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BEN-GURION ASKS U.S. JEWS TO SEND 100,000 YOUTHS TO STUDY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, addressing the World Zionist Congress today, appealed to American Jews to send 100,000 youths for study in Israel. He cited the fact that the American Zionist movement numbers 700,000 registered members, and urged that "every son and daughter of parents who speak in the name of Zionism" should be sent for a year's study in Israel in order to foster personal ties with the Jewish State.

"Is it impossible for American Jewry with its quarter of a million Jewish students, its 700,000 shakel holders, to send 100,000 students to study here, thus creating personal ties which will enrich American Jewry and increase the strength and abilities of Israel?" he asked.

Declaring that American Jews must play a role in the "challenge" of Aliyah--immigration to Israel--Mr. Ben-Gurion said that Israel needs immigrants with spiritual qualities. "Zionists who are not able to come to Israel themselves, because of age or economic situation, must send their children to study for a year in Israel, even if they are not obliged to remain here," he stated. This, he said, applies not only to U.S. Jewry but also to Jewries in Latin America, South Africa and Western Europe.

"Two hundred thousand such students spending a year here, will change the face of both this country and of world Jewry," he stressed. "If there is meaning in what Zionists have been saying for decades, this is a real possibility, a vital need--neither a dream nor a vision. If you have moral courage," he told the Congress delegates, "and believe in what you have said all along, this task will not be impossible for you."

Draws Distinction Between Status of Jews in U.S. and Europe

Jewish immigration to Israel was now "the central problem," the Prime Minister emphasized. He pointed out that the stimuli of early immigration--distress, economic and political persecution, discrimination and degradation--were "insufficient to induce a large settlement of Palestine, in view of the poverty of the country and in view of insecurity."

The early Zionist ideology, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, was founded on the European attitude toward the Jew and the attitude of Jews toward Europe. Jews in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, and the Zionist minority in Western Europe, he said, did not regard themselves as part of the people among whom they lived, but as a "foreign growth," exiles whose future lay in Israel.

This ideology, he went on, "was not cherished in the United States because there the situation is different, and no American Jew, Zionist or non-Zionist, feels he is a foreigner or a temporary growth in that country." However, the American Jew must play a role in the current, grave, urgent challenge of Aliyah which faces this generation, because "it is in this generation that the fate of the State and Jewry will be determined."

"This is the last generation of slavery and the first of salvation," Mr. Ben-Gurion said, "but it is liable to be also the last of salvation. And if those loyal to Zion do not find the courage to act with inner strength and responsibility of understanding, then Zionism has no other meaning than 'To Zion.'"

Citing the decline of Yiddish, and the threats of assimilation, he declared that those interested in the future of Judaism must view the dangers facing Jews in the Diaspora "with open eyes" and with courage. "In certain Moslem and totalitarian states," he stated, "Judaism is in danger of strangulation. In countries of freedom and prosperity, Jews face the kiss of death--a slow, unnoticeable decline into assimilation. This Congress must warn and be warned."

Outlines Factors Essential for Israel's and Jewish Survival

Two factors, Mr. Ben-Gurion told the delegates, are essential for the survival of the Jewish State and the survival of Jewry outside Israel--each of which is dependent on the other. These factors are: 1. Increased Jewish immigration into Israel, "for a pioneering and productive character"; and 2. Educating the younger generation of Jews outside Israel in regard to their personal attachment to Jewry and to Israel.

"If there is any meaning to this Congress and the name it bears," Mr. Ben-Gurion stated, "it must realize its momentous responsibility, and bring into action the finest

ements of our people, our youth, both in Israel and in the Diaspora, for the achievement of these two central aims."

The lesson of the past 40 years, from the time Russian Jewry was cut off from the world to the period of the Aliyah of the first million Jews to Israel, he declared, "requires grave, far-reaching, open-eyed analysis of our situation." The Premier described this 40-year period as a time in which the history of humanity has changed completely. "There has never been," he said, "another period so appalling, encouraging, tragic and heroic, full of tribulations and destruction on the one hand, of hope and salvation on the other hand."

