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SEN. FULBRIGHT LEAVES FOR CAIRO; MAY INCLUDE ISRAEL IN HIS ITINERARY

WASHINGTON, May 10. (JTA) -- Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, indicated today that he might include a "fact-finding and inspection visit" to Israel on his Near Eastern itinerary.

The Arkansas Democrat, whose recent attacks on Israel and her alleged "pressure group" supporters in the United States created heated controversy, will depart by air tonight for Cairo. He said his plans for traveling in the Near East were still "tentative," adding that he would definitely visit the United Arab Republic but might also stop in Israel and Jordan.

He indicated concern over the Arab refugee problem and said he was mindful of that situation as a stumbling block to regional peace.

Meanwhile, it was revealed today by Senator Albert Gore, Tennessee Democrat, that Senate-House conferees on the Mutual Security Bill have submitted to State Department pressure and nullified his amendment, thus allowing the continued fraudulent use of "Arab refugee" ration cards in Jordan. The Gore amendment was designed to end corruption in the use of American funds by requiring re-certification of Arab refugee status.

The State Department objected to the Gore amendment, claiming that any attempt to authenticate the claims of Arabs in Jordan to being actual refugees from Palestine and examination of holders of UN refugee ration cards would weaken the "pro-Western elements in the Hussein regime."

Senator Gore cited many instances of fraud, financed by U.S. funds, in Jordan. His amendment provided that no American funds were to go for the ration program after January 1, 1961, except for the issuance of rations to those Arabs whose refugee eligibility had been established and certified after July 1, 1960.

The State Department claimed that adoption of the amendment would cause Arab hostility against Israel in Jordan to be diverted into anti-Americanism. The Department acknowledged an element of corruption but said it must not probe through the Gore amendment if dire consequences to the Hussein regime were to be averted.

Taking the State Department's proposals, the Senate-House conference extracted the teeth from the Gore amendment. New wording was substituted for Senator Gore's provisions that release Jordan of responsibility for re-certifying Arab refugee status. The new phrasing of the measure makes it permissive on the President, if he should see fit on advice of the State Department, to make whatever corrective steps he might deem expedient. No action would be incumbent upon him, actually.

Senator Gore made known that he was displeased with the scrapping of his amendment, which was adopted by a majority vote in the Senate. Chairman Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee supported State Department efforts to shield the Arabs. The Department was also backed by Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen, Illinois Republican.

BEN-GURION FORMALLY ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF EDUCATION MINISTER

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today formally announced the resignation of Minister of Education Zalman Aranne. Mr. Aranne quit his post two months ago when he was overruled by other members of the Cabinet after he sought to recognize the dissident high school teachers union in a wage dispute.

Mr. Ben-Gurion also announced the appointment of Ami Assaf, a Mapai Knesset Member as Deputy Minister of Education. The Premier has assumed the Education portfolio in addition to his serving as Minister of Defense and Acting Minister of Posts.

ISRAEL SEEKS \$16,000,000 LOAN FROM EXPORT-IMPORT BANK FOR EL-AL PLANES

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel has opened negotiations with the United States Export-Import Bank for a \$16,000,000 loan for the purchase of two Boeing 707 jetliners for El-Al National Airlines, it was disclosed today.

El Al has signed an agreement for an option on the purchase which will total \$20,000,000. The American plane maker has sent several engineers to Lydda airport where they have started training the first group of El Al ground crews in jet airliner maintenance.

LABEL KATZ HEADS CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Label A. Katz of New Orleans, president of B'nai B'rith, today was elected chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. He succeeds Philip M. Klutznick, former president of B'nai B'rith.

The Conference is a group of 17 presidents of national organizations that concern themselves with American-Israel affairs. It was established six years ago as an informal assembly with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, as its head. Preliminary steps to formalize the group were accomplished last year at which time Mr. Klutznick was elected Conference chairman.

In an acceptance statement, Mr. Katz commended the "voluntary nature" of the Presidents Conference. He said the Conference had in past years "demonstrated its value as a forum where divergent organizational loyalties committed to common goals can coordinate their efforts and strength and thereby achieve the highest degree of Jewish unity in keeping with the voluntary character of the American Jewish community."

Last month Mr. Klutznick announced a set of policies adopted by the 17 presidents that provides the Conference with a basic formal structure as a forum for consultation and cooperative action. The 17 constituent organizations in the president's conference are:

American Israel Public Affairs Committee, American Jewish Congress, American Trade Union Council for Labor Israel, American Zionist Council, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Jewish Agency for Israel, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, 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.

Presidents' Conference Honors Israel Minister Herzog

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations met today here in special session to tender a farewell to the Israel Minister in Washington, Yaakov Herzog, on the eve of his departure for Canada where he is taking up the duties of the Ambassador of the State of Israel to that country.

