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## MAPAI HOLDS FIRST ELECTION RALLY; GOLDA MEIR BACKS BEN-GURION

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Although few people in Israel really believe that national elections will be held and despite the fact that the majority of the population is confident that at the last minute some solution will be found to avoid such elections, the Mapai party which is led by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today started the election campaign.

The first large election rally was held in Tiberias and was addressed by Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir and by Zalman Aranne, former Minister of Education. Although both of the speakers were among the strongest supporters of Pinhas Lavon in his fight with Mr. Ben-Gurion, they strongly defended Ben-Gurion's Premiership in their speeches.

The Mapai election campaign was started following a decision during the weekend by the secretariate of the party to cease any further attempts to form a coalition government. Premier Ben-Gurion participated in the meeting at which this decision was taken. It was emphasized by speakers at the election rally in Tiberias today that Mapai unsuccessfully made all possible concessions to other parties with a view to avoiding elections which Mapai leaders considered harmful to Israel in view of the international and political situation. The blame for holding elections therefore lies with the coalition partners.

Premier Ben-Gurion today presided over the Cabinet meeting for the first time since he angrily walked out of the Cabinet session on December 25, when the Cabinet approved the Ministerial Committee report exonerating Lavon from responsibility for the 1954 security mishap.

Under Ben-Gurion's chairmanship, the Cabinet today approved a series of amendments to the election law, including an amendment which provides for the forfeiture of a 10,000-pound bond by any group which puts up a list of candidates for elections if the list does not obtain one percent of all the votes. In the last national elections 12 lists of candidates did not obtain this minimum. Today's Cabinet decision, which will have to be approved by Parliament, is designed to discourage a repetition of such a development.

The Cabinet also discussed the strike of the high school teachers which entered today its third week. About 1,500 teachers are involved in the strike which was precipitated by the demand for higher wages. Levi Eshkol, in his capacity as chairman of the special ministerial committee dealing with the problem, reported to the Cabinet on the arrangements which the Ministry of Education is making for holding final examinations of 4,000 high school seniors should the strike not be settled before the end of the term. About 25,000 students in the lower classes are also affected by the strike.

## MOROCCAN JEWRY HOLDS NATIONAL CONFERENCE; DISCUSSES EXISTING SITUATION

RABAT, Morocco, March 19. (JTA) -- Representatives of Jewish communities in Morocco opened their national conference here today to discuss steps to improve the situation of the Jews in the country.

The conference will devote itself primarily to the formulation of a program for internal community work, including philanthropic activities. It is not expected that the conference will adopt political resolutions; however, discussions will be held on how to establish more friendly relations between Jews and Moslems in the country and how to improve the relations with local authorities.

(In Jerusalem, Dr. Nahum Goldmann told a press conference today that he is confident that the new ruler of Morocco, King Hassan II, will maintain the same attitude toward Moroccan Jewry as his father, the late King Mohammed. "Some time is needed before it will become clear to local police authorities that they must faithfully implement the King's decision to allow Jews to obtain passports for emigration abroad," Dr. Goldmann said.)

Meanwhile, it was announced here today that a Moroccan Jewish artist, M. Arama, has been appointed director of the School of Fine Arts in Casablanca. Mr. Arama, a well-known painter, has exhibited his work in Paris, San Francisco, Chicago and Washington. A former adviser on art to the Ministry of Trades, Mr. Arama is the first Jew to be appointed to the directorship of the school.

### DR. GOLDMANN TO DECIDE NEXT MONTH WHETHER HE WILL SETTLE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann told a press conference here today that he would decide at the end of next month whether he will settle in Israel to take up Israeli citizenship and become active in the new Liberal party being organized by the merger of the Progressives and the General Zionists.

Dr. Goldmann said that he warmly welcomed plans for the Liberal party and expressed the hope that there would be mergers among other parties. He stressed that such reduction of the splintering political scene in Israel was most desirable. The president of the World Zionist Organization expressed hope that the establishment of the Liberal party would influence the reunion of the two competing General Zionist Confederations.

