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ESHKOL REPORTS IN JERUSALEM ON U. S. INTEREST IN ISRAEL'S SECURITY

JERUSALEM, June 16, (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol reported here today that in his talks with President Johnson, the latter expressed friendship and esteem for Israel and stressed it was in the United States interest to maintain Israel's integrity and peace in the Middle East.

The Prime Minister returned to Israel yesterday after a brief rest in Switzerland following his whirlwind 12-day tour of the United States as the first Israel Premier to visit America on an official invitation by a United States President. The Prime Minister's plane arrived at Lydda Airport escorted by four Mirage interceptor jets which later staged a fly-past in salute to the Premier.

In his statement at the airport, the Prime Minister said his visit contributed greatly to the deepening of friendship and mutual understanding between Israel and the United States. He called his talks with President Johnson "open and keen" and said they included an exchange of views on many world and regional problems.

Discussing the announced United States-Israel joint plans for research into the possibilities of application of nuclear energy to desalting sea water--announced at the close of the Premier's tour--he said that after research had been completed, a large plant would be built to produce "significant quantities" of desalinated water for farm and industrial purposes. He spoke with great satisfaction of his meetings with Hebrew-speaking Jewish boys and girls in various cities in the United States.

A military guard of honor, representing all defense units, was inspected by the Premier before he proceeded to Jerusalem. He was welcomed at the airport by Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz, Members of the Cabinet and diplomatic corps, the latter headed by Russian Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov, and American Ambassador Walworth Barbour, who had just returned to Israel from Washington where he was on duty during the Eshkol visit to the United States. Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin came by helicopter from army exercises in southern Israel.

Israel Foreign Office sources meanwhile denied today press reports of alleged differences between the Prime Minister and Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, in evaluations of the significance of the recent visit to Egypt by Soviet Premier Khrushchev. Mr. Eshkol said, during his United States tour, that the Soviet Premier's Cairo speeches did not include explicit expressions of hostility toward Israel. Mrs. Meir said that the speeches tended to encourage Arab aggression.

The Foreign Office sources said that the apparent discrepancy was largely a question of emphasis. They said there was agreement that the Soviet leader's speeches were restrained but that Mrs. Meir stressed the dangers of the speeches being interpreted by the Arabs as supporting their aggressive intentions toward Israel. The difference in the assessments was given additional attention when Former Premier David Ben-Gurion, in an address at a Mapai meeting, said he tended to agree with Mrs. Meir's evaluation.

ISRAEL ARMY ENDS LARGEST MILITARY EXERCISES; PARADES FOR ESHKOL

TEL AVIV, June 16, (JTA) -- Three days of army exercises, described as the largest ever held in Israel, ended today with a huge parade of thousands of dust-covered troops before Prime Minister Levi Eshkol in Beersheba.

Commanders of the exercises said they had demonstrated again the ability of Israel's soldiers, the quality of leadership judgments and the effectiveness of maintenance operations. It was reported that despite the difficult sandy terrain over which the simulated attacks were staged, only two tanks had to be abandoned while the armored forces were piercing "enemy" territory in long-range thrusts.

Premier Eshkol told the troops that "the reputation of the Israel Army as an excellent deterrent force is widespread." In an apparent reference to his talks with United States officials in Washington during his recent visit, he said: "I found it necessary to comment against appraisals made without our being given the equipment necessary to foster our security. I even express fear that exaggerated praise to Israel's Army is used to justify the meager aid to Israel."

He brought greetings from Israeli soldiers training in the United States to operate the supersonic ground-to-air Hawk missiles the United States is selling to Israel. He expressed

thanks to the United States for enabling Israel to "acquire these expensive arms which will foster our deterrent force." He warned, however, that neither Hawks nor any other missile would be of any value unless Israel maintained its alertness and preparedness:

"We appreciate guarantees and promises for help if Israel is endangered," he told the troops, "but I explained that Israel's security can rest only on its own strength; it is its own strong military power that will deter any adventures." He thanked all participants--regular and reserve units--who took part in the successful exercises.

