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DR. GOLDMANN OPENS WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS; OUTLINES MAJOR PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The 25th World Zionist Congress opened here tonight in a gala atmosphere in the presence of some 800 full, fraternal and associate delegates, members of the Zionist Actions Committee and members of the Israel Cabinet. The opening address was delivered by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization.

Dr. Goldmann told the gathering that there are no problems more central to Jewish life today than Jewish education and Jewish immigration to Israel. He urged the creation of a system of Jewish education whereby the Jewish youth of the world "will learn the meaning of being a Jew." Such education, he said, must not rest "on the laurels of having created a Jewish State and the ingathering of a million Jews into Israel, but must continue with faith and vigor toward a large aliyah."

The "Hebraization of the Diaspora," making of Hebrew a second language for all Jews, "is not impossible, although it is a heavy task," Dr. Goldmann said, declaring that "youth must learn reasons for maintaining Jewishness." As to immigration, he held that there is no more effective or more permanent way to tie the Jewish family with Israel than by seeing to it "that one member of the family settles in Israel."

"The Zionist solution to the Jewish problem," he stated, "does not necessarily have to mean the total disappearance of the Diaspora, and the concentration of every substantial part of our people in Israel, but it does mean certainly a much larger concentration of Jews in Israel than is the case today."

Says the 'Great Debate' on Zionism Shows Movement Is Alive

Dr. Goldmann told the delegates there is no reason for deploring "the great debate" that has been going on in the Zionist movement since the emergence of the Jewish State. Such a debate, he said, "is characteristic of a great movement which is alive, which is built around ideologies and ideals." Indeed, he said, "it would be a sad indication for the movement if Zionist life continued as if nothing had happened with the advent of the Jewish State."

Touching on the question as to whether "Zionism has been fulfilled," he said: "There is no doubt that only half has been accomplished. To complete the task, it will require greater efforts, greater patience, more stubbornness. The task ahead will lack much of the drama of the first half. But historically it will be the most real, the most vital part of our movement."

The basic question now, when one examines the nature of Zionism in 1960, 13 years after the establishment of Israel, is Dr. Goldmann declared, not "What is a Zionist?" but "What is Zionism?"

Movements, he said, live by their programs, not by definition of the character of their members whose, only criteria are their acceptance of the movement's program. "For centuries, the discussion has gone on as to what is Judaism. But when Israel tried to define 'What's a Jew?' the only result was a Cabinet crisis, but no definition resulted," Dr. Goldmann pointed out.

Analyzes Zionist Principles; Warns Against 'Dangerous Illusions'

"Zionism, in all expressions and in different nuances, was based on three principles: 1. The aim to solve the Jewish problem, namely, the survival of the people; 2. Concentrating the Jewish people in one territory, their old homeland, thereby creating a center for national life; 3. Jews taking their destiny in their own hands, mastering their own future.

"Despite our justified pride in Israel's unprecedented achievements, it would be a dangerous illusion to assume that the main problems which will determine Israel's and Jewry's future and destiny have been solved," Dr. Goldmann warned. "This applies to the security, political and economic fronts, although spectacular progress has been made in all three areas. The time to relax is still far off. Security, stability and consolidation of the State depend on the numerical size of the people within Israel.

"When Zionism proclaimed the creation of the homeland, or the territorial solution of the Jewish problem, as the only guarantee for survival, it did not indicate what proportion

of people will have to be concentrated in the Jewish State in order to safeguard its future. But everyone--minimalists and maximalists--will agree that, if less than a fifth of the people is concentrated in the homeland, the aim of Zionism is far from fulfillment," the world Zionist leader emphasized.

Speaks of U.S. Jewry's Duties; Deals with Situation of Soviet Jews

Dr. Goldmann also dealt with the role and the duty of American Jewry today. "American Jews," he said, "are determining more than ever the tone of Jewish life everywhere. Therefore, it is the duty of American Jewry to serve as an example in many respects.

