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NEPAL'S KING WELCOMES ISRAEL PRESIDENT UPON ARRIVAL ON STATE VISIT

NEW DELHI, March 17. (JTA) -- Nepal's King and Queen and other members of the royal family accorded a warm welcome today to President Zalman Shazar of Israel and Mrs. Shazar, at the Gauchar Airport in Katmandu. The President and Mrs. Shazar arrived here from Calcutta on a one-week state visit.

In his welcome, King Mahendra said Nepal had always had feelings of friendship and good will for Israel and its people. President Shazar replied that Israel was at one with Nepal in Nepal's desire to see the whole world firmly based on the principles of peace and international friendship.

Diplomats of Communist China and Pakistan were not present, but India was represented by a charge d'affaires. The three countries do not recognize Israel. India's Foreign Minister Swaran Singh reaffirmed in Parliament today that his country intends to continue its refusal to extend diplomatic recognition to Israel.

ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE 'DEPLORES' U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, March 17. (JTA) -- Heads of 12 Arab governments today concluded a summit conference in Cairo with a statement voicing anxiety over American arms shipments to Israel and pledging Arab solidarity and non-alignment in world affairs, dispatches from Cairo reported here today.

The premiers of the 12 Arab states unanimously adopted a resolution deploring arms shipments by the United States or any other country to Israel as "support of Israeli aggression." They rejected the U.S. contention that a balance of power was necessary in the Near East to avert war. No mention was made of U.S. supplies of arms to Arab states, notably Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

RED CHINA ATTACKS ISRAEL; DISSOCIATES ITSELF FROM ARAB BLAME OF RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- While continuing to attack Israel and reassert Arab-Chinese solidarity, the Peking radio suddenly came out this week with broadcasts repudiating a publication in Arab language, issued in Peking, in which the Soviet Union was denounced as responsible for the creation of Israel.

The publication carried an introduction by the Palestine Liberation Organization which has the destruction of Israel as its aim. However, in statements attributed to Rashid Gayyid Jarbu, the head of the PLO office in Peking, the Red Chinese radio denied that the PLO office in Peking was responsible for the anti-Soviet publication now being circulated in the Arab world. The publication carries quotations by various Soviet spokesmen in 1947-1949 supporting Jewish aspirations in Palestine, the Palestine partition plan, and Israeli statehood.

Peking Radio now claims that the publication is "sheer forgery" meant to split anti-Israel forces. The claim is made that its "despicable aim is to malign the PLO and its mission in Peking, sabotage the liberation struggle of the Palestinian (Arab) people, and sow discord in the friendly relations between the Chinese people and the (Arab) peoples of Palestine and the Arab countries."

"The Chinese Government and people have always supported the just struggles of the peoples of Palestine and the Arab countries," the Peking broadcast said. "By their anti-imperialist struggles, the (Arab) peoples of Palestine and the Arab countries have in turn supported the Chinese people. We are deeply convinced that no one can sabotage the just, anti-imperialist struggle of the Palestinian and all other Arab peoples. The militant friendship between the Chinese and Arab peoples can in no way be impaired."

It appeared in Washington that the Chinese had indeed issued the anti-Soviet Arab propaganda through the PLO and then "repudiated" it to avoid responsibility. The aim was to spread a line in the Arab world that Peking was the real enemy of Israel, while Russia was guilty of duplicity on the Palestine issue. This bid for favor among Arab extremists came at a time when the new Syrian regime indicated a marked response toward China's call for a "war of national liberation" against Israel by the Arab masses.

BEN-GURION ATTACKS ESHKOL GOVERNMENT AS 'REGIME OF CORRUPTION'

TEL AVIV, March 17. (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben-Gurion, continuing his battle against Premier Levi Eshkol's leadership, asserted here last night that Israel was "tired of the present regime of corruption."

Speaking at a meeting of the Tel Aviv branch of the Israel Worker's Party (Rafi), he said: "What kind of an irresponsible government is it that raises salaries by 25 percent before an election and afterwards organizes a movement of salary waivers to get the pay increases back from the wage earners?"

The latter portion of Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement was a reference to a wave of voluntary pledges by a wide range of Israeli workers to yield part of their pay increases and even part of their wages. However, Mr. Ben-Gurion was the first to charge that the waivers had been organized by Mr. Eshkol's Government. Rafi is the dissident movement formed by Mr. Ben-Gurion last year to challenge Mr. Eshkol's leadership.

The former Premier called on his dissident party to "point the way in political life by encouraging voluntary work and by seeing to it that not everything is ruled by a party machine with endless financial resources."