In the coordinated maneuvers, the Air Force provided close support for the armored units as they ran into and overcame points of resistance. Paratroops were dropped deep behind "enemy lines" to bar "reinforcements." Self-propelled guns also were used in the huge maneuvers, laying down barrages of fire.

U. S. MODEL OF SPACE VEHICLE USED BY ASTRONAUTS DISPLAYED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 16. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapiro and Tel Aviv Mayor Mordechai Namir were among the prominent Government and public officials who took part today in the opening of the International Trade Fair in which some 40 countries are participating with exhibits. Among the delegations from various countries who attended the opening ceremonies were representatives of Argentina, Cyprus, Poland and a number of African countries.

Dr. Robert White, head of the United States Meteorological Department, formally opened the U. S. pavilion at the Fair which features a model of a space vehicle used by American astronauts.

LOUIS SEGAL, LABOR ZIONIST LEADER, DEAD; WAS JEWISH AGENCY MEMBER

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order since 1926, and a veteran labor leader, died here today after a lengthy illness. He would have been 70 next July 4. Funeral services will be held Thursday at the B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue. Interment will be in the Farband section of Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus, N. J.

At his death, he was a member of the executive of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel, and he served as an officer or member of the highest governing bodies of the World Jewish Congress, the Jewish Claims Conference, the National Committee for Labor Israel, the Jewish National Fund, the American Association for Jewish Education, the Jewish Education Committee of New York, the American Finance and Development Corporation for Israel (AMPAL), the Labor Zionist Organization of America, the World Congress for Jewish Culture, and many others. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Mr. Segal was a frequent contributor of articles to the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press. A volume of some of his writings in Yiddish was published in 1951 on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as general secretary of Farband. Renowned as an orator, Mr. Segal annually appeared in scores of communities in the United States and Canada, in Israel, as well as in Europe and Latin American countries. Born in Poland, he came to the United States in 1911.

Jewish Agency Mourns His Death; Cites His Role in Jewish Life

A statement mourning his death was issued on behalf of the Jewish Agency by Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of its American section. "The tragic death of Louis Segal leaves a great void in Jewish life and in the Zionist movement," the statement said. "Throughout his career, he gave of himself unstintingly to the Zionist movement and to every constructive endeavor in Jewish life. His services to the Jewish people were that of a dedicated, militant Zionist leader who led and inspired the Jewish working masses affiliated with the Labor Zionist movement to work unceasingly in behalf of Israel and the Jewish people generally.

"His specific role in building the Farband-Labor Zionist Order to its present place of eminence in Jewish life constitutes a distinguished chapter in American Jewish history. We shall sorely miss his counsel, his dedication and his enthusiasm. In the name of the executive of the Jewish Agency, and the World Zionist Organization, we express our deepest condolences to his family, to the Labor Zionist movement and to the Jewish People who have suffered an irreparable loss," the statement concluded.

JEWISH CONGRESS LEADERS ON TRIAL FOR PICKETING JORDAN PAVILION

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- Twelve officers of the American Jewish Congress, headed by Dr. Joachim Prinz, president, went on trial today in Queens County Criminal Court for picketing the Jordanian Pavilion at the World's Fair on May 25. All were charged with disorderly conduct. C. L. Dwork, AJCongress secretary, also was charged with resisting arrest. The trial was adjourned this afternoon until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

In a related action, Nahum Bernstein, a member of the organization's governing council, testified at the New York City Council today in support of two resolutions before the Council calling for removal of the Jordanian mural from the World's Fair.

U. S. REFORM RABBIS OPEN FIVE-DAY CONVENTION; DISCUSS ASSIMILATION

ATLANTIC CITY, June 16. (JTA) -- The assimilation of America's Jews in a few generations was forecast today unless the Jewish community shifts its direction from an emphasis on organizational competition and fund-raising to a program of Jewish values of learning, worship, culture and family life.

