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ACTIONS COMMITTEE FACES NEW COMPLICATIONS; AGREES ON A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC POINTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee, which is to decide whether members of the Israeli Cabinet should also remain members of the executives of the World Zionist Organization and of the Jewish Agency, was today confronted by new complications when the General Zionists suggested that the issue be left open for final decision by the World Zionist Congress which is to meet next June.

In presenting this proposal, the General Zionists maintained that the issue basically affects the constitution of the World Zionist Organization and can, therefore, be decided only by the Zionist Congress. In the meantime, they advocated that the Actions Committee issue an appeal to the members of the Israeli Cabinet urging them to resign from the Agency executive. The representatives of the Labor Party announced that they would not support such an appeal, on the basis that every Cabinet member must decide for himself whether to serve on both bodies, or resign from one.

A sharp battle developed at the plenary session today on the question of the allocation of responsibility for various aspects of the immigration problem. A recommendation was presented by the organization sub-committee urging the creation of a joint body by the Israeli Government and the Zionist executive to tackle the problem of caring for the refugee immigrants upon their arrival. A counter-proposal, made by the General Zionists and Aliya Hadasha, was accepted overwhelmingly. It provided that responsibility for care of the immigrants after arrival in Israel be placed in the hands of the Zionist executive, but that the functions be carried out in co-operation with the government.

Moshe Shapiro, Israeli Immigration Minister, objected to the decision and said that the government would have to re-examine the issue. A number of specific tasks for which the executive of the World Zionist Organization, independently of the Israeli Cabinet, would be responsible were nevertheless decided upon today by the Actions Committee. They provide:

1. The establishment of a Supreme Council to decide on major immigration problems. The chairman of the Council is to be appointed or elected by the Zionist executive.
2. The settling of new immigrants in Israel and the immigration of children and youth, including all activities abroad in behalf of such immigration.
3. The mobilization of private capital abroad for investment in Israel and activities abroad in behalf of the distribution of Israeli products.
4. The development of Jerusalem and the establishment of a special department to deal with questions concerning Jerusalem. This department should be headed

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one or two members of the Zionist executive and should have a permanent committee five elected by the Actions Committee. Until the fate of Jerusalem is decided, a local directorate should function with the participation of all public organizations responsible for the fate of the city.

5. Mobilization and control of funds for banks in Israel and for the Hebrew University and the Haifa Technical Institute.

6. The establishment of an educational and cultural department which would also deal with the preparation of youth abroad for immigration to Israel.

The organizational sub-committee also proposed that the World Zionist Executive be authorized to fix immigration quotas to Israel, submitting them to the government for final acceptance. Representatives of the left-wing United Workers Party objected. They insisted that the Zionist executive retain the full power of decision and that only the distribution of the set quotas to the refugees be handled by the Zionist executive in conjunction with the government.

ARTILLERY FIRE CONTINUES IN JERUSALEM; NO WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM RED CROSS ZONE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Shell and gunfire continued today around Jerusalem's northern, eastern and southern perimeters, while the U.N. truce control staff said that thus far it had received no instructions from its central supervision board at Haifa to arrange for the withdrawal of armed belligerents occupying the International Red Cross enclave in the southern part of Jerusalem.

No change has occurred today in the respective positions held by the Egyptian Army, Transjordan Arab Legion and Israeli Army. Jewish military authorities indicated they would continue to keep troops in the Jewish girls' training farm adjoining the Red Cross zone as long as the Egyptians remain in the vicinity or until they are officially informed that the Egyptian forces have withdrawn.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Israeli Government has received no official notification of the reported agreement of the Egyptian Government to permit the passage of Jewish supply convoys through Egyptian lines to the Negev settlements. It was pointed out that several other arrangements, such as use of the same supply route by the Egyptians for periods of six or twelve hours each, had previously been agreed to by the Jews and the local Egyptian commanders and later repudiated by the Egyptian high command.

Two U.N. observers on the central front who were arrested by Arabs yesterday while en route to meet with observers on duty behind the Iraqi lines have been released unharmed, it was reported here today. A Jewish liaison officer, who was also in the party, was similarly returned to the Jewish lines uninjured. The Iraqi took the observers to Tulkarm where they were held and questioned for several hours before being released.

BRITAIN JOINS U.S. IN ADVISING ARABS TO CONDUCT DIRECT PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Britain has joined the United States in recommending to governments of the Arab League countries that they accept Israel's offer of direct peace negotiations, informed political quarters asserted here today.

British and American envoys are understood to have urged that the Arab governments respond positively to the offer of peace talks made earlier this month by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok. Only then, they reasoned, would the forthcoming Palestine debate in the U.N. General Assembly contribute toward reaching a final solution of the dispute.

EGYPT RELEASES FOURTEEN ARRESTED FRENCH JEWS FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIONS FROM PARIS

PARIS, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Fourteen French Jews who were detained in Egypt as a result of the anti-Jewish feelings there, have been released this week, according to reliable reports reaching here today. The release followed representations by the French Government.

