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U. J. A. CONVENTION OPENS IN ISRAEL; NEED FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING STRESSED

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- A bridge of understanding between Israel's people and American Jewry is "indispensable" to the continued development of Israel and the continued emigration of those who need a haven in Israel, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, declared at the opening session of the UJA Anniversary Conference here tonight. He urged an intensified educational program to meet this vital problem.

A growing apart of the Israeli public and the American Jewish community "may very well occur unless a growing together is deliberately fostered," Rabbi Friedman warned in his address before more than 700 Americans and noted Israelis attending the inaugural session of the three-day conference.

This first UJA national assemblage ever held overseas heard Rabbi Friedman stress that while Israel has made tremendous progress in its first decade, two major problems remain. "Our fellow Jews wherever they are dispersed and distressed must continue to be rescued, and the land of Israel must be strengthened economically so it can absorb these people," he emphasized.

American Jewry understands and willingly accepts the fact that these twin problems cannot be overcome in a few years but forms a task of an entire generation, the UJA executive head said. "If we cast our thinking in terms of a generation of support," he added, "then it is obvious that the most important question is that of the future relationship between the Jews of America and Israel." He pledged that the UJA will intensify its program of interpretation of Israel to American Jewry and expressed the hope that a counterpart program be developed and intensified in Israel.

The speakers at the opening session held in the Wise Auditorium of Hebrew University, included Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi, U.S. Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, and former Israel Prime Minister Moshe Sharet. Zalman Shazar, acting chairman, the Jewish Agency for Israel, presided. Chief Rabbi I. Halevi Herzog delivered the opening prayer and Chief Rabbi Isaac Nissim gave the benediction.

Israel President, U.S. Ambassador Greet Delegates at Convention

In welcoming the visitors, President Ben Zvi said the achievements of Israel's people in their first decade of independence "are not ours alone--they are as well the achievements and victories of the Jews who live beyond our borders and democracy loving people everywhere." He said Israel would never forget that the United States was the first nation to recognize the birth of Israel, and would never forget the moral support and material help given by the American people during the past decade.

Declaring that Israel's greatest achievement of the past decade was the taking in of nearly a million immigrants, President Ben Zvi added, "in this historic achievement American Jewry has, through the UJA, played an unforgettable role." He called the aid to Israel from American Jewry through the UJA "our greatest asset--the greatest source of our strength."

In greeting his countrymen, Ambassador Lawson said "a concern for others" was fundamental to America's way of thinking and to American governmental policy. "As American citizens," he declared "we can be proud that our country has done so much to assist in the establishment of this state, in its upbuilding and toward the eventual solution of its problems."

Mr. Shazar said that obstacles in Israel's way "have not diminished--nor have those who caused them. Envy and spite surround us. Yet we are certain that all men everywhere who love liberty and justice--whether they are far or near or even very near--will come to understand what a blessing both to them and to us will flow from all we are doing here." He called the UJA "a marvelous phenomenon, unique in its endurance and scope." He urged UJA contributors "in the greatest humanitarian effort of the world's greatest Jewish community" to persevere in their efforts to rescue and rebuild Jewish lives throughout the world.

ISRAEL AGREEMENT TO RE-OPEN MT. SCOPUS ROAD TO ARABS HITS SNAG

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- An Israel agreement to re-open a road from Issawia village on Mt. Scopus for use of the Arab villagers ran into a hitch today, necessitating the postponement by Andrew Cordier, United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's executive assistant, of plans to return to New York.

Israel had agreed to re-open the road, which is entirely in Israel territory, from sunrise to sunset daily but asked that a special Israel representative be permitted to investigate the truth of an Arab claim about the road. The claim, transmitted through the UN, was that the road was practically the only useable one for Arab villagers. The road, which Israel closed to all but UN investigators after the May 26 Jordan attack which killed UN official George Flint and four Israel police, remained closed pending Jordan's reaction to the Israel request to inspect the road.

