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### U.S. PROPOSES DIRECT ISRAELI-ARAB NEGOTIATIONS; URGES CREATION OF U.N. CONCILIATION BODY

PARIS, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The United States today presented to the U.N. Political Committee a number of amendments aimed at coordinating the British-supported Bernadotte proposals for Palestine with the original U.N. General Assembly partition resolution of last Nov. 29, favored by the American Government.

The U.S. amendments, as presented by Dr. Phillip C. Jessup, called for the appointment of a three-nation conciliation commission to replace the U.N. Palestine mediator and to take over his duties after the implementation of the Nov. 16 resolution adopted by the Security Council ordering an armistice between the Jews and Arabs.

The amendments stress the importance of direct Israeli-Arab negotiations and definitely remove the boundary principles recommended by the late U.N. Palestine mediator Count Folke Bernadotte--which would deprive Israel of the Negev--as the sole term of reference for the three-nation conciliation commission.

The internationalization of Jerusalem is strongly urged in the U.S. amendments. They empower the conciliation commission to appoint a U.N. commissioner for Jerusalem and also urge the commission to submit to the next session of the General Assembly definite proposals for a permanent regime of the Jerusalem area.

With regard to the Palestine refugees, the American amendments establish two categories--those wishing to return to their former homes and those unwilling to do so. The latter, according to the U.S. amendments, are to receive adequate compensation to be fixed by a claims commission. The U.N. conciliation body should "facilitate the repatriation, resettlement and economic and social rehabilitation of the Arab refugees and the payment of compensation," the amendment stated.

### Conciliation Commission Would Discuss Arab-Israeli Frontiers

Under the terms of the American recommendations, the U.N. conciliation body is to consult the governments involved on the question of Israel's frontiers. The American proposal points out that there are important elements to both the partition decision and the Bernadotte recommendations and that the frontier modifications suggested in the Bernadotte report should be considered by the commission "so far as they may contribute to the peaceful adjustment of difficulties between the parties." At the same time, the American amendments emphasize that these considerations are, however, to be taken by the commission into account "without excluding any territorial settlement mutually acceptable" to the disputants.

The American amendments specify that the three-nation commission which would assume the functions of the U.N. mediator should carry out the functions and directives given to the mediator by the General Assembly and such additional directives as may be given either by the Assembly or the Security Council. At the request of the

Security Council, the tri-nation body would carry out functions presently assigned to the mediator or to the truce commission, which would terminate simultaneously with the mediator's office.

The U.S. amendments created a general feeling of confusion at the Palais de Chaillot. They were interpreted as indicating that the American delegation to the U.N. is still riding two horses--trying to appear as not deviating too far from President Truman's directive, while at the same time trying to conform the American policy on Palestine with that of the British.

#### Israeli Circles Cool to U.S. Amendments; Prefer Australian Resolution

The initial reaction in Israeli circles here was that a resolution proposed earlier today by the Australian delegation is preferable to the U.S. amendments. The Israelis emphasize that while the Australian resolution clearly speaks of the fact that the Jewish state is entitled to membership in the United Nations, the U.S. amendments omit any reference to this subject.

Israeli opinion here also noted the fact that the Australian version is closer to the concepts of true conciliation than the American recommendations which, they said, prejudice the issue by giving equal weight to the partition decision of the General Assembly and the Bernadotte proposals.

The Australian resolution urged adherence to the U.N. General Assembly's Nov. 29, 1947, partition decision under which the Negev was given to the Jews. The resolution also requested the Security Council to give "sympathetic consideration" to Israel's membership application in the United Nations and that the U.N. should assist "the interested parties" to enter immediately into urgent negotiations for a permanent settlement of the Palestine question.

The Australian resolution also recommended that: 1. A five-member conciliation commission be appointed by the United Nations to draw up the final boundaries of Israel. In case of failure, the commission should report to the General Assembly for a final decision by that body. 2. All governments and parties concerned as well as the U.N. Trusteeship Council should be consulted on the question of protection for the Holy Places in Jerusalem in conformity with the principles of the U.N. partition plan which provides for the internationalization of Jerusalem.

