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JUSTICE GOLDBERG SUCCEEDS STEVENSON AS HEAD OF U. S. DELEGATION TO U. N.

WASHINGTON, July 20. (JTA) -- President Johnson today announced the appointment of Arthur J. Goldberg, Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, to be the new United States Ambassador to the United Nations, replacing the late Adlai Stevenson. This is the first time in American history that a personage of Jewish faith was accorded a diplomatic post of that importance.

Mr. Goldberg made known that he will accept the nomination and resign from his position on the Supreme Court. His status will be that of Cabinet rank.

President Johnson said Mr. Goldberg will always have direct access to the White House and the "full respect and confidence of the President and the Secretary of State." Senate approval of the nomination was indicated when Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee commented that the selection of Mr. Goldberg was "an excellent appointment".

Mr. Goldberg has been a leading force in recent efforts to alleviate Soviet anti-Jewish pressures. He visited Israel in May to address the international convention of B'nai B'rith, an organization in which he holds membership. He stressed the need for close American support of the independence and security of the State of Israel.

Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court by President Kennedy, Mr. Goldberg served as Secretary of Labor and before that as Special Counsel of the AFL-CIO. In that capacity he negotiated with the State Department on the Arab Boycott and blockade discrimination against American ships affecting American seamen.

Egyptian embassy sources immediately indicated displeasure at the appointment, asserting that it would undermine American relations at the United Nations with the Arab League because Mr. Goldberg is considered by the Arabs to be "a fanatical partisan of Israel" rather than an objective statesman. However, no formal protest has been received by the State Department, although it was learned that Egyptian diplomats have cabled President Nasser for instructions.

President Johnson Explains Why He Chose Goldberg for the U. N. Post

President Johnson revealed that he urged Mr. Goldberg to resign from the Court to take the U. N. position. He called Mr. Goldberg "a man of courage, conviction, and humanitarianism". Since America is seeking a world based on law, designation of a judge to the U. N. was termed logical.

President Johnson stressed there was no more important task than achievement of a "world where all men may live in peace with hope of justice under rule of law". He said that "where Gov. Stevenson was descended from some of America's oldest settlers, Justice Goldberg was born of some of our newest" -- a reference to Goldberg's Jewish immigrant parents. Mr. Goldberg will be the voice not only for an administration but for an entire nation, President Johnson said.

Justice Goldberg, aged 56, said he felt his new post was an assignment "to the greatest adventure in man's history -- governing relations between sovereign nations by law." "It is with great humility," he said, "that I undertake the role of our nation's advocate of peace in the Council of Nations." He promised to pursue the Stevenson message to the world of "man's ancient supplication". He asked, "grant us peace, Thy most precious gift".

Informed quarters in Washington said Mr. Johnson was especially eager to replace Mr. Stevenson with a known liberal such as Mr. Goldberg to help sell unpopular American policies in Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic -- issues which caused rebellion by many liberals against current American policies. The general feeling in Washington was that Mr. Goldberg's qualities as a mediator and negotiator, evident in many complex labor disputes, might help him gain great success and acclaim at the United Nations.

GOLDBERG'S APPOINTMENT WIDELY HAILED IN U. N. ; RUSSIANS AND ARABS SILENT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 20. (JTA) -- President Johnson's appointment of Arthur J. Goldberg, Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, as successor to the late Adlai E. Stevenson as head of the American delegation to the United Nations was hailed widely here today -- except by the Russians, who were saying nothing, and the Arabs, who showed furious anger but saved any comments they might have for the future.

Mr. Johnson's surprise selection of Justice Goldberg to the post just vacated by Mr. Stevenson, who was almost universally regarded as the most outstanding personage ever to hold the U. S. Ambassadorship here, was interpreted immediately by the vast majority of diplomats as a move showing that President Johnson has vast respect for the United Nations and confidence in its viability.

"Mr. Johnson," said one high ranking diplomat, "has now shown that the United Nations really means a great deal to him and his Government. He has reached almost a high up in the American Government as he could to select his Ambassador. He has chosen a man of known brilliance and sharpness of perception. Furthermore, in these days, when so much must be done to effect a genuine consensus inside the United Nations, Mr. Johnson picked a man known for his ability at mediation, his skill as a negotiator. There is no doubt that Justice Goldberg will be a great successor to a great man, to Mr. Stevenson."

Justice Goldberg's self-identification as an active Jew was not overlooked here. He is an honorary vice-president of the American Jewish Committee; honorary chairman of the Jewish Center for the United Nations, a synagogue to be built in this area, near similar Protestant and Catholic churches devoted to U. N. principles; and a man in whose honor a special library has been created at this Center under the title of "Judaism and Peace."

In an address last spring before the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Justice Goldberg declared "I am a Zionist" and outlined his philosophy of deep identification with Israel.

