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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS TODAY; LAST-MINUTE EFFORTS FOR JEWISH VOTES NOTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Last-minute efforts to secure Jewish votes in tomorrow's Presidential elections were made here today on the part of both the Republican and the Democratic parties, as it became clear that numerous Jewish voters in New York--which has the largest Jewish population in the country--have still not decided whether to cast their votes for Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Republican candidate, or for John F. Kennedy, Democratic candidate.

Preceding these efforts were many charges and counter-charges with regard to the attitude of each of the candidates toward questions in which Jews are specially interested, including Israel. Both candidates came out during the election campaign with statements outlining their stands on civil rights, religious freedom, immigration and the Arab-Israel problem. Each of the candidates was backed by prominent Jewish leaders who were active in the election campaign either in the Democratic camp or in the Republican.

Invoked in the election campaign was also the issue that the State Department should not back the election of the United Arab Republic to a seat in the United Nations Security Council, since the UAR is violating the Security Council's decision to permit free passage of all ships, including Israeli ships, through the Suez Canal. The issue was raised by former Senator Herbert H. Lehman, one of the leaders of the Democratic Party.

Four Republican Senators also urged Secretary of State Herter to "oppose the candidacy of the United Arab Republic to a seat in the Security Council" of the United Nations. A letter to the Secretary was sent yesterday, signed jointly by Senators Jacob K. Javits and Kenneth Keating, both of New York; Clifford P. Case, New Jersey; and Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania.

Urging the State Department to take a stand against Nasser, they pointed out that "Nasser's government has persisted in the Suez blockade and in boycotting Israel in violation of United Nations decisions, international conventions and the pledged word of the UAR itself." If the Department opposed the seating of Nasser on the Security Council, the Senators said, "we may be able to prevent the UAR from getting a position which implies power and prestige that it has no moral rights to receive, and which the world should not give it."

MOSCOW GIVES NASSER 'LARGE NUMBER' OF JETS, DESTROYERS, SUBMARINES

LONDON, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Arthur Henderson, Laborite Member of Parliament, told the House of Commons today, in a report on his recent visit to the Middle East, that he considered the situation there to be "highly dangerous" but that he did not believe conflict "to be imminent."

He said that he found ample evidence that the United Arab Republic was intensifying rearmament and receiving "large numbers of modern jet fighters, including the newest MIG Jets, destroyers and submarines from the Communist bloc. In addition there are large numbers of Communist instructors training UAR personnel."

Asserting that the United Nations had "a major responsibility" in the Middle East, Henderson said that the UN must "take active steps to secure a settlement" of the Middle East problem. He emphasized that Israel had consistently reiterated readiness to participate in a peace conference and play its part as far as possible in securing a final settlement.

The Laborite leader suggested that the United Nations consider naming a "fact-finding commission" to investigate and report on the problem of the Arab refugees and boundary revisions, with consideration of the UN resolutions and the economic problems in connection with the resettlement of the Arab refugees.

He said he regretted the fact that he saw no "initiative" coming from the Middle East countries, and added that "it may be very optimistic in the present international situation to expect cooperation between Russia and the West in this area, but I believe an attempt will have to be made sooner or later on the basis of such cooperation."

Declaring it would be a tragedy if the Middle East area was to continue to be a "shuttlecock" of world politics, he urged the British Foreign Secretary, the Earl of Home, to consider the need for Britain to act on the issue at the United Nations. He said he hoped that the British Government would act to help bring about a Middle East settlement "because there is no doubt these unfortunate people are living on the edge of a political volcano."

MOSLEM TRUST FILES MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CLAIM ON BEST JERUSALEM LAND

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7, (JTA) -- An area of some of the most valuable land in Jerusalem, comprising 12,500 acres in the western part of the city where many public buildings have been constructed in recent years, was formally claimed here today as the property of the Moslem Trust Fund, an organization with headquarters in the Old City, under the jurisdiction of Jordan.

