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CHIEF RABBI OF ISRAEL, U.S. RABBIS PRAY FOR SUCCESS OF SUMMIT PARLEY

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- A fervent prayer that "truth, justice and peace" guide the heads of State convening in Paris tomorrow for the Summit Conference of the Big Four powers was voiced here today by Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim.

Rabbi Nissim expressed the hope that the Chiefs of State at the summit parley would "view Israel's rebirth as the culmination of the aspirations of many generations, as retribution for the holocaust, and as a historic fact designed by Providence." He voiced the wish that "the spirit of the Prophets inspire the meeting to channel human thoughts toward efforts to development and the progress of man."

(All rabbis in New York were urged to hold special prayers for the success of the Summit Conference in a call issued by the New York Board of Rabbis, which includes over 750 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis. "May the world leaders be motivated by the spirit of brotherhood, understanding and equality," the call stated. "May their aspirations for the common welfare of humanity transcend the national ambitions and egotisms of the participating powers. To achieve these fruitful results, let us devoutly invoke God's compassion and blessing.")

ARAB DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON CONVEY ANTI-ISRAEL VIEWS TO STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, May 15. (JTA) -- The chiefs of mission of Arab states represented diplomatically in Washington today joined in a statement charging that Israel is trying to undermine Arab relations with the United States. The statement was issued by the Arab Information Center to American press and radio tonight. Similar views were conveyed to the State Department.

The statement read:

"Ever since the 15th of May, 1948, Israel has been a destabilizing factor in the Middle East area. Established through massive aggression against the Arab people of Palestine, Israel has caused the forcible exile of one million innocent Arabs who are, to this day, denied their basic human rights. Israel's defiant and aggressive nature has kept Middle East tensions alive not only through repeated acts of aggression against Arab states, but also through her continued rejection of all United Nations resolutions and measures aimed at easing tension in the area.

"In like manner, Israel has consistently sought, with the active aid and collaboration of Zionists, to undermine the development of friendly relations between the United States and the Arab world, using all direct and indirect means at their disposal. Recent events affecting U.S. - Arab relations afford ample evidence of such activity and intention, confirming the declared concern of the Arab chiefs of mission over such Zionist attempts on the occasion of Mr. David Ben-Gurion's visit to the United States.

"Motivated by their earnest desire to promote the development of friendly relations between the United States and the Arab world, and convinced that there are no basic conflicts between American and Arab interests, the Arab chiefs of mission express the hope that, in the future, such Zionist attempts will not succeed further in disrupting peace and stability in the area, nor in endangering the promotion of friendly American-Arab relations."

SEN. FULBRIGHT ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TODAY; WILL GET FULL COOPERATION

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry here today received final confirmation of earlier reports that U.S. Senator J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will arrive here tomorrow afternoon. He will come to this city from Jordan, via the Mandelbaum Gate.

Senator Fulbright's exact schedule here, however, is still uncertain, in spite of several cables exchanged between officials here and in Washington. Israeli officials, desiring to be as cooperative as possible, despite the Arkansas Democrat's recent pro-Arab attitude in Washington, have scheduled several alternative programs for the Senator's visit, leaving the final choice of program to the visitor.

Sen. Fulbright opposed the recent picketing of the United Arab Republic freighter Cleopatra in the New York harbor. He also took a stand in the Senate against an amendment to the Mutual Security bill. That amendment in effect, expressed opposition to the UAR's blockade of the Suez Canal against Israeli shipping and goods.

ORTHODOX JEW ARRESTED IN JERUSALEM FOR HIDING CHILD FROM PARENTS

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- An Orthodox resident of Jerusalem was under arrest today for refusing to hand over his eight-year-old grandchild to the parents because of his fears that the boy would not receive an adequate traditional Jewish education.

Police arrested Nahman Shtarkes after reporting to the Supreme Court that the grandfather had eluded them in more than 200 house searches over a three-month period in the Orthodox Mea Shearim quarter. In asking to be relieved of the assignment, the police told the court that they feared further searches would start rioting among the Mea Shearim residents.

