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ROOSEVELT DISCUSSES ISRAEL-ARAB ISSUES BEFORE LEAVING HOUSE FOR U.N.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31: (JTA) -- Rep. James Roosevelt, whose appointment as new United States Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council was confirmed today by the Senate Judiciary Committee, proposed in a speech in the House of Representatives today a United Nations plan to resolve Arab-Israel water differences. He also urged that Israel demonstrate a "stronger initiative" to settle claims of the Palestine Arab refugees.

It was believed that his address would be the last on Near East issues, with which he had dealt often in the House, before he assumes his new duties at the United Nations.

Rep. Roosevelt, California Democrat, cautioned that the Arab-Israel water dispute could lead to war, and urged nuclear desalination, "using Israel as a model project." He said "The United Nations has an opportunity here to work for a regional water planning system for this area, for which the U.N. should assume definite responsibility." Such a pilot project, he said, could advance nuclear desalination and, meanwhile, also provide "the basis for exploring the potential for a regional approach to the other basic issues dividing Israel and the Arab countries."

Equates German Reparations With Compensation by Israel to Arab Refugees

Turning to the Arab refugee problem, Mr. Roosevelt told the House that "a real effort to help the refugees would improve Israel's image. Both sides must cease being totally negative." He stated: "Israel herself has collected substantial reparation for German injuries to Jewish people, and should take a stronger initiative to receive and settle just claims of Arab refugees."

Rep. Roosevelt added that Arab states rejected projects designed to integrate Arabs into the economic life of the Near East for "political reasons." He asserted that the United States must now work to phase out the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East by "resettlement of the refugees and by providing work opportunities for them through establishment of an international committee, with the U.N. supervising the gradual transfer of UNRWA activities to the Arab governments."

Commenting on President Nasser of Egypt, Mr. Roosevelt said that, although Nasser has not been "a popular figure among serious practitioners of Middle East diplomacy, he is a key factor in the achievement of United States objectives in the region: Peace, stability, economic development, and the absence of Communist penetration." "By working with the Egyptian leader," he said, "we have been able to obtain a modicum of positive results for the United States in the Middle East;"

He added that the arguments for continuation of emphasis on Egypt have become less persuasive because "there are few signs of real progress" and "peace is precarious. The danger of Communist penetration is no less acute. The major obstacle to progress has been, and remains, a fixed focus on Egypt, rather than on the entire region." He noted that U.S. aid "released Egyptian funds for direct military expenditures" and that "since 1956, Russia has been providing Egypt with about \$65,000,000 a year in modern arms."

Citing American obligations under the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, Rep. Roosevelt said the cost and danger of implementation "is directly proportional to the size and sophistication of Egypt's arsenal, as Egypt grows militarily stronger, and more adventurous;"

Says Views Are His Own; Halpern Opposes Reparations Link With Arab Issue

Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that the views he voiced today "are not necessarily the views of my country as determined by the President and the State Department and, therefore, can not be binding upon me in the new duties which I shall assume." However, he said, the views in his speech here today reflect his "sincere convictions" in hopes of "a real peace in the Near East." He also expressed hope that, in his

new assignment at the United Nations, he could be the friend of both Arabs and Israelis. He said he found it a source of concern that, after 17 years, "we have been unable to bring the Arabs and Israelis to the peace table."

A response to Rep. Roosevelt was made on the House floor by Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, who said that, while he considered Mr. Roosevelt "a fine choice for the U. S. delegation to the U. N.," he "could not agree with some of the comments about Israel made today."

Rep. Halpern took particular exception to Mr. Roosevelt's comment linking German reparations to Jews with his call for greater response by Israel to Arab refugee claims. He said that "to equate the gas ovens of Auschwitz and the brutal genocide by the Nazis against 6,000,000 Jews with the Arab refugee situation, which resulted from the Arab aggression against Israel, is a disservice to history." "I am confident," he declared, "that Mr. Roosevelt, upon further reflection, will quickly recognize the justice of my remarks because of his distinguished record as a humanitarian."

"Also," said Rep. Halpern, "the water problem will not be solved by introduction of new U. N. complications, allowing the Arabs a voice in Israel's domestic water needs and looking for an escape from current Arab diversion threats by referring Israel to eventual hopes for nuclear desalination. It would be better to urge the U. S. delegation to the U. N. to issue a clear statement denouncing the Arab diversion tactics as an aggression which threatens the peace."

Mikoyan Tells Nasser Arabs May Rely on Support of the Soviet Union

LONDON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- President Anastas Mikoyan, of the Soviet Union, today assured President Nasser of Egypt that "the Arabs in general can always rely on our support," according to Moscow dispatches received here today.

Mr. Mikoyan also lauded Egypt as "an active force in the international arena for peace and progress." The Soviet Chief of State voiced his pledge after Nasser issued a new denunciation of the United States, condemning especially American policy in Viet Nam.

