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JEWS APPEAR AS CANDIDATES OF ALL POLITICAL GROUPS IN ALGERIAN ELECTIONS

ALGIERS, April 19. (JTA) -- Jews are among the candidates on all political party lists in the municipal elections being conducted here today throughout Algeria. Jews are to be found on the lists of parties with widely-ranging ideologies, from far right to extreme left.

While the elections are being contested bitterly, there have been no instances of anti-Semitic propaganda directed against any of the candidates. Observers here, noting the wide range of Jewish participation in politics, pointed to this phenomenon as proof that there is no monolithic political unity among Algerian Jews, all of them being active in politics in accordance with their individual interests as citizens.

BUCHAREST RABBI AND SON REPORTED ARRESTED BY RUMANIAN AUTHORITIES

LONDON, April 19. (JTA) -- Rabbi Zissu Purtogal, of Bucharest, well-known as the "Skulener Rebbe," and his son, were arrested by Rumanian authorities on April 8, according to information received here today by the Agudath Israel world executive.

Rabbi Purtogal established a record for saving many Jewish orphans during the years of World War II. It has been learned here that the Rumanian Government had given him an exit visa some months ago. However, the "Skulener Rebbe" refused to leave unless he were permitted to take with him several war orphans whom he had adopted.

EGYPTIAN COURT ORDERS CONFISCATION OF ISRAEL CARGOES SEIZED AT SUEZ

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic's so-called "War Spoils Court" ordered this week-end the confiscation of cargoes taken by the United Arab Republic from a West German ship and a Liberian freighter which were carrying the freight through the Suez Canal from Haifa, Israel, to destinations in the Orient. The seizures took place late in February and early in March, and have been vigorously protested by Israel in a letter to the United Nations Security Council.

The decision to "legalize" the cargo confiscations through a ruling by Egypt's quasi-judicial court is seen here as an effort by the UAR to foreclose the issue before the arrival of United Nations Undersecretary Ralph J. Bunche. The latter is on his way to Cairo as personal representative of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, and is reportedly scheduled to demand the release of the cargoes.

(At United Nations headquarters in New York, Jacob Blaustein, noted Jewish leader, met this week-end with UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, and discussed with him the seizure by Egypt of Israeli cargoes at the Suez Canal. The two also discussed other matters concerning the Middle East.)

The ruling by the so-called "War Spoils Court" does not alter the situation in the least, according to political observers here. The latter point out that the very seizure of the cargoes, prior to their confiscation, was a violation of international law.

World War Veterans Assembly Demands Free Navigation for All Nations

ROME, April 19. (JTA) -- With veterans from all over the free world in attendance, and a five-man Israeli delegation prominently participating, the eighth General Assembly of the World War Veterans Federation today adopted a resolution, unanimously, calling for free navigation for all nations through all international waterways and the elimination of economic boycotts as a weapon for attainment of political results.

Israel's delegation, led by Meir Bar Ravhay, warmly supported another resolution, calling for the establishment of a permanent international police force "to ease international tensions and lead disputing states to resolve such disputes through direct negotiations. The plan is to establish such a force on the basis of the experiences of the United Nations Emergency Force, which is on duty in the Gaza Strip and along the shore of the Gulf of Akaba.

In the presence of Lt. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the UNEF, Mr. Ravhay praised the work of the UNEF on the Israel-Egyptian border. At the same time, he announced that he has "full authority" to offer, on behalf of Israel, direct, face-to-face peace talks with Arab states.

TURKEY DENIES SOVIET CANARD OF PLANNED TURCO-ISRAEL ATTACK ON U. A. R.

ISTANBUL, April 19. (JTA) -- A Soviet Union propaganda accusation, alleging that Israel's chief of defense forces staff, Gen. Chaim Laskov, has visited here to plan for a joint Turco-Ismaeli attack against the United Arab Republic, was denied today by the Foreign Ministry here.