Yoseleh Schumacher was handed over to Shtarkes by his parents when the couple arrived penniless from Eastern Europe. When the parents' situation improved and they asked for the return of the boy, the grandfather refused. When the Schumachers obtained a court order, police undertook their unsuccessful search.

The police acted in arresting the grandfather when the Supreme Court rejected the request to be relieved of the assignment and criticized police handling of the case. The court asked police officials whether they would halt the search for a thief "if threatened by terror."

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ASKS U.S. TO IMPOSE LIMITS ON ZIONIST ACTIVITIES

DENVER, May 15. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism today called upon the United States Government "to impose such limits upon Zionist activities as would prevent the involuntary identification of all Jews, or their institutions, with Zionism's nationalism."

The request was made in one of a series of resolutions adopted at the Council's 16th annual convention here. Pointing out that "anti-Zionist Jews in the United States" have been petitioning the U.S. Government to this effect since it became a legal party to the Balfour Declaration in 1924, the resolution stated:

"We believe the United States Government is obligated to correct this situation, both by virtue of the Constitutional right of any individual American of Jewish faith, whose status has been involuntarily changed by virtue of Zionism's designed confusion of Judaism and 'Jewish' nationalism, as well as by the specific obligation to implement and safeguard the Balfour Declaration. This Declaration undertakes to protect 'the rights and political status of Jews in any other country' outside Palestine."

In another resolution, the Council called on the leaders of both major political parties to pledge abstinence in the elections from appeals to religious differences. "The Council, seeking to advance the integration of Americans of Jewish faith into American life, deplors the appeals to a mythical Jewish bloc vote which creates cleavages in the electorate," the resolution stated.

The convention also adopted a resolution urging the United Jewish Appeal to separate from the Jewish Agency for Israel. "Jews must have a philanthropy completely controlled by Americans to engage in legitimate, charitable enterprises--in Israel and elsewhere. American control of such a philanthropy includes the administration of the actual disbursement of allocated funds to ultimate beneficiaries," the resolution stated.

Earlier, during the convention, Lessing J. Rosenwald, chairman of the Council's board of directors, reported that "some important, long-overdue" changes have been made recently in the United Jewish Appeal. "But," he added, "these changes are 'relatively superficial.'" He told the delegates that "Subsidies to the political parties in Israel will end in 1961. Some propaganda and cultural activities in the United States will be transferred to the American Zionist Council."

"A new control mechanism has been created," he said. "A board of 21 persons has been named to run the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc. It will have full authority and responsibility for all UJA funds going to Israel." However, the Council leader, claimed that the Jewish Agency in Israel still indirectly controls the New York board."

LEBANESE IN BRAZIL BOYCOTT EGYPTIAN MINISTER; ISRAEL ENVOY HONORED

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 15. (JTA) -- The Organization of Lebanese Christian Youth of Brazil today issued a call to all Arabs in this country to boycott the visit here of Hussein Z. Sabri, deputy foreign minister of the United Arab Republic. Mr. Sabri arrived here Friday for a formal "goodwill" mission. According to the organization of Lebanese youth here, he was one of the UAR's "chief co-plotters" against Lebanon.

Only three of the leading Brazilian newspapers today mentioned the Sabri visit. On the other hand, the same newspapers, and all others, featured prominently reports of a luncheon tendered Friday by the Brazil-Israel Chamber of Commerce, honoring Mr. Tekoah. One of the principal speakers at the Tekoah luncheon was Apolonio Salles, former vice-president of the Brazilian Senate, who is considered here as the country's outstanding "elder statesman."

In enthusiastic terms, Mr. Salles praised Israel's achievements during the first 12 years of its independence. An address by Mr. Tekoah, detailing modern Israel's progress in economy, social affairs and science, was quoted widely by all newspapers as well as on radio and television networks.

