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### U. S. FIRMS TESTIFY IN WASHINGTON ON ARAB BOYCOTT; DEMAND CURBING

WASHINGTON, May 25. (JTA) -- Representatives of several American companies small, medium and large, reiterated today their support for legislation to curb Arab boycott pressures against American firms. Their statements were made in the second day of hearings before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on the Williams-Javits Bill which would forbid American companies from filling out questionnaires submitted to them by the Arab boycott office in Damascus.

In the Banking and Currency Committees of the House of Representatives, which last week completed hearings on the bill, a 14 to 11 majority this morning sustained a weakened version of the bill as adopted in its International Trade Subcommittee and rejected efforts to restore the original mandatory wording of the bill. The bill as approved by the full House Committee retains the Congressional opposition to the boycott but leaves it to Presidential discretion whether to issue regulations to put this Congressional opposition into effect.

In the Senate Banking Committee hearings this morning, Rep. Paul Krebs, New Jersey Democrat, one of the sponsors of the bill, rejected Administration arguments that the proposed legislation could be interpreted as an unfriendly act toward the Arabs. Stressing that the bill's aim is to protect the American businessman, Rep. Krebs also questioned the argument that the Arab boycott was not effective anyway. "The fact that a blackmail is conducted in a sloppy way is no reason to submit to it," he asserted.

#### Senators Suspect U. S. Policy Influenced by Oil Companies

During the questioning of witnesses, members of the Senate Committee indicated their suspicion that oil company interests were behind the State Department's vehement opposition to the anti-boycott legislation. Senator William Proxmire, Wisconsin Democrat, declared that there must be some economic force behind the State Department opposition and noted that the oil companies have considerable influence in both the State and the Commerce Departments. Senator Harrison Williams, New Jersey Democrat, one of the two originators of the bill, remarked that indeed the oil companies could have come before the Committee and testify, but none of them asked to be heard. Replied Sen. Proxmire: "Not if the State Department is doing it for them."

Another witness, Edward L. Dreyer, head of Adams Carbide of New Jersey, expressed the opinion that the oil companies did not come to testify because they are big enough to stand up to the Arabs and therefore can do business both in Israel and the Arab countries. The proposed legislation would provide equal protection to all American firms, Dreyer pointed out.

Maxwell Rabb, president, and Parke Masters, director, respectively, of the American Israel Chamber of Commerce in their testimony rejected the arguments that should all American firms be forbidden to fill out boycott questionnaires, the Arab countries would retaliate by boycotting all American business. They also told the Committee that several other countries, including Italy and England, have taken steps to prevent cooperation with the Arab boycott and Holland was about to take up legislation in the same vein.

Aaron Weinstein, vice-president of Block Drug Company of Jersey City, N.J., testified that his company in doing business with Arab countries, was compelled to sign certificates stating that no Israel materials were involved in the products of his firm. He noted that by signing such certificates, American firms "literally become an accessory" to the economic warfare of one foreign country against another.

Miss Eva Bramlette, co-owner of a Dallas, Texas, import firm, told the committee of the warning letter she received from the Arab League after it became known that she was importing dresses and other merchandise from Israel. She urged the committee to approve legislation which would protect her and other small American businesses from such boycott harassments.

### ARAB TERRORISTS PENETRATE INTO ISRAEL; SET OFF EXPLOSIVES IN KIBBUTZ

TEL AVIV, May 25. (JTA)-- Four settlers in the Ramat Hakovesh kibbutz near the Jordanian border were injured slightly last night when three Arab infiltrators set off explosive charges underneath houses in the settlement. Three houses were damaged, one of them slightly. Israel complained to the United Nations Jordanian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission, demanding an investigation.

## BOURGUIBA'S PROPOSALS SEEN IN ISRAEL AS 'NEW VOICES' IN ARAB WORLD

TEL AVIV, May 25. (JTA) - - The present proposals voiced by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba for Arab-Israel peace talks indicate an emerging realism in the Arab world toward recognition of Israel, Deputy Premier Abba Eban told the triennial convention of B'nai B'rith here last night.