The land claimed by the Moslem Trust Fund contains the buildings of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, the Yad Vashem Memorial Authority, and numerous other public buildings. The land is valued at many millions of dollars.

The claim was filed by the Consular offices of the French Embassy which has considered itself the guardian of North African trusts in Palestine since the rule of the Turkish regime which preceded the British mandatory power.

An Israeli attorney, acting for the French consular officials, entered the claim in District Court here this morning. The claim contends that the land is owned by the Abu Median Trust under a grant acquired from the Turkish authorities 618 years ago. A Moslem leader in North Africa allegedly bought the 50,000-dunam tract in the year 1342, and the income from the use of the land purportedly has been assigned as a perpetual grant of money to aid Moslem pilgrims to Mecca, the claim asserts.

ISRAEL CONSIDERS LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON PRIVATE TRADING IN GOLD

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7, (JTA) -- A recommendation to end restrictions on trading in gold has been made to the Treasury by Zvi Dinstein, controller of foreign currency, it was reported today. The proposal, which is expected to be adopted soon, is another in a series of moves aimed at relaxing currency controls.

Under present regulations, Israelis may have gold in their possession but are not permitted to trade the commodity. The new recommendation would permit Israelis to place gold in banks against deposit certificates and to sell unrestrictedly at prices to be governed by supply and demand.

Restrictions were recently lifted with regard to foreign securities, which can now be sold via banks along the same lines. The Treasury is also considering eliminating the requirement for the licensing of certain imports. These will include food and raw materials now classified according to country of origin.

MAYORS OF N.Y., LONDON TO ATTEND WORLD MUNICIPAL PARLEY IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 7, (JTA) -- An attempt by Communists and members of the right-wing Herut Party to bar West German delegates from attending the forthcoming congress of the International Union of Local Municipal Authorities, scheduled to open here November 16, was defeated in the Tel Aviv City Council today.

The issue came before the Council on a motion for an appropriation of 71,000 Israeli pounds (almost \$40,000) to help defray the expenses of the congress. Communist members of the Council, supported by Herut representatives, moved to defeat the appropriation measure because they objected to the fact that West Germans are expected among the 650 mayors and other city officials from all over the world scheduled to participate.

The Communists protested against Tel Aviv being host to "neo-Nazis from Germany," while Herut councilmen warned against raising the German flag among the national banners to honor visiting congress delegations. Deputy Mayor Schechter told the objectors "we must accept reality if we want the Congress here." The appropriation was approved by a majority vote over the negative votes by the Communists and Herut.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner, of New York; Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, Lord Mayor of London; and West Berlin's Governing Mayor Willy Brandt are among the famous municipal officials scheduled to attend the Congress. After holding sessions here, from November 16 to November 22, and being greeted by President Izhak Ben-Zvi and Minister of the Interior Moshe Shapira, the Congress is scheduled to adjourn for its final session, to be held in Jerusalem. There, the municipal authorities will be greeted by Jerusalem's Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom, and by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

SALT WATER FOUND USABLE FOR IRRIGATION OF COTTON FIELDS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7, (JTA) -- Salt water has been found usable for irrigation of sugar beet and cotton fields in Israel, it was officially announced here today. If further experimentation should show results similar to those already achieved, the scientists said, "considerable quantities" of salt waters now unsuitable will become available, for irrigation purposes.

(In Chicago, David Karr, president of Fairbanks Whitney corporation, said that development of equipment for use in the water desalination process developed by Israeli scientist Alexander Zarchin was ahead of schedule. The company signed an agreement last year with the Israel Government for the manufacture and sale of the Zarchin process which combines distillation with flash freezing to de-salt water.)

DOCUMENTS ON EICHMANN'S KILLING OF CZECH JEWS PRESENTED IN PRAGUE

VIENNA, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The charge that Adolf Eichmann was responsible for the murder of 180,000 Czech citizens during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia was made in Prague today by Professor Rudolf Bystricky, president of the Organization of Anti-fascist Fighters, it was reported here.

