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WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES POSTPONEMENT OF DR. WEIZMANN'S VISIT TO U.S. BECAUSE OF ILLNESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The White House announced today that the visit of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, to the United States has been postponed until late in April, because of Dr. Weizmann's health.

The Israeli President was expected to attend a New York dinner arranged by the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science on February 19. President Truman hoped to be present at the testimonial dinner for Dr. Weizmann.

The text of the White House statement reads as follows:

"The President has learned with deep regret that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the State Council of Israel, has been compelled by illness to postpone his visit to the United States until April. The White House has been informed that Dr. Weizmann's illness is not of a serious character and that he will be able to preside over the newly-elected Constituent Assembly. However, his physicians have counseled him against exposure to a sharp change in weather conditions and have strongly urged that he wait until the Spring."

The White House also made public the text of a cablegram sent by President Truman to President Weizmann, reading: "Deeply regret to learn of your illness. We are all praying for your speedy and complete recovery. Looking forward to our meeting again. Sincerely yours, Harry S. Truman."

In his cablegram to the President, Dr. Weizmann said: "I regret to inform you that my physicians decline permit me to undertake a voyage to the United States before Spring. I should, accordingly, be grateful if you could find it possible to agree to the postponement of the function to a suitable date in the latter part of April. I am deeply conscious of your friendship. With renewed assurances of my high esteem. Sincerely yours, Chaim Weizmann."

Dr. Weizmann Suffers from Neuralgia; N.Y. Dinner Changed to April 23

The Israeli mission here said that Eliahu Epstein, Israeli envoy to the United States, had conveyed his appreciation to President Truman for adjusting the date of Dr. Weizmann's projected visit. The mission said they understood that Dr. Weizmann was suffering from neuralgia and that his physicians had insisted he should not be exposed to winter weather. The statement pointed out, however, that Dr. Weizmann was able to vote in the recent Israeli elections and that he will preside over the Israel Constituent Assembly, which will open February 14.

(In New York, Abraham Feinberg, chairman of the arrangements committee for the "Salute to the President of Israel Dinner," said the dinner would be postponed until April 23. "We are very grateful to the President for agreeing to come to the dinner in honor of Dr. Weizmann on the new date," he stated.)

BEVIN RECEIVES ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE; GETS SHERTOK'S REPLY TO BRITISH RECOGNITION

LONDON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin today received I.J. Linton, acting Israeli representative here, who conveyed the reply of Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok to Bevin's message announcing de facto recognition of Israel by the British Government.

Following his visit to Bevin, Linton conferred with a number of high officials of the British Foreign Office. No details of the conversations were revealed. However, it is understood that they were devoted primarily to questions of diplomatic protocol connected with the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Britain.

Significance is attached here to the fact that Bevin received Shertok's reply personally and not through British Foreign Office officials. Questions concerning the exchange of diplomatic representatives between Britain and Israel will be discussed by Cyril Marriot, British consul-general in Haifa, with the Israeli Foreign Office in Tel Aviv, it is believed here.

When asked in the House of Commons today whether the British representative to Israel had been appointed, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin asked the questioner to "wait for a day." Left-wing Labor member Emrys Hughes asked amid laughter: "In view of the esteem in which the Foreign Secretary is held in Tel Aviv, can he not be persuaded to go there himself?" Bevin replied: "I might be successful."

ISRAEL READY TO MEET TRANSJORDAN ON ARMISTICE TALKS; AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT EXPECTED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government is prepared to meet the representatives of the Government of Transjordan for armistice talks following the conclusion of the Israeli-Egyptian talks at Rhodes, it was learned here today. The talks at Rhodes are expected to come to an end at the middle of next week, it is believed here.

(The Associated Press reported today from Haifa that "an official informant" there said that "Israel was ready to come to terms with Egypt and probably would sign an agreement at Rhodes tomorrow.")