#### Egypt Threatens to Quit U.N. if Israel Is Admitted to Membership

Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli spokesman at the U.N., told the Political Committee that it was impossible to support the U.N. partition resolution and also the Bernadotte report, which seeks to detach two-thirds of Israeli territory, assigned under the Nov. 29 resolution, he added, "whether Israel likes it or not."

On the other hand, he went on, the U.S. statement holds that no changes in the territory of the November resolution can be made without the consent of Israel. Eban said that although British Minister of State Hector McNeill had described the Negev as a useless desert, the Jews do not see that this is sufficient reason to detach it from Israel. Not only the agricultural value of the Negev, under irrigation, attracts the Jews, but also its value in terms of minerals and access to the Red Sea and the Gulf of Akaba, he stated. Eban charged further that McNeill misrepresented the nature of the Israeli claim to Western Galilee.

Earlier, the Egyptian delegate, at a meeting of the U.N. Ad Hoc Political Committee, which was considering applications for membership to the United Nations, threatened that his country would walk out of the U.N. if Israel were admitted to membership.

U.N. OBSERVERS LEAVE FOR NEEV FOR CHECK ISRAELI CHARGES OF RENEWED EGYPTIAN ACTIVITY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- United Nations observers left for the Negev area today to investigate Israeli complaints of Egyptian military activity during the past three days. At the same time it was announced here that chief U.N. observer Gen. William Riley will meet in Haifa tonight with Israeli Chief of Operations Yigal Yadin and Reuven Shiloah, of the Foreign Ministry, for what is officially described as a "routine contact."

Speaking at ceremonies marking the opening here of "Davar House"--the new premises of the Laborite daily newspaper Davar--Premier David Ben Gurion declared today that "we Jews can be happier this year, but our happiness is not yet complete."

The Israeli Premier said that the Jews could not yet celebrate fully their independence because "the blood of our youth is being shed and because everything we achieved this year, and everything which we shall achieve in the immediate future, is not what the Jewish people hoped for for centuries--it is only preparation for the dream of generations: the gathering in of the exiles in the Diaspora into Israel."

Fourteen members of the Stern Group escaped last night from a detention camp near here. A wide search to apprehend them is presently under way.

A total of 80,000 residents of northern Israel, most of them Arabs, were inoculated in the past week by the Israeli Army medical service against smallpox. Earlier, the danger of a smallpox epidemic in northern Israel had been feared by medical officials.

It was announced here today that the Israel National Airways Company, Ltd., which was organized several months ago, now has a capital fund of \$4,000,000, which was obtained through the government and public subscription. The government holds the founders shares, ensuring it full control of the company.

ISRAELI MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE AND RELIGION TO BE TRANSFERRED SOON TO JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Ministries of Justice and Religion will soon be transferred from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, it was announced here by Israeli Minister of Religion, Rabbi J.L. Fishman.

Asserting that it had always been his desire to remain in Jerusalem and set up his Ministry in the city, Rabbi Fishman pointed out that hitherto, this was impossible because of military reasons, which have now been eliminated. "I sincerely hope that the entire government will soon move to Jerusalem," he added.

Minister of Social Welfare Rabbi I.M. Levin asserted today that the aim of his Ministry is to create the fullest possible social security system in Israel. Rabbi Levin revealed that the budget of his Ministry from July through December of this year will be \$1,440,000. Most of these funds will go towards "constructive work," he stated.

A program of social welfare has already been launched among the Arabs, while Israeli school children are now receiving hot noonday meals. The Ministry maintains 60 social welfare centers throughout Israel whose main purpose is to assist the thousands of newly-arriving immigrants. A network of 11 children's aid depots is also run by the Ministry. These minister to the needs of 1,200 under-privileged children.

U.N. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION POSTPONES DECISION ON ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- On recommendation from its General Committee, the fourth annual conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization at its plenary session here today put off until its next session the application of Israel for membership in the organization.

The next session of the F.A.O. quite possibly may not be held until January of 1950 unless a special session is held earlier to decide on a site for the organization. The Israeli application, which was referred to the F.A.O. Council "for further study and consideration presumably might be brought up then," an F.A.O. spokesman said.