At a press conference in the Czech capital, Professor Bystricky presented a variety of documents which revealed the activities of the Nazi war criminal awaiting trial in an Israeli prison. Most of the material consisted of photostats of original documents bearing the insignia of the Nazi secret police and stamped "top secret."

One photostat showed a letter written by SS officer Guenther from Prague reporting on the decrease in the Jewish population of Bohemia and Moravia. The report said that out of 118,310 Jews who lived in that region before March 15, 1939, only 61,320 remained on March 31, 1942. Another document consisted of a small map revealing that on October 31, 1943, only 8,531 Jews lived in the area known as the "Protectolat."

Documents showed that 90 percent of the Jews deported in the first transports to Nisko, Poland, which were directed by Eichmann himself, were subsequently murdered. Out of a total of 4,500 Jews who were deported to Nisko, only 250 returned.

A Czech physician, Dr. Taskier, testified that in the first days of 1940, Eichmann personally ordered 7,058 Jewish youth in Lublin to be stripped naked in freezing weather and dowsed with water. Dr. Taskier said that he helped load many of the corpses. Dr. Taskier and a Polish physician, Dr. Freitag, testified that on orders of Eichmann, all sick persons as well as 30 doctors and 70 nurses were shot in the Lublin hospital.

Other photostats revealed that, at a conference between Eichmann, SS Commanding Officer Reinhardt Heydrich and other Nazi leaders, it was decided to immediately deport "50,000 of the most troublesome Jews" from Theresienstadt to Minsk and Riga.

An official report by Former Nazi Ambassador Ludin in Pressburg dated August 31, 1942, said that of the 89,000 Jews who were living in Slovakia in 1939, only 15,000 remained at the end of 1943. One document contained a letter to Eichmann from Hermann Krumei, head of the Nazi secret police in Lodz, in which the latter alluded to the extermination of nearly 100 Czech children.

Poland To Provide Materials On Eichmann's Extermination Of Jews

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Polish Government authorities are now gathering materials which they will furnish to Israel to help prosecute Adolf Eichmann, Nazi specialist in the extermination of Jews under the Hitler regime, according to official notification received here today. The notification was given by Poland to the Israel legation in Warsaw, and the Polish Government promised to turn its Eichmann materials over to the legation soon.

Czechoslovakia had already notified Israel it will furnish documentation about Eichmann's crimes in that country. Today, a Government spokesman said it is hoped that proof of Eichmann's direction of anti-Jewish atrocities may also be obtained from Hungary, where he was particularly active in the Nazi program for the extermination of Jews.

Israel, some months ago, asked the East European countries--all of which are Communist--to furnish from their extensive files, proof of Eichmann's work in his effort to achieve "the final solution of the Jewish problem" through the extermination of all Jews in Europe.

EXHIBIT ON ROLE OF JEWS IN WORLD CULTURE OPENED IN WEST GERMANY

RECKLINGHAUSEN, West Germany, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- An exhibit depicting the role of Jews in world culture was opened here today under the sponsorship of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, President Heinrich Lübke and 30 other leading personalities in West Germany's religious, political and economic life. The exhibit will be on until January 15.

President Lübke, in opening the exhibit, said that the exhibit was not only a cultural event but also an occasion "to pledge our unceasing efforts to try to make up to the Jewish people." The opening also was attended by Dr. F. Shinar, the head of the Israel Purchasing Mission at Cologne.

The exhibit, entitled "Synagoga," was organized by the city of Recklinghausen and the Institutum Judaicum of the University of Munster. The exhibit was prepared by Israeli, French, Dutch and West German archaeologists and art experts, including Dr. P. P. Kahane of the Israeli Department of Antiquities, A. Kanius, director of the Tel Aviv Museum, and Dr. Feuchtwanger of the Bezalel National Museum of Jerusalem.

More than 700 objects were loaned from Israel, the United States and European countries for the exhibit, the first of its kind to be shown in Germany, to exemplify Jewish contributions to the culture of all nations through the centuries.