A large number of Jewish immigrants left the French port of Marseilles today aboard a transport en route to Israel. They arrived in France from displaced person' camps in Germany and Italy.

ISRAELI PREMIER MAKES FIRST INSPECTION OF NAVY; U.S. ENVOY DISCUSSES ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today made his first inspection of the young Israeli Navy based at Haifa. Ben Gurion was taken on a tour of the harbor in a small patrol vessel and later boarded the flagship Haganah where he received a four-gun salute. Aboard the flagship he addressed the crew and various military dignitaries.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, head of the United Palestine Appeal, today addressed several thousand Israeli soldiers at a military camp "somewhere in Israel." Dr. Goldstein presented greetings from the Jews of America and the rest of the world to the Jewish troops and declared that there is every reason to be hopeful that in the near future the Jews of America who have already given vast material help to Israel will be able to give additional, important aid.

James G. MacDonald, special U.S. envoy to Israel today visited Trade Minister Fritz Bernstein and discussed various economic problems with him. Earlier, MacDonald gave a reception in honor of delegates to the Zionist Actions Committee, during which he said that Israel's future is assured by its scientific and cultural achievements. Soviet Minister Pavel Yershov attended a performance of "King Solomon and the Cobbler" in the Ohel Theatre.

A street in Tel Aviv was named yesterday in honor of the late Fiorello LaGuardia, former mayor of New York City.

STATE DEPARTMENT DEFENDS U.S. CONSULAR ACTION STOPPING ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO DP'S

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- The State Department today issued a statement declaring that "criticism levelled at American consular officers for the delay in the beginning of the DP program is entirely unwarranted and unjust." However, the statement did not deny the fact that no U.S. visas are being granted to displaced persons in Europe at present and that the movement of DP's to the United States has stopped for the time being.

Replying to charges that the U.S. requires displaced persons to apply at American consulates for visas, which the DP's cannot afford to do because it involves expensive and time consuming travel, the State Department said: "Making visas available at the DP camps themselves -- and not requiring DP's to travel to an American consulate for them -- presents certain legal and administrative difficulties which are being given careful consideration."

STATE DEPARTMENT ADMITS U.S. PROTESTED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA OVER AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA)--The State Department has reprimanded the Czechoslovak Government for allegedly permitting arms and other war materiel. to be routed through its territory to Israel, a Department spokesman today confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Previously, the Department had denied reports that the American embassy in Prague had made representations to Czechoslovakia on this point.

The spokesman said that the U.S. has sent a protest through U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte, asserting that permitting an arms traffic with Israel violated the Security Council truce provisions. The State Department official said that the U.S. also made representations to the Czech Government asking that it locate three Americans who are said to be engaged in flying planes and other materiel from Czechoslovakia to Israel.

The State Department is seeking the three Americans in order to revoke their passports and force them to return home, but does not know the whereabouts of the airmen. The spokesman said that he knew of no plans to apply sanctions against Czechoslovakia if the three are not located.

ISRAEL OCCUPIES SIXTH PLACE IN CZECH EXPORTS, CZECHOSLOVAKIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS

PRAGUE, Aug. 31. (JTA)--The latest financial report of the Czechoslovakian Economic Ministry, released here today, revealed that 170,500,000 crowns worth of goods were exported to Palestine for the month of July. This places Israel as the sixth most important customer for Czech goods.

It was reported that General David Shaltiel, Inspector General of the Army of Israel, arrived here for a brief visit. He was, until recently, the commander of the Israel Sixth Brigade and had directed all military operations in the Jerusalem sector. Ruben Burstin, political secretary of the Histadruth, has also arrived in Prague. As the first official delegate of the Histadruth, he will hold important talks with leaders of the Czechoslovak trade union movement.

CEREMONIES MARK PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN RED MOGEN DAVID AMBULANCES TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31. (JTA)--Twenty-one ambulances given by United States sources to the Israel Red Mogen David were turned over to Mayor Israel Rokach today at a ceremony in Municipal Square in Tel Aviv.

Mayor Rokach thanked the American Jewish community and the United States branch of Red Mogen David for their generosity and voiced especial gratitude to Aufbau, Jewish German-language weekly published in New York City. The weekly contributed one of the ambulances for the Tel Aviv municipality.

Five of the 21 ambulances were presented to the Israeli Army while the others were to be distributed among various first aid centers in Israel. Fourteen more ambulances from the United States are on the way to Israel and an additional 15 have been ordered. Previously Israel received 17 ambulances from Americans.

TRANSPORT OF JEWISH DP'S LEAVES FOR ISRAEL FROM ITALY; THIRD GROUP TO GO THIS WEEK

ROME, Aug. 31. (JTA)--A contingent of 150 Jewish displaced persons from this city and from various DP camps left Naples today aboard the S.S. Dolores en route to Israel. This is the third transport which left Italy this week bound for the Jewish state.

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FOUR RUMANIANS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR MAKING INSULTING REMARKS ABOUT JEWS

BUCHAREST, Aug. 31. (JTA)--In one of the first applications of the new law under which anti-Jewish propaganda is treated as a punishable offense, a district court in Vaslui today sentenced four local residents to four months of imprisonment each. They were all found guilty of "uttering racial insults."