In making its report to the conference, the General Committee referred to the application as "submitted by the Jewish authorities under the name 'Israel.'" Dr. Ludwig Samuels, who was last week admitted as an official Israeli observer, told the conference that he could not accept the language used by the General Committee in referring to Israel. He pointed out that there was a bona fide government in Israel, not merely "Jewish authorities," and that Israel was not merely a name, but a state. He said he could make no comment on the conference decision to refer to the Israeli application for action at the next session.

The recommendation of the General Committee was accepted by the conference without objections. Several countries, however, including Poland, Czechoslovakia, Uruguay, Guatemala, Ecuador, Honduras, Panama, Finland and the United States abstained from voting. Delegates from those countries said their governments recognized Israel and that they had been prepared to vote favorably on Israel's application.

The Polish delegate also objected to the language used in the recommendation made by the General Committee. A. Barton, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Canada, speaking for his government, hoped that Israel, while not a member until next year, would continue to participate in the work of F.A.O. The conference accepted the application of Saudi Arabia as a member in F.A.O.

U.P.A. CONFLICT SETTLED; AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN U.P.A. LEADERS AND DISSIDENTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The conflict within the United Palestine Appeal was settled early this morning after an all-night meeting between leaders of the U.P.A. and representatives of the dissident group. The meeting was held in the offices of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. A statement containing the details of the agreement reached is expected to be issued by the Council within a few days.

MENACHEM BEIGIN, FORMER IRGUN COMMANDER, ARRIVES IN U.S.; IN COUNTRY ON VISITOR'S VISA

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Menachem Beigin, former commander-in-chief of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and at present leader of the Irgun-sponsored Freedom Movement in Israel, arrived here today. (In Washington, a State Department spokesman said that neither the British Government nor anyone else had objected to the American Government's granting Beigin a visa. The Israeli visitor, for whose capture the former Mandatory Power in Palestine offered \$40,000, is in this country on a visitor's visa.)

VANDALS SCRIBBLE ANTI-SEMITIC SLOGANS ON OFFICE OF SACRAMENTO JEWISH WELFARE FUND

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Crude Swastikas and inscriptions reading "every Jew will die soon" were found scribbled on the floors and entrances to the office of the United Jewish Welfare Fund here today. Police are attempting to identify the culprits who also destroyed a plate glass sign belonging to the Fund.



JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN RUMANIA TO MERGE; RABBINICAL COUNCIL TO BE SUPREME

BUCHAREST, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- New by-laws for Jewish religious communities in Rumania were adopted here today at a conference of more than 100 rabbis and representatives of Sephardic and Ashkenazic groups from all parts of the country. The by-laws, which, for the first time in 80 years, provide for the unification of all Jewish religious groups into one central body, are based on the new law regarding religious communities promulgated last July by the Rumanian Government.

Under the new arrangement the Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities will no longer function as separate groups but will merge into a single community although observing their specific traditions as hitherto. Regional unions of Jewish communities will be abolished and each community will become directly affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Communities. The supreme religious authority will be an 11-member Rabbinical Council headed by the Chief Rabbi of the country.

Since the reorganized Rumanian state schools will no longer offer Hebrew instruction, the problem of religious education is given particular attention in the statute. Accordingly, communities throughout Rumania will be authorized to establish religious schools--including Cheder's, Talmud Torah's and Yeshivos--while the training of religious ministers will be organized by the government, in accordance with existing laws concerning religion.

HUNGARIAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS TO CHECK ALL BOOKS FOR ANTI-SEMITISM

BUDAPEST, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Hungarian branch of the International Council of Christians and Jews decided today to determine whether any books now in circulation in this country--literary, religious or scientific--are apt to encourage anti-Semitic sentiments.

The Council members announced that if any such books are discovered, steps will be taken with the authorities to bring about the necessary revisions. At the same time, the organization appointed four members to the executive of the International Council. Chief Rabbi Fabian Herskovits was among those named.

