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GOLDMANN'S PLAN TO BROADEN ZIONIST MOVEMENT ACCEPTED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann's proposal making possible the affiliation of Jewish bodies with the World Zionist Organization was adopted here tonight by an overwhelming vote, at the closing session of the ten-day meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee. The Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi abstained on the vote.

Dr. Goldmann, as president of the World Zionist Organization, and the executive of the Jewish Agency, were empowered to conduct negotiations with other Jewish bodies prepared to accept the Zionist program, and to bring recommendations on such affiliation to the next World Zionist Congress or the next meeting of the Actions Committee. The recommendations are to include arrangements for the new affiliates to participate in the Congress and the Actions Committee.

Emphasizing that immigration to Israel and its absorption are the central tasks of the Zionist movement, the Actions Committee, in another resolution, approved plans to intensify immigration efforts from all countries. The resolution provides that a plan for immigration from Western and Asian countries should be developed and that the Jewish Agency Immigration Department should study the possibilities of immigration wherever a Jewish community exists, particularly where there are only small communities in existence.

To integrate immigrants in development areas in Israel, another resolution called for full employment opportunities, by the setting up of industrial and handicraft enterprises. The resolution also instructed the Jewish Agency absorption department to continue to direct immigrants into farm areas. The resolution expressed appreciation of the work done by the various immigrant associations and their contribution toward absorption of newcomers.

The Jewish Agency executive was instructed, in still another resolution, to negotiate with the Israel Government concerning restoration of premiums for foreign currency brought in by immigrants at the same rate of exchange granted tourists and Israelis who liquidate overseas property. The resolution urged encouragement of middle class immigration, and welcomed the activity of the Jewish Agency's economic department in this area.

Actions Committee Appeals to Russia to Restore Jewish Rights

The Actions Committee also adopted a resolution calling on all countries which "aspire to world peace, stability and progress" to insure the use of the Suez Canal as a "free international highway." The resolution reiterated an appeal to world public opinion to oppose "Arab endeavors to strangle Israel economically," and expressed "deep concern" over the interference by the United Arab Republic with Israel shipping and transport in the Canal in "open disregard of international law and in defiance of the United Nations resolutions."

In another resolution, the World Zionist movement said it was its duty to demand the right of Jews everywhere freely to make contact with Jewish groups in other parts of the world to strengthen cultural relations, fortify Jewish culture and assure the right to emigrate to Israel. The resolution emphasized that the World Zionist movement "will note with satisfaction every step by the Soviet Union toward granting Jewish rights."

"At the same time," the resolution stressed, "the Zionist movement cannot ignore the continuing non-recognition of these rights in the Soviet Union and must draw world attention to this situation." The resolution said it was hoped that the Soviet Government would consider "these elementary demands" and recognize them as "the only practical and realistic basis for the status of the future of Soviet Jewry."

The Actions Committee declared it considered the Jewish day school as an instrument of the highest importance for the education of youth and imposed on the Jewish Agency Department of Education and Culture the duty of promoting both primary and secondary day schools in countries outside of Israel. Another resolution recommended expansion of the program for training teachers for Jewish schools. It urged the Zionist movement and its institutions to increase activities for Hebrew.

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U. S. EFFORTS ON PASSAGE OF ISRAEL CARGO THROUGH SUEZ KEPT SECRET

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9. (JTA) -- Official government circles today continued to maintain silence on the efforts being made by the United States with regard to the Danish freighter Inge Toft still being held by the Egyptian authorities at the entrance to the Suez Canal because its captain refuses to unload Israeli cargo which Egypt wants to seize.

At the same time, Israel's Charge d'Affairs here, Yaacov Herzog, today conferred with the Acting Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, Walter N. Walmsley, and it is presumed that they discussed the Inge Toft situation.

American circles claim that confusion still surrounded the situation and that no clarification was available as to the final position of the United Arab Republic on this matter. They assert that there has been no change in the U. S. position supporting full freedom of navigation for all nations through the Suez Canal; but, owing to the delicate nature of the negotiations, they refuse to divulge what action the U. S. Government has taken in Cairo.

As the matter stands now, it is clear that the U. S. has left no doubt with the parties concerned as to its position, and that a series of contacts on a very high level has taken place in Cairo. A report from Cairo, apparently inspired by Egyptian circles, went as far as to express concern that the Inge Toft crisis is "threatening to dissolve in one stroke the carefully nurtured and improving relations between the U. S. and the U. A. R."

