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BEN-GURION REPORTS ON HIS TALKS ABROAD; SAYS TRIP 'WAS NOT IN VAIN'

TEL AVIV, March 24. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion returned to Israel last night from a 16-day visit to the United States and Britain and declared at the airport that he had good reason to believe that "my journey was not in vain."

Referring to his talks in Washington with President Eisenhower, Secretary of State Christian Herter, leading Senators and other political leaders, the Prime Minister said: "I am happy to state that there were almost no differences of opinion between the United States administration and myself."

Speaking in a pouring rain which soaked various dignitaries and a guard of honor, the Prime Minister also mentioned his hotly debated talks in the United States with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. He said that he had "good reason" to believe that those talks would be beneficial to Israel.

Emerging from an El Al airliner, Mr. Ben-Gurion was met by Michael Bodrov, the Soviet Ambassador, the dean of the diplomatic corps in Israel; Levi Eshkol, the Finance Minister who had been acting Prime Minister in Mr. Ben-Gurion's absence; other diplomats, Cabinet members, members of Parliament, and representatives of the various churches and minorities.

After greeting each member of the welcoming group, the Prime Minister read a brief statement in which he said that in his talks in Washington he had discussed world problems, African and Asian and Middle East questions, and, above all, the consolidation of peace in the area.

He cited his last day in New York when he visited the three seminaries of American Judaism, the Jewish Institute of Religion, the Jewish Theological Seminary and Yeshiva University. He said the visits were his most profound emotional experiences and that his suggestion to the three student bodies that no degree be given to a student unless the student spent one year in Israel had received a favorable reaction.

Sees Great Possibilities for Israel in American Jewry

Addressing later a conference of Mapai, Israel's labor party, Mr. Ben-Gurion stressed that he sees two great possibilities for Israel in American Jewry: one is immigration to Israel of professional men, intellectuals and skilled workers, and the second is attracting American private capital for investments in Israel undertakings.

The Prime Minister said that from now on Israel must pay attention to the younger generation of American Jewry quite apart from appeals for funds and from "material matters," but on the basis of spiritual values. He also emphasized that after his meeting in New York with leaders of the United Jewish Appeal and the Bond Organization, he felt that American Jewry is completely confident in the men who are responsible for conducting the political and economic affairs of the State of Israel.

Political sources, citing the Prime Minister's comment about the expected benefits to Israel of his talks with Dr. Adenauer, suggested that this might be a reference to reported negotiations for multi-million dollar credits from West Germany.

Repeats Request to Soviet Envoy for Meeting with Khrushchev

TEL AVIV, March 24. (JTA) -- Michael Bodrov, the Soviet Ambassador to Israel, confirmed today that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion had asked the envoy's help in arranging a meeting with Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

The confirmation came in remarks by the Soviet envoy as he prepared to return to Russia for several weeks home leave. When the envoy greeted Mr. Ben-Gurion on the latter's arrival, the Prime Minister told the envoy that his request was to meet the Soviet Premier "when and where he would like" still stood. The envoy promised a reply when he returned from his home leave but said he could not promise a positive reply.

HAMMARSKJOLD SAYS HIS TALK WITH BEN-GURION WAS 'FRIENDLY AND FRANK'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 24. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold said today that he and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion had held "a dialogue in the philosophical and human sense" when they met here two weeks ago. He made that statement in reply to a question at a news conference here, adding that he agreed with a statement made by Mr. Ben-Gurion in which he said: "We had a friendly and frank exchange regarding our differences of opinion."

Mr. Hammarskjold was also asked whether there was likely to be any progress in the near future toward release of the Greek freighter, the Astypalea, which the United Arab Republic has detained at Port Said since last December 17. He replied that "I have nothing new on this to tell you."

SAUDI ARABIAN REPORT OF CAPTURE OF ISRAELI PLANE DENIED BY ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 24. (JTA) -- An army spokesman today dismissed Arab reports that a Saudi Arabian patrol had captured the crew of an Israel airplane and the vehicle near the Gulf of Akaba. Observers here attributed the Saudi Arabian story to "the lively Arab imagination."

According to the reports from Cairo and Saudi Arabia, the plane made a forced landing in Saudi Arabian territory. The Israel spokesman said no Israel plane was missing. He said the reports might be connected with a missing American plane which left Cairo for Jordan and has not arrived at its destination.

ISRAEL TREASURY PERMITS FOREIGNERS TO CASH BONDS OF ISRAELI COMPANIES

JERUSALEM, March 24. (JTA) -- The Israel Treasury announced today, in a new series of currency relaxations, that foreign residents will henceforth be permitted to cash in non-negotiable bonds of Israel companies brought to Israel. In such transactions, bond owners will also receive the same 20 percent premium now granted on currency exchanges.

