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EISENHOWER, HERTER URGED NOT TO EXTEND U.S. HOSPITALITY TO NASSER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Two New York Congressmen protested against the extension of any United States Government hospitality to President Nasser of the United Arab Republic during his coming visit.

Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, said in a communication to President Eisenhower that Nasser is "no more deserving of American respect and hospitality than the other dictators who have invited themselves here--Khrushchev, Castro and Tito." He said that any concession to Nasser, prior to compliance with international law on the Suez blockade issue, will only cause greater intransigence. He urged that Nasser should be restricted in the same manner as "his admirer and friend, Castro."

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democratic member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called on Secretary of State Herter to oppose any consideration of inviting Nasser to Washington. He said hospitality or concessions to Nasser would be appeasement of an "anti-American dictator" that would "trouble the conscience of millions of Americans." He accused Nasser of serving the Kremlin's ends.

PARIS CONFERENCE APPEALS TO MOSCOW TO GRANT JEWS EQUAL RIGHTS

PARIS, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A solemn appeal to Soviet authorities to re-examine the situation of Soviet Jews and to grant them equal rights with other minority groups in Russia was issued here today by the one-day conference on Soviet Jewry which brought together world-famous intellectuals from 14 countries. It was convened by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who delivered one of the major addresses at the parley.

The resolution in which the appeal was made reiterated the sorrow expressed during the day by the various speakers. The resolution asked the Soviet Government to re-establish Jewish organizations, and cultural and religious institutions and to permit Soviet Jewry to contact Jewish religious centers in other countries and to develop their own cultural life in Russia.

"Urged by humanitarian considerations, we especially ask the Soviet Union to permit Jews living in the Soviet Union who have been separated from their families during the last war to rejoin them," the resolution emphasized. The resolution, which was couched in moderate tones, stressed that all appeals in it were based strictly on humanitarian grounds without any political implications.

Dr. Goldmann, who presented in his address a list of religious and national discriminations against Jews in the Soviet Union, paid a warm tribute to the Soviet Union for its role in World War II and for having outlawed anti-Semitism. He said that, in spite of that action, the Jewish community in Russia was being "collectively discriminated against from both the religious and national angle."

Dr. Goldmann Cites List of Discriminations Against Soviet Jews

"A special policy, different from that applied to all other minorities, is applied to Soviet Jews," Dr. Goldmann said. "This policy, if not modified, can in the long run bring about the forced disintegration of the community and even its disappearance as such."

The Jewish leader cited at length official Soviet publications to demonstrate that the Soviet Government's attitude toward Soviet Jews was contrary to its own laws. He contrasted the difficulties for Soviet Jewry with the advantages granted to Russia's other minority groups. In the religious sphere, he compared the situation of the other religious groups, all of which have some form of organization and which keep in touch with co-religionists abroad, with the Jewish faith which he said was cut off from its brethren abroad and deprived of all central organizations within.

He also disclosed that the Jewish Prayerbook published in 1957--the only edition in 40 years--consisted of only 3,000 copies, "a ridiculously small number for a community of 2,500,000 which has been deprived of prayerbooks for so many years." He reported that the manufacture and import of all Jewish ritual objects, such as mezuzahs and phylacteries, was forbidden in the Soviet Union.

In spite of many available manuscripts, he said, no Yiddish books whatever were printed in the Soviet Union in 1956. In 1959, he reported, three Yiddish books were

printed in editions of 3,000 each, the majority of which were exported. Only a few hundred were retained for sale in the Soviet Union.

The Jewish leader declared that the Biro-Bidjan Yiddish newspaper was not for sale in the Soviet Union and that even the Warsaw Communist paper, the Folkstimme, has been banned.

Contrasting these conditions with the more liberal attitude in other Communist countries and even with the attitude which prevailed in the Soviet Union in its early years when "Jews enjoyed equal rights with other minorities," Dr. Goldmann said this was proof that "anti-Jewish discrimination is not an integral aspect of the Communist regime."

Another equally tragic grievance, he stated, was the lack of cooperation shown by Soviet authorities in helping in the re-union of Jewish families to eliminate one of the most horrible aftermaths of the last war.

World Opinion Is Asked to Help Alleviate Plight of Soviet Jewry

Summing up the situation, Dr. Goldmann said: "This is indeed a tragic picture. The Jews in Russia have neither the right nor the possibility to lead a Jewish life. They have no possibility to express their creative sentiments as Jews, no newspapers, no schools, no central organizations and no contacts with Jews abroad. Russia's Jews cannot even protest--they can only wait, pray and hope."

He appealed to the delegates to draw their own conclusions and expressed the hope that an enlightened world opinion would make its weight felt to help alleviate the plight of what was once the cultural and traditional source for world Jewry.

