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U. S. JEWISH GROUPS ASSAIL BEN-GURION FOR STATEMENT ON MIGRATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A statement made by Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion yesterday, that religious Jews who do not migrate to Israel violate the precepts of Judaism, provoked a storm of protests today on the part of major American Jewish organizations.

Mr. Ben-Gurion made his statement in the course of an address delivered at the World Zionist Congress, now taking place in Jerusalem. He backed his assertion by citing Jewish sages as declaring that "whoever dwells outside the land of Israel is considered to have no God."

Among the pro-Israel organizations which took issue today with Mr. Ben-Gurion were the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis. The American Council for Judaism, an anti-Zionist group, similarly objected to Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement.

Jewish Congress Challenges Ben-Gurion's Religious Competence

Speaking on behalf of the American Jewish Congress, Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the organization, said: "The wholesale indictment by Prime Minister Ben-Gurion of all Jews who live outside Israel must be and will be completely and unequivocally rejected by the Jewish community.

"Mr. Ben-Gurion has neither the religious competence nor any other authority to call those Jews godless who live outside Israel," Dr. Prinz continued. "His statement has rendered a distinct disservice both to Israel and to the Jewish communities outside Israel -- and has, moreover, distorted the issue of the relationship between world Jewry and Israel -- a relationship which has engaged the attention of Jews both within and outside Israel since the State was created in 1948.

"Jews in the United States and elsewhere will continue to contribute to the upbuilding of Israel despite Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement. They will not be deterred by any attempts to impose on them a decision to emigrate to Israel. Mr. Ben-Gurion should perhaps be reminded that Judaism is a universal religion, and that the worship of God has not been bound to the land of Israel since the utterances of the Prophets of Jewish antiquity. Judaism conceives of God in universal terms, not local ones.

"The Israeli Prime Minister should also be advised that American Jewry is not confronted with 'strangulation' or 'extinction.' On the contrary, we are witnessing in the United States and in other free countries of the West an unprecedented renaissance of Jewish life, covering both religious and cultural aspects. In this renaissance, Israel has played not the least important role, but it has not played the only one.

"Far from extinction, American Jewry faces its future in this free country of ours with hope and with confidence. The Jews of America will be neither frightened nor intimidated by Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement which, in calling to the Jews of the world to live and worship only in Israel, and in condemning all those Jews who seek to build a Jewish life for themselves and their families outside Israel, can only be described as a preposterous distortion of Jewish precepts," the president of the American Jewish Congress concluded.

American Jewish Committee 'Shocked' by Ben-Gurion's Statement

Herbert B. Ehrmann, president of the American Jewish Committee, said: "The American Jewish Committee and Jews throughout the United States and throughout the world are both grieved and shocked by the reported statement of David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel, that Jews, wherever they are, have the obligation to emigrate to Israel.

"As Americans devoted to democratic principles, we have a deep interest in the development of a democratic society in Israel, while, as Jews, we have a natural sympathy with our fellow Jews with whom we are bound by traditional, historic and religious ties," Mr. Ehrmann declared. He pointed out that "The American Jewish Committee has always maintained that emigration to Israel must be an act of free choice, within the personal discretion of each individual, and certainly cannot be considered a necessary and vital aspect of his religious faith."

Mr. Ehrmann charged the Israel Premier with violating "an explicit understanding" arrived at ten years ago with Jacob Blaustein, then president of the American Jewish Committee, that "nothing should be said or done which could in the slightest degree undermine the sense of security and stability of American Jewry."

ROSE HALPRIN OUTLINES VIEWS ON WESTERN IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose Halprin, Hadassah leader and member of the Jewish Agency executive, today outlined her views on immigration from Western countries to Israel at the World Zionist Congress session. She said that the next decade should provide Israel with its third million but this decade must be one of voluntary immigration in contrast to the first "distress Aliyah."

Warning that voluntary Aliyah would not be attained by threats or disparagements, Mrs. Halprin stressed that a voluntary Aliyah also required preparations to assure adequate absorption facilities and the creation of a receptive atmosphere and fraternal intellectual climate. She said prospective American settlers were not seeking a favored status but only elementary sound decent living conditions to settle their families and take root in the Jewish State.

She proposed the creation of an authority to facilitate immigration from western countries, an authority which would exempt such newcomers from "formalities and restrictions." She expressed the hope that non-Zionist groups would find means of co-operating, particularly in the field of education.

Zionism's tasks are Israel and the non-Israeli Jewish world and it would be a grave error to fortify the Jewish State and abandon the rest of the Jewish world, Mrs. Halprin declared.

Asserting that the Jewish dispersion was an established fact likely to continue to exist for 300 years or more, she warned that it might become a Jewish dispersion without Jewish content if immediate action were not taken to create strong and sound links between the Jewish State and the Jewish people.

