

ANTI-ZIONIST GROUP IN ENGLAND DISSOLVES ITSELF; RECOGNIZES DE FACTO EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL

LONDON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The formal dissolution of the anti-Zionist Jewish Fellowship organization was announced today following a special meeting of the group. The decision was taken as a result of recognition by the group that the Jewish state exists "de facto."

Today's announcement said the Fellowship supports the recent statement of the Anglo-Jewish Association which voiced the hope that the proclamation of Israeli statehood will lead to the building up of a society which will be a true reflection of Jewish ideals and a source of pride to Jews throughout the world.

The Fellowship also affirmed that "British Jews are and will remain undivided in their loyalty and allegiance to Britain." The Jewish Fellowship was established in 1942. Sir Brunel Cohen served as president and Basil Henriques as chairman.

U.N. HAMPERING ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN PALESTINE, BEN ZVI SAYS ON ARRIVAL IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- United Nations intervention is hampering the establishment of permanent peace in Palestine, Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council in Israel, declared here last night upon his arrival at Idlewild International Airport. Mr. Ben Zvi is in the United States to aid the \$10,000,000 campaign currently under way in behalf of the Histadruth.

Asserting that "it is one thing to order the demilitarization of the Negev and another thing to enforce it," Ben Zvi stated that "if we could be sure that real control would be maintained in the demilitarization of the Negev by the United Nations, we would take this demilitarization proposal more seriously."

"Insofar as giving up the Negev is concerned," he added, "our answer is" definitely "no." The Israeli leader charged that "arms are being delivered to the Arabs from the outside" and that there are "British, Yugoslavs and Germans fighting with the Arabs." Hailing the role of the Histadruth, Israel's general federation of labor, in the development of the Jewish state, Mr. Ben Zvi declared that all of the Histadruth's facilities have been made available to the Israeli Government during the war period.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS WILL NOT SEND OBSERVER TO UNESCO CONFERENCE IN BEIRUT

PARIS, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today informed Prof. Julian Huxley, director-general of UNESCO, that it will not send an observer to the forthcoming sessions of that body, scheduled to begin next week in Beirut, as a protest against the decision to hold the conference in the Lebanese capital.

A message signed by A.L. Easterman, political secretary of the W.J.C., stated that the "Lebanese Government is pursuing a war of aggression against the people of Israel in formal alliance with other states and is executing a policy of discrimination and persecution against Jewish citizens and residents."

Meanwhile, conferences are now taking place here between members of the W.J.C. executive and representatives of 10 European Jewish communities, Argentina and DP committees from Germany and Austria. The parleys will formulate the future program of the W.J.C. on the reconstruction and cultural needs of Jewish communities in Europe and the needs of the inmates of the DP camps vis-a-vis developments in the state of Israel.

U.P.A. INVITES LEADING JEWISH WELFARE FUNDS TO CONFER ON EXPANSION OF GOVERNING BODIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Jewish welfare funds in key cities in the United States were invited by the United Palestine Appeal to send two representatives each to a conference at which the question of implementing the U.P.A. decision for expanding its governing bodies through inclusion of one-third representation of Jewish communities will be discussed, it was announced here today by Herman L. Weisman, acting national chairman of the U.P.A. The time and place of the conference will be announced in the near future.

The 103 welfare funds which received this invitation were also the recipients of a memorandum from Mr. Weisman assuring them that "the United Palestine Appeal is equal to bringing about the most effective and representative organization which will ensure a completely unified effort enabling the American Jewish community to rise to the unprecedented opportunity for Jewish settlement in Israel and for the relief to our brethren overseas."

Noting that the United Palestine Appeal is "cognizant of the necessity of promptly organizing the United Jewish Appeal effort for 1949," Mr. Weisman said in his memorandum that while discussions of a precise formula for representation are not yet completed, "the executive bodies of the U.P.A. and Joint Distribution Committee are getting ready to re-establish the United Jewish Appeal for 1949."

Reviewing the background of the move to expand the U.P.A.'s governing bodies, Mr. Weisman pointed out that the "need for broadening participation has favorably been considered by the leadership of the U.P.A." and added: "The emergence of Israel as the prime factor in fund-raising projects in the United States and the magnificent role played by Jews of all elements in the unprecedented response to Jewish needs in the last few years, prompted the consummation of this process."

OPPOSITION GROUP TO U.P.A. CALLS CONFERENCE IN ATLANTIC CITY; PLANS SEPARATE DRIVE

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- A national conference of fund-raising leaders of Jewish communities who support the opposition within the United Palestine Appeal will be held in Atlantic City on Dec. 11 and 12, it was announced here today by the newly-formed "Committee of Contributors and Workers."

The new group, which advocates the launching of a drive for Israel separate from the United Palestine Appeal, has advised the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem of the convocation of the national conference. It informed the Agency that "prompt action will be taken to provide immediate funds for the expanded immigration, resettlement, rebuilding and reconstruction program contemplated for 1949."

A statement issued by Abraham Feinberg, chairman of the new group, said that the decision to call this conference was made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Committee of Contributors and Workers "in view of the nationwide concern over the critical financial burdens today facing the state of Israel." He outlined the objectives of his group as follows:

1. All American Jews shall share in the responsibility for raising funds for Israel in 1949; 2. All funds raised in the United States for Israel shall be remitted directly to Israel; 3. Final authority for allocations and disbursements of funds remitted to Israel from the Jews of America shall rest with the executive of the Jewish Agency in Israel."

