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BEN-GURION ATTACKS ZIONIST MOVEMENT; SAYS IT HINDERS ALIYAH FROM U.S.

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A renewed attack on the world Zionist movement was made here by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, speaking at a luncheon of editors of the Israeli press. He claimed that increasing immigration from the United States into Israel could be expected if the "so-called Zionist Organization" would not interfere.

The "insistence" of the Zionist organization that Zionism need not necessarily entail settlement in Israel was to some extent disturbing to Aliyah, the Prime Minister said. He asserted that if the right methods were used, there were ways to reach Jewish youth in the United States which would, he said, readily come to Israel for permanent settlement. He insisted that Zionism meant settling in Israel, adding that "this is real Zionism."

Replying to questions about the prospects of an Israeli-Arab accord and for mediation possibilities, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that as long as the United Arab Republic was not ready to negotiate with Israel, there was no use for mediation.

Recalling that previous attempts to mediate had been made by a "personality," whom he did not name, the Prime Minister added that unless peace was made with the strongest Arab state, the United Arab Republic, "there can be no peace with the smaller Arab states."

On the West German-Israeli relations question, he said that neither in his meeting in the United States with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, nor in his recent meeting with Mayr Willy Brandt of West Berlin were such relations mentioned.

Ben-Gurion to Address Zionist Congress in Personal Capacity

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Israeli Cabinet decided at its weekly meeting here today that, if Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion -- or any other member of the Cabinet -- speaks at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, such a speaker will appear as an individual and not as a spokesman for the Government.

The Cabinet ruled that a representative of the Government will appear at the Congress only as one welcoming the Congress on behalf of Israel -- and not as a proponent of the Government's view regarding Zionism. In that way, the Cabinet agreed, the Government will not be in a position to "censor" any of its members, since Government leaders will utter only their personal opinions.

As a result of that decision, it was believed that Mr. Ben-Gurion has now been freed to reiterate before the Congress, which convenes December 27, his criticism against the Zionist movement.

After the Cabinet session, Mr. Ben-Gurion presided at a two-hour meeting of the Coordinating Board which is the joint body of the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, expressed his "satisfaction" with arrangements made at that meeting to convene the Board at regular intervals.

400 ISRAELI RABBIS THREATEN TO BOYCOTT CHIEF RABBINATE ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A pledge to boycott the elections of Ashkenazi and Sephardi Chief Rabbis unless proper arrangements are made by the Government for the participation of representatives of the Chief Rabbinate Council in the commission which is to nominate the candidates for the posts, was made today by 400 rabbis assembled at the Great Synagogue here to discuss the controversy which has arisen in connection with the elections.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet at its session today in Jerusalem, deferred decision on the question of extending the tenure of the Chief Rabbinate Council which expired on October 21 and whose legal existence is, therefore, in doubt. Elections of the Chief Rabbis as well as the new Council, have not yet been held because of the resignation of four members of the eight-man nominating commission, which left that body without the required quorum of five members.

A move to extend the tenure of the Council was pressed today by Binyamin Mintz, Minister of Posts, who insisted that official inaction to remedy the situation continued to undermine the prestige of the high institution which, he said, was regarded both in Israel and abroad as Jewry's supreme religious tribunal.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion presided over, but did not participate in the discussion, maintaining his declared "neutrality" since he assumed the portfolio of Acting Minister for Religious Affairs after the death of Rabbi Yaakov Toledano.

BEN-ZVI SEES POPULATION EXCHANGE AS SOLUTION OF ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- President Izhak Ben-Zvi of Israel has proposed that the Arab refugees be regarded as a fair exchange of population for the Jews expelled from Moslem countries and resettled in Israel. The Israeli President voiced this proposal in an interview with Agnes E. Meyer, published today in the Washington Post. Mrs. Meyer, respected journalist and co-owner of the paper, is currently visiting Israel.