GERMANY'S HIGHEST COURT BANS AMERICAN-MADE RECORD OF NAZI SONGS

KARLSRUHE, May 15. (JTA) -- West Germany's highest court ordered a ban yesterday on further sales of an American-made record of Nazi speeches and songs.

The West German Federal Court overruled lower court decisions which termed the contents of the fast-selling recording not harmful and ordered that existing copies be confiscated. Dr. Heinrich Jagusch, the presiding federal judge, declared that the presentation "glorified" the Third Reich of Hitler.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ORDERS PROBE OF FRATERNITIES BIASED AGAINST JEWS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 15. (JTA) -- Officials of Rutgers University here ordered an investigation this week-end of charges that some of the campus fraternities discriminate against potential members on the basis of race, creed or color.

The charge had been made openly by the top student of the School of Business Administration, Richard F. Lert, of Newark, who is a Jew. He accused the Delta Sigma Pi chapter here, and other fraternities, of bias by never inviting Jewish students to join.

Dr. Mason W. Gross, Rutgers president, today said he was "distressed" by the information. He stated that Rutgers, which has had an anti-discrimination rule for fraternities, since 1950, "will not tolerate discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin."

FRATERNITY CHAPTERS IN WILLIAMS COLLEGE PLEDGE TO ABANDON BIAS

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., May 15. (JTA) -- Two fraternity chapters on the Williams College campus here announced this weekend that, by the time the college opens for classes next September, they will have freed themselves of discriminatory practices in regard to electing new members. Thirteen of the 15 fraternity chapters at Williams College have already filed statements asserting that they are "free to elect to membership any individual on the basis of his merit as a person."

The two fraternities preparing to make Williams College fraternity membership 100 percent without bias are Phi Delta Theta and Phi Gamma Delta. The local officers of the first notified college officials this weekend that they will surrender their national charter by August 15, unless their national organization permits them to elect members without bias. Officers of Phi Gamma Delta said they will turn their chapter into a "local" fraternity by next September, freeing themselves of the national organization's discriminatory policy.

MICHIGAN AUTHORITIES BAN RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS BIAS IN DETROIT SUBURB

DETROIT, May 15. (JTA) -- Property owners and real estate brokers in suburban Grosse Pointe, who use a special "screening" system to keep Jews, Negroes and Orientals out of their residential area, are under orders from the State of Michigan today to abandon their method of discrimination in 30 days, or face "sanctions."

The order was issued this weekend by Michigan Attorney General Paul L. Adams and State Corporation Commissioner Lawrence Gubow. The two officials issued their order after a six-day hearing during which details of the "screening" system were revealed publicly.

Under this system, a detective uses a point system to "rate" prospective purchasers of homes in the five Grosse Pointe communities. To buy property there, an applicant, under the system, must be rated on his complexion, accent, education, occupation, neatness of dress, and country of origin. A point rating of 50 percent makes a prospective purchaser "eligible." However, Jews must have 85 points. Negroes and Orientals are excluded altogether.

AMERICAN JEWISH PUBLISHERS TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- The 18th annual convention of the American Jewish Press Association, consisting of leading Jewish weeklies in 26 of the largest Jewish communities, will open at the Park Sheraton Hotel here on May 18. It was announced today by J. I. Fishbein, president of the Association and editor of the Sentinel, an English-Jewish publication in Chicago.

In addition to the routine problems of editorial, advertising and circulation building, customary in the profession, the Jewish editors and publishers will evaluate changing trends within the American Jewish community that have taken place during the past year. Other officers of the association include Joseph Weisberg, Boston; Albert W. Golomb of Pittsburgh, and Leo H. Frisch of Minneapolis, vice-presidents; James Wisch of Dallas, secretary, and Adolph Rosenberg of Atlanta, treasurer.

PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WILL CONFER WITH BEN-GURION

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- Pennsylvania Governor David Lawrence arrived in Israel last night for a 12-day tour of the country. He will join a group of United Jewish Appeal leaders from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia now visiting Israel. The group will be received by President Ben-Zvi and Premier Ben-Gurion.

