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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REFERS ISRAELI APPLICATION BACK TO SECURITY COUNCIL FOR ACTION

PARIS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Security Council membership committee today referred the Israeli application for membership in the United Nations to the full Council, on a motion by Canada.

The Canadian delegate insisted that since the fate of the Palestine resolution is in doubt in the General Assembly his government is reluctant to vote on the application. France took the same line of reasoning, as did the United States. The Soviet delegate charged that the delay was a pretext for blocking the application.

Israeli circles later indicated that they still believed that it was possible for the Jewish state's application to be passed on at this session, despite the delay.

During the course of the debate in the committee, the Argentine delegate revealed that he would vote for admission of Israel. This brought the known Council supporters of the Israeli application to five, with a minimum vote of seven votes needed for approval. The other four are the United States, the U.S.S.R., the Ukraine and Colombia, although the last has not yet made a public statement on the issue. The Jews are looking to Canada and France for the other two affirmative votes.

ISRAELI AND ARAB LEGION COMMANDERS DISCUSS RETURN OF JEWS TO OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Col. Moshe Dayan and Lt. Col. Abdullah el Tel, commanders, respectively, of the Israeli and Arab Legion forces in the Jerusalem area, met for a fourth time today to discuss various cease-fire problems. The meeting was again sponsored by U.N. truce observers.

The discussions now center about three main problems: 1. That the Arabs be allowed to return to the Katamon quarter with the Israeli authorities guaranteeing their lives and property, in return for which Jews will be permitted to return to the Jewish quarter of the Old City with similar guarantees from the Arab Legion; 2. The Jews shall supply electric power to the Old City in return for access to the Wailing Wall; and, 3. Negotiations shall be started immediately to open the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv railroad with the Israeli forces lifting the siege of Latrun for this purpose.

Dayan refused to discuss the last point, insisting that his jurisdiction did not extend to Latrun, but offered to arrange a meeting between el Tel and the proper Israeli commanders to consider the question. Meanwhile, the Arab Legion commander's telephone line has been connected with the Israeli central exchange and the two commanders have been in telephonic communication.

Commenting on the disturbances in the Arab states during the past two weeks, an Israeli spokesman today stated that it "seems that the Arab governments are presently more anxious for peace within their own borders." He said that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem is "whipping up" the various governments to resume the battle in Palestine.

JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE SETS NEXT WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS FOR AUGUST, 1949, IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive today tentatively fixed the date and place of the next World Zionist Congress. It is to be held in Jerusalem in August, 1949. A special committee to prepare plans for the Congress has been named.

The Jewish Agency executive named its chairman, Berl Locker, and S.Z. Shragai and Moshe Kolodny to negotiate with the Israeli Government on the transfer from Austria and reburial of the remains of Theodor Herzl. The Agency has already rejected a government suggestion to arrange the reburial on the day that the new parliament is opened in Tel Aviv. The Agency proposes that the remains be reburied in the courtyard of the future Parliament building which it expects to see constructed in Jerusalem.

ISRAELI AND IRAQI OFFICERS MEET IN NATHANYA AREA; U.N. OBSERVERS PRESENT AT TALKS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Israeli and Iraqi liaison officers met today in the presence of United Nations truce observers in the vicinity of Kfar Yavetz, east of Nathanya, to settle a number of local problems, it was officially announced here.

Several new Druze units were today sworn into the Israeli Army at a ceremony at an army camp near Haifa. Attending the exercises were Israeli Minister for Minorities Behor Shitreet and Druze Sheikh Soliman el Arif. Druze leader Yusef Bey Hasana-lli, a former major in the Transjordan Frontier Force, which was once staffed almost completely by Druze troops, addressed the new Israeli soldiers and congratulated them. Soliman praised the relationship between the Jews and the Druzes.

Egyptian troops last night withdrew from Tel el Fara, a settlement in the Negev which they captured from the Israelis November 21, in violation of the Security Council truce, an official Israeli communique stated.