Explaining the postponement of a decision on his personal plans until after the session of the Zionist Actions Committee, scheduled for April 26 in Israel, Dr. Goldmann said he would have to study the effect of a decision to become active in Israeli politics on his positions as president of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Dr. Goldmann said he saw good chances for settling the question of the Jewish Agency - chairmanship in New York by either rotation of the post or by having only an acting chairman with himself as chairman. He expressed the hope that former Premier Moshe Sharett would accept the chairmanship in Jerusalem or that he would at least continue as top coordinator and presiding member of the Agency executive.

The world Zionist leader said that he hoped to reach an agreement on the composition of the new Agency executive in Jerusalem without special difficulties, possibly before his departure next week for the United Jewish Appeal Consolidation Loan Conference in New York. The conference, he said, will decide on converting separate loans of more than 50 Jewish communities into a single \$65,000,000 consolidation loan.

### BEN-GURION'S VIEWS ON FUTURE OF U.S. JEWRY REFUTED AT ZIONIST PARLEY

WASHINGTON, March 19. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, today took sharp issue with Israel Premier David Ben-Gurion in a statement rebutting Mr. Ben-Gurion's assessment of the vitality and future of American Judaism. He also disagreed with the Ben-Gurion view that American Zionists were obligated to settle in Israel. He made the statement at the organization's annual conference on American Near Eastern policy here.

Rabbi Bernstein maintained in his statement that Mr. Ben-Gurion was in error about the status of American Judaism because it "has never been in a healthier state than it is at the present time. Synagogues have the largest memberships, the religious schools are overcrowded; there is better adult education and more cultural activity than in the entire history of American Jewry. The synagogue has again become, after a period of bumbling competition with Jewish philanthropies, welfare agencies and community centers, the primary agency of the Jewish community."

However, the rabbi characterized "the quality" of Jewish Religious life in America as "another matter." He said: "Who can measure spirituality, especially in a materialistic society? There is more intermarriage. But most intermarriages in which Jews are involved lead to Jewish identification."

Rabbi Bernstein told the conference that "American Jews love and will help Israel but intend to remain here, except for individuals who will go there to make special contributions." He also pointed out that "American Jewry--Zionist and non-Zionist, but pro-Israel--has a crucial responsibility not only to help Israel financially but to protect it from those who would destroy it."

### U.S. THEATRE GROUP BANNED IN EGYPT FOR INTENDING TO PLAY IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 19. (JTA) -- A touring American theatre group, starring the leading actress, Helen Hayes, has been refused permission to give goodwill performances in the United Arab Republic because the troupe will later perform in Tel Aviv, it was learned today.

The UAR authorities canceled the appearance of the American actors in Cairo, making known that Egyptians did not care to receive an "international goodwill" undertaking that would include Israel on its itinerary. The American actors, selected from the nation's finest, are performing selected American plays abroad as examples of this country's cultural achievements.

United States officials announced that the group, which was to have played the Cairo Opera House on April 1, 2 and 3, would visit Beirut instead of Cairo. The troupe is traveling under the auspices of the U.S. State Department.

### GERMANY'S ONLY YIDDISH NEWSPAPER CLOSES; FACED FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

MUNICH, March 19. (JTA) -- Neue Juedische Zeitung, West Germany's only Yiddish-language periodical, suspended publication this week with its 500th issue. Marian Giede, editor of the weekly, said that the suspension was due to a lack of financial support for the paper, which had been published since 1951.

BERLIN MAYOR ADDRESSES JEWISH AUDIENCE IN NEW YORK; CONDEMNNS NAZI CRIMES

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Mayor Willy Brandt of West Berlin, addressing a huge Jewish audience today at the Herzl Institute here, asked world Jewry to have trust in post-war German democracy "in which National Socialism has no longer any political base." At the same time he unsparingly condemned "the terrible crimes which have been committed against millions of Jews in the name of the German people."

