Israel Government policy.

On the question of non-Zionist being represented on the Jewish Agency, Dr. Goldmann recalled that the last meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee had adopted a resolution proposing the establishment of an advisory committee to the Agency as a first step in the direction of including non-Zionists in the Agency. The purpose of asking non-Zionists to serve is not only to increase contributions but to use the resources and potential of the Jewish communities and their leadership to help solve the great problems of Israel's development and to give them a feeling of responsibility.

Referring to the Jewish Agency charter from the Israel Government, he insisted that a "real partnership" could not exist if one partner was unwilling. Dr. Goldmann noted that the Agency-government coordinating board had never really functioned, though it was one of the foundations of the charter. The government undertook many projects in many countries abroad without prior consultation with the Agency, he stressed.

An attempt was being made to reorganize the coordinating board but, he pointed out, its success will depend on the attitude of the government. Most important, Dr. Goldmann maintained, was the attitude of Premier David Ben Gurion in this matter, and on that would depend whether the attempt to revive the coordination board was successful or "abortive."

### Mrs. Halprin Criticizes Talk of Emigration of Jewish Youth from U.S.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, asserted that not immigration but "redemption of a lost generation" which has drifted away from the Jewish nation and which is no longer imbued with a spirit of Judaism is the major problem of American Jewry. She pointed out that immigration from the United States demands conditions other than those which affect immigration from Morocco and asked that this "perennial" demand for American Jewish immigration be removed from the discussion once and for all.

Mrs. Halprin also criticized the effort to persuade American Jewish youth that it is in "galuth" and has no place in America. "Nobody will take notice of such an explanation," she assured her listeners, and it "is only liable to alienate them."

Mortimer May of Nashville, Tenn., former ZOA president, commenting on the \$11,000,000 pound budget proposal before the meeting, saw no reason to anticipate a decline in United Jewish Appeal contributions. He expressed confidence that the United States would be able to stay the recession. He called the composition of the American

section of the Agency executive "not truly representative of United States Jewry" because most of its members were New Yorkers.

Avraham Harman, member of the Agency executive, disputed the view that Jewry's assistance to Israel was mere philanthropy. He noted there was no historic parallel for the United Jewish Appeal and its accomplishments which included, he insisted, helping change the course of Jewish history. The Zionist movement must remind the world that there is a Jewish problem and its only possible solution is immigration to Israel. He estimated that the minimum emigration needs of the Jews--and of the world, too--require the transfer of 600,000 Jews to Israel.

#### Dr. Goldmann Sees Great Future for the Zionist Movement

While Dr. Goldmann, in his reply, agreed with a number of speakers on the vital importance of the communities abroad for the Zionist movement, he held that "unfortunately we are limited by the overwhelming necessity of our tasks to Israel." Expanding work abroad means a reduction of activities in behalf of Israel, he stated.

Replying to criticism that he was pessimistic in outlook, Dr. Goldmann declared it was the duty of a leader to tell the truth, not to encourage illusions and unjustified hopes. He would not be doing his duty, he continued, if he did not warn the movement of the difficulties and dangers it faces, of its tremendous tasks. If he had not believed in the possibilities of a great future for the movement, he underscored, he would not have accepted its presidency. He will give up the Zionist movement the moment he becomes convinced his hopes are unjustified, the president of the WZO said.

Jacques Torczyner, leader of the Zionist Organization of America, called the establishment of closer bonds between Israel and world Jewry a "must" and urged dissemination of Hebrew culture throughout "every corner of the Jewish world." Mrs. Bert Goldstein of the Pioneer Women Organization asserted that while the Zionist party system was not in keeping with the spirit of American Jews, she did feel it assured the rights of various groups within the movement.

Rabbi Mordecai Kirschblum, American leader of the United Religious Party, declared that Jewish survival was due to a partnership between the Jewish nation and tradition, between the nation and its past, between Israel and the communities abroad. If a partnership between the Jewish State and the communities abroad is desired, he continued, "a return to tradition is a must." He also pointed to the United States as a broad field of activity for the Zionist movement.

#### NEW U. N. TRUCE CHIEF ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; MEETS WITH OFFICIALS

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Carl Carlsof von Horn, new Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, called today on Foreign Ministry director general Walter Eytan and on Joseph Tekoah, the Foreign Office armistice affairs expert. Later in the week, Premier David Ben Gurion, acting as Foreign Minister in Mrs. Golda Meir's absence abroad, will receive the General.

Meanwhile, it was announced here that Henry Labouisse, director general of the UN Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Arab Refugees, will arrive here Wednesday for his first visit to Israel since his appointment five years ago. It is known that Mr. Labouisse will meet with Israeli officials, but the purpose of his visit is not yet clear.

#### ISRAEL AND MOSCOW REACH RECIPROCITY ON ADMISSION OF PUBLICATIONS

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- Israel has renewed permission for the importation of books and other published material from the Soviet Union after Moscow agreed to extend reciprocity and admit publications from Israel.