The Egyptian action followed an attack on Egyptian sappers last night by Jewish patrols. The sappers, operating out of Tel el Fara and two other points captured during the truce breach--Khirbet el Main and Sheikh Nuran--mined the Jewish-held road from Mivtachim to Nirim to Imara and cut several water pipes in the area.

NEW HIGHWAY OPENED BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND COAST; REPLACES WAR-TIME "BURMA ROAD"

TEL AVIV, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A new road between Jerusalem and the coastal plain was officially opened today. The route replaces the "Burma Road" by-passing Latrun, which was built during the height of the battle for Jerusalem and its approaches. The "Burma Road" was found to be unsuitable as a permanent highway.

The new road, which is 25 miles long and at least 16 and one-half feet wide throughout its length, was built in eight weeks across difficult mountain terrain. It was decided to build the new road ten days after fighting broke out between the two United Nations truces. The route was blueprinted after consulting aerial photographs of ancient camel tracks which crossed the same area.

200 CYPRUS DETAINEES SAIL FOR ISRAEL; MOST OF THEM ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN

NICOSIA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Israeli vessel S.S. Hatikvah sailed from Famagusta today for Haifa with 200 Jews released from Cyprus detention camps. Most of the immigrants are mothers and children and men of non-military age.

2,400 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN HAIFA IN ONE DAY ABOARD THREE VESSELS

HAIFA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A total of 2,400 Jewish immigrants arrived here today aboard three ships.

The S.S. Caserta is expected to arrive in Israel from Italy within a few days with a gift of four ambulances presented to the Red Mogen David by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities.

Thirty-five thousand new immigrants have already been settled in areas occupied by Israeli troops, it was learned here today. In the past three months 3,000 barracks have been erected and 5,000 are to be constructed in the coming months. The Jewish Agency and other Jewish institutions have established a financing corporation with a capital of \$20,000,000 for this purpose.

ISRAELI MILITARY COURT RELEASES CZECH WITNESS IN STERNISTS TRIAL ON CONSUL'S PLEA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Acro military court today freed unconditionally Milta Doracova, Czech airline hostess who admitted yesterday to serving as a messenger between Sternist leader Nathan Friedman-Yellin and Czechoslovak Sternists. The court's action followed the intervention of the Czechoslovak consulate here.

Meanwhile, six prosecution witnesses have been heard by the Acro court. They testified to the fact that Friedman-Yellin and his co-defendant, Matatiah Shmuelovitz, were in possession of forged permits to leave Israel and forged Israeli Army discharge papers when they were captured. The defendants admitted that the documents were forged.

U.N. SOCIAL COMMITTEE ADOPTS WORLD DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; ASSEMBLY TO ACT ON IT

PARIS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A world Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly's 58-member Social Committee in the early hours of this morning. The vote, which leaves but one hurdle before the declaration is accepted by the international body, climaxed two-and-one-half years of work by several U.N. bodies.

The Declaration is expected to be passed on by the Assembly some time before Saturday night, when this session is slated to end. The Assembly will also be voting this week on an international convention outlawing genocide.

The 31-article Declaration guarantees that all rights and freedoms set forth in the document shall be guaranteed to all without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, religion. The freedom to practice and teach religion is also guaranteed, as is the right of everyone to a nationality, the right to change nationality and the right of any individual to leave any country including his own.

TRUMAN WILL PROPOSE LIBERALIZATION BY CONGRESS OF LAW FOR ADMISSION OF DP'S TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- President Truman today indicated that he will propose to the 81st Congress liberalization of the present law for the admission of displaced persons to the United States, which he termed anti-Jewish after it was passed by the 80th Congress.

The President gave this indication during a talk in the White House with David Dubinsky and Alex Rose, leaders of the Liberal Party. The President also expressed satisfaction with the developments in Israel and declared that he stands firmly behind the Israel program contained in the Democratic Party's platform and reiterated by him during the election campaign.