Tourists will be permitted to redeem such bonds at a rate of up to \$2,500 monthly during the first three years of their stay but the 20 percent premium will be limited to \$500 a month.

The Treasury also announced that Israel residents will be permitted to cash in \$1,000 worth of bonds during a year. Public institutions may redeem all such bonds in their possession without any time restriction. Newly arrived immigrants, both temporary and permanent residents, will be allowed to cash in all bonds during their first three years in Israel.

Foreign residents who exchanged currency for pounds without getting the 20 percent premium will be permitted to re-purchase foreign currency for travel. They will therefore still benefit from the partial tax exemption now granted on tickets purchased with foreign currency.

SHARETT URGES MAPAI TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH JEWS OUTSIDE ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 24. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister of Israel, who just returned from the United States and Mexico, proposed today that Mapai, Israel's labor party, should consider the issue of Israel relations with Jewry in countries outside of Israel an urgent problem and prepare a definite program of action to deal with it.

Speaking at the ninth convention of Mapai, Mr. Sharett emphasized that the Government of Israel has no clear-cut position on such relationships. He said that Mapai could not "sit with hands folded" and do nothing about the "chaos and lack of thought about problems" concerning Jewish communities outside of Israel and their relations with Israel. It was essential, he stated, that Mapai pay more attention to its supporters abroad and extend "its responsibility to the whole nation" because there was no central force "which can undertake such responsibility."

HOUSE PASSES CIVIL RIGHTS BILL WITH MEASURE AGAINST 'HATE BOMBERS'

WASHINGTON, March 24. (JTA) -- The House today passed a civil rights bill that included a measure that would make it a federal crime to cross a state line to escape prosecution for bombing or threatening to bomb any building or vehicle. This could be used against the "hate bombers" of synagogues, churches and schools. The bill was passed by a vote of 311 to 109.

The House yesterday rejected a proposal that would have made it a federal crime to transport explosives from one state to another with intent to use them in bombing synagogues, churches or schools. The civil rights bill was sent to the Senate. The Senate immediately referred it to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back not later than Tuesday.

ZIONIST LEADER IN FRANCE MAY SEEK A DISCUSSION WITH KHRUSHCHEV

PARIS, March 24. (JTA) -- Andre Blumel, president of the Zionist Federation of France, may seek an appointment with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, to discuss with him the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union, the Jewish leader stated here today. The talk, if it materializes, will, however, be conducted by M. Blumel "in a private capacity, and not as a representative of a Jewish organization," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

M. Blumel, who is head of France-USSR, an organization devoted to the establishment of better relations between the Soviet Union and this country, was to have met Mr. Khrushchev on behalf of France-USSR. When the Russian Premier's schedule was revised, the France-USSR appointment was dropped.

Meanwhile, the Council of Jews in France had requested publicly that no approaches be made to Mr. Khrushchev by any individual Jewish organization, M. Blumel contends that, since his visit would be "private," the Council's request does not apply to him.

FEDERAL ACTION DEMANDED ON U.S. BOWING TO ARAB ANTI-JEWISH DEMANDS

ATLANTIC CITY, March 24. (JTA) -- A demand that President Eisenhower's Committee on Government Employment Policy should enforce its regulations by insisting that the State Department and other federal agencies cease and desist from discriminating against potential employees of the Jewish faith, was voiced here today by Adolph Held, national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, at the opening session of the JLC convention held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. More than 500 delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada are attending the four-day parley.

"Americans seeking employment, for example," Mr. Held said, "in the State Department, are carefully screened not only as to their political loyalty--which we believe to be correct--but as to their religious affinities, which we believe to be reprehensible." He stressed that both the Republican and Democratic platforms of 1956 guaranteed that imposition by foreign governments of discrimination against United States citizens based on their religion or race is contrary to American policy.

"The sordid fact remains," Mr. Held outlined, "that our government while publicly condemning such action on the part of the Arab states, has privately condoned such actions. The time to redeem pledges cannot be measured by clocks or days. Pledges must be redeemed upon demand. And that demand has been made ever since the Arabs intensified their discrimination against Americans because of their religion or ancestral beliefs. It is a demand that we have made before and it is a demand that we make again here this morning.

"The Arabs can demand that no Jew be employed in a foreign legation on their soil. Certainly not in the legation of the United States! The State Department will bow the knee. Yet, would the State Department bow the knee to the Kremlin should a demand be made that only American communists be employed at the United States Embassy in Moscow?" the JLC leader asked. "The time has come for a full-scale investigation by the responsible agencies of government into the implementation of the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy which was created so that no American would be denied federal employment because of race, religion or national origin.