BONFIRES, MARRIAGES MARK JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF LAG B'OMER IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- With many colorful ceremonies, all of Israel today celebrated Lag B'Omer, the 33rd day of the 49-day period of the "counting of the Omer" between Passover and Shavuot.

Beginning early this morning, immediately after midnight, hundreds of bonfires were lighted on hills and mountain tops all over Israel. On the fields in and surrounding the city of Meron, in Upper Galilee, more than 60,000 Israelis and tourists gathered for special ceremonies traditionally performed there.

Among other events connected with Lag B'Omer is celebration of the beginning of the revolt against the Romans, launched by Bar Kochba in the year 132 of the Common Era. At Meron, specifically, religious Jews gather at a grave believed to be the burial place of Rabbi Simeon bar Yohai, who is presumed to have been the author of the Zohar, one of Orthodox Jewry's holiest of books.

As giant bonfires were lighted on the hills surrounding Meron, night-long singing and dancing festivities were begun by the many thousands assembled in the area. All over Israel, countless wedding ceremonies were performed today. Under religious law, no marriage ceremonies may be held during the days of the counting of the Omer except on this day.

All schools in Israel were on holiday today. Hundreds of thousands of children participated in outdoor sports, and Boy Scouts held encampments in fields and on mountain tops.

10,000 Children Parade in New York in Lag B'Omer Festival

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Some 10,000 Jewish children took part today in a parade commemorating the celebration of Lag B'Omer, traditional festive holiday marking the lifting of restrictions on rejoicing during the Sefira period between Passover and Shavuot. The children, who gathered at the Lubavitcher Yeshiva building, heard an address by Rabbi M. Schneersohn, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, who spoke from a special platform erected for the occasion.

The marching youngsters were accompanied by several bands playing traditional Hebrew songs. Some 150 chartered buses, which had brought the children to the assembly point, took them to Brooklyn's Prospect Park for a day's outing and picnic. The children were supervised by 600 instructors and group leaders of the 112 boys clubs sponsored by the National Council of Mesibos Shabbos, which organized the celebration.

FIRST AMERICAN-ISRAEL INSURANCE COMPANY OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Formation of The Citadel Life Insurance Company of New York, chartered and licensed by the New York State Insurance Department, was announced here today. "This marks the first time that substantial private Israel capital has come to the United States for investment," Mr. M. B. Pomrock, president of the new company, said.

He explained that the three leading Israel insurance companies--Hassneh Insurance Company of Israel, Ltd., Migdal Insurance Company, Ltd., and Zion Insurance Company, Ltd.--own one-third of the stock of The Citadel Life, with the remaining two-thirds belonging to American businessmen and investors. He also made public a message from Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance of the State of Israel, hailing "this first experiment of combined American-Israel investment in the United States." The Citadel Life will initially offer the following types of insurance policies: whole life, term, endowment, educational, group, loan and mortgage.

ABBA EBAN ELECTED MEMBER OF AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BOSTON, Mass., May 15. (JTA) -- Abba S. Eban, Israel Minister without Portfolio and former Ambassador to the United States, was elected honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences this weekend. The only other Israelis ever to have been named to membership in the Academy were the late President Chaim Weizmann and the late Professor Joseph Klausner of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

EX-PRESIDENT HOOVER, LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY RECEIVE JEWISH AWARDS

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Former President Herbert Hoover received tonight the Humanitarian Award of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at the tenth anniversary dinner of the Seminary's Universal Brotherhood Movement. Mr. Hoover was cited for his "dedication to the cause of brotherhood and man's spiritual and physical welfare."

H. F. Jensen, Lord Mayor of Sydney, Australia, was the recipient, at the dinner, of the Seminary's 1960 Universal Brotherhood Award in recognition of his "profound contribution to civilization in our time and to the goals to which the Seminary and all religious efforts are dedicated." Mayor Jensen recently won international acclaim for his uncompromising stand against religious and racial intolerance.