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GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND EXPECTED TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL WITHIN A FEW DAYS

LONDON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Governments of Australia and New Zealand are expected to recognize Israel some time next week, it was learned here today.

An indication that British recognition of the Jewish state is still subject to the fulfillment of certain unnamed conditions was given here today by a Foreign Office spokesman. Most political observers here do not expect that these reservations will actually lead to a postponement of recognition, which is considered most important in view of the imminence of the Israeli general elections. However, it is believed that the formal announcement of recognition would be qualified in such a manner as to give Britain a perfect excuse for withdrawing recognition if the conditions were not met.

Reuters today reported that British recognition of Israel is "imminent and any delay in the announcement is purely on a day-to-day basis." The dispatch added that this view is held by many Labor M.P.'s as well as by the Parliamentary opposition.

It is understood here that both Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will participate in next Wednesday's debate on the Palestine issue. Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill will open the debate for the Conservatives, while Sir Oliver Stanley, one-time Colonial Minister, will be the last Conservative speaker. Many Laborites have expressed disappointment that only one day will be devoted to the debate. A meeting of the Labor M.P.'s is tentatively scheduled for the same day.

## Release of Jews on Cyprus Not A Precedent for British Zone of Germany

The release of the Jewish visaless immigrants on Cyprus is not regarded as setting a precedent in the case of Jews in the British zone of Germany, a Foreign Office spokesman stated. The ban on the emigration of Jews of military age from Germany to Israel remains in force, he said.

The Daily Mail today reported a "fleet of merchantmen loaded with war materials converging on Palestine." British naval intelligence has charted 60 vessels on the high seas, the report added. The vessels come from Poland, the U.S. and Latin America, the Daily Mail declared. It also said that this information has been placed before the U.N.

The Manchester Guardian said that both sides of the House of Commons expect announcement of British recognition before Wednesday's Parliamentary debate. It is thought likely, the newspaper added, that the United States will recognize Transjordan as "part of a general settlement in the Middle East."

Members of the Cabinet expect that the opposition parties will support recognition, since they asked for such a move several weeks ago. Even opponents of recognition are expected to take a "more realistic" attitude, the Guardian said, but predicted that a bitter debate is expected nonetheless. It pointed out that since the debate is scheduled under a procedural rule, which does not require a formal party division of the House, it is likely that Bevin's critics will express themselves freely.

ISRAELI AND TRANSJORDAN MILITARY COMMANDERS IN JERUSALEM RENEW ARMISTICE TALKS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Talks between Col. Moshe Dayan, Israeli military commander for the Jerusalem area, and Lt. Col. Abdullah Bey el Tel, his Arab Legion counterpart, were renewed here last night as part of current Israeli-Transjordan armistice negotiations. It is understood that el Tel proposed the return to the Arabs of Jerusalem's Arab quarters which were conquered by the Jews. He also urged the internationalization of the New City and placing of the Old City under King Abdullah's rule.

Premier David Ben Gurion, who arrived here yesterday, along with some of his political advisors, heard Col. Dayan's report on the demands which the Jews would present. These demands are kept secret.

Ben Gurion envisaged Jerusalem as Israel's political, cultural and economic capital in a public address here last night. "We will never consider giving up parts of the country or of Jerusalem that were captured by the Israeli Army," he asserted. "Jerusalem has always played the most important role in Jewish history. Now, no less than at any other time, Jerusalem occupies an exclusive position not only in Jewish, but in the world's life, and must pay for this exclusiveness," he said.

The Israeli Premier revealed steps which the government is planning for the city's economic development, including the transfer of the diamond, watch-making and similar industries to Jerusalem.

ISRAEL SENDS DELEGATION TO U.S. TO SIGN FORMAL PAPERS FOR \$100,000,000 LOAN

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A government delegation headed by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan will leave soon for the United States to sign the formal papers for the \$100,000,000 loan extended to Israel by the Export-Import Bank this week, it was learned here today.

Appreciation on behalf of the Israeli Government to the Export-Import Bank for granting the loan was voiced here today by Kaplan addressing a session of the Israeli State Council. He also thanked "all of Israel's friends in the United States" for their efforts to have the loan granted.