He told the delegates that the doctrine of President Nasser of Egypt that Israel would disappear under unrelenting Arab pressures was being questioned by "new voices" in the Arab world, voices which he said were likely to grow.

Linking the survival of Jews outside of Israel with Israeli Jewry, he said that the solidarity of the world Jewish community in support of Israel was an important factor in assuring Israel's security. He cited a number of other factors involved in Israel's security and growth.

These, he said, included the commitment of the international community to Israel's independence, the resistance of most nations to forcible changes in political and territorial structures, the revulsion against war, and the Israeli policy of containment and deterrence which depended less on population and size and more on technology.

He said the Arab realism about Israel was developing from the realization that in 17 years of Israel's existence, the Arabs had failed to curtail Israel's territory, to force a return of the Arab refugees to Israel, to prevent Israeli relations with most of the world and to prevent Israel's national irrigation development project.

## LEADER OF SWEDISH NAZIS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL; PLOTTED TO KILL JEWS

STOCKHOLM, May 25. (JTA) -- Bjoern Lundahl, the 30-year-old Swedish Nazi, was committed yesterday for trial on charges of being "an armed threat to law and order" after pleading not guilty. Lundahl was arrested two weeks ago after a police raid which uncovered a Nazi ring that had documented plans to kill all Swedish Jews and which had allegedly conducted espionage for Egypt against Israel.

Lundahl, who faces a sentence of from six to ten years' imprisonment if convicted, contended that the subversive documents found by police in his organization's headquarters had been planted by a Swedish youth, Goeran Granquist, who then told the Swedish newspaper, the Express, about the Nazis. Granquist turned up in Israel over the weekend, contending his life was not safe in Sweden.

Swedish police officials disclosed they had sent an official to Israel to interview Granquist and to try to persuade him to return to Stockholm to testify against Lundahl. The police official, returning from Tel Aviv, said Granquist had denied faking the evidence but refused to return to Sweden, telling the police official he intended to settle in Israel.

Six assistants arrested with Lundahl were released after the Attorney General was refused a prosecution application to extend their detention.

## DR. HERZOG ACCEPTS OFFER TO BECOME CHIEF RABBI OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Yaacov Herzog, Assistant Director General in the Israel Foreign Affairs Ministry and son of the late Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Israel, accepted today an offer tendered him by a seven-man delegation of British religious leaders of the post of Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth. Dr. Israel Brodie, the present Chief Rabbi, is retiring shortly.

Dr. Herzog told the delegation he was deeply moved by the honor and that he had decided to accept the post after deep contemplation and heart-searching. He expressed the hope that, as Chief Rabbi, he would have the full cooperation of all segments of British Jewry. A major doctrinal dispute rocked British religious Jewry last year.

Declaring that the "wrench of departure" from Israel had made his decision a difficult one to reach, he added that there was also present an urge to serve the cause of Judaism and the world spirit against a "background of faith and Jewish eternity." He said he consulted last night on the offer with Premier Eshkol who told him that he would understand the acceptance.

Born in Dublin, Dr. Herzog served as Israel's Ambassador to Canada, as Minister of Israel to Poland, and as director of the United States division of the Israel Foreign Affairs Ministry. He holds a law degree. He was ordained as a rabbi in 1948 by the late Rabbi I. S. Meltzer, head of Jerusalem's Etz Hayim Yeshiva.

## KATRIEL KATZ NAMED ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW; SERVED IN NEW YORK

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- Ambassador Katriel Katz, who has been holding the post of Israel's Consul General in New York for three years, has been named Israeli Ambassador to Moscow, it was learned here today. Michael Arnon, Israel's Ambassador in Ghana, will be transferred to New York to succeed Mr. Katz who will leave for his new post at the end of June.

## CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS CONCLUDES FIVE-DAY SESSION; RE-ELECTS GARBER

MONTREAL, May 25. (JTA) -- With more than 800 delegates participating, the Canadian Jewish Congress today ended its five-day plenary session here by adopting a series of resolutions dealing with racist manifestations in Canada, immigration, support for Israel, and the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union. The plenary session, held every three years, re-elected Michael Garber as president.

