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### UNITED STATES GRANTS DE JURE RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL; EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government today granted full recognition to the state of Israel. Simultaneously, it granted de jure recognition to Transjordan.

A statement issued by the White House reads: "On Oct. 24, 1948, the President stated that when a permanent government was elected in Israel, it would promptly be given de jure recognition. Elections for such a government were held on Jan. 25th. The votes have been counted, and this government has been officially informed of the results. The United States Government is, therefore, pleased to extend de jure recognition to the government of Israel as of this date."

The statement with regard to the recognition of Transjordan reads: "For some time informal and friendly relations have existed between the United States Government and the Government of the Kingdom of Transjordan. Consistently with its feeling of friendship for Transjordan, the United States Government has supported that country for membership in the United Nations. Today the United States Government has extended de jure recognition to the Government of Transjordan."

Presidential press secretary Charles G. Ross, in response to questioning, said that it was not yet known who would be chosen as U.S. Ambassador to Israel. It is understood that within a few days there will be an exchange of ambassadors between the two countries. At present James G. MacDonald is special representative of the U.S. to the state of Israel while Eliahu Epstein is Israeli's special representative to the United States.

President Truman signed the order granting de jure recognition to Israel in the presence of Frank Goldman, national president of the B'nai B'rith, Maurice Byssinger, national secretary of the B'nai B'rith, and Eddie Jacobson, his former business partner in Kansas City.

### American Jewish Groups Hail Truman's Granting of Full Recognition to Israel

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Zionist and non-Zionist leaders tonight hailed President Truman's granting of full recognition to Israel. Statements issued by the Zionist Organization of America and by the American Jewish Committee called for active U.S. support of Israel's application for admission to the U.N.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Z.O.A., said that "American Zionists feel rewarded for their years of political struggle." He congratulated the Government of Israel "upon its triumph" and added that Jews in the United States are "thrilled" over President Truman's action.

Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Irving M. Engel, chairman of the executive committee, in a joint statement "warmly" welcomed Truman's announcement. "In extending full recognition to Israel," the statement said, "President Truman has given inspiration to the democratic forces of the world. The next step is restoration of peace to the Holy Land and a seat for the new state in the councils of the United Nations."

THOUSANDS WITNESS FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY OVER ISRAELI CONSULATE IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Thousands of persons gathered in Manchester Square here today to witness the first raising of the Israeli flag over Number 18, a dignified Georgian mansion which once was the home of British nobility and aristocracy, and is now the Israeli consulate in London.

The ceremony began with the crowd singing Hatikvah. The sound of the Israeli anthem echoed across the rooftops of the square which is less than 15 minutes from the spot where Israeli President Chaim Weizmann received the Balfour Declaration in 1917.

The crowd cheered the name of Premier David Ben Gurion and afterwards the state of Israel, and then a hush fell over the scene as a procession, with the Scrolls of the Law, arrived for the ceremony and the blue-and-white flag was put in readiness for hoisting. On the first floor balcony, leaders of English Zionism assembled. As they moved out, the crowd roared. Richard H.S. Crossman, Member of Parliament, was recognized as the only non-Jew present. There were cheers for Sidney Silverman and Barnett Janner, also Members of Parliament.

In a ringing voice, old Rabbi J.K. Goldbloom began his blessing of the flag. "From Zion comes the law," he said, and then slowly the blue star on a white field rose into the air, where it flapped in the wind, close to the Pakistani crescent and star flying just around the corner. The youngest member of the staff of the Israeli Mission, Ruth Libstedter, 17, who was born at Nuremberg and taken as a one-year-old infant by her parents to Jerusalem, raised the flag and was loudly cheered by the crowd. The Hatikvah was again sung.

All the Zionist parties and the Agudas Israel were officially represented. Just before the flag-raising ceremony began, I.J. Linton, Israeli representative here, said in a brief address: "This is going to be a simple ceremony. We are hoisting the flag for the first time in London. Before the traditional benediction is recited, I ask you to stand for a moment's silence in homage to the men and women who have given their lives so that the state of Israel may live."

FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVES ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE; DISCUSS FUTURE RELATIONS

PARIS, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Maurice Fischer, Israeli representative here, was today received by Foreign Minister Robert Schuman.

Although the visit was officially recorded as a courtesy call, it is known that the two men discussed future Franco-Israeli relations and an exchange of diplomatic representatives. Fischer leaves for Tel Aviv Wednesday for consultations with his superiors.

RUSE DEFEATS RESOLUTION CALLING ON STATE DEPT. TO CLARIFY PALESTINE POLICY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A resolution introduced by Rep. Jacob K. Javits of New York, calling upon the State Department to answer a series of questions regarding United States policy on Palestine was defeated in the House today by a vote of 191 to 205.

RHODES ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS REPORTEDLY EXPECTED TO BE CONCLUDED BY FRIDAY

LONDON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- An Israeli source said today he thought the Palestine "peace conference" being held at Rhodes, under U.N. auspices, would be over by Friday, Reuters reported from Rhodes.

The general view in Rhodes is that the wide gap in opposing views about armistice lines is being bridged. The last phase in the negotiations was thought in conference circles to be the handing over today of acting mediator Ralph J. Bunche's document summing up the position to the Israeli and Egyptian delegations. If there are no setbacks the delegations will be invited together to Dr. Bunche's room either tonight or tomorrow to draft an agreement based on the two points of view.

An Israeli courier took the "summing up" document to Tel Aviv today. Israeli representatives will probably wait until tonight to get instructions from Premier David Ben Gurion before giving their views, the British news service said. Dr. Bunche told reporters the document he had given both delegations had "several working papers designed to facilitate and expedite agreement."

JEWISH AGENCY MEMBERS LEAVE JERUSALEM FOR U.S. ON FIRST FLIGHT OF ISRAELI STATE AIRLINE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Members of the executive of the Jewish Agency left by plane today for the United States to participate in a plenary session of the executive which is scheduled to be held in New York.

Eliezer Kaplan, Israeli Finance Minister, who was originally scheduled to fly to New York later in the week, joined the group today. Others in the group include Berl Locker, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Rabbi Wolf Gold, Jacob Zerubavel, S.Z. Shragai and Dr. Itzhak Werfel. Three members of the executive--Eliahu Dobkin, Moshe Kolođny and Levi Bashkol-Shkolnik--who were slated to be among those flying to New York, remained in Jerusalem in accordance with a last-minute decision that they carry on the executive's routine work.

(A cable to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Rome late today said that Kaplan and the members of the Jerusalem executive landed in Rome en route to the United States. They were passengers on the first flight of a plane of the Israeli state airline "Elal" which inaugurated a schedule of regular bi-weekly flights between Lydda and Paris.)

JUDGE ROTHENBERG RE-ELECTED TO FIFTH TERM AS PRESIDENT OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Judge Morris Rothenberg was last night re-elected president of the Jewish National Fund of America for his fifth consecutive term at a conference of representatives of all Zionist groups in the United States held at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Reviewing the progress of the J.N.F., Judge Rothenberg reported that during his administration American Jewry made available for the land-reclamation program of the J.N.F. the sum of \$85,064,439.07. Of this total, \$13,034,025.44 was raised through the traditional J.N.F. collections while \$72,030,413.63 represented the Fund's share in the United Jewish Appeal.

Elected with Judge Rothenberg were a board of directors of 60 and an administrative committee of 18, including representatives of the Zionist Organization of America, B'nai B'rith, Labor Zionist Organization of America, Mizrahi, Enai Zion, Pioneer Women's Organization, Mizrahi Women's Organization and Hashomer Hatzair.

BRITAIN URGED TO RELEASE FUNDS TO ISRAEL FROM BLOCKED PALESTINE ACCOUNTS IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Britain's de facto recognition of Israel does not mean the automatic creation of a better understanding between Britain and Israel, the Manchester Guardian warned in an editorial today.