Mr. Ben-Gurion listed chronologically four events of "fateful significance" during the era, stating that never has the Jewish people been faced with such vital, momentous and difficult tasks, "and such grave and deadly dangers involving the possibility of absolute destruction--and, at the same time, such promising, glorious prospects."

Stresses Soviet Suppression of Jews; Lauds Rise of United States Jewry

First, Mr. Ben-Gurion pointed out, was the violation and paralysis of Russian Jewry for the last 40 years, "a Jewry which, despite suffering and distress, played a leading role in the renaissance of scholarship, the Haskalah movement, yeshivah, literature, the labor movement, chalutzit, hibat-Zion, and foundations for the new State."

"The Iron Curtain erected between Soviet Jewry and world Jewry," he continued, "teaches us that there are world powers that not only have the capacity, but also the desire, to impose spiritual silence and annihilation on millions of Jews under their control, without the Jewish people of the world being able to do anything about it."

The second event of this era, spelled out by Mr. Ben-Gurion, came 20 years later, that development being the Nazi holocaust "which cannot be measured only by the appalling dimensions of 6,000,000 Nazi victims. Led to the slaughter," he recalled, "were the bearers of the Jewish spirit. All Jewish sources of learning were destroyed, and its sources of life and rejuvenation were destroyed."

The third event in the period, one preceding it, Mr. Ben-Gurion stated, was the establishment of the new, rich and influential Jewish center in America. "No such community," he said, "existed throughout the history of the Diaspora, since the days of the Second Temple."

The final event was identified by Mr. Ben-Gurion as "the miracle of the Jewish State," which was founded in the same decade as the worst holocaust, "providing our generation with two climactic events of history--the apex of grief and destruction, and the apex of comfort and salvation in which the entire Jewry participated and which was not completed with the establishment of the State, but has only begun."

Says Israel Still Faces Danger; Cites Soviet Aid to Egypt

"Although Israel, since the establishment of the State, has grown by 300 percent," the Premier emphasized, "it now numbers only 15 percent of Jewry. We are only at the beginning of the road, a road that's long and difficult, and not without grave dangers." He warned against a "blind confidence that we can face any conditions" and that there was no danger to Israel's survival in the future. "We are unable to compel our neighbors to make peace and we must realize that the Arabs are not standing still," he said.

He told the Congress that "hundreds of Soviet instructors" were busy working to improve the Egyptian armed forces and that Soviet arms were "flowing unceasingly" into Egypt. Challenging the Congress to tackle basic tasks, he said:

"The question you must answer not with words but with deeds is whether you have the desire and the will and the ability to work for and ensure the immigration Israel needs in ever greater numbers, an immigration motivated not only by the burden of distress and external pressure but also by the powerful impulse of the creative vision of redemption which exalts and enriches the spirit of man."

He called for "pioneers, capitalists, scientists, teachers, writers and middle class immigrants, men and women moved by the spiritual need to strengthen the will and devotion to the ideal of concern for the future of the Jewish State and the Jewish people."

Goldmann, Sharett Named Co-Chairmen of Congress Presidium

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann and former Israeli Premier Moshe Sharett were today elected co-chairmen of the presidium of the 25th World Zionist Congress. Representation on the 25-member presidium was based on the proportional strengths of the various parties participating in the Congress.

The presidium today received a cable from the Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia, expressing regrets at being unable to accept their invitation to send fraternal delegates to the Congress. Professor Albert Weiss, president of the Yugoslav Jewish Federation, said they could not attend "because of other urgent matters." He extended heartiest greetings to the Congress. A representative from the Yugoslav legation in Israel was the only diplomat from an East European country present at the gala opening last night of the Congress to which all embassies and legations in Israel had been invited.