Daniel Mayer, chairman of the League for the Rights of Man, who presided, urged the conference to study the problem of Soviet Jewry in a "cold and dispassionate spirit." Professor Martin Buber, discussing the concept of the immortality of Judaism, expressed the hope that the Soviet Jewry would receive equal rights so as to develop its "fundamental cultural attributes."

Other speakers were Dean James Pike of San Francisco and former French Minister Edouard Depreux who discussed the problem and urged the Soviet Union to give equal rights to Soviet Jewry.

Label A. Katz, president of the B'nai B'rith, said that "if the 2,500,000 Soviet Jews are not faced with annihilation, they are certainly threatened with cultural dehydration." He urged the conference participants to pass a resolution which would make the Soviet Union aware of the fact that "the eyes of the world are on it in this issue." He agreed that international politics must be kept out of the debate.

Wolf Mankiewicz, the young British Jewish writer, criticized the Soviet authorities and particularly the Soviet press for "calumnies and falsehoods" against the Jews. which he said were "reminiscent of those of the early Nazi era." Messages to the conference were received from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, United States Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and former French Premier Pierre Mendes France.

OIL PROSPECTORS REPORTED TO HAVE INVESTED \$39,200,000 IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Oil prospectors in Israel have invested more than 70,000,000 pounds (\$39,200,000) in their drillings for gas and oil in the last seven years, the Ministry of Development announced today, in making its latest evaluations of the search for fuels here.

Two oilfields have been discovered thus far--first in the Heletz region, latterly in the Negbah area, and one important natural gas field has been developed. According to the Ministry, the result is that Israel is expected to obtain from domestic fields more than a fourth of its total annual fuel requirements.

Domestic firms have, in recent years, increased their investments in prospecting activities, as foreign activities in this search for gas and oil have decreased, the Ministry's figures showed.

DEAD SEA RECEDING; CHANGES EFFECTED IN POTASH EXTRACTION OPERATIONS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Dead Sea, which has been steadily shrinking through the ages, is now receding visibly, forcing changes in mechanical operations for potash extraction, officials reported today.

The potash works company has been compelled to install floating pumps and dredges in place of the fixed equipment used heretofore. Wooden quays which were on the shore, now in many cases are scores of feet from the receding water's edge.

Geologists have reported that in prehistoric times, the Dead Sea was 160 miles long. It is about 50 miles long at present. After the First World War, the Dead Sea waters were near the entrance of the Sodom cave. The shoreline now is about 350 feet away.

THREE-DAY NATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL OPENS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A six-point program of economic activity for Israel, representing an advance to a higher level of industrial and agricultural development, will be considered at the three-day National Economic Planning Conference for Israel whose sessions started today at the Shoreham Hotel here. The conference, sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization, is being attended by 600 delegates from 42 states and Canada.

Israel's program of economic activity for the coming period, which will be discussed at the conference, includes: 1. Rapid development of industry with the aid of American investments; 2. Enlarging foreign trade facilities through the improvement of existing harbors and the construction of a new deep-water port on the Mediterranean south of Tel Aviv; 3. Large-scale irrigation geared to the opening of new regions in the Negev for mass settlement.

Also, 4. Intensified exploitation of copper, oil, phosphates, potash and other natural resources; 5. Expansion of transport facilities, including rail, sea and air; 6. Widening the program of technical and scientific assistance to underdeveloped countries of Africa and Asia.

Israel's Finance Minister, Levi Eshkol, will report to the conference on Israel's economic progress and her plans for stepping up the pace of her economic development, in which Israel bond funds have played a decisive role. Since May, 1951, when the Israel bond drive began, more than \$450, 000, 000 in Israel bonds have been sold in the United States, Canada, Latin America and Western Europe.

TURKEY BANS DRIVE FORCING MINORITIES TO USE ONLY TURKISH IN PUBLIC

ISTANBUL, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A campaign by Turkish students to force Ladino and French speaking Jews and other minorities to use only Turkish in public places was ordered stopped today by Turkish authorities.

General Refik Tulga, military Governor of Istanbul, who originally supported the effort, told representatives of the Turkish National Students Union, to end it immediately. He said that the campaign had turned out to be "against Turkey's national interests and international obligations." Later the General told reporters that "nothing is so natural for all citizens and foreigners in Turkey as to enjoy human rights in freedom."

The cancellation order followed heated public debate and some minor incidents between representatives of the students union and members of minorities speaking their languages. The students conducted the campaign with posters, slogans and person-to-person contacts.

Turkish newspapers strongly opposed the idea and urged the students to drop it and solve the problem through education and not by force or pressure. The cancellation decision was welcomed by Turkish Jews, some of whom still use Ladino or French as a mother tongue. The younger generation of Turkish Jews speak Turkish fluently.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO SECURE COMPENSATION FOR NAZI VICTIMS

ROME, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Italian Government was sharply criticized here today by Avanti, official newspaper of the Italian Socialist party, for having taken no steps thus far to obtain from the West German Government compensation to Italian victims of Nazism.