ISRAELI 'PEACE PILOT' ARRIVES IN PARIS; SEEKS MEETING WITH DE GAULLE

PARIS, March 17. (JTA) -- Abie Nathan of Tel Aviv, Israel's self-appointed peace emissary, arrived in Paris today with hopes of seeing President Charles de Gaulle and with plans to leave here Monday for New York for meetings with "several personalities for the same aim of peace."

Nathan achieved overnight fame last month when he piloted an ancient plane to Port Said in a futile attempt to see Egyptian President Nasser in a bid to get Egyptian-Israeli peace talks started. Port Said officials gave him enough fuel to fly home.

Upon his arrival here today he said that only one man in Europe could play the role which Soviet Premier Kosygin had in arranging a truce between India and Pakistan at Soviet Tashkent. That man, he said, was General de Gaulle, who "is respected by the Arabs and the Jews" and who could gather "at the same table the Israeli and Arab Governments."

U.N. BODY DEBATES FURTHER MOVES TO SECURE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 17. (JTA) -- Further efforts to guarantee freedom of religious practice to all people, including the Jews of the Soviet Union, were made here today by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. Today's session was devoted to debating other articles in the draft Convention which would prohibit restrictions against all religious practitioners and ban incitement to hatred against persons following any religion or belief.

The Commission marked what has been called a breakthrough in adopting yesterday an article in the draft Convention on the elimination of religious intolerance, mentioning anti-Semitism specifically as one major prejudice to combat. That article read:

"States parties undertake to adopt immediate and effective measures, particularly in the fields of teaching, education, culture and information, with a view to combating prejudices, as for example, anti-Semitism and other manifestations which lead to religious intolerance and to discrimination on the ground of religion or belief, and to promoting and encouraging, in the interest of universal peace, understanding, tolerance, co-operation and friendship among nations, groups and individuals, irrespective of differences in religion or belief, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and this Convention."

The article was adopted by a vote of 15 to none against, with six abstentions. The Communist members in the Commission, composed of the delegates of the USSR, Poland and the Ukraine, abstained on the final vote, although they had previously fought hard against inclusion of the word anti-Semitism.

INTERNATIONAL PARLEY IN U.S. HEARS REPORT ON ISRAEL FOREIGN AID

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- The world conference of the Society for International Development meeting here was told today that 620 Israeli experts were engaged in various technical assistance programs outside of Israel during the year 1964. The report was given by Dr. Raanan Weitz, head of the Agricultural Department of the Jewish Agency and chairman of the National and University Institute of Agriculture in Rehovot.

Dr. Weitz also reported that 6,616 men and women from the developing countries participated in training programs in Israel during the period 1958 to 1963. "Israel's program of aid to developing countries," he said, "has been increased each succeeding year both in the number of Israel's experts sent abroad and in the number of trainees from the developing countries studying in Israel."

NAZI PHYSICIAN ADMITS SENDING HUNGARIAN JEWS TO GAS CHAMBERS

BONN, March 17. (JTA) -- Witnesses from West Germany and from Prague testified today in the trial in East Berlin of Dr. Horst Fischer on charges of participating in the murder of at least 70,000 inmates as a "selection doctor" in the Auschwitz death camp. Dr. Fischer has admitted guilt in those murders in one of the rare Nazi war crimes trials in East Germany.

The defendant had lived for 20 years in East Germany under his own name and was finally arrested in June, 1965. He had arranged for surgical removal of the tattoo on his arm which all SS men received.

West German judicial officials received material on Dr. Fischer's wartime activities for the first time in 1959. On April 6, 1960 a warrant was issued in West Germany for his arrest. Despite assertions by East German officials that they had not been contacted about Dr. Fischer's crimes, they later asked for data on those crimes and the West German Government handed over all the material it had.

Dr. Fischer testified that there were many women and children among the 400,000 Hungarian Jews transported to Auschwitz and that when he was on duty, "I had to send all of them to be gassed, even the old people." He testified that Gerhard Neubert, a former medical assistant at the camp, had worked with him in making the "selections" for the gas chambers. Neubert is now in a Frankfurt jail, awaiting resumption of the second Auschwitz trial in that city, in which he is a defendant.

U. S. JEWS URGED TO INCLUDE STATEMENT ON SOVIET JEWRY AT SEDER

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- A call to all American Jews to include an additional statement on the plight of Soviet Jews in the Seder service this year was issued here today by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. The statement informs the Soviet Jews that "they have not been forgotten" and that American Jewry "shall be their voice" in arousing the conscience of the world to "the injustice imposed on Soviet Jews." American Jewry is also urged to add an extra "matzoh of oppression" to the Seder service as a symbol of remembrance in behalf of Russian Jewry.