BEN-GURION INTENSIFIES FIGHT AGAINST LAVON; THREATENS TO RETIRE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion threatened today to relinquish leadership of the Mapai party, and retire to his Sde Boker retreat in the Negev, in a new flare-up of his dispute with Pinhas Lavon, secretary-general of Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor.

The possibility arose after a meeting last night of Mapai members of the Cabinet, at which an inconclusive effort was made to avert a grave party rift on the issue. The Prime Minister insisted he was determined to reach a "showdown" with Lavon in the long-standing quarrel between the two Mapai leaders, stemming from the 1954 security mishap which led to Lavon's forced resignation as Israel Minister of Defense in 1955.

Lavon was cleared of responsibility for the order which brought about the mishap by a seven-man Ministerial Committee, which reported its findings at the Cabinet meeting last Sunday. The committee declared that a senior army officer had forged a document to make Lavon appear responsible. The Cabinet approved the report with three Mapai Ministers, as well as the Prime Minister, abstaining in the vote. The three were: Minister of Education Abba Eban, Minister of Agriculture Moshe Dayan and Minister of Labor Giora Josephthal.

(The Associated Press reported today that Israel's Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, walked out of the Cabinet meeting "in fury" at Ben-Gurion's stand and drew up a letter of resignation. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol has for two days been trying to soothe her, and he was reported today to have succeeded, the AP said.)

Reportedly declaring that he would not sit at the same table with Lavon, the Prime Minister indicated he planned to take a four or five-week holiday immediately after the 25th World Zionist Congress, which will conclude on January 10, and that he might not return until the Mapai central bodies take a final stand on the dispute.

The Prime Minister's reported "Lavon or me" attitude was seen as certain to force a showdown between Lavon's supporters and those of the Prime Minister. The former were believed to include Mapai members sympathetic to other Government members forced to resign with Lavon in 1955. The backers of the Prime Minister were understood to include a small neutral group, whose members believe that preservation of the party demands deferment of action for the time being on the broiling leadership dispute.

FOUR AMERICAN JEWISH SCIENTISTS NAMED 'MEN OF THE YEAR' FOR 1960

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Four Jewish scientists were picked by Time Magazine this week among 15 American scientists named as "Men of the Year," it was reported today in the latest issue of the news magazine. They are:

Isidor Isaac Rabi, Austrian-born son of Jewish immigrants, brought up on New York's lower East Side; Edward Teller, Hungarian-born physicist; Joshua Lederberg, son of New Jersey Rabbi Zvi H. Lederberg; and Donald Glaser, son of a Jewish storekeeper in Cleveland.

Dr. Lederberg, aged 35, and Dr. Glaser, 34, are the youngest among all of the 15 scientists picked by Time as 1960 "Men of the Year." Each is a Nobel Prize winner, as is Dr. Rabi. Dr. Teller, who is 53, is the man called "father of the hydrogen bomb." While many other scientists collaborated in the development of the H-bomb, his work is credited, according to Time, "with the basic and original insight that made the finished product possible."

Dr. Rabi, 62, won a Nobel Prize in 1944 for his experiments in molecular physics, which were vital to American atomic research. He is now on the faculty of Columbia University. Dr. Lederberg received the Nobel Prize in 1958 for his discovery of bacteria infected with certain viruses that may suffer hereditary changes. He is at the School of Medicine of Leland Stanford University. Dr. Glaser received his Nobel Prize only this month, sharing it with another American scientist. He developed the so-called "bubble-chamber" for photographing atomic particles. He is now at the University of California, Berkeley.

SUNDAY LAWS MAY REMAIN ISSUE EVEN AFTER U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING

BOSTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Christian Science Monitor predicted today that the dispute over Sunday closing laws, as they affect those observing a day other than Sunday as their Sabbath, will not be settled by a United States Supreme Court ruling that such laws are unconstitutional. "Whatever the Supreme Court may rule, there probably will be serious questions left for state legislatures," the paper said.

