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## U.S. DE JURE RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL IS A MATTER OF DAYS, SECRETARY OF STATE INDICATES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Full de jure recognition of Israel by the United States will be announced some time between tomorrow and Tuesday, it was predicted here today. The prediction was made following an indication by Secretary of State Dean Acheson that such recognition awaited a report on the results of the Israeli national elections.

## BRITAIN, BELGIUM, HOLLAND, LUXEMBURG ANNOUNCE THEY WILL ACCORD RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Britain and the four other members of the Western Union tonight announced that they will grant Israel de facto recognition.

A joint communique issued by the Consultative Council of the Western Union said that "the stage has not been reached at which de facto recognition could be given to the Government of Israel." Since France has already recognized the Jewish state, the announcement applies to Britain, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxemburg.

## AUSTRALIAN GOVT. GRANTS ISRAEL FULL RECOGNITION; BACKS U.N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CANBERRA, Australia, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Australian Government today decided to grant the Israeli Government full recognition, it was announced here. At the same time, Australia announced that it would support Israel's application for membership in the United Nations.

Joseph B. Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, issued a statement saying that "it is clear that the new state has come to stay." The Government of Australia believed, Chifley added, that "the new nation of Israel will be a force of special value in the world community."

## SWISS GOVERNMENT GRANTS JEWISH STATE DE FACTO RECOGNITION IN SURPRISE MOVE

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Swiss Government today announced de facto recognition of Israel, Reuters reported.

The British news agency asserted that the announcement came as a surprise "since it had been expected here that the Swiss would await recognition action by Britain." An Israeli representative is expected to arrive soon in the Swiss capital. The Swiss are represented in Israel by a consul general.

## SWEDEN, DENMARK, NORWAY ANNOUNCE READINESS TO GRANT DE FACTO RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Foreign Ministers of the Scandinavian countries, meeting in Oslo, today issued a joint statement announcing that Sweden, Denmark and Norway are prepared to grant Israel de facto recognition in the near future.

ISRAELI ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY; COUNTING OF SOLDIER BALLOTS LAGS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Final results of last Tuesday's national elections are not expected to be announced until next Tuesday, it was learned here today. The counting of soldier ballots is proceeding very slowly and is far behind schedule.

Considerable behind-the-scenes activity is now going on regarding the composition of the new Israeli Government. Mapai leaders point out that if Mapam accepts the proposed internal and foreign platforms of the new government, and "disciplines itself," it will be invited to join the coalition government.

Under any circumstances, it seems certain that the Heruth, Irgun-sponsored party, will not be invited to join the government, while it is still uncertain whether the General Zionists will be asked. The participation of the Progressives, however, seems to be assured.

A proposal to increase the number of Cabinet posts from the present 13 to 15--with the extra two being assigned to Education and Health Ministers--is now under study. Mapai will probably have more portfolios in the Cabinet than it has held in the Provisional Government.

DEADLOCK IN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN TALKS REMAINS UNBROKEN; NEGOTIATIONS MAY END IN 10 DAYS

RHODES, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations acting mediator, saw Jewish and Egyptian delegations here separately today for behind-the-scenes talks, but the fortnight's deadlock in the Negev armistice negotiations was unbroken, Reuters reported.

Informed observers said neither side wanted to take the blame for a breakdown and Dr. Bunche hoped that so long as both sides were prepared to exchange views through him there was also the chance of a compromise. Among factors likely to alter the situation, according to observers, were British recognition of Israel or fresh American intervention in Cairo.

Dr. Walter Eytan, head of the Israeli delegation, said today he expected the conference to end within 10 days. The official news blackout has been intensified and nothing is being said officially except that "the talks are going on." (The Associated Press, quoting a reliable source, today reported from Tel Aviv that Israel last night urged the United States to intervene with Egypt in an effort to get the Egyptian Government to soften its stand in the armistice talks.)

RENEWAL OF ISRAELI APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN UNITED NATIONS REPORTED IMMINENT

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A renewal of the Israeli application for membership in the United Nations can be expected within a few days, it was learned here today in Israeli delegation circles.

They stressed the need for an early start if the Security Council which must give prior approval is to be given ample time for consideration before the General Assembly reconvenes at Flushing Meadow April 5. Although the Council had failed to approve Israel's first application, delegation spokesmen are more optimistic about the outcome of a second effort now that three members of the Council--Cuba, France and Canada--have since recognized the Jewish state.

JEWISH AGENCY MEMBERS LEAVE JERUSALEM ON MONDAY FOR U.S.; TO HOLD SESSION IN NEW YORK

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Members of the Jewish Agency executive will leave Monday for the United States to participate in a plenary session of the executive scheduled to be held in New York, it was learned here today. They will be headed by Earl Locker, chairman of the Agency's executive in Jerusalem, and will include Dr. Israel Goldstein, treasurer.

LEADERS OF CYPRUS JEWS FEAR DISTURBANCES IF TRANSFER OF DP'S TO ISRAEL IS DELAYED

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish refugees in Cyprus today expressed fears that serious disturbances might break out among the Israel-bound population here in the event that their transfer to Israel is delayed.