PLAN TO SOLVE ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM PROPOSED BY W. R. REES

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Concrete recommendations for the settlement of the Arab refugee problem were advanced here today in connection with the World Refugee Year, which goes into effect on July 1, under a mandate from the United Nations General Assembly. The recommendations were outlined in a report presented at a press conference by Elfan Rees, chairman of the executive committee of the International Committee for the World Refugee Year. They suggested:

1. To accept as "practical" and "hopeful" the offer which Israel made in the United Nations last year to compensate the Arab refugees under certain conditions.
2. As part of the over-all settlement of the refugee problem in the Middle East, account must be taken of property abandoned in Arab lands by 400,000 Jews who "have been forced to leave their homes in Iraq, Yemen and North Africa" for settlement in Israel.
3. To consider the repatriation of the Arab refugees to Israel as "physically and politically impossible, and culturally undesirable."
4. Israel should admit some Arab refugees, "under international control, on a quota basis, over a period of years."
5. The world "should be ready to support Israel financially in its compensation plan."
6. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Arab Refugees from Palestine change its title to "Works and Relief Agency," so as to emphasize the need of rehabilitation of the refugees through work, rather than through relief activities. UNRWA's mandate expires June 30, 1960, and the United Nations must decide at the next General Assembly whether to continue aiding the Arab refugees and how to perform that task beyond 1960.

Among participants in the press conference at which Dr. Rees' report was issued was also James P. Rice, executive director of United Hias Service. Mr. Rice lauded America's contribution to World Refugee Year, citing plans for fresh congressional action in regard to immigration. He pointed to the recent White House conference on the refugee problem, where proposals were voiced for active American participation in WRY. Mr. Rice stated that a number of other countries in the Western Hemisphere are aiding WRY. He announced that, in Brazil, active work is being carried on by a committee appointed by the President of Brazil, on which one of the members is the Brazilian representative of Hias.

U. N. Relief Agency for Arab Refugees Prepares for Liquidation

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- Instructions to prepare for liquidation of its activities were received from United Nations headquarters by the main office of the U. N. Relief and Works Agency for Arab Refugees, at Beirut. The Agency's mandate expires, officially, on June 30, 1960.

The liquidation orders are believed to be merely a formal step, since there is virtually no doubt that either UNRWA, or an agency similar to it, will continue to aid the Arab refugees beyond the summer of 1960. The UNRWA offices have been instructed to prepare to hand over their affairs to a successor organization.

NEW TUNISIAN CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION

PARIS, June 9. (JTA) -- The new Tunisian constitution, promulgated in Tunisia June 1, and received here today, contains several clauses protecting basic human rights and of particular interest to the Jews of Tunisia.

One article declares that every citizen has the right to circulate freely in Tunisia; also to leave the country. Another clause guarantees that no citizen can be expatriated or forbidden to return to the country. The constitution guarantees liberty of opinion, expression, press, assembly and association, and one clause specifically guarantees "the dignity of the individual and freedom of conscience."

REMOVAL OF ROME'S MAYOR URGED; OPPOSED CELEBRATION OF FALL OF NAZIS

ROME, June 9. (JTA) -- Members of four opposition parties in the Rome City Council will request the resignation of Mayor Urbano Ciocchetti for his refusal to permit the city's official participation in the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the liberation of Rome from Nazi-fascist rule.

Announcement that the Mayor's resignation will be sought was made here at a protest meeting against his stand by Councilmen representing the Socialist, Communist, Republican and Radical parties. One of the speakers at the meeting urged the Government to remove Mayor Ciocchetti under a law permitting such removal for "acts contrary to the Constitution."

Another of the speakers at the protest meeting recalled the suffering of Rome's Jews during the Nazi-fascist regime, and accused the Mayor of "betraying the spirit of the solidarity shown the Jewish fellow-citizens" by Christians in Rome. The group conducting the protest meeting invited to the stage a representative of Rome's Jewish Youth Center and a number of anti-fascist organizations participated in the rally.

OLDEST SYNAGOGUE IN CRACOW TO BE CONVERTED INTO MUSEUM; JEWS PROTEST

GENEVA, June 9. (JTA) -- One of the oldest and most sacred of European synagogues, the famous "Remo" synagogue in Cracow, founded by Rabbi Moses Isserles in 1553, is to be closed as a house of worship and will be converted into a museum, according to reports from Poland received here today.

Energetic protests have been lodged with the Polish authorities by Jews in that country, the reports here state. But the authorities have over-ruled the objections.

The "Remo" synagogue had been destroyed by the Nazis during their occupation of Cracow, and was restored to its original beauty by the Polish Government shortly after the liberation of Poland. The grave of the founder, the famous Rabbi Isserles, had, for some reason, been left intact by the Nazis in the cemetery behind the old synagogue.

CITY SENATE OF HAMBURG FINANCES BUILDING OF JEWISH HOSPITAL

HAMBURG, June 9. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for a new, 110-bed, Jewish hospital, to be built through an appropriation of 4,000,000 deutschemarks by the City Senate, was laid here today. The municipality allocated the funds as compensation for the old Jewish hospital in this city destroyed by the Nazis.

The new hospital, it was announced, will serve patients regardless of their religious faith. The latest medical and technical equipment has been planned for installation in the new institution.