Mr. Ben-Zvi pointed out that Israel has adopted over a half-million Jews from Moslem countries. Since only about a half-million Arabs have left the country, this amounts to an exchange of population, according to Mr. Ben-Zvi. The detailed figures for Jewish immigration to Israel from Moslem countries given in the interview are: 50,000 from Yemen, 150,000 from Iraq, 200,000 from North Africa, 35,000 from Egypt, a few thousand from Syria and Lebanon, and many thousands from other non-Arab Moslem countries. Furthermore, President Ben-Zvi predicted that, in the future, Israel should get something like 300,000 additional immigrants from Moslem countries.

Citing precedents of peaceful population exchange, Mr. Ben-Zvi noted that the Turks and the Greeks made an exchange in 1923 and 1924, when about 1,500,000 Greeks from Turkish Anatolia came to Greece and, in exchange, about 1,000,000 Turks left Greece for Turkey. This was done with considerable assistance from the League of Nations. Mr. Ben-Zvi added that, likewise, Pakistan and India were examples of countries arranging their own population exchanges numbering a total of over 15,000,000.

"If these actual facts were admitted by objective governments such as the United States, Canada, England, etc., the question of Arab refugees would be settled, neither by sending Arab refugees to Israel nor Iraqi Jews back to Iraq," the President said. He stated that the only way to settle the question is this: "The Arabs must accept the fact that Arab refugees should be resettled in their respective countries in the same way as Jewish refugees from Arab countries were settled in Israel."

Mr. Ben-Zvi said that the United Nations should understand that this is the only way of solving the problem. "It would, of course, require financial support from the United Nations to help resettle the Arab refugees. Israel will certainly be ready to assume its proportionate share of the burden. We must, however, not forget that Israel has claims on behalf of Jewish refugees from the Arab countries who were forced to leave all their property behind them."

In its introduction to the interview, the Washington Post remarked that "although the proposal that the Arab refugees be resettled in Arab countries has been a long standing Israeli position, President Ben-Zvi's comparison of the numbers of Arab and Jewish refugees adds a new dimension to the discussion."

NOTORIOUS PRO-NAZI ARAB PROPAGANDIST INVITED BY STATE DEPT. TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Department of State has been called upon to explain the invitation to the United States of Said Freiha, one of the most notorious anti-Jewish and pro-Nazi propagandists in the Arab world.

Said Freiha, publisher of the Beirut daily newspaper, "Al-Anwar," was reportedly invited by the United States Government to observe the Presidential elections. His newspaper carried a cartoon suggesting that Nazi Gestapo leader Adolf Eichmann's "sin" was in his "failure" to kill the rest of the Jews in the world.

The national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., J. L. Feuer, addressed yesterday a letter to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, asking for a full explanation of the reported invitation. He referred the Secretary to a report in the October 18 edition of "El-Amal," another Lebanese newspaper, describing the invitation as an honor to the publisher.

Mr. Feuer said he was enclosing a cartoon typical of those published in "Al-Amal." It depicts Israel's Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, confronting Eichmann. In the drawing the Prime Minister says: "You deserve the death penalty because you killed 6,000,000 Jews" and Eichmann replies: "There are many who believe I deserve the death penalty because I didn't manage to kill the rest."

Mr. Feuer said that it was fair to assume that the United States Embassy in Beirut should have knowledge of the type of material published by a man who was being extended an invitation by the United States. He added that the offense was further aggravated, since the invitation was extended at a time when the Arab League gave new evidence of contempt for the American flag by barring American ships from Arab seaports solely because these ships exercised freedom of navigation and included Israeli ports in their routes. He identified the ships as "Ike," "Exanthia," and "Marine Voyager."

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT RADIO STARTS BROADCASTING PROGRAMS IN SWAHILI

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The foreign service of Kol Israel, Israel's government-owned radio, inaugurated a regular transmission in Swahili today, broadcasting programs in the language that is spoken by many millions of Africans. The language is the common tongue in large areas of East Africa, and millions speak it in Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika and parts of the Congo. Only three other radio stations transmit programs in Swahili. These are located in Moscow, London and Cairo.