The canard had been transmitted by Tass, official U. S. S. R. news agency, and was denied as "crude fiction" in a statement by the Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman in Jerusalem. Today's Turkish denial attributes the false report to "Red Fleet," organ of the U. S. S. R. Navy. "Red Fleet" stated that Gen. Laskov was in Turkey last month and had talks with Turkish officials who pledged that this country would support Israel in an attack against the United Arab Republic.

The Foreign Ministry's statement today declared that the "Red Fleet" report was "without foundation," and warned that the false report was issued with the aim of "deteriorating relations between Turkey and the brotherly Arab countries."

NEW SECRETARY OF STATE KNOWN AS SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL-U.S. FRIENDSHIP

WASHINGTON, April 19. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, who will meet with the newly-appointed Secretary of State, Christian Herter, Wednesday for a discussion of recent developments in the Middle East, today sent a letter to Mr. Herter congratulating him on his appointment. The Eban-Herter meeting will be followed a few days later by a meeting of Mr. Eban with C. Douglas Dillon, deputy Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Israel circles in Washington recalled that, both as a member of Congress and as Governor of Massachusetts, Mr. Herter had a record of support for Israel-American friendship, even before he entered the State Department. He is among those who supported economic aid programs for Israel in 1951 and 1952. He also joined with a group of Governors and other American leaders in 1954 in forming the America-Israel Society to promote cultural exchange.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND ADOPTS 29,700,000 ISRAELI POUNDS BUDGET FOR 1959

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- The executive council of the Jewish National Fund adopted its 1959 budget here today, calling for expenditures of 29,700,000 Israeli pounds (\$16,350,000), compared with last year's budget of 23,400,000 pounds. The increase is expected to come from greater income to be obtained from properties owned by the JNF, as well as from increased contributions.

Meanwhile, this week-end, planting was begun of the new "Rotary Peace Forest," near the shore at Herzliah. The forest has been donated by 108 branches of Rotary International throughout the world, including branches in Egypt and Syria. Clifford A. Randall, president of Rotary International, attended the planting ceremonies and expressed the hope that individual members of Rotary would come to Israel every year to add trees to the "Peace Forest."

ISRAEL LABOR PARTIES START COMPETING DRIVES FOR SUPREMACY IN HISTADRUT

TEL AVIV, April 19. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister and ex-Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, and Pinhas Lavon, secretary general of the Israel Federation of Labor, today called for unity among all of Israel's labor parties, as the election campaign for choosing Federation officers got into full swing throughout the country.

Two of Israel's labor parties, the centrist Ahdut Avoda and the left-wing Mapam, held their annual conventions this week-end, and both criticized the dominant Mapai Party. All three labor parties are competing for supremacy inside the labor federation.

SOPHIE TUCKER YOUTH CENTER ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL; ACTRESS HONORED

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- A new youth center, named after the well-known American Jewish actress, Sophie Tucker, was dedicated today at the village of Beit Shemesh, near this city. The center has special facilities for training 150 immigrant children in a number of trades, including carpentry and locksmithing.

Miss Tucker had donated \$50,000 toward establishment of the center. After the dedication ceremonies, in which Miss Tucker participated with representatives of the Jewish Agency executive and the Ministry of Labor, the actress was awarded honorary citizenship in the village of Beit Shemesh.

BRITAIN'S AIR MARSHALL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; CONFERS WITH BEN GURION

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- Britain's Air Marshall William McDonald, commander of the Royal Air Force in the Middle East, arrived in Israel for a visit officially described as "private." However, immediately after his arrival, the high RAF official held a conference with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, and it is known that he has appointments to meet other Ismaeli political leaders.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DISCUSSES BIAS; ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- "The striking absence of Jews from the executive ranks of large corporate enterprise in the United States" was condemned here last night by Irving M. Engel, American Jewish Committee leader, at a dinner dedicated to him on the completion of his five years as AJC president. Herbert B. Ehrmann, of Boston, was elected today to succeed Mr. Engel as president of the organization. The election took place at the closing session of the three-day annual meeting of the 52-year-old organization, held at the Commodore Hotel here.

