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FRESIDENT SHAZAR HONORED AT U.N.; SOVIET DELEGATES BOYCOTT LUNCHEON

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., August 1. (JTA) -- Israel President S. Z. Shazar was honored today at the United Nations at a luncheon tendered to him by U.N. Secretary General U Thant at the U.N. headquarters, attended by more than 40 leading diplomatic representatives from various countries. The Soviet delegates to the United Nations boycotted the luncheon as did the delegate from Bulgaria, but all other members of the Security Council -- except the representatives of Jordan and Nationalist China who were not invited -- were present.

Mr. Thant announced at the luncheon a toast "To the President of Israel" to which President Shazar responded emphasizing that "Israel has watched with admiration the wise and courageous way" in which the U.N. Secretary-General has carried the burden of his office and pursued tirelessly the goal of peace.

"I bring you the warm and affectionate greetings of my people with the hope that you will be enabled to continue serving mankind for many years to come," Mr. Shazar said. "Israel has a unique involvement with the United Nations -- which goes back even before we became an independent state. We have a vital interest in the organization being strengthened to fulfill the ideals of the charter. To all of you who work at the United Nations and serve those ideals, I extend my heartfelt wishes for success."

Mr. Thant presented the President of Israel with a medallion dedicated to the U.N.'s International Cooperation Year and with an autographed album of United Nations stamps.

Several hundred members of the United Nations secretariat, standing behind barriers by the U.N. security guard, applauded the Israeli President as he walked into the building. He was accompanied by Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Michael S. Comay; the President's aide-de-camp Colonel Aryeh Raz, in full uniform and New York Consul General Michael Arnon.

President Shazar was met by Mr. Thant in the U.N. building and took him up to his office on the 38th floor. After a brief conference there Mr. Thant led the party to one of the Security Council lounges which had been prepared for the luncheon. The main luncheon dish was poached salmon. While the event was being conducted in honor of President Shazar, another luncheon was given in one of the private dining rooms at the United Nations in honor of Mrs. Shazar. Here the hostess was Mrs. Joan Comay, wife of Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. About 40 prominent women were guests at the luncheon.

SHAZAR CITES U.S. JEWS FOR AID TO ISRAEL; FETED AT U.J.A. DINNER

NEW YORK, August 1. (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar of Israel tonight cited the American Jewish community and its support of the United Jewish Appeal for the "effective partnership" with Israel's people which "made possible the resurrection of the Jewish people after the Nazi holocaust." He warned, however, that "the task of helping Jews transfer themselves from conditions of subjection, discrimination and fear, to conditions of freedom" is still far from completed.

Israel's Chief of State spoke at a dinner honoring him and Mrs. Shazar held under the joint auspices of the national United Jewish Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York at the Plaza Hotel here, attended by more than 600 American Jewish leaders from across the nation, and by Governor Nelson D. Rockefeller, U.S. Senators Jacob K. Javits and Robert F. Kennedy, and high state and city officials.

Gov. Rockefeller spoke on behalf of the people of New York, and Max M. Fisher, general chairman of the national UJA, and Monroe Goldwater, president of the UJA of Greater New York, spoke for the host organizations. Mr. Fisher assured the President that the UJA leaders, who raised \$1,500,000,000 to enable Israel to receive more than a million Jews, pledged their continuing aid to the people of Israel in the great tasks still ahead.

Mr. Shazar pointed to his country's 18 years of Statehood as "years of great achievement for Israel." He declared that "hundreds of thousands of our people have been helped to live as free men should" and "we have created a firm and unshakeable foundation for

cultural and spiritual progress." As a major accomplishment, President Shazar noted that "there are more schoolchildren in Israel today than the size of the entire population in 1948."

Turning to the continuing problems which still confront both Israel and Jews in many parts of the world, Mr. Shazar stressed that in the combined endeavors of the UJA and Israel's people "none of the goals of this partnership have as yet been completely reached." He lauded the UJA for its work in "the sacred task of helping Jews to transfer themselves from conditions of subjection, discrimination and fear, to conditions of freedom, above all in Israel." But he emphasized that "there are still many who yearn for freedom" and the job of fully absorbing Israel's immigrants is far from finished.

"The initial steps of immigration and the provision of housing must be supplemented by thorough economic and cultural integration," Israel's President told the UJA leaders. "Unless the new immigrant whom you help to settle in Israel is not further helped to attain the skills and education and social services that will make him and his children rooted and creative members of the community, our pledge to the newcomer has not been honored and the future of Israel itself will be profoundly and sadly affected."

Gov. Rockefeller Urges U.S. to Act for Peace Between Arabs and Israel

Governor Rockefeller assured President Shazar that the American people understand that "Israel was born and Israel survives in a sea of deep hostility." The UJA, he said, would "keep its lifeline to Israel open so long as fear and danger cloud the lives of your brothers. But," he added, "I would also like to see fresh, new initiative emerge from Washington in pursuit of a true and lasting peace for your troubled corner of the world."