Asserting that the British announcement had been greeted with more relief than enthusiasm, the Liberal organ declared that a series of practical steps was necessary to establish understanding. It advised the British Government that first of all it must send to Tel Aviv a diplomatic representative worthy of a big and difficult task. Trade relations between the two countries should be encouraged, the paper declared. The oil of Iraq should be encouraged to flow again down the pipeline to Haifa.

The paper urged immediate payment on account to Israel from the Sterling balances of the former Mandatory Government, now blocked in London. While Israel's final share in these assets cannot be determined until the country's boundaries are finally settled, the paper said, the initial payment should not be delayed.

"On the other side," it added, "one would be glad to see some acknowledgement by the Israelis that the British position in the Middle East is not maintained simply from malignant hatred of the new state but for good reasons which involve no threat to Israel. On neither side is there much room for self-righteousness. But one right thing was done Saturday. May it be the first of many."

WASS RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL AND RESULTS OF ISRAELI ELECTIONS HAILED BY N.Y. PRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The rash of announcements last week of the granting of recognition to Israel by various nations, including Britain, was today hailed in the New York press as strengthening the Israeli cause both in the Middle East and at the United Nations.

The New York Times, which saw the spate of recognitions as the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the Jewish state, attributed the latest turn in part to the results of the Israeli elections. At the same time, the newspaper warned the Jewish state that while its position vis-a-vis the Arab states is stronger than previously it behooves Israel to remember that many of its economic and political problems are common to all the nations in the Near East.

The N.Y. Herald-Tribune pointed out that Israel's position in relation to the current negotiations with the Arabs and in relation to its chances for admission to the U.N. has improved as a result of the recognition announcements. The paper emphasized that the most critical aspects of Israeli politics "concern the nation's relationships with the major blocs of powers and the possibility of a drive for new frontiers, which would upset the current negotiations and bring renewed fears to the Arab states."

Commenting on the delay in winding up the Rhodes parley, the Herald Tribune declared that "recent developments have made it increasingly obvious that it is the Arab states which have the most to lose by postponing a definitive peace in Palestine."

CANADIAN ZIONISTS WELCOME EXTENSION OF BRITISH RECOGNITION TO STATE OF ISRAEL

OTTAWA, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Canadian Zionists, in a statement issued here last night, welcomed the decision of the United Kingdom to accord recognition to Israel. Samuel J. Zacks, president of the United Zionist Council of Canada, said that by extending recognition to the Jewish state, "Britain is now contributing much to peace and stability of the Middle East."

ROMANIAN JEWISH DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE TO LAUNCH DRIVE AGAINST INFLUENCE OF ZIONISM

BUCHAREST, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A campaign to eliminate the influence of Zionism among Rumanian Jews was proposed here at a conference of national leaders of the Jewish Democratic Committee of Rumania. The meeting was attended by delegates from all branches and groups within the Committee except left-wing Zionists and the Union of Rumanian Jews.

Bercu Feldmann, one of the top leaders of the Committee and a member of the Rumanian parliament representing the Jewish community, called on the Committee to "lead a merciless fight against Zionism." He said this campaign should "result in the complete liquidation of the movement's political influence in the Jewish life of this country." Feldmann repeated charges contained in a recent resolution of the Rumanian Workers (Communist) Party that Zionist leaders within the Committee had "sabotaged" the rehabilitation of the Jewish population, and denounced the left-wing Zionists.

One of the most serious errors of the Committee was a "conciliatory attitude toward the Zionists," Feldmann said. This resulted, in his opinion, from the fact that the Committee cooperated with all types of political groups in the fight against fascism, but failed to "enlighten the Jewish working population on the real character of this movement, giving Zionism a chance to become a mass movement."

Commenting on the recent self-dissolution of the central Zionist body, Feldmann warned his listeners against full acceptance of the surface facts because "the enemies of the working class never give up their own position of their own free will." He said that in the future more attention would be paid to vocational retraining of Rumanian Jewry and the inclusion of working class elements on the Committee.

TWO POLES FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING JEWS IN POLAND DURING WAR RECEIVE DEATH SENTENCES

WARSAW, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Georg Will, district chief of Rypin during the German occupation of Poland, who was found guilty of having participated in the execution of Jews in the Rypin area, was sentenced to death today.

