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KHRUSHCHEV REFUSES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON SITUATION OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

PARIS, April 4. (JTA) -- Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, prior to his departure yesterday from Paris for Moscow, refused to answer questions concerning the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union.

In a news conference lasting almost an hour and a half, many of the 1,200 newsmen present fired various questions dealing with the attitude of the Soviet Government toward the 3,000,000 Jews living in the U.S.S.R. Mr. Khrushchev refused to answer any of those queries.

The Soviet leader was also asked what response he intends to make to a request for a meeting with Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. "I have not received a demand for such a meeting," he replied. Asked how he would reply if such a request were laid before him, he replied evasively: "If I got such a request, I would answer."

(Surprise was expressed in Jerusalem today over Mr. Khrushchev's statement that he received no request from Mr. Ben-Gurion for a meeting. It was pointed out that Mr. Ben-Gurion advanced such a request to the Soviet Ambassador to Israel, prior to the Premier's trip to Washington and London. The Russian Ambassador, Michael Bodrov, who is on home leave now, is expected to return next month when, presumably, he will bring an answer to Mr. Ben-Gurion's request.)

BEN-GURION FINDS YOUNG U.S. JEWS CLOSER TO ISRAEL THAN THEIR PARENTS

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The younger Jewish children in America, comprising the third and fourth generations, are closer to Israel than their immigrant forefathers were, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion declared here today.

Mr. Ben-Gurion spoke at the annual meeting of the Bible Research Society here. Referring to observations he made on his recent trips to the United States and England, he stated that "the love for Israel I found among millions of Jews in the United States and England is one of the wonders of Jewish history."

An announcement was made at the meeting that the Jewish National Fund has donated to the society a tract of land in this city for the construction of a "House of the Bible." The land is near the border of Old Jerusalem, which is under Jordanian jurisdiction.

NASSER FAILS TO INDUCE NEHRU TO ALTER INDIA'S STAND ON ISRAEL

NEW DELHI, April 4. (JTA) -- No agreement on the vital issue of India's relationship to Israel was reached between Prime Minister Nehru and Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, president of the United Arab Republic, now on an official visit to India, it was authoritatively stated here today.

India has no diplomatic relations with Israel, although officially it recognizes Israel. Mr. Nehru is reported to have indicated that he does not want to displease the Arab states by altering his present stand on Israel. However, he feels that he cannot ignore Israel's existence and the fact that Israel is "here to stay." This view, displeasing to Nasser, is said to be based on India's relations to Pakistan--a state which has been carved out of the old India on a religious basis, but one which, nevertheless, India recognizes, is also "here to stay."

Col. Nasser, at a press conference here today, stated that "trouble between Israel and the United Arab Republic is chronic. I would not be surprised if Israel again tried to involve the UAR or raise a flare-up." He charged "Israel is trying to expand into the demilitarized zone which was agreed upon in United Nations resolutions."

United Arab Republic Foreign Minister Mahmud Fawzi told a correspondent of the Hindustan Times here that "there is no likelihood of the UAR changing its attitude toward Israel."

HAMMARSKJOLD CONVINCED NOW NASSER TRICKED HIM ON SUEZ CANAL ISSUE

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold was described here today as convinced now that President Nasser of the United Arab Republic had tricked him when he promised to permit passage through the Suez Canal of cargo to and from Israel under certain rigidly-defined conditions.

The first cargo shipped from Israel under these conditions was halted at the Suez Canal last December when the UAR authorities refused to give clearance to the Greek freighter

Astypalea. The freighter is still being detained at Port Said and will not be permitted to leave until it unloads its 400-ton cargo of cement from Israel.

The charter under which the Astypalea sailed is expiring and its owners want the ship to return to Greece. Israel has notified the owners that it will not repay them the charges the Egyptians demand for the unloading of the vessel. Israel similarly refused to pay the unloading charges when the Egyptians confiscated the Israel cargo of the Danish freighter Inge Toit.

Mr. Hammarskjold has indicated to circles here that he still does not have a solution to the impasse caused by the UAR blockade of Israel at the Suez Canal.

KLUTZNICK ANNOUNCES WORKING RULES ADOPTED BY 'PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE'

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has "set its house in order" by adopting a committee report spelling out the organization's basic frame of reference, and deciding upon definite rules of procedure, Philip M. Klutznick, president of the Conference, announced here today.

Mr. Klutznick made the announcement after a meeting attended by all leaders of the 17 organizations represented in the Conference. The group, according to Mr. Klutznick, decided that its "frame of reference reaffirms the traditional position that the Conference concern itself with American-Israeli affairs."

Membership is held by the presidents of organizations that are national in scope, have local constituents, have their own budget, have their own boards and a regular structure. Auxiliary bodies belonging to these national organizations are to be represented on the Conference only through the national body. Under the rules adopted today:

1. Each president belonging to the Conference has the freedom to be instructed by his own organizations as to whether he does or does not have full freedom to vote on issues before the entire Conference.

2. The Conference is to hold two regular, stated meetings annually. In addition, a meeting is to be convened by the chairman when one is requested by at least four of the member-presidents.