Conditions among the Jews here reached a stage of tenseness today following the non-arrival of vessels scheduled to bring the Cyprus DP's to Haifa. The camp leaders demanded that increased shipping facilities be made available immediately in the light of British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's statement in Commons this week that Britain will not remain "indifferent" in the event of renewed Palestine fighting.

The Cyprus Supreme Court today denied an application for a writ of habeas corpus requested by Jewish internees on Cyprus a number of weeks ago, prior to the British decision to release all detained refugees.

The court ruled that the termination of the Palestine Mandate did not invalidate the law governing illegal immigration and that the Jews were being held under that measure.

Although the present program of clearing the camps made the decision appear of academic importance only to some observers, others pointed out that it is important because of the probability of an international dispute between Britain and Israel over who shall pay the cost of establishing and maintaining the prison camps, Britain or the Palestine Mandate Government, whose funds have been frozen in London.

ISRAEL EXPECTS TO IMPORT \$200,000,000 WORTH OF GOODS THIS YEAR FROM OVERSEAS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Israel will this year import about \$200,000,000 worth of goods, it was reported here today. Officials of the Israeli Foreign Ministry emphasized that there will be no discrimination on political grounds among countries with which the Jewish state will maintain commercial relations.

Commercial advisors will be attached to all Israeli legations and consulates and special economic missions will soon proceed from Israel to those countries which have not as yet recognized the Jewish state. A number of governments have notified the Israeli Foreign Ministry that they are ready to station commercial attaches in Israel for the purpose of arranging trade relations.

Most of the Eastern European countries are interested in the conclusion of barter agreements with Israel. They offer mainly foodstuffs and raw materials, and in some instances fuel. Czechoslovakia is offering Israel machinery, textiles and crockery in exchange for Israeli woolen fabrics, artificial teeth and chemicals. All of these countries, excepting Czechoslovakia, consider citrus products a non-essential luxury.

Trade relations with Poland are expected to be brisk in the next few years although negotiations concerning the transfer of Jewish property in Poland to Israel in the form of imports are not progressing satisfactorily. The Polish Government prefers payment in foreign currency for commodities which it is ready to sell to Israel, especially foodstuffs and those raw materials which are scarce in the world market.

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HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BARS RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE PALESTINE SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, today informed the House that his committee has reported unfavorably on a resolution to investigate the Palestine situation. The resolution, introduced by Rep. Jacob Javits, would have called on the State Department to answer several questions regarding Palestine policy.

Rep. Bloom told the House that his committee was recommending that the resolution should not pass. He said it would come up for House discussion on Monday. The Committee's decision was based on a recommendation of the State Department that such an investigation would not be appropriate at this time, it was learned.

BRITAIN AUTHORIZES SHIPMENT OF 18 FORMER R.A.F. PLANES TO EGYPT; BUNCHE NOTIFIED

LONDON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office has authorized the shipment to Egypt of 18 training planes formerly belonging to the Royal Air Force, the Evening News reported today.

The paper said that before permitting the London firm of James Stuart Travel, Ltd., to ship the aircraft to Egypt, the Foreign Office referred the question to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, U.N. acting Palestine mediator. The planes were being crated at Croydon Airfield today for shipment to Miesr Airways, the Egyptian national airline.

A representative of the shipping firm asserted that the planes had not been classified as war material, shipment of which to the Middle East is banned. The planes are said to be worth \$40,000.

An appeal by the American Jewish Labor Committee to "end its disastrous course in Palestine and carry out the United Nations partition decision of November, 1947," was received here by the British Labor Party. In a cabled reply, the Party told the American Jewish labor organization that it is confident that "permanent peace and mutual understanding will soon be reestablished in the Middle East."

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ON U.N. PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION CALLS ON TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Mark Ethridge, U.S. representative on the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, talked with President Truman today for nearly one-half hour about his mission.

He was accompanied by Secretary of State Dean Acheson who told reporters that Ethridge had consulted with the President to get his views and instructions. Ethridge was sworn in at a ceremony at the State Department immediately following his White House call.

JEI DEMANDS IMMEDIATE EVACUATION OF AUSTRIAN CAMP FOLLOWING PROTESTS BY JEWISH DP'S

VIENNA, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Following protests on the part of some 2,000 Jewish DP's at the Bindermichl camp, near Linz, against a U.S. Army order to evacuate the camp immediately, the Army authorities withdrew the original order and agreed to a system of staggered evacuation proposed by the DP's. A number of Jewish organizations in Austria also intervened with the Army in behalf of the plan offered by the DP's.

Under the present set-up, one-third of the DP's will be moved to other quarters on February 1 and a second group will leave March 1. Meanwhile, dependents of American military personnel will be moved into living quarters as they become ready.

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SEN. WILEY URGES LEADERS OF MAJOR FAITHS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON REVISIONS IN DP LAW

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Senator Alexander Wiley, who advocates liberalization of the present DP law, today urged that "outstanding leaders of America's three great religious faiths get together around a conference table and agree upon minimum points" in the revision of the DP law for submission to the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and House.