"American Jewry is lagging behind--both from the point of view of its internal, over-all organization, and from the viewpoint of its full cooperation with other Jewish communities," he asserted. "In the great, free country of the United States, the Jewish community should not hesitate in its actions and in its attitudes to manifest solidarity with the Jewish people as a whole, and with Israel in particular."

Next to the task of the present Jewish generation to make Israel secure, "and to complete the Zionist solution of the Jewish problem," Dr. Goldmann emphasized in his address, "there is no greater issue than the problem of the three million Soviet Jews. It is a tragic, fundamental fact," he said, "that their actual situation is that they have no real facilities to live as Jews, to develop a Jewish culture--religious, linguistic or otherwise. And they have no possibility of communicating with Jews of other countries.

"The situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union is strikingly different by comparison with the rights accorded other religious and national groups in the USSR. Forty years after the revolution, hundreds of thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union are still loyally determined to be Jews. We cannot keep quiet with regard to the fate of nearly a fourth of our people," Dr. Goldmann declared. He also stressed the rights of Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

"These rights," he continued, "are also being denied in some other countries, although the rights are stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It would be wrong and unfair," he maintained, "to pretend that, factually, only the Soviet Union fails to recognize the right of Jews to a distinctively Jewish life. There are other countries, too, based on the form of Western democratic regimes, where the tendency is to express doubts about the rights of the Jewish communities to their own distinctive existence.

"If a Jew has to pay for equality as a citizen by ceasing to be a Jew, he is not equal," he said. "In the Nineteenth Century, we had to fight for the right to be equal; in the Twentieth Century we have to fight for the right to be different."

Israel President Stresses Dual Task for Jews in Diaspora

Dr. Goldmann opened the Congress by paying tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism, whose hundredth anniversary is being celebrated this year. The president of the WZO also welcomed the principal leaders and guests on the platform, who included President Lzhak Ben-Zvi; Mrs. Vera Weizmann, widow of the late first President of Israel; Justice Yitzhak Olshan, president of Israel's Supreme Court; Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim; Jerusalem's Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom; and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. Dr. Goldmann presented Mr. Ben-Gurion as "this inexhaustible dynamo, this supreme-Zionist among us."

President Ben-Zvi told the delegates that overseas Jewry has the dual task of supporting Aliyah, the absorption and the integration of immigrants to Israel, as well as making a supreme effort to strengthen their institutions in various communities in order to preserve the Jewish education of future generations.

The streets leading to the Binyanei Ha'ooma--the Building of the Nation--where the Congress is being held, were gaily decorated with flags and pennants, and the building itself was brightly lighted. The great auditorium, Ussishkin Hall, was crowded to capacity as the largest Zionist Congress in all history--and the third Zionist Congress in Israel since the establishment of the State--was called to order.

Congress Proceedings Translated Simultaneously in Five Languages

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Congress which opened here tonight is scheduled to last two weeks. It is the supreme body of the world Zionist movement. Its sessions are conducted mostly in Hebrew, but the proceedings are heard by the delegates in simultaneous translations in five languages--Hebrew, Yiddish, English, French and Spanish--through a simultaneous-translation system.

Israel has the largest representation at the Congress, with 190 delegates. The United States is second, with 145. Argentina sent 20 delegates; England, 19; Canada, 15; France, 14; South Africa, 12; Brazil, nine; Algeria, Australia and Mexico, six each; Belgium, Iran, Uruguay, Italy and Chile, five each; Switzerland and Holland, four each; Sweden and Austria, three each; West Germany, Peru, Cuba, Colombia and Venezuela, two each; and one each from Ireland, Ecuador, Denmark, India, Greece, New Zealand, Finland and Congo (Leopoldville).

GERMAN GOVERNMENT DENIES REPORTS ON TALKS FOR A LOAN TO ISRAEL

BONN, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Reports that negotiations were taking place for a West German Government loan to Israel were denied today by a Foreign office spokesman.