A Bucharest court today began hearing charges against Leon Vanderger accused of repeatedly conducting convoys of deported Jews to Transnistria during the pro-Nazi regime and with robbing them of their belongings. The accused was in hiding since the liberation of Rumania and was arrested only recently when recognized on a Bucharest street by one of his victims.

REPRESENTATIVES OF FORMER PERSECUTEES ASK GERMANS TO SET ASIDE FUNDS FOR RESTITUTION

MUNICH, Aug. 31. (JTA)--A demand that at least ten percent of a fund planned by the German authorities for relief of war victims be set aside for restitution for former persecutees of the Nazis was voiced here today by representatives of the persecutees. The demand was made after consultations with Dr. Erich Kohler, president of the Bizonal Economic Council of the British and American zones of Germany, on a proposed German taxation program for the relief of persecutees and of Germans who suffered damages as a result of the war.

The representatives of the Nazi victims, headed by Bavarian Commissioner for Persecutees Dr. Philip Auerbach, also demanded that the funds set aside for restitution be turned over to competent restitution authorities immediately, rather than waiting for the passage of uniform restitution legislation in both zones. They asked that persons entitled to restitution be exempted from the tax to support the fund, and that persecutees with assets worth less than 20,000 marks and persecutees not engaged in the German economy not be taxed.

U.S. ARMY PERMITS AMERICANS TO SEND MONEY TO RELATIVES, DISPLACED PERSONS IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA)--Persons in the United States can again make personal, family, and charitable remittances to individuals in the American, British, and French zones of Germany, including residents of displaced persons camps, the Army announced today.

American banks will give instructions on the data required to send money abroad. There will be no limit set on the amount of money that can be sent, but it must be for non-commercial use. If the payee can not be located within three months after the remittance is forwarded from the United States, the money will be returned to the sender, less a service charge.

"COMMUNITY TRIAL" INSTITUTED IN MEXICO FOR JEWS NOT CONTRIBUTING TO RELIEF FUNDS

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 31. (JTA)--Ten members of the Jewish community here were placed on "trial" before a Jewish Community Court for not contributing to the United Jewish Campaign in proportion to their means. Nine of the "defendants" immediately promised to make the contributions expected of them.

A scheduled trial of another group of ten Jews will probably be called off in view of the effect of the "trial" of the first ten. The United Jewish Campaign goal is four million pesos for local and overseas Jewish needs.

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL PRESENTS VIEWS TO CONGRESSIONAL BODY ON GIVING ATHEISTS RADIO TIME

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. (JTA)--The attitude of the Synagogue Council of America to the question of whether atheists should be given time on the air to present their views was outlined in a statement presented today by Rabbi William F. Penblum, president of the organization, to a special House committee hearing on decision of the Federal Communications Commission regarding a petition submitted by Robert Harold Scott asking that atheists be given radio time to present their views.

"Like every other American organization, the Synagogue Council believes in the preservation of the principles of freedom of speech and conscience and it reiterates that position." The statement says, "Those who espouse atheistic or other godless philosophies have a constitutional right to present their views on the air, particularly where they feel themselves unjustly accused or improperly represented.

"However, it must be kept in mind that this great nation of ours was formed 'under God.' We thus have a distinct affirmation in our Declaration of Independence that this is a country with religion as one of its fundamental bases. Separation between church and state has at no time meant that we wish to see our institutions subverted by atheism.

"Therefore the Synagogue Council of America joins in the hope that the decision of the Federal Communications Commission in the Scott case will not be misinterpreted to mean that the airwaves are to be open indiscriminately to those who represent atheism or other forms of attack upon religion. The vast majority of the people of this country are religious, and there is no validity to the demand that those who have opposite views must receive an 'equal amount of time' or that they must of necessity appear on stations or programs when religious views are presented either by a religious service or otherwise."

TRAINING BUREAU FOR JEWISH COMMUNAL SERVICE HOLDS FIRST COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA)--Ten graduates were awarded certificates from the Training Bureau for Jewish Communal Service at the first graduation exercise of the new institution held today. The graduates completed a fifteen months course of study for administrators and executives which included nine months of supervised field placement.

The Training Bureau was established last year under the sponsorship of a group of national and local Jewish welfare organizations. The certificates were presented to the graduates by Dr. Kurt Peiser of Philadelphia, executive vice-president of the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Charities, who was elected chairman of the Training Bureau's executive committee at a meeting immediately following the graduation exercise. Other speakers at the first graduation were Bernard Pepinsky of Cincinnati, president of the Training Bureau; and Dr. Salo W. Baron, Professor of Jewish History, Literature and Institutions at Columbia University, who is a member of the faculty of the Training Bureau.

Dr. Peiser, in presenting the certificates to the graduates, said that they are the forerunners of a group of Jewish social welfare workers who will be prepared at the Training Bureau for service "in communities throughout the United States which are looking for better administrative results and a finer Jewish orientation of the personnel of its Jewish federations and social welfare agencies."