BEN-NATHAN HOLDS FIRST MEETING WITH BONN FOREIGN MINISTER SCHROEDER

BONN, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Asher Ben-Nathan, Israel's first Ambassador to West Germany, met with Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder here today for the first time. The conference lasted 30 minutes.

The Schroeder visit was the first of a series of such conferences with top-ranking West German Government leaders scheduled for this week. A date for a meeting between the Israeli envoy and Chancellor Ludwig Erhard still has not been fixed. Last week, it was indicated that an Erhard-Ben-Nathan meeting would be held this week.

The meeting between Mr. Ben-Nathan and Dr. Schroeder was described as "good and practical," but no details were given. The visit was carried out according to protocol and the West German protocol chief, Ehrenfreud von Holleben, was present.

22 PARTIES EXPECTED TO COMPETE IN ISRAEL'S ELECTIONS FOR KNESSET

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Israel election officials reported today that 22 party lists will compete for Parliamentary seats in the elections November 3. A new entrant will be the National Workers list, led by former Premier David Ben-Gurion in a Mapai Party-splitting challenge to the leadership of Premier Levi Eshkol. Rafi, the new party, expects to seek seven Parliamentary seats. It was announced that September 7 would be the deadline for filing election lists.

The first party to complete its Knesset list was the left-wing Mapam, an opposition party. Mapam set aside the recommendations of its appointment committee to give a "new look" to its Knesset list for a campaign in which, for the first time since the creation of Israel, Mapai's long dominance appears shaky.

Four of the first nine places on the Mapam list, considered certain of election, were given to new candidates. Mordecai Bentov and Israel Barzilai, two former Cabinet Ministers, were relegated to lower places on the Mapam list. The two top places on the list went to veteran leaders Meir Yaari and Yaakov Hazan. Victor Shemtov was placed third. New men on the list are Shlomo Rozen, Kibbutz Artzi secretary, Mapam political secretary Reuben Arzi, Nazareth's Deputy Mayor Abdul Aziz Zuabi, and Nathan Peled.

The Knesset elections this year are expected to be the most bitterly contested in Israel's history. The injection of the Ben-Gurion-Eshkol rift into the campaign is one prime factor. Another is the formation of a voting bloc by the right-wing Herut and the Liberal Party.

LEVI ESHKOL SEES 300,000 MORE IMMIGRANTS ENTERING ISRAEL BY 1970

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31: (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol told a crowd of 13,000 border settlers near Israel's Lebanese border today that 300,000 new immigrants are expected by 1970, and many of them will be settled in 42 new villages planned in the area;

The Prime Minister spoke at the close of ceremonies which were climaxed by the laying of cornerstones for four new villages intended to close gaps in Jewish settlement along the border of Lebanon. The Premier spoke in an amphitheater in Biranit, a recently-established village. Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz, Agriculture Minister Haim Givati, Labor Minister Yigal Alon and Social Welfare Minister Josef Burg also spoke.

The Jewish National Fund has cleared about 60,000 dunam for cultivation in the area. But the livelihood of some settlers will be derived from poultry, sheep breeding and the raising of minks and other furred animals. The four new villages are named Hazon, Shetula, Netua and Zerait;

MACCABIAD ENDED IN ISRAEL; U.S. CONTINGENT WINS MOST OF THE MEDALS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31: (JTA) -- The seventh World Maccabian Games closed this evening in ceremonies at Ramat Gan Stadium where a capacity crowd of more than 50,000 spectators saw the large United States contingent capture the lion's share of the medals;

In an address at the closing ceremonies, Israel Prime Minister Levi Eshkol urged upon the participants to bring to the Jewish communities in their home countries Israel's call for immigration. He said that the Maccabian proved that "the Jewish nation is united;"

The competition ended with the finals in the men's 1,500-meter track meet, which was won by Britain; and the 400-meter and 1,600-meter relays, won by the United States. Earlier in the day, an Israel all-star soccer team defeated Italy's crack Torino squad by a score of 2 to 1;

After the final competition, the participants marched around the stadium, and the Maccabian flame above the huge outdoor arena was extinguished. Pierre Gildesgame, of Britain, Maccabian world chairman, officially declared the games ended, and invited the participants to return for the eighth Maccabian Games.

SPEAKER McCORMACK GREETIS ISRAELI SCOUTS; HAILS DR. DEWEY STONE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Speaker of the House John McCormack today welcomed a delegation of 20 Israeli Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to his office, and recalled his personal support of Jewish Statehood. The Speaker said he was proud of his role in shaping the Democratic Party's 1944 platform which called for an independent Jewish nation in Palestine. He also paid tribute to the role of two Jews in his state, Massachusetts, who backed the Israeli cause, naming Dr. Dewey Stone and the late Elinu Stone;

Ilana Harman, daughter of Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman and Mrs. Harman, presented Mr. McCormack with an Israeli Scout pin which bore the motto, "Be Prepared," in Hebrew. The Minister of the Israeli Embassy here, Ephraim Evron, represented the Israeli Government in the ceremony, and was warmly greeted by Mr. McCormack;