LIQUIDATION OF JEWISH DP CAMP IN BRITISH ZONE OF AUSTRIA EXPECTED BY END OF YEAR

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The liquidation of the Admont DP Camp in the British zone of Austria--the only Jewish DP center in that zone--is expected to be completed by the end of this year, according to reports received here today by the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad. After considerable pressure, the DP's remaining in the camp at present have agreed to move to the camp in the U.S. zone.

In the American zone of Austria, the reports received here say, the Puch camp will soon cease to be a Jewish refugee center, while the Wels camp is expected to shut down shortly. Meanwhile, it was revealed that a convalescent home for Jewish DP's has been opened at the world-famous resort area, Bad Gastein. The Committee recently dispatched a shipment of toys, books and other articles to children in the British zone in Austria for use during the coming Chanukah celebrations.

RUMANIAN JEW SENTENCED FOR SECURING MONEY FROM JEWS IN GHETTO UNDER FALSE PROMISES

BUCHAREST, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Leon Warsinger, former member of the Moghilev Judenrat--Jewish liaison body set up by the Nazis during the war between themselves and the Jewish communities they occupied--was sentenced to a six-year prison term by a Bucharest court on charges of having misused his authority while acting as liaison between the Rumanian Jews in the Moghilev ghetto and occupation authorities in Rumania.

Testimony offered in court against Warsinger proved that the defendant accepted money and jewelry ostensibly to arrange, through bribery, for the transfer of his fellow-Jews to an area where conditions were more favorable for Jews, but pocketed the money instead.

Vasile Robescu, Rumanian infantry captain who was guilty of ordering, in 1941, the mass execution of 80 Jews living on the outskirts of the town of Czernowitz, was sentenced today to life imprisonment. Robescu remained in hiding in Transylvania until only recently.

At the same time, Ion Albu, former police official in Czernowitz, was sentenced to six years imprisonment for "submitting the Jewish population of Czernowitz to inhuman treatment" at the time of the mass deportations in 1941.

TWO POLISH SENTENCED TO DEATH IN LUBLIN FOR HANDING OVER POLISH JEWS TO GESTAPO

WARSAW, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Lublin court today imposed the death sentence on Jan Kephinski and Michael Toporov for turning a group of 30 Jewish guerrillas over to the Gestapo in 1942. The Jews were subsequently murdered.

The public prosecutor in Lublin today appealed against the 15-year jail sentence imposed on Bernard Lell, hangman of the Lublin ghetto who personally executed several scores of Jews. The prosecutor demanded that Lell be executed for his war crimes.

The death sentence imposed on Konstanty Murowski was confirmed by the Supreme Court today. Murowski, who joined the White Russian "police staff" during the German occupation of Poland, participated in the liquidation of the Zastrowicz ghetto. The court also confirmed the death sentence meted out to Frieda Ehrlich, chief of the women's section of the infamous Maidanek concentration camp.

SENATE INVESTIGATING SUB-COMMITTEE OPENS EXECUTIVE HEARINGS TODAY IN ILSE KOCH CASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Senate Investigating Sub-Committee will begin executive hearings tomorrow in the case of Ilse Koch, notorious German war criminal charged with having made lampshades of the skin of murdered concentration camp inmates at Buchenwald. The reduction of Frau Koch's life sentence by the U.S. Army last June set off a wave of protest and indignation throughout this country.

ISRAELI PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA HONORED IN N.Y.; EPSTEIN LAIDS ITS ROLE IN PEACE AND WAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- More than 1,200 persons paid \$75 each to attend a concert tonight paying tribute to the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra arranged by the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria as part of its 1948 drive for \$1,217,000. The Fund is headed by Edward A. Norman.

Addressing the gathering at a dinner which followed the concert, Eliahu Epstein, Israeli envoy to Washington, emphasized that the victory of Israel "was not due mainly to material weapons, but primarily to the spiritual and moral impulses which animated our people and which gave them the inspiration to fight for the most cherished treasures in life: liberty and independence."