Representing twenty-four national religious and secular Jewish organizations, on matters pertaining to the elimination of injustices imposed upon Soviet Jewry, the Conference suggests the reading of the statement "when distributing the matzoh after the blessing over the matzoh." The reader of the Haggadah -- traditional Passover service read with the Passover dinner -- is requested to "lift a matzoh, set it aside and say:

"We set aside this 'lechem oni' -- this matzoh of oppression -- to remember the three million Jews of the Soviet Union. Most of them cannot have matzoh on their Seder tables tonight. Conceive of Passover without matzoh -- without that visible reminder of our flight from slavery.

"Think of Soviet Jews! They cannot learn of their Jewish past and hand it down to their children. They cannot learn the languages of their fathers and hand them down to their children. They cannot teach their children to be their teachers, their rabbis. They can only sit in silence and become invisible. We shall be their voice, and our voices shall be joined by thousands of men of conscience aroused by the injustice imposed on Soviet Jews. Then shall they know that they have not been forgotten, and they that sit in darkness shall yet see a great light."

12 JEWS NAMED AS CANDIDATES IN GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, March 17. (JTA) -- Twelve Jews are among the 356 candidates who are on the ballots in South Africa's general elections to be held March 30. Two of the Jewish candidates are members of the Government's National Party; five are on the list of nominees by the United Party, chief of the opposition groups; and five others are on the ballots of the smaller opposition faction, the Progressive Party.

Among the candidates are six Jewish members of the outgoing Parliament: G. Frank, National Party; H. Miller, S. Emdin, L. B. Taurog and Dr. E. L. Fisher, all of the United Party; and Mrs. Helen Suzman, Progressive Party.

In two constituencies, Jewish candidates are on the ballot against each other. In Houghton, Mrs. Suzman is being opposed by the United Party's Dr. A. D. Bensusan. In Parktown, Dr. B. Friedman, a Progressive, is opposing the reelection of Mr. Emdin. It was noted that, in the current election campaign in general, there are no issues affecting the South African Jewish community's interests.

JEWS JOIN IN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HALT TO BOMBINGS IN VIET NAM

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- Jews joined with Catholics and Protestants today in a resolution adopted at the National Inter-Religious Conference on Peace calling for an immediate halt in all bombings -- North and South -- in Viet Nam.

A.A.J.E. CONFERENCE HEARS PLEA FOR STRENGTHENING OF JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- The four-day national conference of the American Association for Jewish Education, attended by 250 educators and community leaders from all over the country, opened here tonight with a plea by Dr. Isadore Breslau, AAJE president, for the mobilization of the human and financial resources of the Jewish community in a "bold and imaginative" move to strengthen its education apparatus. Jude Simon E. Sobeloff presided over the opening session.

"We must bring together the sponsors of and teachers in Chairs of Judaic studies at various universities for a meeting of minds," Dr. Breslau said. "We must also broadcast the needs of young Jewish adults and persuade community leaders to serve them far more effectively than heretofore."

To solve the teacher shortage in Jewish schools and to attract the highest caliber of professionals to Jewish teaching, Dr. Breslau recommended special inducements in recruiting, training and employment. "We must give the teaching profession greater status and the type of financial compensation it deserves," he said.

Declaring that the full, imaginative and cooperative use of all the resources of the Jewish community is required to determine the future of Jewish life in the United States through an effective system of Jewish education, Dr. Breslau pointed out that never before has the Jew been provided with facilities and afforded the opportunities in freedom to "preserve and enrich whatever identification he may choose."

Deploring the trend which has split the closely-knit Jewish family, Dr. Breslau said that the current transition which takes children away from home beyond the high school age, saps a great source of Jewish strength. Nonetheless, he stressed that this aspect of failure in Jewish secondary education must be attributed to the negligence of parents who consider Jewish training a superfluous part of the general education of their children.

In his address of welcome, Judge Sobeloff stressed the importance of affording equal opportunities for Jewish education to all children regardless of economic status. He warned that "the community cannot leave the education of its children to the contingency of their belonging to a wealthy congregation which can hire better teachers or attending a school which happens to stress more intensive education. "Each child," Judge Sobeloff said, "shall be eligible for equal educational opportunity. The highest standards must be maintained and the best teachers employed." He urged the establishment of central, community-wide systems of Jewish education "in order to avoid chaos."