3. The Conference is to establish a regular budget, which will be met by the member-organizations on a proportional basis. The group is also to have its own executive director and such staff as it may need from time to time.

Mr. Klutznick announced that today's meeting authorized him to name a committee to draw up a budget as well as a nominating committee for the naming of the next chairman. He expressed the hope that the nominating committee may be ready to report within about a month, after which he will summon another meeting of the full Conference.

The Conference has been in existence six years. Its constituent organizations are: American Israel Public Affairs Committee, American Jewish Congress, American Trade Union Council for Labor Israel, American Zionist Council, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah - the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Jewish Agency for Israel, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., Labor Zionist Assembly, Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, National Community Relations Advisory Council, National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America, and the Zionist Organization of America. In addition to the members, the Conference of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is an observer in the Conference.

ISRAELI LEADERS DENY USING U. J. A. FUNDS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- Two Israeli political leaders--one representing a party which is a member of the coalition government, the other heading one of the opposition parties--joined here today in denouncing what they called "irresponsible" accusations that their groups use United Jewish Appeal funds for political purposes.

The Israelis, both members of the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament, are Joseph Serlin, chairman of the General Zionist Party in Israel, and Moshe Kol, chairman of the Progressive Party in Israel. The latter group is a member of the coalition government.

Objecting to "unjust and unfounded charges" voiced in this country, the Israelis pointed out that their two parties conduct jointly an organization in Israel called Constructive Enterprises Fund, Ltd., which, for 14 years, has been conducting various projects involving new houses for immigrants, establishment of new settlements, strengthening the kibbutz movement, loan funds and youth villages.

Allocations received from abroad by Constructive Enterprises have never been used for any other purpose and have never been used by either the General Zionists or the Progressives for strictly domestic political aims, the leaders declared.

Pointing out that, at the request of the UJA, Constructive Enterprises has been receiving an annual allocation of \$750,000, Mr. Serlin and Mr. Kol stated that that sum was not in itself sufficient to finance the Fund's activities. Individual supporters in Israel, they said, supplement the Fund's needs.

At the request of the UJA, the leaders said, they gave up the right to conduct their own individual campaigns in the United States. Now, however, they declared, they are planning

to run a Constructive Enterprises drive in the United States beginning in 1961. The two leaders pointed out that the "unfounded" charge that UJA funds are used for political purposes collapses when it is noted that the parties which they head, the Progressives and the General Zionists, actually fight each other vigorously on the political front in Israel.

HOUSE VOTES TO ADMIT 5,000 REFUGEES FROM IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, April 4. (JTA) -- The House today passed by a voice vote a bill to admit 5,000 refugees from Iron Curtain countries now in Western Europe. The bill continues for two years the authority of the Attorney General to admit refugees by parole instead of regular immigration procedure.

Chairman Francis E. Walter, of the House Immigration Subcommittee, revealed in the course of the debate that there is virtually no chance for House action this session on the sweeping changes in the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act requested by President Eisenhower in March.

The President's proposal would double the number of immigrants admitted yearly. Rep. Walter, a Pennsylvania Democrat, said his subcommittee first wants to study "the capacity of this country to absorb them."

A. J. C. CONFERENCE CONCLUDES WITH CALL FOR INTENSIFIED JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- "Zionism can no longer base itself on emergencies; henceforth we must stress the normal and permanent," Rabbi Irving Miller declared here last night at the closing session of the two-day annual conference of the American Zionist Council, coordinating body of all Zionist organizations in this country. Rabbi Miller, who has served as AZC chairman since 1954, was re-elected chairman for another term.

Calling for the restoration of Jewish education in this country to a primary position in the Zionist movement, Rabbi Miller said that the Hebrew day schools must play a more significant role. They must be extended and made financially sound, in order to enable parents of moderate means to send their children to schools "where our youth will be instilled with our priceless heritage, where they will learn to understand Israel's historic role as the center of Judaism, where they will be taught to be better Jews and better citizens."

Avraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the United States, told the delegates that they should not be under the impression that "if you have an independent Jewish State, it will automatically radiate Jewish learning and influence." He urged them to develop "home-grown" leadership.

Ambassador Harman said that Israel's permanence was now being "tacitly accepted in several Arab countries," although the Arab states still consider themselves to be at war with Israel. "There is only one road to peace in the Middle East," he stated, "and that is through direct discussion and negotiation. For our part, we shall persevere in this direction."

Louis Segal, chairman of the Jewish Agency's Aliyah department, reported that, in the past year and a half, more than 1,000 Americans and Canadians went to Israel to live. He emphasized, however, that emigration from the United States consists mainly of young people imbued with idealism, and also of retired people. In order to encourage others to live in Israel, Mr. Segal said that the Zionist movement here "has an obligation to help create the necessary instrumentalities to provide better employment possibilities, modern housing and suitable credit facilities."

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, presided at the concluding session. Rabbi Jerome Ungar, executive director of the AZC, told the conference that "the present revolutionary and crucial period of the Zionist movement offers us opportunity and challenge. New avenues of work present themselves to us as a united Zionist movement. The challenge of doing our work in a completely independent manner is one which can restore prestige to Zionism in America."