"We must have an immediate order instructing all agencies of government to desist from screening qualified American citizens from military, diplomatic or other service in a foreign country solely because of objections by that country to the religion or race of these American citizens," Mr. Held demanded. He asked for such provisions in all treaties and executive agreements. He also called upon the United States Chamber of Commerce to "vigorously oppose policies which condone boycotts against American business firms which employ Jews or which have Jewish stockholders or directors."

The investigation by the Department of Justice of Arab propagandists in this country and their alliances with native American bigots was also urged by the JLC chairman. He said that the question of discrimination has nothing to do with Israel, that American Catholics were likewise discriminated against by Arab nations. He urged that "American prestige at home and abroad be buttressed by a clear, unequivocal policy against further bias."

ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR IN ENGLAND PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO THE QUEEN

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) -- Ambassador Arthur Lourie of Israel formally presented his credentials as Ambassador to the Court of St. James' to Queen Elizabeth yesterday. During the interview with the Queen, it was learned, the British ruler inquired not only about Israel but also about Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, discussing Mr. Ben-Gurion's personality and inquiring whether he had enjoyed his visit to England.

12 ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED TO RAISE FUNDS IN U.S. FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 24, (JTA) -- A list of organizations authorized to conduct public fund-raising campaigns for the benefit of Israel in the 1960-61 campaign year was released today by the Jewish Agency's Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns. The committee, which coordinates fund-raising for Israel in this country, was established in 1949 under the auspices of the Jewish Agency and includes representatives of the United Jewish Appeal and of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Since its inception, the committee has served as a clearing house providing information and clarification with regard to appeals addressed to American Jews by charitable or educational institutions in Israel either directly or through their American representatives. Over the years, communities, American Jewish organizations and individuals have looked to the committee for guidance in dealing with these requests.

In releasing its list of authorized agencies for the 1960-61 campaign year, based on a careful review and analysis of financial statements and promotional activities of these organizations, the committee emphasized that the backlog of unmet immigrant needs in Israel makes it more imperative than ever to assure priority for the United Jewish Appeal and for community welfare funds raising funds on its behalf and to coordinate fund-raising efforts for Israel throughout the United States.

The following 12 organizations received authorization contingent on their pledge to give priority to the United Jewish Appeal as the major source of philanthropic funds for Israel's immigration, absorption and colonization programs:

American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, American Friends of the Hebrew University, America-Israel Cultural Foundation, American Red Magen David for Israel (membership campaign only), American Technion Society, Federated Council of Israel Institutions, Hadassah, Jewish National Fund (traditional collections), Mizrahi Women's Organization, National Committee for Labor Israel, Pioneer Women and Women's League for Israel (New York area). Authorization of a campaign does not imply its endorsement by the Jewish Agency.

JEWISH YOUTH WEEK STARTS TODAY; WILL BE OBSERVED IN COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, March 24, (JTA) -- Jewish Youth Week will start tomorrow and will be observed in Jewish communities throughout the country. The Week is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The Jewish Youth Week aims to direct the attention of local communities to youth's problems and achievements; to promote opportunities for youth leadership and responsibility; to create a sense of identification with all Jewish youth, and to encourage the initiation of especially timely and worthwhile programs.

JEWS IN MANY COUNTRIES TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW UPRISING

NEW YORK, March 24, (JTA) -- An estimated 50 countries throughout the free world participated in the 1959 observance of the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

Dr. Isaac I. Schwartzbart, director of the WJC Organization Department, said he hoped that the number would be exceeded on April 24 this year, which will be the 17th anniversary. The date has been fixed by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, on 27 Nissan.

He also disclosed that a proposal for a worldwide essay contest to create a Megillah for the murder of the 6,000,000 Jews of Europe by the Nazis had been referred by the Israel Prime Minister's office to Yad Vashem, the official agency for the commemoration of the European holocaust. He added that he expected the Executive of Yad Vashem to act favorably on the proposal.

LINCOLN EXHIBITION OPENED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY; PREPARED BY U.S.

JERUSALEM, March 24, (JTA) -- An exhibition commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was opened last night at the Hebrew University. The exhibit included pictures illustrating Lincoln's life story as well as several documents in Lincoln's handwriting and books on Lincoln. The exhibit was prepared by the United States Information Service. A bronze head of Lincoln by Leonard Volk was presented to the university.

SHAZAR MEMORIALIZES CHAIM N. BIALIK AT SEMINARY ISRAEL INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, March 23, (JTA) -- Chaim Nachman Bialik, the noted Hebrew poet who died a quarter of a century ago, was memorialized tonight by Zalman Shazar, author and Jewish Agency leader, in a talk at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Mr. Shazar spoke in Hebrew to an audience composed largely of faculty and students of the Seminary and its neighboring academic institutions.