Mr. Cordier, meanwhile, accompanied by UN truce chief Maj. Gen. Carl von Horn, flew to Gaza today to confer with UN Emergency Force commander Lt. Gen. E. L. M. Burns to clarify certain points with respect to the Mt. Scopus situation which he had instituted during his service as UN truce chief. Later today, Mr. Cordier was scheduled to fly to Beirut to lay the entire matter before his superior, UN Secretary General Hammarskjöld, who is expected to make a final decision with respect to the now quiet Mt. Scopus situation.

BEN GURION ORDERS GEN. DAYAN NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC SPEECHES; TELLS KNESSET

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, in his capacity of Defense Minister, has ordered Brig. Moshe Dayan, former Army Chief of Staff now on leave, to forego public appearances "in the interests of hygienic politics."

Mr. Ben Gurion announced his order in Knesset today during a debate on a Herut motion of non-confidence in the government for its permitting Brig. Dayan, a member of the armed forces, to make political speeches. The Herut motion was defeated 63 to 27.

Responding to Herut and General Zionist heckling against the presence of Brig. Dayan and other senior army officers at Mapai public rallies, the Premier said that he was proud that the army had been kept out of politics in Israel. He knew of no other country in the world, Mr. Ben Gurion continued, where the army interfered less in politics than in Israel. However, he continued, in view of the storm raised over Brig. Dayan's speeches, he deemed it advisable to request the officer to end his public speeches.

PREMIER OF GHANA JOINS NASSER IN PLEDGE AGAINST ISRAEL; VISITS CAIRO

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of Ghana, has agreed with President Gamel Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic that the two countries will continue to support the principles of the Afro-Asian countries adopted at Bandung, Indonesia, in April 1955 as well as to urge "a just solution of the Palestine question," according to a statement issued here today by the UAR delegation.

Dr. Nkrumah and Col. Nasser, the UAR delegation here stated, issued their statement at the conclusion of the Ghanaian Prime Minister's state visit to Cairo. The two leaders "expressed anew their deep concern over the question of Palestine, which is a disturbing factor of world peace and security." The joint statement also "reaffirms adherence and support" of the principles adopted at Bandung. At that parley, a resolution was adopted supporting the posture of the Arab states as against Israel.

STATE DEPARTMENT ACCUSES MOSCOW OF CENSORING NEWS INVOLVING ISRAEL

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 24. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was today accused by a State Department official of censoring and suppressing news involving Israel.

Andrew H. Berding, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, said that "in recent weeks Soviet censorship of foreign correspondents' dispatches from Moscow has become increasingly severe and arbitrary." He revealed that "there was a 30-hour delay in clearing any stories on the resumption of public hearings in the Israeli-Soviet commercial arbitration case." Mr. Berding spoke in a formal address before a meeting here.

KNESSET TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT; BEN GURION TO PARTICIPATE

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament voted to discuss the aims and future of the Zionist movement. Premier David Ben Gurion, one of the chief protagonists in the transoceanic debate in the Zionist movement, opposed the debate but indicated he would participate in it when it comes off.

The issue was raised by Itzhak Harari, Progressive Party leader, who called a full dress debate vital in view of world Jewry's interest in Israel and the need to harness this support for Israel's massive needs. In discussing the necessity of a debate, the Premier held that Zionism's aims are clear--ingathering of exiles and immigration.

AUSTRIAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES PROTEST AGAINST NEW RESTITUTION LAWS

VIENNA, June 24. (JTA) -- A general meeting of the Federation Austrian Jewish communities declared today that the new Austrian restitution laws were inadequate and that the Austrian Government generally was not doing enough to aid political persecutees. A second resolution adopted at the meeting contended that a new anti-Semitism and a new Nazism were already visible in Austria.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS TESTIFY IN GERMANY ON HOW NAZIS BURNED JEWS ALIVE

ULM, Germany, June 24. (JTA) -- Stories of brutal torture and murder of Jews were related here yesterday at the trial of 10 former leaders of a special SS group which operated in Lithuania during World War II. The witnesses testifying against the ex-Nazis included a Jewish woman whose entire family was murdered and two Catholic priests.