Mr. Engel said that there is "a vital link" between the exclusion of Jews from certain residential areas and country clubs, and the discrimination practiced against Jews in employment by large corporate firms. The Rev. John La Farge, prominent Catholic leader, was presented at the dinner with the American Jewish Committee's American Liberties Medallion, for his role in fighting for equality. In his acceptance speech, he warned that the increased "diffusion" of hate literature in this country can have a disastrous and long-range effect on youth.

The dinner also served as a farewell affair for Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, who was presented with a crystal bowl by Jacob Blaustein on behalf of the American Jewish Committee as an expression of "profound esteem and abiding affection." Mr. Blaustein hailed the Ambassador as a statesman able "to be flexible without sacrificing principle." Mr. Eban, in an impressive address analyzing the American scene as seen by him during the 11 years of his service in the United States, said:

"There are three gifts which nascent nations--and Israel in particular--can learn from America. The first is your almost innate genius for freedom under law, the sublime conviction that democracy is the highest expression of man's social personality. The second is the American gift of harmonizing diversities--for nowhere has there been such a great triumph in creating a national personality which seeks the enrichment of varied cultural sources. The third is your belief in the affirmative qualities of technology and science--for the true vocation of the scientific age lies in its response to the compassions and utilities of mankind."

Lay Cornerstone for \$2,500,000 Institute on Human Relations

The three-day meeting, attended by about 1,000 communal leaders from 600 communities throughout the country, culminated today in cornerstone laying ceremonies for the American Jewish Committee's new \$2,500,000 eight-story Institute of Human Relations, which will be ready for occupancy in June of this year. The Institute will be a center for research and practical application in intergroup and human relations and will serve as the Committee's permanent headquarters.

Speaking at the ceremonies, Senator Jacob K. Javits urged the Federal Government to "mobilize all available resources in the technical, scientific, educational and practical areas" in an effort to reduce the scope of intergroup tensions. He urged the Congress to follow President Eisenhower's recommendation and create a Statutory Commission on Equal Job Opportunity on Government Contracts. He said that this measure "could have a far-reaching effect in helping us achieve the full implementation of the Federal Government's established policy of non-discrimination in employment."

Other principal speakers at the ceremonies, which were attended by national and communal leaders, were: Mr. Engel, Mr. Blaustein, and Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, honorary presidents of the American Jewish Committee; and the AJC's executive vice president, Dr. John Slawson. A. M. Sonnabend, of Boston, AJC vice president, served as chairman. Dr. Slawson set these goals for the Institute:

"The Institute will be engaged in basic as well as applied research in the problem of prejudice. It will be a center for the taking of counsel with one another with those who work in the field of human relations. It will engage in training in the skills of human relations and prepare people to work in that area, thus contributing toward the emergence of the new profession of human relations."

Mr. Ehrmann, the new American Jewish Committee president, is a prominent lawyer, writer of distinction, and a leader in Jewish and non-sectarian communal affairs. Born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1891, Mr. Ehrmann was graduated from Harvard College and Harvard University Law School and has been engaged in the practice of law in Boston since his admission to the bar.

A member of the War Labor Policies Board and director of the Industrial Relations Division of the United States Shipping Board during the First World War he has been active in civic affairs and Jewish organizational life since his student days. At present he is a trustee of the Combined Jewish Appeal, honorary trustee of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies in Boston and representative at large of the local Jewish Community Council.

GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION GRANTS FELLOWSHIPS FOR JEWISH STUDIES

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- Grants for studies in subjects of special interest to Jewish scholars were among the annual Guggenheim Fellowship awards for 1959, announced here today by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Dr. Theodor Gaster, professor of comparative religion at Dropsie College, Philadelphia, was given a fellowship for conducting studies of the religious communities of the ancient Samaritans. An award for continuing research in the history of the Jews in India and elsewhere in Asia was granted to Dr. Walter J. Fischel, professor of Semitic languages and literature at the University of California, at Berkeley.