He announced that the funds made available by the Bank would be used to develop and enlarge the country's absorptive capacity and that the \$100,000,000 is only a part of the vast funds needed to enable the absorption of a record immigration and the creation of jobs for the immigrants. These funds, he said, would be used for urban and rural development and not for political or organizational purposes.

ISRAELI STATE COUNCIL DECIDES TO HOLD NATIONAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY DESPITE OBSTACLES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- With only a few days left before the Israeli national elections take place on Jan. 25, Interior Minister Itzhak Gruenbaum today asked the State Council to amend the present election regulations to permit persons who have not yet received their identification cards to vote in the forthcoming elections on Tuesday.

A Revisionist representative asked for a cut of four dollars in the elections budget as a symbolic vote of non-confidence in the Ministry of the Interior for its failure to distribute all identity cards. There are approximately 80,000 persons who have not yet received their cards. Despite the existing obstacles, the State Council decided to hold the elections on Tuesday as scheduled.

J.D.C. REPRESENTATIVE LEAVES FOR CYPRUS TO AID IN LIQUIDATION OF JEWISH DP CAMPS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Pesach Litvak, representative of the Joint Distribution Committee, left for Cyprus today to aid in the liquidation of the Jewish DP camps on the island.

Meanwhile, Harry Viteles, J.D.C. Middle East director, voiced the hope that Britain's decision to release the Cyprus Jews would be followed by the release of the thousands of Jews in Aden.

The J.D.C. announced here that it has purchased 273 tons of Israel-made citrus jams, 80 tons of chocolate and 80,000 bottles of wine for shipment to the Jewish displaced persons camps in Germany and Austria.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND WILL SEEK TO DOUBLE ITS PRESENT LAND HOLDINGS, GRANOVSKY SAYS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The policy of the Jewish National Fund towards land-acquisition in the light of the establishment of the state of Israel was outlined here today by Dr. Abraham Granovsky, head of the J.N.F., at a conference marking the 47th anniversary of the founding of the official land-purchasing instrumentality of the Zionist movement.

Reviewing the immediate problems of the Fund, Dr. Granovsky emphasized that Israeli military conquests cannot alter ownership of land. "So long as the ownership rights of the Palestine Arabs who abandoned the land are not cancelled by Israel," he stated, "we must respect the Arabs' property rights."

Outlining the J.N.F.'s programs, Dr. Granovsky said the Fund will: 1. Purchase all lands suitable for colonization, paying the cost of the land to the Israeli Government which will in turn be responsible for reimbursing the Arabs. 2. Seek to double its present land holdings from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 dunams, for which reason the J.N.F. adopted a record budget of \$104,000,000 for the Hebrew year 5709.

Jewish Agency treasurer Dr. Israel Goldstein, addressing the meeting, announced that the Agency's colonization department has allocated \$29,000,000, of which the Keren Hayesod will contribute \$18,000,000 and the Jewish National Fund \$11,000,000. Dr. Goldstein said that the Agency's colonization program includes plans for the establishment of 130 new settlements as well as reconstruction of colonies damaged during the war.

In a message of greetings to the conference, President Chaim Weizmann said: "We have as yet redeemed only a small part of Israel's land and have as yet not reached our entire goal. The tie between the people and its Fund must be even stronger in the future than in the past. Far greater efforts than we ever made before are demanded of us so that our great plans for the settlement and absorption of the destitute immigrants from the diaspora can be fulfilled in peace. I see the functions of the Jewish National Fund in the present and in the future as being much greater than in the past."

JEWISH AGENCY MEMBERS IN JERUSALEM TO FLY TO N.Y. NEXT THURSDAY FOR PLENARY SESSION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Members of the Jewish Agency executive here will fly to New York on Jan. 27--two days after the national elections in Israel--to attend the plenary session of the Agency which was originally scheduled to take place in Jerusalem, it was learned today.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DISCUSSES IMPACT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL ON U.S. JEWRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The impact of the establishment of the state of Israel on American Jewry and the broad national campaign to implement civil rights in the United States were the major subjects of discussion today at the opening session of the three-day annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee being held at the Hotel Astor.