Summing up his impressions after two and a half years of diplomatic service in Washington, Ambassador Herzog said: "In the post-Sinai period, U.S.-Israel relations have been marked by growing understanding and cooperation. Temporary problems which have arisen from time to time, have in no case left an enduring scar on the basic friendship. One gains the impression that Israel has come to be recognized as a permanent factor in the Middle East--its survival is no longer in question, while its regional and international status enshrined a contribution of significance for stability, peace and human progress."

Speaking of the spiritual relationship between American Jewry and Israel, Mr. Herzog said: "The age-old debate between Babylon and Jerusalem has been resumed. While American Jewry has not accepted homecoming as a means of its survival. It recognizes Israel's revival as the central Jewish experience in our time. The theme of redemption can be the basis of a constantly deepening spiritual relationship for the common Jewish destiny. It is the hallmark of the new epoch of Jewish history now beginning to unfold."

Ambassador Herzog emphasized the challenge facing the Presidents' Conference in respect to these ideals. Label Katz, the incoming chairman of the Conference, lauded Mr. Herzog and his work in Washington "as a brilliant contribution towards modern Israel's diplomacy" and he wished the outgoing Minister success in his new mission as Ambassador to Canada.

Israel Announces Herzog's Appointment as Ambassador to Canada

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- The appointment of Yaakov Herzog as Israel Ambassador to Canada was formally announced today by the Israel Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Herzog, 32, is the youngest of Israel's diplomats. He was born in Dublin, where his father, the late Israel Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog, was then a rabbi. Currently Minister in Washington, Mr. Herzog previously headed the Foreign Ministry's American desk. He is author of an English commentary on the Mishna.

DR. HEUSS, EX-PRESIDENT OF GERMANY, HONORED IN ISRAEL BY GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today conferred with Dr. Theodor Heuss, former President of the Federal Republic of Germany, who is visiting Israel. Tonight, a dinner in honor of Dr. Heuss was given by Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister. All members of the Cabinet and other prominent Israelis were guests at the affair.

Dr. Heuss yesterday toured the premises of the Yad Vashem, the Memorial Authority for the Victims of Nazism, where documents are preserved on the holocaust in which 6,000,000 Jews were murdered. A large audience at Hebrew University heard an address by Dr. Heuss in German on "Self-Formation of Democracy in Germany."

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AGREES TO ADMIT IMMEDIATELY 100 JEWISH FAMILIES

BUENOS AIRES, May 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Alfredo Vitolo, Argentine Minister of the Interior, has agreed to facilitate the immediate admission of 100 Jewish families from Eastern Europe to join families in Argentina.

The announcement was made following a meeting with the Minister by James P. Rice, executive director of United Hias Service; Israel G. Jacobson, director of Hias Latin American operations; Dr. Isaac Tolchinsky, president of the Argentine Society for help to Jewish Immigrants; and Jewish and Argentine officials.

Dr. Vitolo said his action was in confirmation of a promise to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, on the occasion of Dr. Goldmann's recent visit on the 100th anniversary of the Argentine Jewish community. Mr. Rice, acting to follow up the agreement, went to Europe to implement it as well as similar ones worked out by Hias representatives in Brazil, Chile and Uruguay.

SIX GROUPS CONFER ON PLAN FOR COMBINED FUND-RAISING DRIVE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Plans for a combined fund-raising campaign in America on behalf of six Israeli Funds for the maintenance of their economic welfare, educational, cultural and religious institutions in Israel were discussed at a conference in New York City yesterday.

These institutions were up to now not conducting separate campaigns in the United States; they were receiving allocations from the Jewish Agency from funds derived largely from the United Jewish Appeal. These allocations will not be forthcoming to them in 1961 due to a new arrangement arrived at by the Jewish Agency, Inc.

The conference laid plans for a joint campaign in 1961 to provide funds for the important constructive undertakings of the Israeli institutions. Participants in the conference were representatives of the Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, Agudath Israel, Poale Agudath Israel, the two World Confederations of the General Zionists and the Zionist Revisionists of America. It was agreed to recommend to all participants to join efforts for a united national drive in 1961 on behalf of their Israeli institutions.

The recommendation has been communicated to the authoritative bodies of the respective Constructive Funds for Israel for consideration. It is contemplated to have a delegation from Israel representing the participating bodies come here in the near future to prepare for the combined campaign, the conference announced.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY ASKS CONGRESS TO ACT ON CARE FOR AGED

LIBERTY, N.Y., May 10. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Assembly of America, the national association of Conservative rabbis in the United States, called upon Congress today to enact into law a bill providing hospital and nursing home care for the aged and disabled. The bill, introduced by Representative Aime Forand of Rhode Island, provides for the financing of such care by an increase in the Social Security tax.

In another resolution the Assembly, which is holding its annual convention here, called upon Conservative rabbis throughout the country "to become directly concerned and involved in the preparation, distribution and supervision of all kosher products."

The Assembly asked the Synagogue Council of America, the national representative body of the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform movements, to take the lead in the creation of "a unified, democratically constituted national organization to serve as the spokesman of the total American Jewish community in the United States." The Assembly offered the services of its membership in aiding the Council to carry out such a program.