"Thus, instead of having the judiciary committees of both chambers confronted by divergence of opinion on every count, perhaps we could secure a maximum of unity on as many issues as possible," Sen. Wiley stated. "This will simplify the problem of the Congress; it will simplify and speed revision of the law; and it will be in fullest keeping with the American tradition of unity and brotherhood." He made this suggestion in a letter addressed to Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, former advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. command in Europe. He proposed the following points to serve as basis for the revised DP immigration legislation.

1. "The so-called cut-off date of eligibility should be revised from the Dec. 22, 1945, date specified in the DP law to a later date, either April 21, 1947, or a later date best calculated to include 150,000 or so individuals heretofore excluded from the law.
2. "The provision of the law requiring that a specific job and specific housing be assured in advance for each DP should be replaced by a provision as follows: A validated commitment by the sponsoring individual, church or other organization that the DP will not become a public charge on the people of the United States. In so doing, we will bring the provisions of the DP law into line with the provisions of the general immigration law which prevents admission of those who would become public charges.
3. "By all means, a third revision should be an elimination of that provision which mortgages future quotas."

ABOUT 10,000 JEWS ENTERED CANADA IN 1948; QUEBEC REPORTED FREE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

MONTREAL, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- About 10,000 Jews, almost all of them refugees from DP camps, came to Canada during 1948, it was reported here at the regional conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Many of the immigrants arrived because of liberalized legislation regarding the admission of relatives of Canadian citizens, which the Canadian Jewish Congress asked for repeatedly for many years. Others arrived as industrial workers under schemes which the Congress assisted and encouraged. One thousand arrivals came as orphans and are wards of the Canadian Jewish community.

The financial commitments involved--totaling \$750,000--were met by the Congress. In addition to these expenditures, the C.J.C. purchased supplies in Canada to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars for shipment overseas, as part of the relief program organized by the Joint Distribution Committee. This was part of the \$2,500,000 relief program of Canadian Jewry.

The conference also heard that "Quebec, which once might have been considered a hotbed of anti-Semitism, is now as free of anti-Semitism as any other section of Canada." This report was submitted by S.D. Cohen, recently-appointed chairman of the joint public relations committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, who paid high tribute to the Roman Catholic and Protestant clergy in Quebec for fighting prejudice.

The all-day session also considered reports on education, stimulation of literary and youth activities, community organization, relief agencies, immigrant settlement and public relations.

JEWISH COOPERATIVE CREDIT BANK IN POLAND REPORTS INCREASED ACTIVITIES IN 1948

WARSAW, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Cooperative Bank for Productivization of Jews in Poland increased its activities in 1948 as compared with the previous year, it was reported here at a meeting of the institution's board of directors. During the first nine months of 1948, the Bank issued loans totaling 222,000,000 zlotys while a total of 211,000,000 zlotys in credits was issued in 1947.

Of the Bank's total circulating capital--326,000,000 zlotys--the Joint Distribution Committee made 213,000,000 zlotys available to the Bank while the Polish Government extended 62,000,000 zlotys in credit.

CONSTRUCTION OF TEL AVIV-HADERA RAIL LINK BEGUN; 2,000 IMMIGRANTS LAND IN HAIFA

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Work was begun today on a 45-kilometer railway link between Hadera and Tel Aviv, which will provide a shorter main line rail span between Tel Aviv and Haifa than existed previously. To be constructed at an estimated cost of \$6,600,000, the Tel Aviv-Haifa railroad through Hadera will run a total of 92 kilometers, as compared with the existing Tel Aviv-Haifa railroad which runs through Lydda, Kalkilya and Tulkarm and is 127 kilometers in length.

The Israeli vessel "Atzmauth" (Independence) arrived here today from Marseilles with 2,000 Jewish immigrants.

120 AMERICAN AND CANADIAN MEMBERS OF HABONIM ESTABLISH NEW SETTLEMENT IN GALILEE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A group of 120 American and Canadian members of Habonim today established a new settlement in Western Galilee. Army Chief of Staff Yacov Dori and Jewish Agency treasurer Dr. Israel Goldstein attended the opening ceremonies. Some of the settlers previously resided in the Beth Haarava colony near the Dead Sea which was evacuated in the fighting.

EHUD AVRIEL, ISRAELI MINISTER TO HUNGARY, ARRIVES IN BUDAPEST TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS

BUDAPEST, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Ehud Avriel, Israeli Minister to Czechoslovakia and Hungary, arrived here today from Prague to present his credentials to the Hungarian Government. He was met at the station by a large crowd of Jews.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF CANADA ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE IN ISRAEL

MONTREAL, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of Canada has appointed Maj. A.E. Friedgut, of Toronto, to represent the interests of Canadian Zionists in Israel, it was announced here today by Samuel K. Zacks, president. Friedgut will leave for Israel next week.

FIVE-YEAR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ISRAEL BEGUN; HEADED BY HEBREW UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A five-year geological survey of Israel has been undertaken by the Cabinet committee for economic affairs, composed of representatives of the Trade and Industry and Agriculture Ministries, it was reported here today. Prof. J.L. Pickard, of the Hebrew University's Geology Department, will supervise the project. He recently conducted a similar study in Argentina, which was lauded highly by President Juan Peron.

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