JEWISH BODY IN BOHEMIA-MORAVIA IS URGED TO SEEK AID FOR JEWS FROM GOVERNMENT FUND

PRAGUE, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Association for Racial Persecutees of Slovakia submitted a complaint to government leaders that the Council of Jewish Communities in Bohemia and Moravia has not accepted its invitation to make a joint representation to the Czechoslovak Government for the establishment of a Jewish rehabilitation fund.

The Association received no reply to a communication which outlined proposals to be made to the government that monies be diverted from the Currency Liquidation Fund for assistance to Jewish institutions for religious and social purposes. The Association said that the Currency Liquidation Fund has obtained a number of holdings and assets seized by the Nazis from Jewish communities and that the Fund's officials had promised aid to the Jews from its resources.

HUNGARIAN POLICE INVESTIGATING DESECRATION OF JEWISH CEMETERY NEAR TOWN OF KOERFEND

BUDAPEST, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Police officials were today investigating an attack on the Jewish cemetery of the town of Koerfend last night in which the entire burial grounds were defiled and desecrated. Eight tombstones were destroyed. Koerfend is located in Western Hungary.

2,000 JEWS ATTEND ELECTION MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES SPONSORED BY PRO-PERON JEWISH GROUP

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Two thousand Jews last night attended an election meeting sponsored by the pro-Peronist Organizacion Israelita Argentina.

Senator Alberto Teissaire and Deputy J. Caraguso reiterated President Juan Peron's pledge to punish racial persecution as treason. A petition circulated by the pro-Peronist organization asking that Argentina recognize Israel was signed by several hundred persons.

NO COMMUNAL "SANCTIONS" ARE PRACTICED IN FUND-RAISING DRIVES, ISRAELI DELEGATE SAYS

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Gedalia Zuchowitzky, Israeli director of the Koren Hayesod office here who assumed leadership of the United Campaign in Argentina for Israel and for Jewish Refugees Overseas today took issue with charges made by Rabbi M. Pincus of Sao Paulo, Brazil, of the alleged imposition of communal "sanctions" against members of Jewish communities in Latin America who do not contribute to fund-raising campaigns.

Zuchowitzky emphasized that as late as last September Rabbi Pincus was given an exhaustive explanation that no such sanctions were planned or carried out. He declared that Rabbi Pincus' allegations were not in accordance with the existing facts and emphasized that the Jewish Congregation of Sao Paulo, whose spiritual leader Rabbi Pincus is, has refuted his charges.

Pointing out that he has always opposed "sanctions," and that he did not consider them necessary, Zuchowitzky said that the Jews of Brazil have always responded wholeheartedly to fund-raising drives. Rabbi Pincus, he said, apparently based his allegations on reports contained in some newspapers received from Argentina and Chile and on the fact that in the city of Porto Alegre, Brazil, during the proclamation of the local drive, the possibility of "sanctions" was mentioned.

No central Jewish institution in Israel has asked for the imposition of "sanctions" or any other compulsory measures in fund-raising activities in Latin American countries, which this year increased their contributions tenfold, he said. He added that any local Jewish organization, community or society, has the right to apply moral measures against those of their members who, according to the decisions and judgment of the majority, are not fulfilling their duty. "It is impossible to force any organization to accept into its membership persons who do not comply with the program and the aims of this organization," he pointed out.

Sao Paulo Jewish Leaders Deny Existence of Any "Sanctions" System

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A statement disassociating themselves from the allegations made by Rabbi Pincus with regard to communal "sanctions" was made here today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by the members of the Congregation of Sao Paulo and by the Emergency Campaign.

The statement declared that Rabbi Pincus wanted only to define the religious doctrine with regard to the problem of communal sanctions without referring specifically to the local situation. The article which the Rabbi published in the Chronicle Israelita was not motivated by failure to get an official denial regarding sanctions, the statement said.

It emphasized that although the Rabbi does not mention it in his article, the Congregation received an official denial from Gedalia Zuchowitzky, representative of the Jewish Agency, and from the directors of the Emergency Campaign in Sao Paulo, Marco Frankenthal and Vittorio Camerini, to the effect that no sanctions were contemplated by anybody in Sao Paulo. "Non-existent sanctions cannot be revoked," the statement added.

BECAUSE OF TRANSGIVING THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON FRIDAY