In its resolution dealing with race hatred, the Congress urged the Canadian Government to adopt legislation which would incorporate "effective measures against propagation of race hatred and group libel." The CJC urged continued efforts to obtain legislation in three of Canada's provinces--Alberta, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island--forbidding discrimination in employment on grounds of race or religion. The Congress also criticized the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for "conducting interviews with Canadian and American neo-Nazis."

In a resolution on immigration, the Congress urged the Government to continue to give consideration of representations "on behalf of displaced and uprooted" people by the CJC and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

Another resolution affirmed the CJC's devotion to Israel, and called on Canadian Jewry to continue to aid Israel "in every possible way." It also called for "frequent and constant interchange between Jews in Israel and Jews in the Diaspora to maintain the vitality of our historic consciousness."

Regarding Soviet Jewry, the Congress urged the Soviet Government to permit emigration of Jews for purposes of family reunification, to allow development of Jewish culture and education in the USSR, and to undertake "a vigorous campaign by Soviet mass media against anti-Semitism."

## CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVE RABBIS ANNOUNCES LITURGICAL CHANGES

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., May 25. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Assembly of America, central body of Conservative rabbis, today announced a "liturgical renewal" program designed to "reflect the crucial events of our time and relate them to the eternal Jewish tradition."

In a session devoted to liturgy, the five-day 65th annual convention of the Assembly heard Rabbi Jules Harlow, associate director of the Rabbinical Assembly, discuss the compilation of a new Machzor (holiday prayerbook) now underway, which, while retaining tradition, will "respond in some way to life today, if life is to respond to liturgy." The program is well underway with the publication of a new weekday prayerbook and a Selichot service as well as a new Rabbis Manual.

One of the "harshest facts of life" is the "destruction of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe in our time," said Rabbi Harlow, who is director of the Assembly's publication department. "It is impossible to respond to it adequately. But, it is sinful to continue ignoring it in our formalized liturgical settings in the prayerbook. We must do more than mention it by quoting a poem or an essay or two. We must envision it in our new Machzor as an integral part of the fabric of the Yom Kippur martyrology."

He also revealed that part of the Machzor will be in Yiddish, the language of the modern martyrs in the ghettos and death camps of Eastern Europe. He pointed out that tradition will be preserved.

## U. S. ORTHODOX RABBIS TO ESTABLISH POST-GRADUATE CENTER IN ISRAEL

FALLSBURG, N. Y., May 25. (JTA) -- A post-graduate center for newly ordained American rabbis in advanced rabbinical studies will be established in Israel by the Rabbinical Council of America, it was announced here today by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Orthodox rabbinical group.

Addressing the 500 delegates attending the Council's annual convention, Rabbi Miller said that the academy, to be located in Kiryat Hayovel, a suburb of Jerusalem, "will operate as an educational and spiritual bridge between the United States and Israel." He reported that "preparations are being completed for the groundbreaking ceremonies of the academy in middle of August 1965."

The Rabbinical Council academy, Rabbi Miller said, will provide facilities for newly ordained rabbis to engage in rabbinical research and study a minimum of one year. Provisions are also being made for American Orthodox rabbis to secure sabbatical leaves from their congregations for advanced courses in various phases of rabbinics at this center, he reported. The Rabbinical Council of America will act as a coordinating body in selecting students and rabbis for these programs from among the graduates of the Orthodox seminaries and educational institutions.

The establishment of a national commission "to help bolster the religious belief and practices of college students on the American campuses was also announced at the convention. "The recent demonstrations at several American universities indicated that secular minded anti-religious elements are making deep inroads into the social consciousness of the Jewish students," Rabbi Paul Levovitz, vice-president of the Rabbinical Council, told the delegates.

## NEW YORK FEDERATION REPORTS RECORD \$20,100,000 RAISED IN CURRENT YEAR

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- More than \$20,100,000 will have been raised by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York by the end of the current fiscal year on June 30, it was reported here today by Irving Mitchell Felt, president of the Federation, at its 48th annual meeting.