LEBANON AND SYRIA INTENSIFY WORK ON DIVERTING JORDAN RIVER WATERS

JERUSALEM, July 20. (JTA) -- Lebanon and Syria have stepped up their water diversion projects, according to information received here by highly reliable sources. The aim of the projects is to divert streams and tributaries flowing into the Jordan River, from which Israel now draws water to help irrigate the northern reaches of the Negev Desert.

Israeli sources have rejected an argument advanced by Lebanon, which has indicated that its resumption of work on a water diversion project was intended to "mislead" Arab water diversion experts scheduled to meet at Damascus next week to hear progress reports.

An editorial today in Maariv, Israel's largest evening newspaper, called upon the Israel Government "to act" now in order to forestall Lebanon's completion of its water diversion work.

U. S. MILITARY POST EXCHANGES TO SELL ISRAELI PRODUCTS TO SERVICEMEN

WASHINGTON, July 20. (JTA) -- American military personnel will be able to purchase Israeli products in United States post exchanges and ships stores throughout the world, under new agreements signed here today by Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman with Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

A ceiling agreement with the State Department authorized Israeli dealings with U. S. armed services for export of goods and services. Payment will be partly in Israeli pounds from counterpart funds owned by the U. S. Government, and partly in dollars. Each case will be decided on its merit. Generally, dollars will be paid only for components and raw materials.

A more specific agreement augmented one already in force with the U. S. Navy which is buying \$250,000 worth of Israeli products. This was broadened to include the U. S. Army and Air Force, making available Israeli textiles, fashionable items of apparel, handicrafts, leather products, and other goods.

Authorization is now granted to sell beyond the original quarter-million dollar deal with the Navy ships stores. Payment will be 65 percent in dollars, and 35 percent in Israeli pounds from counterpart sources. The new agreements allow Israel to compete with European nations in offering products to the popular "PX" and ships store establishments patronized by many American servicemen and their families.

ARAB LEAGUE PROPAGANDIST DETAINED BY POLICE UPON RETURN TO ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, July 20. (JTA) -- Hussein Triki, the former Latin American representative of the Arab League who left here several months ago under pressure arising from his anti-Jewish agitation here, was detained by the political branch of the Argentine Police today when he arrived for what he described as "private reasons."

N. Y. GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL EXTENDING FAIR SABBATH LAW TO ENTIRE STATE

ALBANY, N. Y., July 20. (JTA) -- Gov. Rockefeller announced today he has signed a bill passed by the last Legislature extending to the entire state the provisions of New York City's Fair Sabbath Law. Under that law, businessmen who observe Saturdays as their Sabbath may keep their enterprises open on Sunday.

At the same time, the Governor said, he vetoed another measure approved by the Legislature, which would have left it to local governments to decide whether the Fair Sabbath Law should apply in their communities. Jewish organizations have pressed for Fair Sabbath legislation on a statewide basis, so as to make it possible for Orthodox, Sabbath-observing Jews to conduct their businesses on Sundays.

The New York State Court of Appeals gave this week the New York City law a much broader interpretation than heretofore accepted. Ruling on an appeal, the court decided that the Fair Sabbath Law applies not only to the so-called "family business," where the direct owners or members of their family do the work on Sundays after closing on Saturday, but applies also in cases where an observant Jewish owner "conducts" the business but hires non-members of his immediate family to work for him.

This case concerned an Orthodox Jew, Philip Schwebel, of Brooklyn, who was arrested more than a year ago for running a lumber yard where he employed four non-family personnel on a Sunday. With the support of the American Jewish Congress, Mr. Schwebel's attorneys argued for the broader interpretation. After being convicted in a lower court, the conviction had been reversed by the Appellate Division which, in turn, has now been upheld by the Court of Appeals.

\$50,000,000 FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROVED FOR 'CITY OF HOPE'

LOS ANGELES, July 20. (JTA) -- A "New Horizons" master plan for further development of the City of Hope here, initiating a \$50,000,000, five-year project of vast growth, has been launched here by the national convention of the City of Hope. The plan was approved by delegates from City of Hope chapters in 150 cities in 28 states. The development program is to be culminated in 1970 with the completion of an additional hospital structure.

The program calls for enlarging patient care, research and medical education facilities; consolidation and modernization of many areas of the 90-acre physical plant; stepped-up efficiency of services, and installation of complex new equipment for use in City of Hope pilot programs in heart, blood and chest diseases, cancer and leukemia.

Among the highlights of the convention was the dedication of the new Seymour Graff Building to house research at Duarte. Major addresses were delivered by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Undersecretary for special political affairs, and former United States Senator Kenneth B. Keating. Emanuel H. Fineman was elected president for a full two-year term. He has been serving as president for an interim term, since the death of Seymour Graff, last fall.

LOW RATE OF CERVICAL CANCER AMONG JEWISH WOMEN CITED IN COMMONS

LONDON, July 20. (JTA) -- The question of the relatively low rate of incidence of cervical cancer among Jewish women was raised in the House of Commons today when William Shepherd, Conservative M.P., asked Health Minister Kenneth Robinson if he had evidence of such a disparity in the incidence rate between Jewish and other women.