This prediction was made by Rabbi Leon I. Feuer, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis at the opening session of the rabbinical association's annual meeting at the Ambassador Hotel. The five-day meeting marks the 75th anniversary of the Conference as the oldest rabbinic body in this country. The CCAR represents 850 Reform spiritual leaders in the United States and Canada and throughout the world.

"There is a desperate need in American Jewish life of a re-established and re-asserted sense of priorities which will introduce for our laity some sort of clarity which can help them to understand once again that the continuity of Judaism as represented by Jewish worship, Jewish learning, Jewish family values, and the bearing of these upon our personal lives and upon the social order are fundamental and that everything else is peripheral," Rabbi Feuer said.

The CCAR president, in his keynote address, told his colleagues that the time has come to re-evaluate the relationship of the rabbinate to the Jewish community. He deplored the "duplication of expenditures and the waste of funds."

"The so-called organized Jewish community, locally and nationally, is a kind of hodge-podge of innumerable organizations, federations, agencies, institutions, and power structures, vying for funds, manpower and time for program schedules in a complex of areas--religious, philanthropic, recreational, defense, educational, overseas and Israeli aid and investment. These stumble all over each other with their activities and meetings and often wastefully duplicate each other's efforts," Rabbi Feuer observed.

Average American Jew Found Confused by Conflicting Claims

He felt that the "poor, bewildered average Jew is confused by all this and by the conflicting claims upon his attention, loyalty and financial support." He pointed out that "there are not enough evenings in the week or energy for the earnest, interested Jew to attend all of the organizational programs and committee meetings, let alone worship at Sabbath services. Each organization claims prime consideration and the cause it represents to be essential to Jewish salvation," he noted.

"Unless the American Jewry can be made to grasp this basic truth that a change of emphasis is needed, all of the motivations for the support of ancillary programs, indeed for survival altogether, will vanish in a few generations," Rabbi Feuer warned. "We shall not even have to be concerned about mixed marriage." He called upon the Reform Rabbinate to express themselves on this issue in the communities in a "loud and clear voice."

The religious leader decried the "millions upon millions of dollars which go into building funds and the operation of scores of Jewish centers which have been imposed upon Jewish communities all over the country, while those institutions which are dedicated to the religious and intellectual enrichment of Jewish personality, to the preservation of Jewish traditions and values go begging for a pittance, and no one has yet rationally explained what these centers contribute toward the survival of Judaism."

"Jewish rescue, rehabilitation, and resettlement in Israel and elsewhere are and always will be deeply and traditionally Jewish in their claim upon us, but can one say the same for many of the myriad collateral appeals which often attach themselves to these major causes?" the rabbi asked.

Dr. Feuer remarked that some national Jewish organizations have already begun to recognize the fact that the younger generation of American Jews scorns this duplicity in Jewish life and competitiveness among the organizations. He said that these groups were already concerned about the "possible disappearance of motivations for philanthropic and other types of community giving on the part of succeeding generations."

REP. BECKER SEEKS VOTE IN HOUSE ON HIS PROPOSAL ON SCHOOL PRAYERS

WASHINGTON, June 16. (JTA) -- Rep. Frank H. Becker, New York Republican, appealed in the House yesterday for signatures to force out of the House Judiciary Committee for a vote in the House his proposed constitutional amendment to void the Supreme Court ban on prayers and Bible readings in public schools.

He told his House colleagues that he needed 52 more signatures to make his discharge petition effective, indicating that he had 166 names. He asserted that "time was running out" and that to date "we have had no result" from the seven weeks of hearings before the Judiciary Committee on his and related proposals.

After the open hearings from April 22 to June 3, the Judiciary committee was scheduled to begin closed hearings but Chairman Emanuel Celler, Brooklyn Democrat, has indicated he is in no hurry to schedule the closed hearings. The testimony at the open hearings reportedly has left committee members still divided on the wisdom of the proposed amendments.

The 166 signature total was about the same as it was when Rep. Becker halted his campaign for signatures when the Judiciary committee began the hearings.