The woman related how her parents were murdered by stormtroopers on the first day of the war, her husband executed and her two-year-old babe taken from her and murdered in the Kovno Ghetto. She survived only because she was a dental technician and needed by the Nazis. She related how gold from fillings were broken out of the mouths of murdered Jews and sent to the SS in Berlin.

One of the Catholic clergymen related how the Jews of Krotzingen were driven into their synagogue by Gestapo men and then burned alive with the building. Spectators in the courtroom became ill as the second priest described how Jewish babies were taken from their mothers' arms and drowned or smashed to death against trees.

In addition to beating prisoners to death, Sommer used to visit the camp drug section regularly for poison tablets, other witnesses charged. The morning after one of Sommer's visits, they testified, some prisoners was always found dead in his bunk. Among the prisoners Sommer was accused of murdering in testimony presented in the last few days, was a Jewish scientist, a Catholic priest and a Protestant minister.

AMERICAN JEWISH GROUP TO HOLD THREE-WEEK TALKS WITH ISRAELI LEADERS

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- A group of top-ranking leaders of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will visit Israel this summer for two-way consultations with Israeli officials on a variety of topics of mutual concern, it was announced today by Herbert R. Abeles, CJFWF president and leader of the group. It will be the first such visit by key community leaders under Council auspices, he said.

Conferences will begin in Jerusalem on August 7 and will continue through August 25th. The bulk of the three-week period will be spent in Jerusalem. However, the schedule also provides for trips to Tel Aviv and the North, with several field trips for observation of immigrant absorption and other programs of special interest to the community leaders.

The Council leaders will interpret the development and organization of American Jewish communities to the Israelis and will seek to obtain from them greater understanding of the needs as well as the developments in Israel, Mr. Abeles said. The group has purposely been kept small, he explained, to assure intimate contact with key officials responsible for use of funds provided by united Jewish community campaigns. The project has met with warm response from Israeli officials, including Prime Minister. Ben Gurion, who has expressed satisfaction with the visit in a letter to Mr. Abeles.

Topics to be discussed include: the role of the Jewish Agency, Israel's economy, integration of immigrants, agricultural development, relations between Israel and American Jewish communities, American aid to Israel, fund raising, health and welfare developments, Joint Distribution Committee-Malben, housing and clearing of ma'abarot, vocational training, and yeshivot. The schedule will conclude with an evaluation session.

In addition to Mr. Abeles, the group includes the following board members: Arthur Gelber, Toronto, vice-president; Sol Satinsky, Philadelphia, secretary; Labal A. Katz, New Orleans, president of the Southern States Region of the Council; Joseph Goldstein, Rochester; Irving Levick, Buffalo; Judge Matthew M. Levy, New York; Max Simon, Cleveland; Louis J. Fox, Baltimore; Stanley C. Myers, Miami; and Philip Bernstein, executive director. Also, Jack Olds, Portland; Morris Satinsky, Philadelphia; Benjamin B. Rosenberg, Miami; and Ernest Stock, CJFWF overseas consultant.

CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS VOICES PLEA AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH BIGOTRY

CHICAGO, June 24. (JTA) -- Bigotry which places Jews or other minority peoples under special disabilities are obstacles to American leadership in the world, Rabbi Jacob P. Rudin, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, declared here tonight at the opening session of the 69th convention of the Reform rabbinical body. Some 500 Reform rabbis from this country and Canada are in attendance.

American world leadership, Rabbi Rudin continued, must be based on brotherhood, not on the threat of bombs. "It is either the explosion of love in the world or the explosion of the atom bomb in the world. We can't have both. It is one or the other," he declared.