Professor Martin Buber and Chief Rabbi Kurt Wilhelm of Stockholm will participate in an international round table at the exhibit on the contributions of the Jews to world culture. The opening also was marked by a performance of the premiere of Benjamin Frankel's violin concerto, "In Memory of Six Million."

ROSE HALPRIN URGES U.S. ZIONISTS TO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN HEBREW EDUCATION

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 7. (JTA) -- An appeal to Zionists in the United States to give Hebrew education to their children was voiced here by Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, addressing the four-day national convention of the Histadruth Ivrit of America.

Mrs. Halprin stressed that the minimum obligation of every Zionist in this country is to give a Hebrew education to his children. She said that there are at least 300,000 Jewish families affiliated with one Zionist organization or another. If each one of these families would live up to the obligation to provide a Hebrew education for their young, there would be an upsurge of Jewish cultural life in America, she declared.

Mrs. Halprin said that the basis for a Jewish education was the Hebrew language, but asserted that Hebrew was not an end in itself. She held that it must be used as an instrument to acquire basic knowledge of the Bible and Hebrew literature, ancient as well as modern. She called on the Histadrut Ivrit to make room for the young people who will eventually join the group in its work.

Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman said that the relationship between American Jewry and the Jews of Israel must be established not on the basis of philanthropy but on the basis of cultural and educational equality. He said the Jews in Israel had much to do in order to stamp out illiteracy, and American Jews must not rely on Israel to supply them with all the educational and cultural aid.

Among the resolutions passed at the convention were those calling for the extension of the organizational facilities of the movement to include the larger Jewish communities in America. It was decided to send organizers to certain communities to establish branches, wherever there were significant numbers of persons with a knowledge of Hebrew.

It was also decided to establish intensive courses for adults in Hebrew in cities throughout the country. Members of the new presidium elected at the convention are Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, Harry Carmely and N. B. Newman.

ROLE OF HEBREW SCHOOLS LAUDED AT EDUCATION CONVENTION IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The Hebrew day schools in this country have proven "the only way to inculcate Jewish culture among young Canadian Jews, and to integrate Hebrew lore with Canadian civic awareness," Salmaan S. Gordon, national president of the Canadian Association for Hebrew Education, told the 60 delegates from 15 Canadian Jewish communities, attending the association's national convention here.

Four Hebrew camps, in Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal, continue the educational work of the formal schools, Mr. Gordon said. He declared that Canada was the first country outside Israel where the Ulpan method of intensive Hebrew instruction has been introduced.

Mr. Gordon reported that five instructors in this country, who have come from Israel, have trained 800 Canadians in 13 communities, while graduates from Leadership Institutes have provided educated leaders for Hillel centers and student synagogues. He lauded the Canadian Government for facilitating the admission into this country of a total of 32 teachers from Israel.

The convention presented Michael F. Garber, a leader of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Organization, with an award on behalf of Brit Ivrit Olamit for his achievements in identifying the Hebrew movement with Zionism.

FREIMAN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

MONTREAL, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Lawrence Freiman, of Ottawa, was re-elected national president of the Canadian Zionist Organization at the close of the organization's 35th annual convention.

Other officers elected were: Sol D. Granek, St. Catharines, Ontario, chairman of the board; Sam Drache, of Winnipeg, national vice-president; Joseph N. Frank, Montreal, honorary secretary.

A. M. Melamet, formerly national executive director, was appointed executive vice-president of the ZOC. The appointment of Mr. Melamet comes 18 months after his arrival from Capetown, South Africa, to assume executive direction of the national office. Another appointment was that of Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, retired ZOC national director, who was named general secretary.

DR. LAZAR GURVITCH, LEADER OF WORLD OSE UNION, DIES IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Lazar Gurvitch, for many years secretary-general of the World OSE Union, died here yesterday at the age of 71. Born in Russia, Dr. Gurvitch took his doctorate of jurisprudence at the University of Dorpat, Czechoslovakia, in 1913. He has been associated with OSE, the Organization for the Protection of the Health of Jews, since 1916.