"American must not let its commitment to peace and freedom in other parts of the world obscure the dangers to the peace of the Middle East," the Governor continued. "The United States should and must exercise its full moral force within the United Nations to bring Arab and Jew together in lasting peace." The Governor pointed out that Israel and the United States are joined by "many bonds of humanity, history and common experience."

In introducing the President, Mr. Goldwater called him "the personification of his nation and his people. His qualities of mind and character -- his wisdom, understanding, knowledge and practical idealism -- make him a most fitting representative of his people." Mrs. Shazar, he said, "is outstanding among the First Ladies of the world's nations" because of her own achievements in the fields of culture, education and literature.

NIXON ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; SAYS HIS VISIT HAS NO POLITICAL MOTIVES

TEL AVIV, August 1. (JTA) -- Richard Nixon, former United States Vice-President and a leading figure in the Republican Party, arrived in Israel this evening for a 16-hour visit during which he will meet with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, former Premier David Ben-Gurion and other Israeli leaders.

In a statement on his arrival at Lydda Airport, Mr. Nixon expressed "deep regret" for the briefness of his visit and said that he hoped to be back soon. He stressed that his visit had no political motives and was made solely to "see the country, meet the people and confer with the leaders." He will leave tomorrow to continue his trip to Pakistan and Viet Nam before returning home.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR ATTACKS ISRAEL AT U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., August 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Nikolai T. Fedorenko, the Soviet Union Ambassador to the United Nations, lashed out very sharply at Israel's Ambassador here and against Israel's alleged "provocative aggressions" against the Arab states. He endorsed a Security Council draft resolution -- co-sponsored by Jordan and Mali -- condemning Israel for its July 14th air raid against Syria. At the same time Dr. Fedorenko asserted that "the Soviet Union will continue to support the strength and political independence of the Arab states of the Middle East."

"We have now reached the stage where we must take a decision for the cessation of such acts of aggression and provocation by Israel," the Soviet representative told the Council. "The Soviet Union decisively condemns the action of Israel against Syria July 14th as an act of aggression which is a violation of the United Nations Charter and of international law. We support the draft resolution and consider it only a minimum of what has to be done here."

The Council adjourned its session until tomorrow afternoon. The unofficial score for and against the possible adoption of the Mali-Jordan resolution against Israel stood at adjournment at seven against and five for. At least nine affirmative votes are required in the 15-member Council.

MAPAM AND HERUT TO BOYCOTT W.J.C. SYMPOSIUM ON 'GERMANS AND JEWS'

BRUSSELS, August 1. (JTA) -- Delegates representing Mapam and Herut announced at the fifth plenary assembly of the World Jewish Congress here today that they would boycott the symposium on "Germans and Jews" scheduled for next Thursday. One of the speakers at that symposium is slated to be Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the West German Parliament.

The two parties announced the boycott of the symposium after the WJC delegates rejected a proposal by Mordechai Ben-Tov, Israel's Minister of Housing, a Mapam leader, to amend the agenda in view of the opposition by the two factions to the participation by German representatives. The WJC plenary, which rejected Mr. Ben-Tov's proposal by a two-thirds majority, also voted down a motion that the symposium deal with anti-Semitism instead of German-Jewish relations.

Asserting that a boycott of the symposium at this stage would be both unwise and unacceptable, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, told the session that relations with Germans were not a new phenomenon. The Government of Israel had such relations as did the Jewish people, Dr. Goldmann declared, adding that he himself went to Germany several times a year on Jewish business. He said he did not do this for pleasure, but as a duty. He expressed the belief that the symposium would have beneficial effects and produce new ideas and new attitudes.

Among those addressing today's session of the WJC plenary were Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Dr. William Wexler, president of B'nai B'rith; Solomon Teff, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews; and Gad Ben-Meir, director of the World Sephardi Federation.

Bronfman Outlines Effective Program for Jewish Continuity

A program of action to counter the possibility of 'drop-outs' eroding Jewish continuity was outlined by Samuel Bronfman, vice-president of the World Jewish Congress, at today's session of the AJC Assembly.

Mr. Bronfman, who presided over the opening of the general discussion of major Jewish matters, said that while the world seemed finally to have outlawed extreme tendencies that might "generate another Hitler," there was "the sorry possibility that an atmosphere of economic security, of great freedom in every sphere of human activity may lead to a subtle and disastrous erosion of our people." To counter the challenge, Mr. Bronfman proposed the following program:

1. "Devise and provide a thorough, modern Jewish teaching for Jewish children, stressing the heroics and the successes, pointing up the lessons of grim and dangerous times. But the emphasis must be on modern teaching and in the relevance of a teaching in the democracies of the 20th Century. If this requires a pedagogical revolution, let us be courageous enough to initiate it.
2. "We must have a solid foundation for a continuing change, a continuing and ever-growing bond between the future generations of Israel and Jews in many other lands. In the same way, the World Jewish Congress must safeguard the bonds between different communities themselves.
3. "We must develop our organization and welcome the affiliation of small communities in remote areas of the world. We are in a trust position for many of the 64 countries affiliated. We must encourage association with other major Jewish bodies dedicated to preserving the Jewish heritage.
4. "We must act with dedication and resolve, with courage and thoughtfulness wherever the well-being of Jews is threatened, wherever the Jewish religion and culture suffers setbacks or discrimination."