Jewish Emphasis on Education Lauded; Brandeis Institute Hailed

LOS ANGELES, March 17. (JTA) -- The classic Jewish emphasis on education and the role of the Brandeis Institute in helping "every human being live life to the fullest," was lauded here today by Terry Sanford, former Governor of North Carolina, in an address at the annual dinner of the Institute. United States Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, was awarded the Brandeis Institute Humanitarian Award at the dinner.

Asserting that the Jewish people "have survived over 40 centuries when all the great warrior empires have passed into dusty ruin," Gov. Sanford said that "this incredible fact of human history should give all of us pause to ponder the future of the Jewish contribution and the meaning of the Jewish past."

Hailing the achievements of Dr. Shlomo Bardin, founder and executive director of the 26-year-old Institute, Gov. Sanford said: "One senses the fire of the prophets within him and a spirit of dedication to his people that enriches the lives of everyone he meets."

ISRAELI MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RULES ON MOVE OF REFORM RABBIS

TEL AVIV, March 17. (JTA) -- The Israeli Ministry of Education and Culture ruled today that Reform rabbis are permitted to participate in "Welcome to Sabbath" exercises held every Friday afternoon in schools at nearby Ramat Gan. Reform rabbis, however, were told they could not make "permanent arrangements" for such participation in school assemblies.

The ruling, handed down here today by Yaacov Niv, an inspector for the Education Ministry, concerned a previous ruling made by the municipality of Ramat Gan. The city had ordered that Rabbi Tovia Ben-Horin, trained for the Reform rabbinate in the United States, must halt his participation in the "Welcome to Sabbath" assemblies held each Friday afternoon in two elementary schools, until the Ministry could rule on the issue. Earlier this week, the Religious Affairs Ministry announced that one of the two Torah scrolls donated by a committee in London will be given to a Reform congregation in Israel.

\$12,000,000 RAISED FOR ISRAEL EDUCATION FUND IN U.S. IN 17 MONTHS

NEW YORK, March 17: (JTA) -- The Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal has raised a total of \$12,300,000 in its 17-month campaign, IEF officials reported today.

Joseph Meyerhoff, chairman, and Charles J. Bensley, president, told a meeting of the IEF advisory board that 26 high schools, four libraries and a youth center were currently under construction or in active planning as a result of the Fund's drive. The average donation, from 51 individual contributors, has been close to \$250,000, according to executive director Ralph I. Goldman.

Guest speaker Prof. Jehoshua Prawer, dean of the faculty of humanities at the Hebrew University, indicated that IEF schools in progress would play a decisive role in bridging the cultural gap between eastern and western elements in Israel's population, in rolling back a serious high school dropout rate and, ultimately, in providing universal high school education.

Advisory Board members Theodore R. Racoosin and Lawrence Schacht joined United Jewish Appeal executive vice-chairman Herbert A. Friedman in declaring that the education fund campaign has had a stimulating effect on the regular annual UJA drive. Mr. Racoosin was 1965 education fund chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York and was succeeded this year by Mr. Schacht.

EDUCATORS TO PREPARE TEXTBOOKS ON AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ISRAELI SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, March 17: (JTA) -- Standing committees of American and Israeli educators established at a conference in Jerusalem, will draft outlines of textbooks on Israel's society for American schools and on American society for Israeli schools, it was announced here today.

The announcement was made by Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, chairman of the American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute under whose auspices a group of six American rabbi-educators conferred earlier this month with an Israeli team of educators in Jerusalem. The Department of Higher Education of Histadrut, the Israeli Confederation of Labor, was a co-sponsor.

"The outcome of the conference," Rabbi Waxman reported, "was the establishment of standing committees of Israeli educators and American rabbi-educators to continue liaison between the two groups, and to develop a program of close cooperation."

JEWISH CONGRESS OPPOSES USING FEDERAL FUNDS FOR TEACHERS IN YESHIVOTH

NEW YORK, March 17: (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress last night called on the Board of Education to reject a proposal that would use Federal funds to send public school teachers into parochial schools, Yeshivoth and other religiously-affiliated schools.

At a Board of Education hearing, Marvin M. Karparkin, leader of the American Jewish Congress, said the proposal -- which would also supply television sets and other equipment to church-related schools -- violated both the Federal and State Constitutions.

JEWISH PUPILS PERMITTED TO WEAR YARMULKES IN NEW YORK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, March 17: (JTA) -- The right of Jewish pupils in New York City public schools to wear yarmulkes during school attendance was upheld yesterday by School Superintendent Bernard E. Donovan in a rebuff to the Board of Education's legal department.