Johan Fischetsrede, who was found guilty of murdering Jews during the years 1941-44, when he was employed by the German police in Turek, was also sentenced to death. He participated in the liquidation of the ghetto of Turek.

ARGENTINE NOTARIES INCLUDE RELIGION AND PARENTAGE OF PARTIES ON ALL CONTRACT FORMS

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Local authorities in many areas of Argentina are including the religion and names of parents of all parties to business and legal contracts, it was learned here today. The notaries enter such information on all contract forms before they place their seals on them.

Dr. Ricardo Dubrovsky, president of the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, today sent a letter to President Juan Peron asking an appointment for a delegation to see the President on the question of Argentinian recognition of Israel. A similar letter was sent to Mrs. Peron.

JEWISH VETERANS GROUP HONORS WAR DEAD WHILE BRITISH FASCISTS NAME ELECTION SLATE

LONDON, Jan. 31 (JTA) -- Sir Oswald Mosley tonight announced the names of candidates for local London County offices on his pro-fascist Union Movement slate at a meeting here. Simultaneously, the Forty-Three Group, an organization of Jewish veterans, which has consistently fought the Mosleyites, laid a wreath on a war memorial near the scene of the pro-fascist parley.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION VOTES DIVIDEND; SHOWS \$297,813 PROFIT FOR 1948

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Palestine Economic Corporation has declared its regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share of stock and has voted a four-for-one split in its common stock, it was announced today by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., who was recently named chairman of the board of the P.E.C. Including the current action, the total dividend paid for 1948 amounted to \$4 per share.

Reporting on the action of the board, Mr. Morgenthau declared that the four-for-one split in the stock was intended "to bring about the widest possible participation on the part of the American public in the great opportunities for economic activity resulting from the establishment of the state of Israel." At the same time, he made public a report on the earnings and profit of the Palestine Economic Corporation during 1948. The net profits, after deductions for expenditures and taxes, amounted to \$297,813.73, as compared with a net profit in 1947 of \$268,786.52.

The board of directors also established a committee of its members to draw up a blueprint for a number of hotels in key Israeli cities. The board named Harold J. Goldenberg, of Minneapolis, as vice-president of the Corporation. Mr. Goldenberg is planning to leave soon for Israel.

ZIONISTS FROM FOUR STATES NAME DANIEL FRISCH AS CANDIDATE FOR Z.O.A. PRESIDENCY

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A resolution endorsing the candidacy of Daniel Frisch for presidency of the Zionist Organization of America was adopted here yesterday by the executive of the Ohio Valley Zionist Region, representing Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Kentucky.

Paying tribute to Mr. Frisch for his "long and extraordinary service rendered to the Zionist cause," the resolution petitioned the chairman of the nominating committee of the forthcoming Z.O.A. convention to place his name in nomination for the Z.O.A. presidency.

B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN SHIPPED MORE THAN \$1,000,000 WORTH OF SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith women have sent more than \$1,000,000 worth of food, clothing, medical supplies, and automotive equipment to Israel, it was announced here today by Mrs. Abram Orlov, president of the Women's Supreme Council. The supplies were collected as a part of B'nai B'rith's "Aid To The People of Israel" drive which began last May.

DAVID NILES AND ISADOR LUBIN ELECTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., Jan. 31. (JTA) -- David K. Niles, White House aide, and Isador Lubin, economist and government official, have been elected to the board of trustees of Brandeis University, it was announced today.

RABBI JACOB GREENBERG, DEAN OF HEBREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF CHICAGO, DIES AT 69

CHICAGO, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Rabbi Jacob Greenberg, Dean of the Hebrew Theological College here for the last 25 years, died today at the age of 69. He was a renowned Talmudic scholar and was considered a world authority on the Jewish calendar.

Rabbi Greenberg ordained more than 150 rabbis now occupying pulpits in all parts of the world. More than 250 graduate Hebrew teachers also studied under him.