NEW ORLEANS JEWS FIGHT LAW REQUIRING ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 24. (JTA) -- An emergency committee of board members of the Jewish Federation of New Orleans, headed by Label A. Katz, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund, began an uphill fight today for repeal of a new state law requiring the holding of all state primary elections on Saturday. The measure was passed by both houses of the Louisiana legislature without fanfare and signed immediately by Gov. Earl K. Long.

It was not until after the Governor signed the measure into law that the Jewish community became aware of it. Rabbis and lay leaders protested without success. In a letter signed by Nat Friedler, president of the Federation, to Gov. Long, it was pointed out that Saturday was a religious holiday to Jews and to "Christian citizens who are members of the Seventh Day Adventists church."

The letter asked for new legislation either to change the day of primary elections "or grant the privilege of advance absentee voting by persons whose religious convictions require them to refrain from voting on the Sabbath or on a religious holiday." In his reply, Gov. Long denied any intent to discriminate and said the bill had been motivated by a desire to expedite voting by rural residents who could best go to the polls on a day they did not spend in the fields. Most Louisiana farmers bring their produce to market on Saturday.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL "INDIGNANT" OVER NETUREI KARTA DEMONSTRATIONS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, central body of Orthodox rabbis throughout the United States, expressed its indignation today over recent picketing and demonstrations in front of the White House protesting the building of a swimming pool for mixed bathing in Jerusalem.

The Council statement said it was "unfortunate" that the Neturei Karta pickets were Orthodox Jews, but insisted that they were a "most irresponsible group." Their action, the statement added, had drawn the opposition of the entire Jewish religious community of the United States. It had discredited Israel and Orthodox community in this country, the Council said, calling on Orthodox Jews to end all relations with "this irresponsible element."

JEWISH HOSPITAL BUILDS NEW \$5,000,000 PAVILION; LAUDED BY EISENHOWER

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today lauded the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn for its "distinguished record in the field of medicine and in service to the people of the community" in a message read during cornerstone ceremonies for a new \$5,000,000 pavilion.

Appellate Division Justice George J. Beldock, hospital honorary president, Isidor Leviton, president, and Mayor Robert F. Wagner set the cornerstone. Participating in the ceremony was nine-year-old Rosemary Muller of Roslyn Heights, L. I., who recently underwent major heart surgery at the hospital to close 31 holes and save her life.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE WINS AWARD FOR TV PROGRAM ON ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- A special program about anti-Semitism in colleges, produced by the American Broadcasting Company and the American Jewish Committee, "The Trophy," won a \$1,000 award in the third annual Robert E. Sherwood Television Awards competition.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, representing the Sherwood Awards jurors, presented cash totalling \$14,000 to five shows which the jurors selected for dealing most effectively with the subject of freedom and justice in America. John Daly, ABC network vice president, received a plaque and Irving Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, was awarded a special citation for "The Trophy."

PIONEER WOMEN ORGANIZATION PRESENTS 1958 AWARD FOR JEWISH WRITING

NEW YORK, June 24. (JTA) -- The Hayim Greenberg Literary Award for 1958 was presented to Kadia Molodowsky tonight at an Israel Tenth Anniversary, celebration which opened a three-day meeting of the national board of Pioneer Women, Zionist labor group.

The award, granted annually for outstanding achievements in Jewish writing, was presented by Dr. Sara Feder, chairman of the Education Department. Simcha Pratt, Israel Consul General in New York, presented official greetings of the Israel Government.

B'NAI B'RITH YOUNG ADULT CONVENTION VOTES TO STUDY EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

BRIGHTON, Mich., June 24. (JTA) -- A study of young adults educational and social needs ignored by community leaders in their emphasis on correcting juvenile delinquency was voted here today at the tenth annual convention of the B'nai B'rith Young Adults organization. Martin Levy, 23, was elected president of the group, which has members in the 19-26 year old category.