Dr. Uriel Weinreich, associate professor of linguistics and Yiddish studies, at Columbia University, was given a fellowship for the study of the cultural and linguistic geography of Jewry in central and Eastern Europe. A grant for musical composition was awarded to Yehudi Wyner, composer and instructor of music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, in New York.

HADASSAH ESTABLISHES \$10,000 ABBA EBAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP FUND

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA)-- The establishment by the Hadassah organization of a \$10,000 Abba Eban Medical Fellowship Fund for the retraining of immigrant Rumanian physicians in Israel was announced here today at a farewell luncheon given by the Hadassah for Ambassador Eban who is returning to Israel next month to enter political life there. More than 350 persons attended the function which took place at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Edward B. Lawson, retiring U.S. Ambassador to Israel, who was one of the principal speakers at the luncheon, paid tribute to Mr. Eban whom he characterized "as a most eloquent and effective advocate of his country's interests." Mr. Lawson asserted that "the outstanding feature of Israeli life" is the belief of the people of Israel "that the state must be built through vigorous and continuous hard work and that they are building for absolute permanency of nation and people."

Dr. Miriam Freund, Hadassah president, in paying tribute to Ambassador Eban, stated that during his diplomatic service in the United States, he made a great contribution to the American understanding of the meaning and implications of Israel in terms of the Western World. Mrs. Nathan D. Perlman presented Mr. Eban with an illuminated scroll, certifying the establishment of "The Abba Eban Medical Fellowship Fund."

PROF. HAYIM FINEMAN, FOUNDER OF LABOR ZIONIST MOVEMENT, DEAD

PHILADELPHIA, April 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Hayim Fineman, professor emeritus of English Literature at Temple University, and one of the founders of the Poale Zionist movement in this country, died here yesterday. He was 73.

Born in Russia, he was brought to this country when he was 4 years old. He studied at the University of Pennsylvania, and received his doctorate there in 1917. He began teaching English literature at Temple in 1910, later becoming head of the English department. He was an authority on Shakespeare and Milton; at his death, he was completing his major work on Milton. He retired from the Temple faculty three years ago.

In 1904, Dr. Fineman helped establish the Poale Zionist movement in the United States. From 1906 on, he attended every World Zionist Congress. In 1921, Dr. Fineman was a member of a special commission that drew up a program for the development of the labor cooperative movement in Palestine. Serving on that commission with him were Itzhak Ben Zvi and David Ben Gurion, now President and Prime Minister, respectively, of Israel.

He had been at various times national secretary and president of the Poale Zion Organization of America, and in 1946 helped merge the Poale Zion and the League for Labor Palestine into the Labor Zionist Organization of America. He had also been a member of the presidium of the Zionist Actions Committee, and was active in the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress. One of Dr. Fineman's survivors, a son, Daniel, is a professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is survived also by his widow and two other sons.

A statement by the Jewish Agency executive in New York, issued over the names of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president, and Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman, declared: "The Jewish Agency executive in New York learned with deep sorrow of the passing of our esteemed colleague, Hayim Fineman. The Zionist movement shall always remember his pioneering role in United States Labor Zionism, and his many long years of steadfast devotion and dedication to our cause. His leadership, gentleness of spirit and intellectual integrity will be sorely missed by the entire Zionist movement."

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF RABBI STEPHEN WISE OBSERVED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- The tenth anniversary of the death of Rabbi Stephen Wise, founder of the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress, was marked here today at a memorial service held at Stephen Wise Congress House. Chief Judge Simon E. Sobeloff of the Fourth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals delivered the eulogy. Dr. Joachim Prinz of Newark, N. J., president of the American Jewish Congress, also spoke.