Remarking that such reports were regularly revived, the spokesman said that "there is nothing to it at all." He also denied a report that the West German Government was planning to set up a semi-official mission in Israel like the Israel Purchasing Mission at Cologne.

Rumors of a West German loan to Israel, to go into effect when the Luxembourg restitution agreement expires, have been circulating since the meeting in New York last March between Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

SOVIET UNION HAS 30,663 JEWISH SCIENTISTS, HANDBOOK ON RUSSIA SHOWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union now has 310,000 scientists, of whom about 10 percent--30,663--are Jews, according to the USSR's 1960 Statistical Handbook, it was reported here today.

The number of Jewish scientists, as well as the number of scientists in general in Russia, has risen since the last census in 1955. Five years ago, there were 224,000 scientists in the USSR, with 24,620 of them identified as Jews. Breakdowns of comparisons between 1955 and 1960 show that Jewish scientists have increased in numbers by 25 percent in the last five years.

CHRISTIANS AND JEWS IN ITALY IRKED BY 'ORBIS' ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLE

ROME, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Jewish-Christian Friendship Association today adopted a resolution denouncing the Italian Orbis News Agency for an anti-Semitic article carried by the agency from Munich, attacking the handful of Jews in West Germany as being "money-sick" and charging them with "creating around them an atmosphere of repressed hatred which some day will explode in a new Hitlerian era."

The association charged the news agency with having "identical inspiration as the recent initiative of the international neo-Nazi and neo-Fascist organizations." The association called for strong measures by Italian authorities against ideologies opposed by an absolute majority of the Italian people.

Today's issue of "Israel," the weekly publication of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, reprints the full text of the Orbis dispatch from Munich, emphasizing that the article is an instance of "well planned" anti-Semitism in action.

An editorial in "Israel" points out that "anti-Semitism is a phenomenon by itself, and should be considered as such by the legislator who really intends to oppose the preachings which inevitably lead to violent and cruel outbursts." The editorial reiterates the Jewish organization's previously announced stand in favor of special legislation "for the repression of anti-Semitism."

STATE DEPT. EXPLAINS INVITATION TO U.S. OF ANTI-JEWISH EDITOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- An official invitation extended to a well-known anti-Jewish and pro-Nazi Lebanese editor to visit this country, has been explained by the State Department as part of a program to foster "mutual understanding," it was reported here today.

The Lebanese is Said Freiha, owner and editor of the Beirut daily Al-Anwar, which recently published a cartoon suggesting that Adolf Eichmann's real crime was his failure to exterminate all Jews. The U.S. Government invitation extended to him was questioned, among others, by the Jewish War Veterans.

In a letter to the JWV from the State Department, G. Lewis Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs, explained that, in accordance with the exchange program directed at increasing mutual understanding, and assuming that much of the anti-American criticism in the Lebanese press stems from ignorance, a group of Lebanese journalists was invited to observe the recent Presidential elections.

The candidates for this invitation, Mr. Jones declared, were chosen by the U.S. Embassy in Beirut in cooperation with the Lebanese Press Association. Among those nominated was Said Freiha, "one of the most widely read and influential journalists in the Middle East," Mr. Jones stated. He added that Mr. Freiha's articles, written since he returned to Lebanon after a month's visit to this country, "while by no means wholly uncritical, have reflected a better understanding of the American policies on the international scene."

The Assistant Secretary of State concluded his letter by saying that "I deplore, of course, the type of pernicious journalistic comment contained in the excerpt from Al-Anwar."

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET JEWISH ARTIST MIKHOELS MARKED IN MOSCOW

PARIS, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The 70th anniversary of the birth of Solomon Mikhoels, the noted stage artist who fell victim to the Stalinist purges, was celebrated in Moscow this week with a special program in the city's largest theatre, it was reported here today.