Citing the view of a Newcastle professor on the question, Mr. Shepherd asked the Health Minister to make any information on the matter known to the public.

In his reply, Mr. Robinson said that, while there was no conclusive evidence available at the moment, "various studies have shown that Jewish women have a markedly lower incidence rate than others." He said there were indications that male circumcision may be a factor. He noted that death from cancer of the uterine cervix in 1961 in Israel was only one per 100,000 compared with 11.5 per 100,000 for England and Wales.

STAMFORD MAYOR BACKS J. W. V. IN DISPUTE WITH RIGHTIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION

STAMFORD, Conn., July 20. (JTA) -- Charges and counter-charges between the Jewish War Veterans here and the Young Americans for Freedom, a group labeled by a leader of the Jewish veterans as "associated with the John Birch Society," have sparked a bitter fight in this community.

Thomas Flaherty, chairman of the Stamford and Northeastern University chapters of the YAF, has requested Mayor Thomas C. Mayers to remove Leslie Meyers, state commander of the JWV, from membership on this city's Patriotic and Special Events Commission. The Mayor turned down the request, and Mr. Flaherty has threatened to take the issue to the Board of Representatives. He said he would also ask his national organization to start a law suit on the grounds that the YAF has been "slandered" by accusations that it is tied with the John Birch Society.

The entire issue started last Memorial Day, when the Patriotic and Special Events Commission voted to bar from the holiday parade a float entered by the YAF. Although four of the five members of the commission voted for the ban -- with the fifth member absent -- the YAF has centered its fire on Mr. Meyers. At that time, while a member of the Commission, he was also state commander-elect of the Connecticut Jewish War Veterans.

Mr. Meyers' stand for the ban of the YAF float has been backed by the JWV's outgoing commander, and by Harry Rosenbaum, vice-president of the advisory board of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League in Connecticut. Noting that Mr. Meyers voted for the ban of the YAF float as a member of the commission, and not as a representative of the Jewish war veterans, and that, unlike "the super-patriots," Mr. Meyers "lost an arm in the war," Mr. Rosenbaum said the action was justified because the YAF is a political body.

Many Stamford citizens are supporting Mayor Mayers in his refusal to remove Mr. Meyers from the Patriotic and Special Events Commission. Some, however, have written the Mayor, attacking the ban and leveling their principal charges of "discrimination" against the Jewish veterans' leader. The Mayor insists that the YAF float "was not in keeping" with the objectives of the Memorial Day Parade.

BEST HEBREW SHORT STORIES RECEIVE AWARDS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN U. S.

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of Hebrew literature in America, the best Hebrew short stories received awards of \$1000, \$500, and \$250. Selected on the basis of a world wide contest, the stories of the fourteen finalists of the contest, after being screened by Agudat Hasofrim in Tel-Aviv, appeared in Bitzaron, the Hebrew monthly published in New York. The prizes were established for Bitzaron by Israel Stiefel, prominent Philadelphia attorney and former Senator of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of discovering and encouraging creative writers in the field of Hebrew belles lettres.

First prize of \$1000 was divided between Joseph Bar-Yosef for his story "The Snake" ("Hananash") and Yanetz Rammgal for the story "Starry Broth" ("Marak Hakochavim"). The Second prize of \$500 was divided between Amalia Kahana-Carmon and Aryeh Sivan. The Third prize of \$250 was granted to Aaron Apfeld. The judges were Prof. G.A. Churgin of Yeshiva University, Prof. Abraham Halkin of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Prof. Eisig Silberschlag of Boston Hebrew Teachers College.

BERNARDO VERBITSKY, ARGENTINE JEWISH AUTHOR, WINS 1965 LITERARY PRIZE

BUENOS AIRES, July 20. (JTA) -- The Alberto Gerchunoff Literary Prize for 1965 has been awarded to the well-known Argentine journalist Bernardo Verbitsky for his book "It's Difficult to Begin to Live". The prize is given by the Argentine Institute for Culture and Information, an affiliate of the American Jewish Committee. Verbitsky is also the author of several books of essays and literary criticism.

The prize is named after the late Alberto Gerchunoff, a Polish-born Jew who distinguished himself as one of Argentina's most influential journalists. He was the editor-in-chief of that country's largest daily, La Nacion, and the author of several books including a novel on rural Jewish life in Argentina and critical studies of European literature.

RABBI FINKEL, DEAN OF FAMOUS MIRROR YESHIVA, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 87

JERUSALEM, July 20. (JTA) -- Rabbi Eliezer Yehuda Finkel, dean of the world-famous Mirrer Yeshiva, died here suddenly today at the age of 87. Rabbi Finkel, who headed the Yeshiva for 60 years from the time he was still in Poland, managed to bring all his students out of Europe during World War II and settled in Palestine 23 years ago when he reestablished the Yeshiva here.