Mr. Bronfman noted in the course of his remarks that the "Jews in the USSR and her satellites pose a very special kind of problem. It is an important agenda item for Jews everywhere." And he added that there was "some reason to believe that the World Jewish Congress action of sober protest, of studied analysis and of useful demarches and of attracting world opinion has performed very tangible results. There seems more room for optimism today than at any time for over a quarter of a century."

OIL REPORTED FOUND IN SOUTHERN ISRAEL; QUALITY NOT DETERMINED

JERUSALEM, August 1. (JTA) -- Oil was found today in the hills near Sdom in southern Israel. The strike was made at a depth of 4,777 feet by the Nafta Company. It has still not been determined whether the quantity or the quality of the petroleum deposit warrants commercial exploitation.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR DENOUNCES BURNING OF JEWISH CENTER IN BERLIN

BONN, August 1. (JTA) -- West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard today denounced the incident of last month in which a building of the Jewish Community Center in Berlin was burned by arsonists.

Replying to a letter from the Central Council of Jews in Germany, complaining about the incident, the Chancellor assured the Council that all Germans of goodwill also denounce the arson and react with horror to such deeds.

In Bad Hersfeld, meanwhile, four 19-year-old Germans were arrested today for painting swastikas and Nazi slogans in various places of the town in May and June. The youths, who confessed to the vandalism, said that they did it in order "to test the reaction of the population."

JEWISH AGENCY DEALING WITH IMMIGRANTS FROM WEST LAUDED BY ESHKOL

JERUSALEM, August 1. (JTA) -- Jewish Agency circles here expressed deep satisfaction today with comments about the Agency's work by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, who said the Agency is "dealing most satisfactorily with immigrants from the West, with integration and absorption."

Addressing a press luncheon here, Mr. Eshkol said the Agency "deals individually with these immigrants, and makes all preparations for their absorption prior to their arrival here." The Premier also stressed that the main relationships with Jewry outside Israel will continue to be via the Jewish Agency, "whose historic mission it is."

51 AMERICAN AND CANADIAN JEWISH FAMILIES LEAVE FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, August 1. (JTA) -- A group of 133 Americans and Canadians sailed aboard the S.S. Shalom today. The group, which is composed of 51 family units, includes college professors, students, retirees, skilled workers, professionals, pioneers and middle-class businessmen.

Their immigration to Israel is the culmination of months of effort by The Israel Aliyah Center and its affiliates in Chicago, Cleveland, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Montreal and Toronto. When the group arrives in Israel they will be assisted in finding employment and housing by the Jewish Agency for Israel.

This group of 133 Americans and Canadians is the second large group to leave for Israel in recent weeks. On June 30th more than 100 individuals sailed for Israel, also aboard the Shalom. The latter group include 16 teachers for Israel's educational system. A third group is scheduled to depart later this month.

J.N.F. PROVIDES EMPLOYMENT FOR 2,000 UNEMPLOYED WORKERS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, August 1. (JTA) -- Over 2,000 unemployed workers have been given relief work in Jewish National Fund forestation programs, a J.N.F. spokesman reported today. He said in response to a request from the Ministry of Labor additional workers will be given temporary employment in various maintenance installations.

Over 5,000,000 trees will be planted in Northern Israel in the first stage of an extensive land reclamation project announced today by the Jewish National Fund. Tree planting will begin soon on mountain slopes near Nazareth, Kfar Tabor, Zippori and other settlements. The reclamation scheme will provide work for seven to eight hundred workers.

CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS HOLDS CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, August 1. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Confederation of the General Zionists who participate in the plenary session of the World Jewish Congress taking place here today held a conference addressed by Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin, co-chairmen of the Confederation, Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, Hadassah president, and Sir Barnett Janner, president of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, told the gathering that he hopes that in the near future Zionist leaders will realize that the various Zionist groups must be replaced by one consolidated Zionist Party. More than 80 delegates from various countries have attended the gathering.

JEWISH JOURNALIST HONORED IN ARGENTINA FOR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

BUENOS AIRES, August 1. (JTA) -- The Argentine Yiddish writer and journalist Joseph Horn was honored here today at a special session of the Jewish Writers Association for his special contribution to the Argentine Jewish community over the last 30 years. Articles lauding Mr. Horn's activities have appeared in the Yiddish press here.