APPOINTMENT OF RIBICOFF AS MEMBER OF CABINET HAILED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The appointment by President-elect Kennedy of Connecticut Governor Abraham A. Ribicoff as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, was hailed here today by many Congressional leaders. Mr. Ribicoff is the first Jew to be a member of the Cabinet since Henry Morgenthau, Jr., served as Secretary of the Treasury under President Roosevelt.

"Abe" Ribicoff, the son of a poor Jewish immigrant family, was hailed today in Congressional circles as the man "most fit" for the job in which he will administer the Government's vast Social Security program, and operate a governmental department with an annual budget of \$3,750,000,000 with a staff numbering 62,000 employees, concerned with medical aid, schooling, help to the aged, and responsible for many other social welfare programs which were among the most important domestic planks in Mr. Kennedy's election platform.

Born in New Britain, Connecticut, in 1910, young Ribicoff was brought up in a tenement house. His father was a peddler and factory hand. As a boy, to help the family meet living expenses, he peddled newspapers, and worked as a caddy, errand boy and laborer. When he finished high school, he went to work for a hardware company.

He studied for a year at the Law School of New York University. Then he went to Chicago to head the sales office of the Connecticut firm for which he had worked in the hardware business. He attended the law school of the University of Chicago, graduating with honors, and returned to Connecticut, going into law practice in the capital, Hartford.

He served as a police judge, as a member of the State's Charter Revision Commission, and as a hearing examiner for the Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Administration. From 1938 to 1942, he served in the Connecticut State Legislature. From 1949 to 1952, he was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1952, he was defeated for the U.S. Senate. But in 1955, he was elected Governor--the first Jew to be thus honored by his State. Four years later, he was re-elected Governor by a plurality of 246,000 votes, the largest ballot a Connecticut Governor ever received.

KENNEDY URGED TO NAME SECRETARY OF STATE ABLE TO ACT ON MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today urged President-elect Kennedy that the man whom he intends to appoint as Secretary of State in his Cabinet should be a person "fully committed" to redeem the specific pledges made by Mr. Kennedy during the Presidential election campaign with regard to solving the Middle East problem.

In a resolution adopted by the National Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress, it was emphasized that the Secretary of State whom Mr. Kennedy is to appoint "must be determined to exercise American leadership in reducing Middle East tensions." The National Governing Council serves as the policy making body of the American Jewish Congress.

"The American Jewish Congress believes the time for the United States to take the lead in the solution of the Middle East dilemma is long overdue," the resolution stated. "There is no justification for further delay by the State Department in curbing the impairment of American citizenship rights by Arab governments, and in eliminating the obstacles to free international trade imposed by the Arab boycott."

"By the same token, if America is to take the initiative in the solution of the Middle East problem--an initiative for which the whole world waits--U.S. policy cannot be based on continuing to ignore the threat to world peace and the roadblock in the path of such a solution that are posed by nations which infringe on the rights of American citizens to travel and to trade freely, and which thwart the purposes of American aid by boycotting and blockading the one country in the Middle East--Israel--that represents the democratic way of life," the resolution stressed.

ISRAEL'S VIEW ON INDEPENDENCE FOR COLONIAL LANDS OUTLINED AT U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Israel informed the General Assembly here this weekend that it will vote in favor of a pending resolution, introduced by 42 of the United Nation's 99-members, declaring the UN's determination that independence be granted to all colonial countries and peoples.

The statement was made at a plenary session of the Assembly by Michael S. Comay, chairman of Israel's delegation. He declared that the draft resolution "touches the deepest sentiments and the most venerable sentiments of the people of Israel," pointing out that "thousands of years ago, we were struggling for our independence against the great colonial empires of the ancient world." There can be no question, he affirmed, that "the contemporary policies and outlook of the two major colonial powers, Britain and France, are based on an honorable desire to bring their colonies to self-rule."