JEWISH AGENCY OFFICIAL SAYS SOUTH AMERICAN JEWS LIVE PEACEFULLY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31: (JTA) -- The Jews in the three major centers of Jewish population in South America -- Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay -- live in an atmosphere of tranquility despite economic and social conditions there, Yitzhak, a member of the Jewish Agency executive and head of its department of education and culture in Jewish communities abroad, said here today on his return from a visit to those countries;

Noting that the South American Jews are not unduly disturbed even by periodic anti-Semitic outbursts, Mr. Harkavi said that any prospect for their immigration to Israel must, therefore, be based on the positive side of life in Israel, rather than on any pressures on them in their countries of domicile. Stressing that the main connection of the younger South American Jews was with Israel rather than with other countries, he said that some 2,000 immigrants were expected to come to Israel from South America this year, less than the 5,000 who came the previous year but more than in earlier years.

He reported that 25 percent of the Jewish pupils in the three countries study in Jewish schools, and said that it was the aim of his department to double this figure. He reported that there were sufficient numbers of teachers for Jewish elementary schools, but that few of them are able to teach in high schools or seminaries. Many of the South American Jewish educators, he declared, have spent some time in the Greenberg Teachers Seminary in Jerusalem, sponsored by the Jewish Agency;

DIRKSEN MANEUVER BLOCKS SENATE UNIT ACTION ON IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31: (JTA) -- A procedural maneuver by Senate Republican leader Everett McKinley Dirksen, of Illinois, today resulted in delaying Senate Judiciary Committee action on the House-approved immigration reform bill. He prevented action on the bill when the committee refused to clear his proposed constitutional amendment on the apportionment of state legislatures, which he had attached to the immigration bill as a rider.

Under the procedures of the committee, any member can defer consideration of legislation from one meeting by simply objecting. Accordingly, Sen. Dirksen objected to committee action on immigration after the committee, by a tie vote of 8-8, refused to clear his apportionment amendment. He did it as pressure on the committee for acceptance of his amendment, knowing that the White House is eager for early action on immigration.

NEW N.Y. STATE LAW, STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS, IN EFFECT TODAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 31: (JTA) -- The New York State Commission on Human Rights will be empowered for the first time, under a new law which becomes effective tomorrow, to order collection of damages from an individual found guilty of racial or religious discrimination. The measure is the first major revision in the New York State Law Against Discrimination in 20 years. It covers discrimination in education, jobs, housing and public accommodations.

The American Jewish Congress, which helped draft the bipartisan measure, said today the law would "significantly strengthen" the Commission in dealing with such bias would open "a brand new phase in New York's war on bigotry and bias."

Another revision provides for a temporary court order banning sale or rental of housing in which a discriminatory act had been charged. This was made part of the law because it was found that houses or apartments involved in such cases were no longer available for sale or rental by the time the Commission could rule on the complaint of bias. The law also provides compensation for landlords or homeowners against loss which might be suffered when a restraining order is issued but no discrimination is found.

The State Law Against Discrimination was adopted in 1945, the first such state law in the nation. It defined the opportunity to obtain jobs without discrimination as a civil right. The revisions make it a civil right to be free of discrimination in education, public accommodation places, housing and commercial space.

DETROIT JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL LOOKS INTO 'MUSHROOM SYNAGOGUES'

DETROIT, Aug. 31: (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Detroit today called for "community discipline" with respect to so-called "mushroom synagogues" organized for the High Holy Days, and urged the Jewish community here to worship in "established congregations."

In a statement issued in connection with the forthcoming holidays, Dr. Samuel Krohn, president of the Jewish Community Council, and Hubert J. Sidlow, chairman of the Council's internal relations committee, said that "scheduling of services exclusively for the High Holy Days in temporary and often inappropriate quarters is entirely out of keeping with the standards our community has the right to expect." Solicitation and advertising add to the problem, the statement declared.

The Council position with respect to "mushroom synagogues" was stated as recognizing that regularly organized synagogues and temples sponsor ongoing activities beyond those associated with formal worship, such as education, youth activity and civic participation.

"It is fitting that those who worship at the time of the High Holidays," the statement declared, "should do so through an established congregation, one which is a part of the community throughout the year, and which assumes its share of the total responsibilities which accrue to the organization and maintenance of synagogues and temples."

One complaint of local "mushroom synagogue" activity is currently under investigation by a special Council committee.

DR. SIMON SONKIN, PROMINENT JEWISH PHYSICIST, DIES AT AGE OF 64

STANFORD, Calif., Aug. 31: (JTA) -- Dr. Simon Sonkin, a prominent Jewish physicist, died here yesterday at the age of 64. He was professor of physics at Stanford University, and former chairman of the physics department at City College, New York, where he taught for 35 years. Born in New York, Prof. Sonkin also taught at Columbia University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His pupils included Robert Hostetter, a Nobel prize winner in physics.