"The generation of young Germans untainted by nazism would not follow so swiftly another brown Pied Piper as did their parents," Mr. Brandt said. He did not excuse the swastika smearing incidents that took place in Cologne and other German cities at the end of 1959, but he said it would be a "grave mistake" to pass judgment on an entire nation because of the actions of a few hooligans "whose attitude stems more from an irresponsible spirit and immaturity than from serious political motive."

In the beginning of 1960, he declared, "they were faced by 350,000 young Berliners who without any preceding propaganda got together in an impressive and spontaneous rally against anti-Semitism and chauvinism." He added that the attitude of the overwhelming majority of young Germans is exemplified by the mass pilgrimages each year to the grave of Anne Frank and by the increasing number of German youth who annually visit and work in Israel under "Operation Atonement."

Germany's crimes against the Jewish people, the West Berlin mayor reiterated again and again, could neither be forgotten by good will nor by restitution and indemnification. "Nothing could be more wrong," he added, "than wishing that the years of the brown terror did not exist and that one could start again with German history in the year 1932. The National Socialist past does exist. It has to be recognized and borne. Children and grandchildren have to come to terms with that heritage as well as possible."

Says Germany Could Never Be 'Chemically Free' of Anti-Semitism

In his only allusion to the Eichmann case, Brandt remarked: "The fact that one of the worst was found and will be put to trial has to do with the development of the Federal Republic just as much or just as little as if he had never been discovered."

While denying that Germany could ever be "chemically free" of anti-Semitism, Mr. Brandt contended that "an outbreak of boils" (the swastika incidents) did not necessarily signify "a sign of a new poisoning but rather a form of self-purification of the body." Public discussion of the problem in Germany during the past two years, he said, had not produced a resurgence of Nazi manifestations. "Nobody," he declared, "can undo the past; this is a simple--but in this case--horrible truth. We must see to it that the past does not have another future. We can act only in the present time."

Mr. Brandt, who attended the 15th International Congress of Cities and Communities in Israel last November, described his visit to "that young, brave state which sprang up from the sea of blood and tears in the old land of the Jewish people" as one of the "strongest personal experiences of post-war times." He characterized the attitude of young Germans toward Israel as one of "deep respect" engendered by admiration for its pioneering spirit, its determination to maintain itself and the recognition that "Israel stands in the same camp we do in our present fight between East and West."

He scored the "functionaries of the Soviet Union" for using his trip to incite the Arab countries against Germany but otherwise refrained from taking any official position on the Arab-Israel disputes. Declaring that East Germany had steadfastly refused to grant restitution of any kind to its former inhabitants, he said: "It is certainly no coincidence that the number of Jewish fellow citizens has fallen in the Soviet Zone to 1,500 while we have in West Berlin and the Federal Republic 27,000."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Herzl Institute, in introducing Mr. Brandt, recalled that the meeting was taking place on the eve of the Eichmann trial in Israel. He said that the obvious anxiety which the case had created for German leaders and statesmen--"an ordeal for all concerned"--should not obscure the fact that "in bringing Eichmann to trial, Israel is not only performing an historic act of justice but is discharging a moral duty to all mankind."

Dr. Neumann voiced hope that the remnants of the Nazi era "still glowing and smoldering in dark corners" in Germany would forever be extinguished through the "moral courage and spiritual leadership of men like Konrad Adenauer and Willy Brandt." Mr. Brandt was also welcomed at the meeting by Kurt Grossman of the Jewish Agency.

Pledges to 'Root Out' Anti-Semitic Manifestations from German Life

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt in a meeting this morning with Adolph Held, national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, issued the following statement with regard to anti-Semitism in Germany:

"I welcome this opportunity through my good friends, the Jewish Labor Committee, to reiterate my determination that any and all manifestations of an anti-Semitic character will be rooted out of German life. Not only will anti-Semitism never again become an integral part of official German life, but our citizens and their posterity must always be aware of the horrors perpetrated by the criminals who controlled the Third Reich."

## COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN DISCUSSES RELATIONS BETWEEN U. S. JEWRY, ISRAEL

PITTSBURGH, March 19. (JTA) -- President Kennedy's opposition to giving Federal aid to private and religious schools was fully backed here today at the opening session of the five-day biennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women. The convention is attended by 800 delegates from all parts of the country.

"The position of the National Council of Jewish Women is that we are unalterably opposed to Federal aid to any private or religious primary or secondary schools," Mrs. Charles Hymes of Minneapolis, national president of the organization, declared.

Touching upon the relationship between American Jewry and Israel, Mrs. Hymes told the delegates "Israel is passing through a trying period of rapid growth. If a stable country like the United States, almost 200 years old, exists in a climate of urgency and change, how much more so, then, does this small nation celebrating its Bar Mitzvah year in the oldest land in the world. Is it any wonder that in these turbulent times of uncertainty sparks ignite and flames burst forth?"

"We in the United States, who get only pieces of this picture from either the Jewish or general press, are frequently at a loss to understand the nature of developments in Israel," she continued. "Israel will continue to do things we can't understand, make statements we can't agree with. Basically this should not affect our friendship towards Israel, our understanding, our support, our religious and cultural ties.

"We are not called on to judge everything Israel does; to have an opinion, for instance, on Israeli statements concerning Aliyah. Leaders of the American Jewish community don't have to rush into print every time Ben-Gurion or another Israeli official makes a speech. Let us rededicate ourselves to the long-range task--to the educational and cultural upbuilding of Israel, as we do to the building of the Jewish heritage in our own country and everywhere."

Analyzing American Jewish communal life, the NCJW president pointed out that 80 percent of the Jewish people living in the United States are American-born. "The emerging American Jewish community represents truly the best of both worlds--the best of the world of our tradition, our Judaism, and the best of the democratic milieu in which we so fortunately live today," she said.

"We are a very well organized community, and lately we hear suggestions that we should be organized more tightly--be more disciplined. There is only one kind of American Jewish community in which the National Council of Jewish Women can function, and that is one which is democratically organized, where everyone has a right to express his own opinion and to work for what he believes in. This does not mean that we support chaos. We believe that all groups in the community should have an opportunity to get together and talk over their different approaches, and if possible to arrive at a coordinated, agreed way of working. But all this must be based on the democratic principle of agreement," Mrs. Hymes emphasized.

## U. S. JEWISH LEADERS TO HOLD ISRAEL BOND CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, announced today that community leaders in the United States and Canada would participate in a National Leaders Conference in Israel, which will be held in Jerusalem during the period from Tuesday, July 25th through Thursday, August 3rd. The conference will mark the tenth anniversary of the Israel bond campaign.

The Israel bond conference will meet in Israel in response to an invitation from Prime Minister Ben-Gurion and Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, who urged that the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Israel Bond Organization take place in the soil of Israel. The conference would also give the bond leadership an opportunity to join the Israeli people in observing Israel's Bar Mitzvah anniversary.

## IRVING NORRY NAMED CHAIRMAN OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS GLOBAL COUNCIL

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Irving Norry, of Rochester, N. Y., has been named chairman for the United States of the International Advisory Council of the World Jewish Congress, it was announced here today. The Council, consisting of key Jewish leaders throughout the entire world, is the consultative body of the WJC on all international matters of concern to Jewry.

The announcement of Mr. Norry's appointment was made by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, and Mr. Samuel Bronfman, chairman of the North American Division. Mr. Norry is a member of the nationwide Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal and member of the Board of Governors of the Israel bond campaign.

## MORDECHAI JAFFE, NOTED POET, DIES IN NEW YORK; PUBLISHED ANTHOLOGIES

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Mordechai Jaffe, a prominent Hebrew-Yiddish poet, essayist and translator, died here yesterday at the age of 67. Born in Lithuania, he came to this country prior to the Second World War.

In 1948 he published a two-volume anthology of Hebrew poetry since the Middle Ages. An anthology in Yiddish entitled "Israel in Jewish Poetry" was published recently in Israel.