Mrs. Halprin pleaded for immediate practical steps to enable "reaping the fruits" to be obtained from Hebrew education and Aliyah. She urged the convening of an international Jewish conference on Jewish culture and Hebraization in the non-Israeli Jewish world because "these are pre-conditions, the obverse side of the coin of Aliyah."

Permanence of American Jewish Community Stressed by Neumann

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, American General Zionist leader and member of the Jewish Agency executive, said the issues raised at the Congress by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Dr. Nahum Goldmann concerned the future of the Jewish people as well as the future of the Jewish State. He asserted that while American Zionists had not formulated a new philosophy affirming the permanence of Jewish dispersion as an article of faith, the American Jewish community of several million was likely to continue its existence for an indefinite period before "giving up the Jewish ghost."

This position, he said, did not mean the abandonment of Zionist objectives, including maximum territorial concentration of Jews in Israel. He said Zionists outside of Israel were willing to promote Aliyah from their countries but the big question was how to bring this about.

More attention should be given, he contended, to successful absorption of immigrants in Israel. He proposed a special department of the Jewish Agency executive concentrating all services of absorption of immigrants from Western countries in close cooperation with the Israel Government. He asserted that the will for Aliyah must be preceded by an intense effort in Jewish education and that this should include young Israeli Jews abroad who often dissociated themselves from Jews saying, "We are Israelis, not Jews."

Louis Segal, American Labor Zionist leader and member of the Jewish Agency executive, said the solution to the problem of immigration from the United States to Israel was in an appeal to the American spirit of pioneering and the creation of special absorption conditions for immigrants from the United States. Appeals should also emphasize the wholeness of Jewish life which was possible only in Israel, he said.

The main task of the Zionist movement, he added, was the spreading of Jewish education as the basis for Jewish consciousness which is the prerequisite for Zionist sentiments and certain Zionist actions. He pointed out that Aliyah from the United States had risen greatly during the past four or five years. In 1960, 1,061 American Jews settled in Israel, compared with the 300 annual average until 1955.

Rabbi Mordecai Kirschblum, American Mizrahi leader, and member of the Jewish Agency executive, argued that the problem of Aliyah from Western countries was a problem of education and not a problem for ideological discussions between leaders. He added that the idea of creation of panic to induce Jews to settle in Israel was suitable for anti-Semitic Poland but unsuitable for democratic United States.

Meir Grossman, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, proposed the transfer of the seat of the World Zionist Organization from Israel to some other country. He said the principal functions of the movements -- Aliyah, hachshara, education and fund-raising -- all were centered in the Diaspora. He recommended that only departments concerned with implementation of plans for absorption of immigrants should remain in Israel.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT DISMISSES ROCKWELL'S LIBEL SUIT AGAINST J. T. A.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The United States District Court here dismissed a suit filed by George Lincoln Rockwell, self-styled "commander" of the American Nazi party against the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc., and Milton Friedman, chief of the JTA Washington bureau.

Rockwell had claimed damages for an allegedly libellous news report that described how Rockwell hid under a platform during a riot which, according to a previous court decision, he had fomented. Judge Leonard Walsh granted a motion filed by Maurice Friedman, attorney for the defendants, to dismiss the suit because Rockwell had failed to post a deposit as security for costs as previously ordered by the court.

Attorney Friedman, a prominent Washington communal leader, is opposing the neo-Nazis in another case--that filed by Rockwell against the commissioners of the District of Columbia, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Washington ADL director Herman Edelsberg, ADL officials David Brody and Jason Silverman, and others.

ALGERIAN REBEL ORGANIZATION ASSAILS JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS

PARIS, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Algerian rebel organization, the FLN, has accused Jewish community leaders in Algeria of being "the accomplices of the colonial crimes now being committed in our land," it was reported here today.

The charge appeared in the FLN newspaper, El Moudjahid, which carried an article on "The Constant Position of the Algerian Revolution with regard to the Jewish Minority." In the article, the FLN asserted that Algerian Jewish leaders had "deluded part of the Algerian Jewish community by inviting it not to take part in the struggle for national liberation."

The FLN also charged that recent communiques by Algerian Jewish leaders protesting the profanation and systematic devastation of the Great Synagogue of Algiers had "already served this argument for colonial propaganda devoted to settling Jews and Moslems against one another."

The FLN newspaper urged Algerian Jews to be "among the first to join in the demand, made by the National Algerian Organization, that an international inquiry commission be sent as soon as possible to Algeria to establish dispassionately what happened there, and particularly in Algiers during the events of recent days."

MOROCCAN POLICE THREATEN TO CLOSE CASABLANCA JEWISH PUBLICATION

CASABLANCA, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A weekly publication devoted to the interests of the Jewish population of Morocco was under threat of being banned today after its director, Victor Malka, was interrogated at length by Moroccan police.

The questioning of the director of "Trait D'Union," the first issue of which appeared in November, and the threat of a ban took place despite the fact that permission had been given to him by the authorities to issue the publication. The weekly was launched with the approval of some Moroccan Jewish personalities.