Meanwhile, 12,000 Hebrew manuscripts have been received by the Israel Embassy in Moscow from the Central Lenin Library. Among them are copies of documents and books in the possession of many Russian libraries, including copies of manuscripts from the famous Ginsburg Collection. The Ben Zvi Institute in Israel had requested the documents for a research project on Jewish communities.

#### MAPAI GETS LARGEST VOTE IN ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO TEACHERS PARLEY

TEL AVIV, March 23. (JTA) -- Mapai teachers will hold a commanding position in the national teachers conference scheduled to be held here during the Passover recess as a result of election of delegates.

In the final vote totals published today, the Mapai slate received 38 percent of the total and five percent from Arab teachers. The next closest bloc of votes, 20 percent, was captured by the United Religious Party, while the Mapam received 13 percent, Achdut Avodah 12 percent, Progressives 5 percent, Herut 5 percent and 2 percent for the Religious Labor group.

#### NEW BRIDGE OVER YARKON RIVER OPENED; BUILT PARTLY WITH U.S. FUNDS

TEL AVIV, March 23. (JTA) -- A new bridge over the Yarkon River was formally opened by U.S. Ambassador Edward B. Lawson and Minister of Labor Mordecai Namir. The 150 foot long span was financed in part by an American grant-in-aid funds.

#### JEWS IN SOVIET LITHUANIA AND LATVIA REPORTED RESISTING ASSIMILATION

LONDON, March 23. (JTA) -- Jews in Lithuania and Latvia, the Baltic countries which were annexed by the Soviet Union in 1939, are reported still struggling to resist assimilation, to maintain religious traditions and to continue Jewish cultural activities under Soviet rule despite many difficulties, in a report received here today.

The report says that Judaism, Yiddish and Hebrew are still far from dead in the Vilno and Kovno districts and that their influence is increasingly felt inside Russia where the Jews have for 40 years lived under the assimilating pressure of the Communist steamroller.

Forced assimilation encounters strong opposition from Jews in the incorporated Baltic states and only stimulates them to dreams of emigration to Israel through repatriation to countries of which they were former citizens, the report states. This is especially true of the Jews in the Vilna district where the Soviet authorities reluctantly agree to their repatriation to Poland rather than have these Jews "disturb" the process of Jewish assimilation within the Soviet Union.

The revival of Jewish cultural activities and religious practices in the Vilna and Kovno districts cannot be checked by the Soviet authorities because this would require the deportation of whole communities. The local authorities therefore do not hinder the Jews in their cultural and religious activities and have even opened a Yiddish section in the Vilna state library. Nor do they prevent attendance at synagogue services by large numbers of worshippers who include a fair proportion of young people.

Prior to the apparent decision to permit the repatriation of Jews from these annexed districts, cases were reported in which single Jewish families of Polish, Rumanian, Lithuanian or Hungarian origin were removed from Jewish communities in central Russia to isolate such communities from the "nationalist and religious fanatical influences" of Jews determined to keep Jewishness alive, the report states.

While anti-Semitism was officially banned in the incorporated territories, use of the expression "rootless cosmopolitans," dropped in describing Russian Jewry after Stalin's death, continues to be used toward the "liberated" Jews, according to the report. Soviet distrust has resulted in the banning of these Jews not only from Government service but also from the professions and universities and even from factory work, creating severe job problems, the report asserts.

One of the major factors cementing Jewish solidarity in the Baltic districts is an anti-Semitism which is stronger than in Russia proper because it was inherited from Poland and other countries to which the annexed areas once belonged, with the peasantry and intelligentsia as anti-Semitic as ever, the report points out, adding that economic changes also have hit the incorporated Jews. Unlike Jews in Russia, who learned new trades, the Lithuanian and Latvian Jews are still mainly ruined and declassed traders living on petty semi-legal commerce, and artisans most of whom are barely surviving, the report asserts.

#### COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED JEWISH CULTURAL BODY IN POLAND LACKS FUNDS

LONDON, March 23. (JTA) -- The Communist-controlled Social and Cultural Union of Polish Jews, the formal organization of Jews in Poland, is suffering from a grave shortage of funds which has hampered its cultural activities, it was reported in the latest issue of Folkstimme, Warsaw Yiddish-language daily, to arrive here.

The union has three major sources of funds, the article noted: a government subsidy, dues from members and fund-raising activities in the local branches. The government subsidy continues to be paid regularly, but virtually no funds come in from the other sources--indicating a lack of interest or funds among Polish Jews.

The paper also reports that the Polish state publishing house has just issued a new Yiddish textbook to be used in Jewish schools in Poland. Prepared by L. Glycki, the volume is entitled "Step By Step" and is intended primarily as a primer for Jewish children repatriated from the Soviet Union.

#### CASE OF BUCHENWALD OFFICER WHO MURDERED JEWS OPENED IN GERMANY

BAYREUTH, Germany, March 23. (JTA) -- The district court sitting in this Bavarian city has finally opened the case of Martin Sommer, former concentration camp overseer at Buchenwald. The case had been postponed for years because Sommer was suffering from the after-effects of wounds.