The Committee of Contributors and Workers also made public today a temporary slate of officers which includes, in addition to Mr. Feinberg--who is an associate chairman of the U.J.A. of Greater New York--Joseph Shulman, Paterson, N.J., national chairman of the textile division of the U.J.A., secretary; Fred Monosson, Boston, national chairman of the U.J.A. rainwear division, treasurer; and a long list of members of the executive committee.

AUSTRALIA INTRODUCES QUOTA ON "NON-BRITISH JEWS" SEEKING TO ENTER COUNTRY BY PLANE

PARIS, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Australian Government extended numerous clause restrictions on the admission of "non-British Jews" in order to limit the number entering the Commonwealth by plane, it was learned here today. The new restrictions, which will become effective Nov. 15, are aimed at preventing the large-scale movement of vised immigrants via planes chartered by voluntary organizations. They extend to plane travel the curbs which have been in effect for sea travel for the last year, limiting the number of "non-British Jews" to 25 percent of the total passenger list.

The new move is a setback in the orderly settlement of the refugee problem, since in recent months the voluntary organizations have been arranging to transport a number of refugees with Australian visas by air in order to bypass the acute ship-ping bottle-neck.

The Australian Embassy in Paris notified the travel agencies of the new regulations and warned that "this restriction will be severely applied and every non-British Jewish person above the quota of 25 percent of the total number of passengers in any one plane will be forbidden debarkation in Australia."

The notice justifies the restrictions on the ground that priority must be given to "tens of thousands of Britons who desire to emigrate to Australia" and also prevent discrimination in the assignment of travel facilities against thousands of visa-holders, "Jews and non-Jews" who are not considered refugees.

The voluntary organizations caring for refugees, according to the Australian notice, "should not be in a position to retain a considerable number of places which they could later allocate to a special class of immigrants to the detriment of others."

PRESIDENT OF DAIA CALLS FOR UNITY IN ARGENTINE JEWRY; DEFINES ATTITUDE TO NEW GROUPS

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The need for unity in the Argentine Jewish community was stressed here by Dr. Ricardo Dubrovsky, president of the DAIA, at a press conference held on the eve of the General Assembly of the organization which will take place here this week-end. The DAIA, which is the central representative body of the Jews of Argentina, represents more than 100 institutions, he emphasized, and has been in existence for more than ten years.

Dr. Dubrovsky strongly criticized the establishment of the Jewish Institute for Culture and Information, which announced a program similar to that of the DAIA. The creation of such a new body constitutes a breach of discipline in the organized life of Argentine Jewry, he charged. He emphasized that the founders of the Institute should have tried "to impose their views by democratic means" if they were dissatisfied with the DAIA leadership.

At the same time Dr. Dubrovsky denied that rivalry exists between the DAIA and the newly created pro-Peronist Jewish organization OIA. The DAIA, he said, is a non-political body, while the OIA has a definite political policy. He emphasized that during the joint visit which representatives of both Jewish groups paid recently to President Peron, the delegates of the OIA told Peron that the DAIA represents all Argentine Jews. The relations between his organization and the OIA are friendly, he stated.

A statement published by the Jewish Institute in the press here asserted that the new organization never threatened the existence of the DAIA and never claimed to be the representative body of the Jewish community. Outlining the program

of the Institute as aiming to defend Jewish rights, promote good will between Jews and non-Jews, and carry on enlightenment activities in behalf of the Jewish state, the statement expressed the belief that the Jewish community will benefit from this program.

"Although accidentally some of our aims may be the same as those of the DAIA, it should be possible through different but well-coordinated ways to reach better results for the community," the statement added.

#### WOMEN CONTRIBUTED \$16,500,000 TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DRIVES THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- More than \$16,500,000 has been contributed by American Jewish women to community campaigns throughout the nation which are participating in the 1948 United Jewish Appeal drive for \$250,000,000, it was announced today by Mrs. Ernest G. Wadel of Dallas, chairman of the U.J.A. Women's Division.

Mrs. Wadel pointed out that the figures are incomplete and only represent 287 communities which have women's divisions out of a total of 373 such groups campaigning this year on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. She said an additional 30 cities have raised money from women, but did not have formally organized women's divisions.

#### TRUMAN URGED BY COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN TO SUGGEST DIRECT ARAB-JEWISH PEACE TALKS

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The United States should take the initiative in urging the United Nations to call upon the Jews and Arabs to meet together for the settlement of territorial disputes regarding the state of Israel, Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, suggested today in a letter to President Truman.

Mrs. Welt also urged the U.S. to grant Israel immediate de jure recognition, support Israel's application for membership in the United Nations and authorize the granting of a loan to the Jewish state.

#### TWO-DAY CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS AMERICAN TECHNOLOGICAL AID TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Plans to mobilize American engineers and technologists in support of the state of Israel will be formulated at a two-day annual conference of the American Technion Society which opens here tomorrow.

Delegates from 23 cities in the U.S. and Canada will also consider a proposal to set up a \$1,000,000 fund for the Technion in Haifa, Israel's only Institute of Technology, in memory of the 66 graduates and students of the institution killed in the Arab-Israeli war.

#### BRITISH, NOT ARABS, ARE FIGHTING JEWS IN ISRAEL, BERGSON SAYS ON ARRIVAL IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Hillel Kook, known in the United States as Peter Bergson, arrived here from Israel yesterday to liquidate the Hebrew Committee for National Liberation, of which he was the founder. He charged upon his arrival that the British, not the Arabs, are fighting against the Jews in Israel. It is up to the British to decide when the fighting will end, he stated.