Meanwhile, it appeared that efforts of the Council of Jewish Communities in Morocco to obtain the re-appearance of another publication, "The Voice of the Communities," were certain to fail.

MORE GERMAN PHYSICIANS FACE INVESTIGATION ON 'EUTHANASIA' CHARGES

KIEL, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The revocation of the medical license of Dr. Herta Oberhauser, the Ravensbrueck concentration camp "euthanasia" physician, has touched off additional investigations of such doctors, it was disclosed today.

The Ministry of the Interior of Schleswig-Holstein has opened an investigation of Prof. A. Catel, former director of the Kiel University Children's Clinic. Prof. Catel resigned from the clinic after a German-born pediatrician, Rudolf Degwitz, speaking in New York, charged him and other doctors with taking part in the Nazi euthanasia program.

In Hamburg, the prosecutor's office is investigating the possibility of re-opening criminal proceedings against Dr. Catel and 14 other euthanasia doctors who were acquitted in 1949 by a Hamburg court, despite admissions they had killed more than 50 children in a Hamburg clinic during the Nazi period. The court acquitted them on grounds they "had not consciously done wrong."

Five of these doctors are known to be practicing medicine in Hamburg at the present time. They are Emma Luethje, Hans Grieve, Wilhelm Bayer, Ingeborg Wetzel and Lotte Albers.

TURKISH PREMIER NAMES JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE TO CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

1 ISTANBUL, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Erol Dilek, a young Jewish attorney, was named today by General Cemal Gursel, the Turkish Premier, as a representative to the new Constituent Assembly for the Jewish community.

The attorney has been serving as legal advisor for the Grand Rabbinate here. He was a Republican party candidate in the 1957 elections but lost when the Democratic list was victor. The Constituent Assembly will be convened January 6, to approve a new constitution and a new election law. It will end its activities in October when general elections for a new Parliament will be held.

The 272 members of the lower house are elected mainly by professional groups and political parties. Gen. Gursel has the authority to name 12 members and appointed representatives for each minority community under that authority.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY CLAIMS DEAD SEA SCROLL FRAGMENTS FROM JORDAN

MONTREAL, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- McGill University here will seek the aid of the Government of Canada to force the Government of Jordan to comply with its agreement to deliver Dead Sea Scroll fragments purchased by the university in 1952 for \$20,000, Dr. F. Cyril James, principal of the university, said today.

The fragments have been reconditioned and prepared for shipment but Jordanian officials have not given permission for shipment to Canada, Dean Stanley Frost of the University's divinity faculty said. He added that he believed that the delay in shipment was partly due to a propaganda campaign by the United Arab Republic to the effect that Jordan has made the scrolls available at "bargain prices" to Israeli agents.

Dean Frost said there had been reports that Jordan planned to renege on delivery of fragments to the Vatican Library, the University of Manchester and other purchasers. It was understood that the Canadian Ambassador in Beirut, Lebanon and the British envoy in Amman, Jordan, have taken part in talks with Jordanian officials to achieve fulfillment of the 1952 contract.

"We have a legal and binding agreement with the Government of Jordan," Dean Frost said, "and we cannot accept any unilateral decision not to deliver the scrolls." He added that he visited Jordan a few months ago to examine the collection and that he had been assured an export license would be granted.

The collection purchased by the university is the largest group of Cave IV Dead Sea manuscripts slated to go outside the area. All of the fragments have been photographed and edited and they are to be published jointly by the McGill University Press, the Jordanian Museum of Antiquities and the Dominican Ecole Archeologique Francaise. They comprise 100 plates containing fragments ranging in size from two columns to pieces the size of a postage stamp.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS BUILDING TO BE NAMED 'BRONFMAN HOUSE'

MONTREAL, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Plans have been authorized to name a new building for the Canadian Jewish Congress in honor of Samuel Bronfman, president of the Congress, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

The organization's national executive authorized plans for the new headquarters, to be built in central Montreal which will also serve as a National Cultural Institute housing the National Archives, a National Museum and the Congress Library. It will be called "The Samuel Bronfman House."

SOUTH AFRICAN JEW BEQUEATHS FUND FOR NON-JEWS WHO WISH TO STUDY JUDAISM

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The major part of a \$230,000 estate of an 80-year-old bachelor, Dr. Solomon E. Speelman, has been bequeathed for a fund to assist non-Jewish students, particularly Japanese students, at the Hebrew University.

The fund is for such students who wish to study Judaism in Israel for purposes of spreading it in Africa and Asia, "more particularly in Japan." Dr. Speelman died here recently.

S. J. MASLOW NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Will Maslow has been appointed executive director of the American Jewish Congress, it was announced today by Dr. Joachim Prinz, president.

Mr. Maslow, who has served as acting director of the organization since April, was a general counsel and the first director of the agency's Commission on Law and Social Action in 1945. He is regarded as an authority on the development and use of law in coming discrimination and prejudice.