Though the prosecution has evidence intended to prove the murder of some 200 Jewish and other victims, the court will hear evidence on 53 so as to spare the defendant the strain of a lengthy trial. Witnesses will testify that he personally beat or throttled to death dozens of prisoners and introduced at the camp a "thrashing block" designed for more efficient beating of prisoners.

#### MOSLEYITES SHOUT ANTI-JEWISH SLOGANS AT PUBLIC MEETING; POLICE ACT

LONDON, March 23. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic catcalls by a group of followers of Fascist leader Oswald Mosley at a meeting in the Saint Pancras Town Hall last night forced the police to clear the galleries.

# N. A. A. C. P. LEADER URGES NEGROES TO HELP REBUILD BOMBED SYNAGOGUE

MEMPHIS, March 23. (JTA) -- Negro residents of Tennessee were urged to "rush to contribute to the rebuilding of the bombed Jewish center in Nashville" by Roy Wilkins National Association for the Advancement of Colored People executive secretary, in an address this week-end at a mass meeting here of the Memphis branch of the Association.

Terming the bombing of the Jewish center in Miami and Nashville "cowardly acts by sick but dangerous people," Mr. Wilkins said: "Already ill with prejudice against both Negroes and Jews, those who planted the bombs were made bold by groups of so-called respectable people which have urged publicly that the courts be defied. They were made bold, also, by the timid ones who know what is right, but who are afraid to speak out.

"When the higher-ups make their law-defying statements and pass their resolutions of resistance, the sick little haters below take these for a go-signal to use violence," the NAACP leader continued. "I hope that the Negro citizens of Tennessee will rush to contribute to the rebuilding of the Jewish center in Nashville and thus express in a tangible way our horror and outrage over this dastardly act," he concluded.

## YOUNG ISRAEL ASKS FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TO ACT ON SYNAGOGUE BOMBINGS

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the Federal Government and the states of Tennessee and Florida to "quickly apprehend and punish the culprits who shame fully destroyed synagogue property in Nashville and Miami" was adopted here today at an all-day 46th annual banquet-conference of the National Council of Young Israel. More than 1,200 persons attended the function.

Other resolutions urged the President and the State Department to safeguard the territorial integrity of Israel against aggression, asked the Soviet Government to grant religious liberty and freedom to worship to its 3,000,000 Jewish citizens, and asked the United States Congress to defeat so-called humane slaughter legislation "which interferes with Jewish ritual practices." The major speaker at the dinner was New York State Gov. Averill Harriman.

Young Israel operates 400 youth clubs in the greater New York area for more than 13,000 boys and girls. Thousands of men and women are enrolled in Young Israel's adult education program.

## GOLDA MEIR LEAVES NIGERIA AFTER FIVE-DAY VISIT; HELD IMPORTANT TALKS

LAGOS, Nigeria, March 23. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, concluded a five-day visit to Nigeria last night and left today for a return visit to Ghana to be honored by one of the top chiefs of that nation before proceeding Tuesday to Dakar to attend a meeting of French West African leaders.

Mrs. Meir conferred this week-end with the Federal Premier of Nigeria, Alhaji Abu Bakar Tafawa Balewa, as well as the Western Region Premier Chief Obafemi Awolowo. She was guest of honor at a dinner party given by the Governor General and a tea party tendered by the 20-family Jewish community. Mrs. Meir addressed meetings in several cities and extended invitations to visit Israel to several prominent Nigerian statesmen.

## ISRAEL IS CANADA'S BEST CUSTOMER IN MIDDLE EAST, DATA SHOWS

OTTAWA, March 23. (JTA) -- Israel retained in 1957 its position as Canada's best customer in the Middle East, data published by the Canadian Bureau of Statistics revealed. It established that Canada's export trade to Israel during the year amounted to more than \$5,000,000. Total export figures for Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Arabia and Jordan from Canada equalled \$8,178,000.

As in previous years, Canadian wheat was the leading product purchased by Israel. Some 1,307,000 bushels of wheat were sold for a total of \$2,118,845. Other produce exported include such items as asbestos - \$756,852; lumber - \$444,514; drugs and chemicals - \$364,858; canned meat - \$253,958; and automobile parts valued at \$244,897.

## JEWISH CHILD'S DAY OBSERVED IN NEW YORK; MAYOR SPEAKS AT CEREMONY

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner today urged the young people of America to exchange letters with children in Israel as a means of getting to know one another better. This, he declared, can be "a contribution to world peace of inestimable value."

The Mayor spoke at special ceremonies marking World Jewish Child's Day at the Israel Consulate here under the joint sponsorship of Hadassah, Pioneer Women and the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

World Jewish Child's Day is observed annually to underscore the importance of Youth Aliyah, the international agency which has rescued and provided relief and rehabilitation in Palestine and Israel for more than 85,000 homeless Jewish children from 72 countries since its inception in 1934.