The Israeli delegation chief warned the UN, however, that any new state's proclamation of independence "is not an end, but only a beginning. He cited Israel's policy of aid to new states toward developing their resources, and said Israel fully supports the efforts of new states to achieve progress in the social, economic and cultural fields. He called upon the more affluent states to help in these directions.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA TO PRESENT 'PEACE AWARD' TO EISENHOWER

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- An appeal for greater participation by lay leaders in religious affairs was made tonight by Senator Herbert H. Lehman, the former New York State Governor, at a dinner held here by the Synagogue Council of America. Mr. Lehman called for the development of greater leadership resources to meet increased demands for leadership on all levels--local, national and global.

Rabbi Julius Mark, vice-president of the Council, announced that a delegation from the Council will soon visit President Eisenhower to present him with the Synagogue Council's Judaism and Peace Award. A message from President Eisenhower was read at the dinner by Robert Gray, of Washington, secretary of the President's Cabinet.

Senator Jacob K. Javits addressed the dinner, and presentations were made of the first annual Synagogue Statesman awards, for outstanding service to American Jewry. The recipients were Samuel Friedman of Miami Beach, a leader in Conservative Judaism; Max Stern of New York, a national leader among Orthodox Jews, and the late Ruth and Marvin Silberman, noted Reform leaders. Mr. Silberman's brother, Samuel J. Silberman, of New York, accepted the award.

ONE-YEAR STUDY PROGRAM FOR U.S. STUDENTS LAUNCHED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The One Year Study Program for American college students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has been launched for the seventh consecutive year, it was announced today by Philip M. Klutznick, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, which sponsors this educational undertaking.

The American Student Program Committee of the organization urged those who wish to participate in the program to submit their applications by January 15, 1961. Professor Oscar I. Janowsky of the City College of New York is chairman of the committee and of the Academic Council. The program encompasses both undergraduate and graduate students. Although prior knowledge of Hebrew is not absolutely required, some familiarity with the language is regarded as highly desirable.

A committee of the Academic Council of the American Friends of the Hebrew University examines the qualifications of applicants, determines scholarship grants, selects the annual contingent for study in Jerusalem and maintains contact with the students and their parents. Members of the Academic Council in various American and Canadian colleges and universities assist in personal interviewing of applicants.

Students are selected for the project on the basis of scholarship, character and health. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for qualified students who are in need of financial assistance. They are awarded on the basis of academic achievement and economic need. During their stay in Israel, the American students share dormitory rooms with Israeli students on the university campus.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA LEAVES U.S. FOR JAPAN; GAVE 32 CONCERTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- After a seven-week tour of the United States, Canada and Mexico, in which it played 32 concerts in 25 communities to audiences totaling 150,000 music lovers, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra left by air today for a three-week tour of Japan and India.

Samuel Rubin, president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation which, with the J.M. Kaplan fund, sponsored the American tour, hailed the orchestra. He said the series of concerts "was highly successful, in both the critical reaction and public acclaim achieved." The results, he said, "more than justified the \$100,000 investment made by the Foundation in bringing the orchestra to this country as a part of its continuing program of cultural exchange between the United States and Israel." The Foundation, he said, is "dedicated to the concept that cultural exchange between the nations of the world is one of the newest and best diplomatic weapons in the world struggle for peace."

INTERFAITH 'TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING' TO BE BUILT IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the construction of a "temple of understanding" here to represent the six major faiths of the world, was announced here last night by the Women's International Religious Fellowship of the Montgomery County Unitarian Church in nearby Bethesda, Maryland.

The building, to be built of glass and marble, will have six extended wings radiating from a central core, each representing one of the world's major religions--Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism. Among the religious leaders serving as directors of the project is Rabbi Israel Goldstein. Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman is one of the sponsors.

S.M. SELCHEN, EDITOR OF 'ISRAELITE PRESS,' DIES IN WINNIPEG; WAS 75

WINNIPEG, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Simon Mordechai Selchen, a veteran Jewish journalist and editor of the local Yiddish-English bi-weekly Israelite Press, died here at the age of 75. He was one of the founders of the Canadian Jewish Congress and other communal institutions. Born in Mohilev, Russia, he immigrated to Canada in 1912 and settled in Winnipeg in 1920.