He said that results of this year's fund-raising campaign were currently \$600,000 ahead of last year, and if volunteer solicitors did not relax their efforts, this would be "the largest annual campaign result in the history of Federation."

Reporting on the current building fund campaign, a network-wide capital expansion program calling for the expenditure of over \$200,000,000 in new facilities and services and modernization and expansion of existing buildings, Mr. Felt said the Federation had passed the half-way mark in its fund-raising efforts.

He announced that 47 of the building fund projects had already been completed, including 12 hospital projects, 14 community center and day camping projects, seven child care and family services, 13 country camp projects and one for the aged. In addition, 20 projects are currently under construction, and dozens of others are in the blue-print stage. In all, some 300 projects will be completed as a result of the program.

## MIAMI COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL RAISES \$1,450,000; EXCEEDS 1965 GOAL

MIAMI, May 25. (JTA) -- The Greater Miami Combined Jewish Appeal, which had set a 1965 goal of \$1,435,000, went over the top by more than \$15,000, raising a total of \$1,450,232, it was announced here by Dr. Irving Lehrman, chairman of the campaign.

The announcement was made at the 27th meeting of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. Sidney Lefcourt, president of the Federation for three terms, retired from that post. The Federation elected Joseph M. Lipton as president. Mr. Lipton, a banker, has been a member of the Federation executive committee and board of governors since the organization's inception, 27 years ago, was vice-president for the past four years, and headed the Combined Jewish Appeal here in 1961.

In his terminal report as president, Mr. Lefcourt assured the Federation that it is "in good hands." He cited a study recently completed by a Ten-Year Capital Needs Committee, which is projecting future capital expansions by the Federation's affiliated agencies, and the infusion of young leadership, as assurances that services necessary for communal needs would be fully met. At the meeting, special honors were paid for their services to Mr. Lefcourt and Dr. Lehrman.

## SOL SATINSKY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY

PHILADELPHIA, May 25. (JTA) - Sol Satinsky, prominent Jewish leader, was re-elected for a sixth consecutive term as president of the Jewish Publication Society of America at the organization's 77th annual meeting.

Dr. Solomon Grayzel was re-elected as JPS editor. He was honored at a special reception for completing 25 years as editor, at which Dr. Salo Baron, professor of Jewish history at Columbia University, was the principal speaker paying tribute to Dr. Grayzel's role in Jewish educational life. Lesser Zussman was elected to his 16th term as JPS executive director.

Re-elected vice-presidents were: Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Bernard L. Frankel, Bernard G. Segal, Joseph M. First and David C. Melnicoff. Named honorary presidents were: Jack Solis-Cohen, Jr., former Judge Louis E. Levinthal and former Chief Justice Horace Stern of the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court. Other officers re-elected were: Edwin Wolf 2nd, chairman, publications committee; Myer Feinstein, treasurer; and Jerome J. Shestack, secretary.

## NEW YORK ASSEMBLY VOTES TO PERMIT SABBATHARLINS TO TRADE ON SUNDAYS

ALBANY, N.Y., May 25. (JTA) -- The New York State Assembly adopted by a 125 to nine vote here yesterday a Fair Sabbath bill which would permit communities outside New York City to pass ordinances allowing those who keep their businesses closed on a Sabbath other than Sunday, to do business on Sunday.

Last year, the State Legislature adopted similar legislation which applied only to New York City. The current bill extending this legislation on a statewide basis, now goes to the State Senate for action.

## NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AWARDS 1965 LITERARY PRIZE TO ISRAELI POET

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- Uri Tzevi Greenberg, the noted Israeli poet, has been awarded this year's literary prize of the Institute of Hebrew Studies at New York University, it was announced here today by Prof. Abraham I. Katsh, head of the Institute, and Dr. Israel N. Biderman, secretary of the Judges Committee. The award, established in 1863 by the Irving and Bertha Newman Foundation, consists of a scroll of honor and \$1,000.