CANADA TIGHTENS LEGISLATION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

OTTAWA, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Persons or corporations discriminating against lessees or purchasers of homes financed by the Canadian Government under the National Housing Act will be severely penalized if the discriminations are based on race, religion, color or origin, according to new amendments to the Housing Act, it was pointed out here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The CJC today circulated a copy of the new amendments to the Housing Act. Until now, it was pointed out, the Housing Act, in existence since 1954, merely forbade discrimination without imposing any specific penalties. Under the amendments, the law now provides that a borrower who violates the anti-bias legislation is barred from receiving another loan for three years.

The Toronto Telegram hailed the amendments in an editorial commending the Government. The editorial stated: "Under the new rules, persons found by an independent arbitrator to have practiced discrimination will be barred for three years from receiving NHA loans. It has been often said that hatred and mistrust cannot be legislated away. But it is possible for laws to restrict the ill effects of hatred and mistrust and to show discrimination as the despicable thing that it is."

CONFERENCE OF TEEN-AGERS IN MIAMI FORMULATES VIEWS ON JUDAISM

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Teen-age members of the Greater Miami Jewish Community Center agreed today that to be a good Jew, one must be observant, ethical, charitable and responsible to the community.

This was one of a series of conclusions reached at the seventh annual Teen-Age Conclave sponsored by the Center. Some 375 delegates from 31 teen-age clubs in Dade County took part. They also decided that pride of faith is not enough without deep knowledge of the Jewish faith and that adherence to one's faith gives a feeling of security but there should also be ethics and standards along with faith.

The teen-agers agreed that religion belongs in the church, the synagogue and the home and that religious practices should be eliminated from the public schools. The young people added, however, that the schools should teach the Bible as literature and history, along with other major religious writings. They proposed that moral and ethical readings should be substituted for daily prayers in the schools, which is a widespread practice in Dade county schools.

They also asserted that in these times of great material success, people were not sufficiently concerned with the welfare of other people who have problems and that the idea of "promoting the general welfare" indicates a governmental responsibility for meeting the needs of older people, for example.

BEN-GURION, GOLDMANN ADDRESS WORLD PARLEY OF JEWISH JOURNALISTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, today addressed the opening session of a pre-Conference of Jewish Journalists attended by 60 delegates from the Jewish press in all languages published in 22 countries, including Israel. The parley decided to hold a world conference of Jewish journalists in Jerusalem in 1962.

The Prime Minister said that up to 30 years ago, Yiddish had been a major unifying factor but that now three-quarters of all Jews no longer use it. Lack of a common language, he said, is an obstacle to the unity of the Jewish people. He added that the existence of Israel depends on the unity of world Jewry and that a world union of Jewish journalists could strengthen the ties between the various parts of world Jewry.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann said that no other people had been influenced politically as much as the Jews by journalists. He cited Theodor Herzl, Nahum Sokolov, A. D. Gordon, Vladimir Jabotinsky and others. Dr. Nathan Swerdlin, president of the Yiddish Writers Union in New York, deplored the lack of space given by the press in Israel to Jewish news from other countries.

U.S. FIRM SIGNS AGREEMENT FOR FIRST POLYURETHANE PLANT IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- American Latex Products Corporation of Hawthorne, California, has concluded arrangements with the Alliance Tire and Rubber Company, of Hadera, Israel, for a technical cooperation program leading to the construction of Israel's first polyurethane manufacturing plant. The agreement was announced today in New York by Shimon Y. Horn, North American director of the Government of Israel Investment Authority, on behalf of the American and Israeli companies.

Alliance will build and operate the factory, with technical know-how and training provided by American Latex. The agreement calls for the training of Israeli chemical specialists. The new project, a pilot enterprise for Israel in the field of modern plastic materials, is named Caesarea Polymer Corporation, Ltd., deriving its title from the plant site in Caesarea, an ancient Mediterranean harbor town where the Romans once based their Palestinian capital, and Emperor Titus trained his gladiators.