The panel devoted to Israel, at which Maurice Wertheim, former president of the American Jewish Committee, presided, unanimously agreed that complete political separation must be maintained between Jews who are citizens of the U.S. and those who are nationals of Israel, although recognizing that Israel requires all the financial and moral support of American and other Jews that it can get.

"The principle of political separation between the citizens of Israel and the Jewish community throughout the world does not mean that all ties between them ought to be severed," it was the consensus of the panel. "It must be remembered that Israel has not been created solely to secure the welfare of its inhabitants but also primarily as a haven for those Jews who find it necessary or desirable to go there and lead lives free from the threat or actuality of persecution. Accordingly, it is agreed that Israel must be rendered capable not only of supporting its existing populations but of acquiring and maintaining facilities for extensive immigration."

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok, in a cable of greetings to Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the Committee, declared that the people of Israel "gratefully remember the support which we received from you and your organization during the last few critical years in our struggle for Jewish rights and interests in Palestine. We feel confident that your constructive assistance will continue to be given to Israel during its formative period, both in defending our new-born freedom and in the great tasks of economic and spiritual reconstruction that await us," the message said.

The workshop group devoted to civil rights in the United States, headed by Ben Herzberg, chairman of the legal and civic affairs committee of the A.J.C., voiced strong disapproval of the practice, which exists in many states, of segregation of educational facilities.

On the question of releasing children from public schools for sectarian religious instruction during "working" school hours, Mr. Herzberg pointed out that the Supreme Court's ruling in the McCollum case--declaring the release of children from the public schools an unconstitutional use of the public school system in aid of religion--"has by no means put an end to the system of released time, although in a few areas it has resulted in the discontinuance of the practice."

ISRAEL SEEKS AGREEMENT WITH ARABS, DOES NOT WANT TO DICTATE PEACE, AGRONSKY SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Israel does not want a dictated peace and is ready to negotiate with the Arabs for a permanent settlement of the Palestine question, Gershon Agronsky told a press conference today at headquarters of the National Committee for Labor Israel. The editor of the Palestine Post declared that while Israel had won the first round in the war, it was not a walkover for the Jews, "who sacrificed many of their best sons and daughters in the fighting."

"The Arabs in the Middle East outnumber us forty to one," Agronsky stated, "and from the long view, it is more important that we reach an accord by agreement, as dictated peace never lasts. We have won because of the character and integrity of our people, in addition to military skill." Agronsky will tour the larger cities of the U.S. and Canada this month on behalf of the \$10,000,000 Histadrut campaign.

U.S. APPROPRIATION TO I.R.O. MAY BE QUESTIONED; CHANGE IN POLICY ON ISRAEL DEMANDED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Rep. Jacob K. Javits of New York today served notice in a letter to the State Department that he may question the U.S. appropriation to the International Refugee Organization if the I.R.O. should fail to pay the cost of transporting displaced Jews to Israel.

The International Refugee Organization suspended financing the movement of Jewish DP's to Israel on May 18, 1948, on the grounds that Palestine was a war area and not safe for settlers. In the letter, Javits asked for information about the forthcoming I.R.O. meeting to be held at Geneva on Jan. 25 at which he said the question would be raised. He said he understood the American delegation to the conference, headed by George Warren, had proposed to reaffirm its previous position that Jewish DP's should be treated in the same manner as other displaced persons and that their transportation to Israel should be financed by the I.R.O.

Declaring that he understood the British delegation is opposed to such a stand, Javits expressed the hope that the American delegation would make it clear "that international politics shall not be played with a humanitarian project. The by-laws of the I.R.O. plainly establish that it is the body to resettle displaced persons without regard to political considerations," he pointed out.

RUMANIA TO ESTABLISH FOUR STATE SCHOOLS WITH COMPLETE CURRICULUMS IN YIDDISH

BUCHAREST, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Preparations are under way for the establishment of four state schools with an entire elementary and high school curriculum in the Yiddish language, Mrs. Polia Barash, newly-appointed Rumanian Inspector General of Yiddish Education, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. In addition, it is planned to initiate classes in Yiddish as part of the curriculum in a number of other Rumanian schools which have a large percentage of Jewish students.