The conference elected Dr. Miriam Freund as chairman of the AZC executive committee. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Louis Lipsky were elected honorary chairmen. Re-elected as vice-chairmen were Pinchas Cruso and Rabbi Mordecai Schechtman. Charles Bick was re-elected treasurer. Two secretaries were chosen: Paul Goldman, who was re-elected, and Avraham Schenker, was elected. Rabbi Jerome Unger, who has served as executive director for the past 11 years, was again re-elected to the post.

YAAKOV TSUR ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF KEREN KAYEMETH BOARD IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- Yaakov Tsur, former Israel Ambassador to France and presently a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, was elected today chairman of the board of the Keren Kayemeth, the Jewish National Fund, the Jewish land redemption agency.

He succeeds Dr. Abraham Granot who was elected to the post of president of the Keren Kayemeth. This position had been left vacant since the death 19 years ago of Menachem M. Ussishkin, founder and first president of the Fund. Joseph Weitz was elected chairman of the Keren Kayemeth development committee.

PIONEER WOMEN TO CONSTRUCT LIBRARY SCHOOL BUILDING AT HEBREW U.

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- The annual national board meeting of Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, voted unanimously today to undertake the construction of a Graduate Library School Building at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at a cost of \$130,000.

The decision to build the Graduate Library School "to train the future guardians of Israel's literary heritage" was made at the opening session of the two-day meeting in the Statler Hilton Hotel of the 100 national leaders who govern Pioneer Women between the organization's biennial conventions. Clara Leff, national president of Pioneer Women, presided. Pioneer Women, an organization of 35,000 American Jewish women, spends more than \$1,000,000 annually to maintain its comprehensive program of social welfare and educational services in Israel.

Mrs. Leff explained that in constructing the Hebrew University's Graduate Library School Building, Pioneer Women "would pay tribute to the life work of Sophie Udin, founder in 1925 of Pioneer Women, who was the moving spirit in the creation of the Zionist Archives and Library in the United States, and who was subsequently invited to Israel to establish the archives of the Israel Government."

Mrs. Leff pointed out that the need in Israel for a Graduate Library School has become increasingly urgent since 1948 when the Jewish National and University Library, with its 500,000 books, rare manuscripts and other literary treasures, on Mount Scopus, was cut off and isolated from Israel by the Arabs. The National Board designated Mrs. Israel Goldstein of New York City as chairman of a special committee to raise the \$130,000 necessary to construct the Graduate Library School.

NEW ISRAEL ENVOY ARRIVES IN BRAZIL; GREETED BY CHILDREN AT AIRPORT

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 4. (JTA) -- Yosef Tekoah, Israel's new Ambassador, arrived here today from New York, where he had been his country's acting permanent representative at the United Nations, and was greeted at the airport by several hundred school children and members of the Zionist Youth Movement, as well as by Government protocol officers.

In a brief statement at the airport, Mr. Tekoah declared that Israel and Brazil share "common ideals which have imprinted upon both countries a strong sympathy and deep understanding." The new Ambassador is expected to present his letters of credence soon at Brazil's new capital, Brasilia.

JEWISH LEADERS BID FAREWELL TO CONSUL PRATT; RETURNS TODAY TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- Hundreds of leaders from all walks of Jewish life came yesterday to the Israeli Consulate to bid farewell to Consul General Simcha Pratt and his wife, who are leaving the United States tomorrow on the S.S. Zion. Mr. Pratt is returning to Israel to take over a new post in the Israel Foreign Ministry.

Major Jewish organizations have honored Mr. and Mrs. Pratt at special farewell luncheons and dinners given during the last few days. The organizations included the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Zionist Organization of America, Zionist Labor Organization and others.

Avnon Assumes Post of Israel Consul General for 13 Western States

LOS ANGELES, April 4. (JTA) -- Yaakov Avnon has assumed his post as Israel Consul General for the 13 Western States, with offices in Los Angeles, it was announced here today. Mr. Avnon had been Consul here prior to his appointment as Consul General.

TOUBIN NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF N.A.J.E.; RESIGNED FROM A.J. CONGRESS

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- The appointment of Isaac Toubin as national executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education was announced today by Philip W. Lown, president. Mr. Toubin has resigned from the post of executive director of the American Jewish Congress.

In the post of national executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education, Mr. Toubin succeeds Dr. Judah Pilch who has been appointed director of the National Curriculum Research Institute. The Institute will engage in research, experimentation and evaluation and will work in cooperation with schools for higher learning in training educational leadership.

HAYIM SALMON, FORMER VICE-MAYOR OF JERUSALEM, DEAD; FOUNDED REHAVIA

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- Some of Israel's most prominent citizens, including President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, today attended funeral services for the late Hayim Salmon, one of the pioneers of Israel's pharmaceutical industry, who died here Saturday. He was 80.

Born here, Mr. Salmon had served on the Jerusalem City Council, was vice-mayor of this city for a term, was a founder of the Rehavia quarter and of Yeshurin Synagogue, and was among the founders of a hospital and a school here.