According to Avanti, Italy and Switzerland are the only Western European countries that have not as yet even tried to negotiate such an agreement with the Federal Republic of Germany. The newspaper declares that hundreds of Italian citizens had suffered losses under the Nazi regime, while many others had been sent to extermination camps, "for racial, ideological or political" reasons.

JEWS SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON ANTI-BIAS LEGISLATION TO QUEBEC PREMIER

MONTREAL, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress reported today it had met with Prime Minister Jean M. Lesage of Quebec and submitted to him proposals for legislation to bar discrimination in various areas.

The Prime Minister was asked to consider laws to declare discrimination on grounds of race, national origin, color or religion as being against public order. The delegates also asked for consideration of a Fair Employment Practices Act which is now law in six provinces and in the federal authority, as well as a Fair Accommodation Practices Act. Five provinces have such an act.

The delegation was led by Samuel Bronfman, national president of the Canadian Congress, who told the Prime Minister that, in urging such legislation, the delegation did not "presuppose a condition in our province which cries out for remedies."

NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION SETS \$21,250,000 AS GOAL FOR 1960-61 DRIVE

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York today announced that it will seek to raise \$21,250,000 in its 43rd annual appeal which opens officially on October 4.

Irving Mitchell Felt, campaign chairman, announcing the goal, said that the Federation is appealing for \$2,650,000 more than was raised last year in order to meet steadily rising costs and to enable the agencies to serve the greater numbers of persons expected to apply for help. Mr. Felt said that the \$21,250,000 goal represents the philanthropic share of approximately \$80,000,000 that will be spent by the 116 affiliated Jewish agencies in providing services to more than 750,000 New Yorkers of all faiths.

ESHKOL RECEIVED BY MEXICAN PRESIDENT; INVITES HIM TO VISIT ISRAEL

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister who heads a special Israel mission to the celebration of Mexico's 150th anniversary of independence, was received today by President Adolfo Lopez Mateos. He was accompanied by Mordechai Shneerson, the Israel Ambassador.

The Finance Minister presented to President Mateos an ancient Menorah on behalf of the Government of Israel. The President also received the visiting Israeli Parliamentary delegation headed by Devorah Netzer, Deputy of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

The Finance Minister, the members of the Israeli mission and the Parliamentary delegation took part in ceremonies in honor of the Mexican anniversary. Later they were guests of Ernest Uruchurtu, Mayor of Mexico City, at a luncheon. In the evening Ambassador Shneerson offered a reception which was attended by Jewish community leaders.

Professor Benjamin Mazar, president of the Hebrew University who attended a conference here, was given a reception by the local chapter of the Friends of the Hebrew University. He gave a lecture on recent archaeological discoveries in Israel.

SHARETT ADDRESSES SO. AFRICAN JEWRY ON OBLIGATIONS TO ISRAEL

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Every Jew's "top priority" duty is to help the rebuilding of Israel, Moshe Sharett, former Israeli Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, told a capacity audience attending a rally tonight at Zion Hall.

"This is a roll call issued to world Jewry," Mr. Sharett declared. He returned here from Cape Town where, last night, he helped launch the local phase of the United Israel Appeal. Tonight, he will leave for Elizabeth and Durban to address similar meetings.

A new training farm for South African Jewish youth planning to emigrate to Israel to join pioneering kibbutzim was opened today by the Zionist Federation of South Africa. The training farm, with 16 students enrolled in the opening class, is located 30 miles from this city.

YESHAYAHU STOPPER APPOINTED NEW ISRAEL TRADE COMMISSIONER IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Yeshayahu Stopper has been appointed the Israel Trade Commissioner in the United States, it was announced here today by Arie'el Manor, Israel's Economic Minister in this country. Mr. Stopper, who was formerly his country's commercial attache in Istanbul, succeeds Nathan Raviv, who was the Israel Trade Commissioner in this country since 1957.

A total of \$29,000,000 in goods was exported by Israel to the United States in 1959, Mr. Raviv reported here today. He estimated that this year's total would be \$30,000,000. Israel imports from the United States about three times the amount of goods it exports to this country, Mr. Raviv declared.

HERMAN P. TAUBMAN, NATIONAL U.J.A. LEADER, DIES IN TULSA; WAS 66

TULSA, Oklahoma, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Herman P. Taubman, a prominent philanthropist and leading member of the Jewish community here, died today at the age of 66. He was a member of the National Campaign Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, Southwest chairman of the Israel bond campaign, and a vice-president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute. Mr. Taubman was an honorary life member of the Tulsa Jewish Community Council.

(Morris W. Berinstein, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, said in New York today: "Mr. Taubman was one of the greatest friends the people of Israel ever had. While he was extremely active for all Jewish causes, his deep sympathy for the plight of Jews overseas led him to devote a major share of his time to the United Jewish Appeal, the Technion and the Weizmann Institute.")