Mrs. Barash revealed that the four all-Yiddish schools will be located in Bucharest, Timisoara, Jassy and Satu Mare. Three of them will be boarding schools. The entire faculty and administrative staff of the schools will receive their wages and other rights on the same basis as all other teachers in the country. The first school will be opened in Bucharest as soon as textbooks can be edited, a curriculum drafted and faculty hired, Mrs. Barash declared. Pending completion of a survey, she added, it is not yet known which schools have enough demand for separate courses in Yiddish to warrant the establishment of a special curriculum for them.

In pre-war Rumania there were some 40 elementary and five high schools maintained by Jewish communities in this country. After the exclusion of Jewish students from state schools by the Antonescu regime, the number increased to 69 elementary and 23 high schools. The one Hebrew school which remained in existence after the liberation closed when the Jewish school system became part of the state set-up.

JEWS OF GERMANY TENDER FAREWELL PARTY TO PROF. HABER PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR U.S.

MUNICH, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Jewish Central Committee of Germany gave a special farewell party for Prof. William Haber, retired advisor on Jewish affairs to the American command in Europe, prior to his departure for the United States. The party was held in Munich's famous Jewish playhouse, the "Trocadero."

Present at the affair were Gen. Thomas L. Harrolds, head of the Civil Affairs Division of the European Command, and Murray Van Waggoner, U.S. Military Governor for Bavaria. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U.S. Commander in Germany, in a message to the party, paid tribute to the excellent manner in which Prof. Haber carried out his duties.

YALE UNIVERSITY FRATERNITY REMOVES RACIAL MEMBERSHIP RESTRICTION FROM CONSTITUTION

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Phi Delta Phi, the fraternity of Yale University's law school here, voted today to eliminate from its constitution a clause restricting membership to "males of the Aryan race." Nine other fraternities at Yale had declined to vote on the subject, believing that nothing would come of such a vote.

The vote, 51 to 14, was lauded by Wesley Sturges, dean of the law school. The Yale chapter of Phi Delta Phi announced that it will move to have the clause eliminated from the fraternity's international chapter at the group's world-wide convention in New York next year.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ANNOUNCES \$551,500 BUDGET FOR 1949; LAUDS TRUMAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A budget of \$551,500 for 1949 was announced today by the National Council of Jewish Women. The figure represents an increase of more than \$80,000 over the organization's budget for last year and is the largest budget in the history of the Council.

Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of the organization, today sent a message to President Truman lauding him for authorization of the \$100,000,000 loan to Israel announced this week by the Export-Import Bank and emphasizing that the loan "constitutes a major contribution to economic well-being and peace in Israel and throughout the Middle East."

ORT HELPED 43,000 JEWS TO REGAIN ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE IN 1948, DR. LVOVITCH REPORTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- More than 43,000 destitute Jews in 23 countries were helped last year to regain their economic independence through ORT's program of vocational training, according to the annual report delivered last night by Dr. David L. Lvovitch, co-chairman of the World ORT Union, to the board of directors of the American ORT Federation.

Dr. Lvovitch announced the opening soon of 26 new ORT courses in Israel. "At the same time, World ORT Union will continue in 1949 its vital reconstruction project of training Jews all over the world," he said. "ORT vocational training work will go on in the DP camps in Germany, Austria and Italy so long as Jews remain there who need help," he reported. In other European countries, such as Rumania, where social and economic changes necessitate vocational readjustment of the Jewish population, ORT will organize special accelerated courses for adults, he said.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS OPENS OFFICE IN JERUSALEM; HOLDS FORMAL RECEPTION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress yesterday opened an office here with a formal reception. Dr. Arish Tartakower and Dr. Leon Kubovitzki, Congress leaders, and many civic, political and cultural leaders of Jerusalem attended the ceremony.

NATIONAL JEWISH MUSIC MONTH ANNOUNCED; WILL BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A National Jewish Music Month, to be observed in Jewish centers and schools throughout the country, was announced here today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. The celebration will start Feb. 12 and is under the auspices of the National Jewish Music Council, of which Mrs. Frank Cohen is chairman. A musical "Salute to Israel" will be part of the nationwide program.