NEO-NAZI LEADER FACES PROSECUTION FOR LIBELING ANNE FRANK

LUEBECK, Germany, June 9. (JTA) -- Preliminary legal investigations were begun by the prosecutor's office here today into charges of libel and "defamation of the dead" against Heinfried Buddeberg, chairman of the neo-Nazi Deutsche Reichspartei in Schleswig-Holstein, and Lothar Stielau, a high school teacher here.

Otto Frank, father of the late Anne Frank, had brought the accusation originally against Stielau for claiming that the diary of Anne Frank was "a fraud." Later, when Stielau had been suspended from his teaching job, Buddeberg came to his defense publicly.

PRESIDENT OF GERMANY PRESENTS 100,000 MARKS FOR ANNE FRANK HOUSE

BOCCN, June 9. (JTA) -- A check for 100,000 deutschemarks was handed here to the Mayor of Amsterdam, Holland, by Dr. Theodor Heuss, President of the Federal Republic, as West Germany's contribution toward the construction of the Anne Frank house at Amsterdam. The Anne Frank house is being built on Prinzengraacht, at Amsterdam.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA CHARGES RUSSIA WITH DESTROYING JUDAISM

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Delegates to a plenary session of the Synagogue Council of America here charged tonight that "despite disclaimers from Soviet leaders from Prime Minister Nikita Krushchev on down, evidence continues to come to light that the Soviet ideological campaign to destroy Judaism in the Soviet Union has never been halted and, at the most, only abated occasionally for world propaganda purposes."

The charge was contained in one of a series of policy resolutions approved by the delegates, who also elected Rabbi Max D. Davidson of Perth Amboy, N. J., as president for a two-year term, and Rabbi Julius Mark of New York as first vice-president.

"Reports continue to emerge from behind the Iron Curtain on the continued Soviet ban on all phases of Jewish culture, except for showpiece announcements of rare publications in Yiddish for export only, the continued conversions of the last handful of synagogues into workingmen's clubs, and dispersals by police of the few groups of Soviet Jews who still seek bravely to worship on our High Holy Days, as well as similar suppressions, the resolution on Russia stated.

The delegates urged the Christian world "to continue to maintain a close watch on these developments and to bring to bear the power of its organized religious bodies against the threat of a total spiritual destruction within the Soviet Union of its Jewish people."

Affirming Synagogue Council support of World Refugee Year, the delegates urged all American rabbis and congregations to help "focus maximum public attention on the plight of 40,000,000 victims of the postwar upheavals." They also urged the United States Government to implement a proposal of the U. S. Committee for Refugees that a "special grant of \$10,000,000 be made to accelerate American aid to the refugees."

In another resolution, the delegates endorsed a proposal of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds calling for the broadening of the Federal Social Security System "to include hospital and nursing home care for persons over 65."

The delegates urged that the President's Committee on Government Contracts, which seeks to induce employers holding such contracts to ban bias in their employment practices, be given "statutory status." The resolution said the Synagogue Council participation in the recent Religious Leaders Conference of the President's Committee had left the conviction that "the effectiveness of this committee in combating bias in hiring and firing by companies holding such contracts is severely limited by the advisory nature of the committee."

B'NAI ZION CONVENTION ASKS U. S. FOR CONTINUED AID TO ISRAEL

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 9. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for "free and untrammelled" passage of ships through the Suez Canal, pledging continuing support for the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel bond campaign, and other "worthy causes," and calling upon the United States Congress to grant continued aid and technical assistance "to the peoples of the Middle East, including Israel," were adopted here today at the closing session of the "Golden Jubilee" convention of the B'nai Zion, American Zionist fraternal organization. Another resolution urged the extension of civil rights legislation throughout the United States.

The delegates elected Hyman J. Fliegel, New York attorney, and long active in Zionist and religious affairs, as their president. Mr. Fliegel was a founder of the American Red Mogen David for Palestine, is on the executive council of the Zionist Organization of America, and a member of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Congress. A former president of Congregation Shaare Torah, in Brooklyn, Mr. Fliegel is a member of the Board of Overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and is chairman of the Brooklyn division of the United Synagogue of America.

Nathaniel S. Rothenberg, retiring president of the B'nai Zion, told the delegates in his address that American Zionists have never believed that American Jewish immigration to Israel was a basic ingredient of Zionist philosophy. "The desire on the part of some Israeli leaders for immigration from the West is understandable," he said, "but we cannot agree that it is in the best interests of American Zionism or Israel."

152 GRADUATE FROM H. U. C. - F. I. R. ; TEN ORDAINED AS REFORM RABBIS

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Ten graduates of the Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion were awarded Master of Arts Degrees in Hebrew Letters and ordained as Reform rabbis tonight at the 34th ordination and commencement of the Reform seminary.

Nine graduates of the School of Sacred Music were invested as synagogue cantors. Others among the 152 graduates were certified as religious school principals, teachers and specialists in Hebrew, music and the arts.