UNITED HIAS HONORS ELEVEN LEADERS IN JEWISH MIGRATION SERVICE

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- Eleven men who have made significant contributions in the field of Jewish migration during the past eight decades were honored tonight in the Essex House Hotel at the 80th Anniversary Dinner of United Hias Service. The event was held in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

More than 250 Jewish community leaders attended the dinner and announced gifts totaling \$750,000 to UJA's 1964 campaign. United Hias Service is a beneficiary of the UJA campaign. The honored guests, four of whom were saluted posthumously, were cited by Daniel G. Ross, the dinner chairman, for providing the "unswerving leadership that enabled United Hias Service and its predecessor agencies to aid more than 3,000,000 migrants over the past 80 years."

Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service, told the gathering that: "the pressures that have driven millions of Jewish persons to flee their native lands throughout the 80 years of pogroms, wars and revolutions that have shaken the world and uprooted virtually entire Jewish communities are still prevalent today. The calls for migration assistance are as desperately urgent today as they have been during the past 80 years. The need for agencies like United Hias Service to remain on the scene continues with no end in sight."

The president and past presidents of United Hias Service, the presidents of its predecessor agencies and the chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee were those honored at the dinner. The predecessor agencies are the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), founded in 1884; the United Service for New Americans (USNA), and the migration services of the JDC.

Those cited were: the late John L. Bernstein, a president of the former Hias; Walter H. Bieringer, a president of the former USNA; the late Abner Bregman, a past president of United Hias Service; Mr. Gurfein; the late Abraham Herman, a president of the former Hias; Carlos L. Israels, a past president of United Hias Service; Ben Touster, a president of the former Hias and a past president of United Hias Service, and Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the JDC; Edwin Rosenberg, a president of the former USNA; William Rosenwald, president of the former National Refugee Service, a predecessor of USNA; and the late Samuel Telsey, a president of the former Hias.

ISRAEL'S CHIEF RABBI ARRIVES IN U.S.; WILL SPEAK AT DINNER TONIGHT

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- Israel's Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman arrived here last night for a two-week visit to this country during which he will officiate at the wedding of his granddaughter, Elena Unterman of New York and will address various Jewish groups. Rabbi and Mrs. Unterman were greeted at Kennedy International Airport by some 100 Jewish religious leaders.

Rabbi Unterman said on his arrival that while in this country he would take part in discussions aimed at uniting various elements of Orthodox congregations in the United States. Tomorrow evening, Rabbi Unterman will deliver a major address at a dinner given by the Religious Zionists of America marking the 16th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

LOS ANGELES JEWRY HOLDS CONFERENCE AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

LOS ANGELES, June 16. (JTA) -- A Los Angeles Conference on Soviet anti-Semitism was held here tonight under auspices of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles. The conference was sponsored by local affiliates of 24 organizations.

The public event was part of a national effort to follow up on the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry held last April in Washington to protest Soviet mistreatment of Russian Jews. Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, was the principal speaker. Edward G. Robinson presented a dramatic reading of the original version of the poem "Babi Yar" by Yevgeny Yevtushenko, the young Soviet poet, which describes the Nazi slaughter of thousands of Jews near Kiev. The poem was widely interpreted in the west as a denunciation of continuing anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

The conference adopted a series of resolutions calling on Soviet authorities to permit Russian Jews to produce and distribute religious articles, matzoth, kosher food, and to allow them to carry on other religious and cultural activities.

Jewish Community in Mexico Asks for Equal Rights for Soviet Jews

MEXICO CITY, June 16. (JTA) -- The Mexican Jewish community adopted a resolution calling on the USSR Government to grant Soviet Jewry the same religious and cultural freedom granted to other minorities. The resolution was adopted at a mass meeting.

JEWISH PUPILS ARE THE ONLY WINNERS OF SCHOOL CONTEST IN POLAND

LONDON, June 16. (JTA) -- The winners of the fifth all-Polish schools contest in which 800,000 students from all over the country participated, were all Jews, it was reported here today from Warsaw. The winning team comprised three Jewish students from the First High School in Lignitz--Lida Goldberg, Henry Dobszinski and Valeri Ritter. The theme of the contest was "Poland in the Modern World."