The Superintendent's reversal of his legal experts followed the accidental discovery by Mayor John V. Lindsay that such a ban existed. On a visit to the Bronx High School of Science, the Mayor was asked if he knew that the skullcaps were banned in a Manhattan high school. The Mayor said it was news to him and promised an inquiry.

The Board of Education then indicated that the board's legal department had so advised the principal of George Washington High School but that the school system had never taken a formal position on wearing skullcaps in schools. A few hours later, a board spokesman announced that Dr. Donovan had discussed the matter with board members and then ruled that skullcaps could be worn.

The spokesman, in reporting on Dr. Donovan's ruling, said there was no ban on the wearing of such jewelry as crosses, crucifixes and Stars of David but that the wearing of religious attire -- including yarmulkes -- was banned for teachers in the New York school system.

The New York Board of Rabbis praised Dr. Donovan's ruling as a "very judicious decision." The Board had severely criticized the earlier legal ruling.

DAVID DUBINSKY, PROMINENT JEWISH LABOR LEADER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- David Dubinsky, one of the immigrant Jews who led the successful fight four decades ago to end sweat-shop conditions in American industry, resigned yesterday as President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The 74-year-old Jewish labor leader had led the 447,000-member ILGWU for 34 years.

Born in Brest Litovsk, Russia, Dubinsky became a master baker at 15 and was elected assistant secretary of the baker's union. Within a year, he was arrested for union activity and exiled to Siberia. He escaped and made his way to Russian Poland and from there boarded ship for the United States. After working at a variety of menial jobs in New York City he joined the Cutters Local of the then 11-year-old ILGWU, rising steadily to the presidency.

During his 34 years, the union made many notable gains including the first garment industry pact for a 35-hour week, the first employer-contributed fund for worker vacations, health and welfare funds, retirement funds and severance pay.

LEONARD BERNSTEIN WINS AWARD FOR ROLE IN AMERICAN JEWISH CULTURE

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Leonard Bernstein, music director of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society, has been named a winner of one of the three 1966 Frank L. Weil Awards, given biennially by the National Jewish Welfare Board for distinguished contribution in its three major fields of work. Mr. Bernstein was voted the award "for distinguished contribution to the advancement of American Jewish culture."

The other two 1966 winners are Alan J. Altheimer, Chicago civic leader and a JWB vice-president, who will receive the award "for distinguished contribution to the advancement of the Jewish Community Center field," and Mrs. Louis Ginzberg, New York, who is being cited "for distinguished contribution to the welfare of Jewish personnel in the U.S. Armed Forces." The bronze medallions and scrolls emblematic of the awards will be presented next month at the banquet session of JWB's Biennial Convention.

LUBAVITCHER MAGAZINE MARKS 25th ANNIVERSARY; PUBLISHED IN 8 LANGUAGES

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary issue of the monthly magazine "Talks and Tales," educational magazine of the Lubavitcher movement, published in eight languages, made its appearance today with an announcement that since its inception, 25 years ago, it had never missed a month of publication.

"Talks and Tales" is the only Jewish publication to be simultaneously published in eight languages, in seven countries. Aside from the English and Yiddish versions published in New York, they are published in French in Paris, Italian in Milan, Spanish in Buenos Aires, Dutch in The Hague and Swedish in Copenhagen. The Hebrew edition is published in one of Merkos' printing schools in Kfar Chabad, the Lubavitcher town near Tel Aviv.

ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADERS ISSUE APPEAL FOR AID TO FLOOD VICTIMS

BUENOS AIRES, March 17. (JTA) -- The DAIA, the representative organization of Argentine Jewry, appealed today to all Jewish institutions and individuals to contribute generously to alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the recent heavy floods in the northeastern part of the country. The Buenos Aires Kehilla immediately sent a shipment of 1,000 blankets to help the evacuees of the stricken areas.

Meanwhile, a shipment of 450 pounds of medical supplies arrived here by air today from Tel Aviv as a contribution by the Israel Government to aid the Argentine flood victims. The shipment included vitamins, antibiotics, anti-yellow fever vaccine and anti-snake serum.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY LAUDS ISRAEL'S ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- The American Cancer Society lauded today an anti-smoking educational campaign launched by the Israel Cancer Association aimed at reducing the number of deaths among Israelis from lung cancer and other diseases. The American group praised particularly the posters issued by the Israeli organization which have been prominently displayed in public buildings and buses, and stamps to be affixed to envelopes.

"The poster and stamp," the American Cancer Society said, "constitute an enterprising means of drawing attention to the health hazards involved in cigarette smoking. We consider this of vital importance to all people and we hope the efforts of the Israel organization are successful."