The Monitor made the prediction in an editorial noting that four such cases are now before the high tribunal, two from Pennsylvania, one from Maryland and one from Massachusetts. Jewish merchants are directly involved in some of the cases as plaintiffs. The Monitor cited arguments that, if some establishments were permitted to observe a different closing day from others, the enforcement system would break down "and a virtual seven-day business week" would follow.

MIXED MARRIAGES RESULT IN LOWER FERTILITY, SCIENTIST REPORTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- American Jews were found, in a research study reported here today, to share with American Christians a pattern of maximum fertility in common faith marriages and lower fertility in mixed marriages.

The findings were reported to a session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science convention by Prof. Jack C. Bresler of Brown University. Prof. Bresler studied 1,000 Brown University and Pembroke College alumni. He traced the origins and religions of their parents and grandparents.

He also found that marriages of men and women of the same faith but with different national origins, even if generations removed, also produce fewer children. He reported that Catholic-Catholic marriages produce the greatest number of children. Next come Protestant-Protestant marriages and then Protestant-Catholic marriages. Last in fertility are marriages in which the mates are of the same faith but in which one partner was the child of parents of different faiths.

In reporting that Jewish marriages followed the same general trends, Dr. Bresler said he had studied fewer Jewish subjects and was therefore less certain of the findings for the Jewish group. He also said that his investigation found lower fertility whenever the marriage crossed ethnic groups.

EMPLOYEE REFUSING TO WORK ON SABBATH LOSES CASE IN NEW JERSEY COURT

TRENTON, N.J., Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Dismissal of an employee who wanted time off without pay to observe Passover and the Jewish Sabbath does not constitute religious discrimination, the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court ruled yesterday. The case is expected to be taken to the New Jersey Supreme Court.

The plaintiff was Sharma Temmelman of Flemington, N.J., who refused to work on Saturdays or after sundowns on Fridays during the winter months. She was fired April 11 by the Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation of Raritan. The 18-year-old Orthodox Jewess asked \$55,000 damages but did not seek reinstatement.

In the letter of dismissal, the company said that Miss Temmelman's demands for permission to leave early on Fridays during the winter and to be absent on Saturdays "and certain other days" would "materially affect your ability to complete your work assignments."

The Appellate court decision affirmed a ruling by Superior Court Judge Frank L. Kingfield, who declared: "It is a somewhat sad commentary upon our modern civilization that a person has to lose her employment because of a desire to participate in a religious ceremony. However, an employer today likewise has a problem. Industries can ill afford to have any of the cogs of their machinery slowed up." The Appellate Division decision was confined to the issue of religious discrimination.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BACKS RULING AGAINST CRECHE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

HARTSDALE, N.Y., Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Board of Education of this Westchester suburban community announced today it was standing by its hotly protested decision to end a 20-year practice of permitting a creche on the grounds of the local junior high school.

The decision, which barred a Nativity Scene display during the Christmas period earlier this week, evoked 600 signatures on a petition asking the board to reverse itself. More than 300 attended a meeting last week of the Board of Education at which the ban was discussed.

THREE-DAY PARLEY OF RABBIS FROM FRANCE AND ALGERIA OPENS IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Forty rabbis from France and Algeria, headed by Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, opened a three-day conference here today, to discuss various organizational and religious matters. One of the items on the agenda concerns plans for attracting more professing Jews in metropolitan France toward synagogue membership.

DELEGATION OF WEST NIGERIA SEEKS ISRAEL'S AID IN FIELD OF EDUCATION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A delegation from West Nigeria, headed by Education Minister Onabamiro and including top officials of the Ministry, a member of Parliament and an architect, arrived here today. The group will explore the possibilities of cooperation between the two countries in expanding the West Nigerian education system.

ISRAEL ORCHESTRA RETURNS HOME AFTER WORLD TOUR OF FIFTY CITIES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra returned home yesterday after a trip covering three continents and 50 cities. The orchestra was greeted by Ministers and Ambassadors of the countries which the orchestra visited and by Israel Foreign Ministry officials.