Epstein pointed out that by paying tribute to the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra the audience was paying tribute as well "to the entire spirit of a people who labor and fight not for a mere existence, not for bread alone, but for a complete life that will enable them to contribute to world civilization in science, in the arts, in literature, language." He lauded the activities of the Israeli Orchestra in keeping the morale of the people in Israel high throughout the crucial year of the war, by visiting the battlefronts and isolated settlements, and risking their lives to play under fire.

The concert program included selections by Arthur Rubinstein, Gregor Piatigorsky and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Charles Munch. Norman told the guests that the beneficiaries of the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions include five institutions for theatre and music, two conservatories of music, eight institutions for literature and language, seven welfare agencies, eight agricultural schools and training agencies, eight vocational training institutions, eleven teachers colleges and secondary schools, twenty-two theological schools, five relief agencies, one hospital for mental diseases, three museums, three libraries, three research institutes and two physical training agencies.

HADASSAH CABLES \$1,000,000 TO JEWISH AGENCY IN JERUSALEM FOR ORPHANS REACHING ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The sum of \$1,000,000 was cabled tonight by Hadassah to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem to meet emergency needs of orphaned Jewish children entering Israel.

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, member of the Jewish Agency executive who is now visiting this country, addressing a Hadassah dinner here tonight at the Plaza Hotel, said that the latest acts of the United Nations "are encouraging to all Jews because it appears that the representatives of the nations of the world now realize that only realistic policy can be employed." Speaking as a British Jew, he expressed the hope that "from what has happened so far," Britain has begun to appreciate the place of Israel and its importance in the Middle East.

NEW YORK STATE MOST ADVANCED IN FIELD OF ANTI-BIAS LEGISLATION, SURVEY REVEALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- New York was listed today as the most advanced state in the Union insofar as protecting its residents from religious and racial discrimination is concerned. In a survey made by the American Jewish Congress evaluating the degree of protection offered citizens in all 48 states, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois follow New York in that order.

The Congress survey digested more than 200 laws in the fields of public accommodation, employment, education, housing and group defamation which are presently carried on the statute books of all 48 states. A majority of the states fall short of a minimum program required to assure protection of their citizens' civil rights, the survey revealed.

TRUMAN TO ASK CONGRESS TO VOTE UP TO \$16,000,000 AS AID FOR ARAB REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- President Truman will ask Congress to provide funds up to half of those recommended by a United Nations resolution for care of refugees in Palestine, but in no case more than \$16,000,000, the White House announced today.

The U.N. resolution considered that a sum of approximately \$29,500,000 will be required to provide relief for refugees over the nine-month period ending Aug. 31, 1949, the announcement said.

BEIGIN CRITICIZES EINSTEIN; REITERATES DEMAND THAT ISRAEL COMPRISE ALL PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Menachem Beigin, former Irgun Zvai Leumi chief, last night criticized Prof. Albert Einstein for calling him and other former Irgunists "fascists." "I daresay I understand more in mathematics than the old venerated professor understands in politics," Beigin asserted. He addressed more than 2,000 persons in Manhattan Center.

Declaring that he would not answer "smear campaigns" against him, Beigin said his group is "anti-Fascist." He reiterated his previous demand that all of Palestine and Transjordan be included in the boundaries of the state of Israel.

ISRAEL MUST NOT BE COERCED TO TRADE TERRITORY FOR RECOGNITION, JUDGE ROTHENBERG SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- "Israel must not be compelled by diplomatic pressure to trade territory for recognition," Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund, declared in an address before 2,000 persons participating in a J.N.F. dinner. "Formal recognition by the United Nations of the state of Israel is an act of justice dictated by history, by the present situation and by the urgent need to restore peace to the Middle East," he added.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DELEGATION RETURNS TO U.S. AFTER THREE-WEEK TOUR OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The 35-member United Jewish Appeal delegation which toured Israel for three weeks after visiting Paris and Rome arrived here last night at Idlewild Airport. Justice Benjamin Shalleck, spokesman for the group, described the achievements of the Jews in Israel as "amazing."

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