ISRAEL MINISTER ARRIVES IN U.S. TO TOUR COUNTRY FOR BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel Barzilai, Israel's Minister of Health, arrived here today to make a tour of major American cities for the State of Israel Bond Drive. The Minister, who came here from a World Health Organization meeting in Geneva, will leave for Brazil on June 5.

Discussing Israel's health situation, he reported that the tuberculosis rate is 3.6 per 100,000, one of the lowest rates in the world. He also disclosed that Israel has brought under control a special health problem created by the vast influx of immigrants--that of diseases previously unknown in the area, such as trachoma and ringworm--and that malaria has been virtually eradicated.

MAURICE SCHWARTZ, LEADING ACTOR OF JEWISH STAGE, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 72

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Maurice Schwartz, one of the giants of the Yiddish theater, died here today in Beilinson hospital after a month-long illness from a heart ailment. He was 72. In accordance with his last wish, his body will be flown to New York Friday. He became ill during a brief visit to Israel.

Born in the Ukraine, he was the founder and director of the Yiddish Art Theater in the United States. He produced more than 150 plays including the works of Sholem Aleichem, Shaw, Shakespeare, Leivick, Sackler, Hershbein, Pinsky, Goldfaden, Tolstoy, Wilde, Gorky and many others. He also produced several plays in English on the Broadway stage.

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT RULES SUNDAY CLOSING ORDINANCE VALID

TRENTON, N. J., May 10. (JTA) -- New Jersey's tangled complex state and local Sunday closing laws was somewhat clarified today by a State Supreme Court ruling that such a ban is legal under home-rule legislation.

The high court, which last week ruled a state-wide Sunday law void, ruled unanimously yesterday that a Paramus ordinance banning the sale of some items on Sunday was valid. The Paramus ordinance, adopted in 1957, bans most non-religious or non-charitable Sunday activity but exempts a wide range of activities from the ban, including sports events.

Three highway discount stores, some of which have been forcibly closed by Paramus police, brought suit to have the local law declared invalid. The plaintiffs argued they were denied equal protection of law because nearby municipalities permitted virtually unrestricted Sunday sales.

CATHOLIC PRIEST WINS IN DISPUTE OVER SITE FOR JEWISH SCHOOL IN MIAMI

MIAMI BEACH, May 10. (JTA) -- A new effort in a seven-year struggle by the Hebrew Academy, an Orthodox Jewish Day School, to find a new site in Miami Beach was rebuffed today after the priest of a Roman Catholic church near the proposed new site expressed strong opposition.

The Miami Beach City Council declined to take action on the Academy's proposal for re-zoning of its property on Alton Road to permit building of a \$750,000 school building. In so doing, the council ignored Academy sponsors who picketed the Council chambers.

The council instead named a committee to find a "suitable location" for the school. The committee was instructed to consider the Alton Road site, which is across the street from the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. In literature distributed before the meeting, Msgr. William Barry, pastor of the church, was described as "violently opposed" to building of a Jewish school in the same neighborhood.

However, both proponents and foes of the Alton Road site deplored injection of a Catholic-Jewish issue in the dispute. Carl R. Hoffman, attorney for property owners opposing the site, who was named a member of the special committee to find a new location, said that his clients objected because they felt the site should either be developed residentially or as part of beautification of the approach to a new causeway. He said "We would oppose it just as much if it was a Catholic or Protestant school."

Other members of the special committee are Rabbi Alexander Gross, principal of the day school; Ben Cohen, attorney for the school; and Ben Segal, president of the Miami Beach Board of Realtors. The committee was instructed to report back to the city council at its next session on May 18.

FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS PRESENTS AWARD TO DR. GOLDSTEIN

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein was the recipient of the annual award for distinguished service to American Jewry at the closing session tonight of the annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. In accepting the award, Dr. Goldstein said:

"On the American scene, the religious aspect of Jewish life is, as it should be, the foremost commitment of the Jewish community and its foremost credential in the eyes of the non-Jewish community. Our religious leadership, therefore, has a right and a responsibility to exercise a role commensurate with its status and to exercise that role in every constructive direction, beginning with its own immediate premises, the Synagogue; but, far from ending there, extending to every area where religious representation of the Jewish community is germane, both here and abroad."

SIR HERSCH LAUTERPACHT, JUDGE OF INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL, DEAD

LONDON, May 10. (JTA) -- Sir Hersch Lauterpacht, one of the 15 judges of the International Court of Justice at The Hague and a leading authority on international law, died here yesterday of a heart attack at the age of 62.

Born in the Ukraine, Sir Hersch studied at various European universities before accepting appointments in international law at the London School of Economics and subsequently at the University of London. In 1948, he was named an advisor to the United Nations Secretariat on the codification of international law.

Sir Hersch served on the British War Crimes Executive, the British prosecution group at the Nuremberg trials in 1945-46. He was appointed a judge of the International Court of Justice in 1954. Among his writings were: "The Function of Law in the International Community," and "International Law and Human Rights." He was editor of the British Yearbook of International Law from 1944 to 1955.