Mark Ethridge, American member of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, arrived in Jerusalem today and was met at the airport by the other two members of the Commission. He then proceeded to the King David Hotel. After reaching the Israeli military lines, he was met by a representative of Israeli military governor Dr. Bernard Joseph and a Jewish guard of honor.

CHADOR EXTENDS DE JURE RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL, FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMS SHERTOK

QUITO, Ecuador, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Government of Ecuador today extended de jure recognition to Israel. Foreign Minister Neftali Ponce, in a cable to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok, expressed the hope that the most cordial relations would be maintained between the two nations.

DENMARK GRANTS ISRAEL DE FACTO RECOGNITION; BECOMES FIRST SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY TO ACT

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Government of Denmark has extended de facto recognition to Israel, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced late today. Denmark, the 35th nation to accord either de facto or de jure recognition to the Jewish state, is the first Scandinavian country to officially recognize Israel.

ARGENTINE NATURALIZATION PROPOSAL MODIFIED TO PERMIT ALIENS TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A spokesman for President Peron announced today that the Constitutional Commission, after consulting "high national leaders," modified the section in the draft on constitutional reforms which proposed that foreigners remaining in Argentina more than two years must either become naturalized or leave the country.

This provision, which could have affected certain categories of Jews, has now been rewritten. The new provision stipulates that aliens might apply for Argentine nationality after two years of residence. After five years of residence they would automatically become naturalized, unless they specifically stated that they did not wish to be naturalized. In that case they would retain their original nationality and would be permitted to continue their residence in Argentina.

3,850 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS REACHED U.S. IN LAST THREE MONTHS, U.S.N.A. REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A total of 3,850 Jewish immigrants, many of them displaced persons, reached the United States in the last three months, entering ports in different parts of the country, according to a survey completed today by Edwin Rosenberg, president of United Service for New Americans.

Of this figure, Rosenberg reported, approximately 2,500 received some form of assistance from U.S.N.A. The bulk of the newcomers arrived in New York, Boston, San Francisco and Miami. During this same period, the report said, "United Service for New Americans expended \$2,500,000 to bring newcomers into the country, to assist those already here and for medical care and hospitalization, clothing, vocational training and for special assistance to orphaned Jewish children reaching the U.S."

During the months of November, December and January, the report continued, U.S.N.A. assisted an average of 12,000 individuals monthly in the form of direct relief, social work guidance, dental and medical care, vocational guidance and other rehabilitative services. The agency aided an average of 6,000 American citizens each month in arranging for the filing of necessary legal documents to bring relatives and friends from Europe to this country, the report stated.

153 JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVE IN N.Y. FROM GERMANY; MAJORITY ARE SPONSORED BY HIAS

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The S.S. Marine Shark arrived here today from Germany with nearly 400 displaced persons, including 153 Jews of whom 112 were sponsored by HIAS. The vessel is the seventh DP ship to reach these shores under terms of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, making the total number of DP's brought to the U.S. to date 3,909, of whom 1,494 were Jews. A statement issued by HIAS headquarters here said that 1,064 of the Jewish DP's who have arrived in this country under the 1948 immigration law were sponsored by HIAS.

I.R.O. ASKS FOR ADMISSION OF ENTIRE FAMILIES OF REFUGEES TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization today called upon the U.N. Social and Economic Council to "make a strong appeal to the conscience of individuals and nations" to relax their conditions for receiving refugee immigrants, particularly with respect to receiving entire family groups, including aged, sick and incapacitated members of refugee families. The Council is to meet here February 7.

All of the Arab refugees now dispersed in various Arab states are anxious to return to Palestine, even if they have to become citizens of Israel. This statement was made here before a press conference by Dr. Baird Dodge, who has just returned from the Middle East where he acted in an advisory capacity on refugees to U.N. relief chief in Palestine Stanton Griffis.

SEN GETS BILL TO OUTLAW MAILING OF PRINTED MATTER LIBELLING RACIAL GROUPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A group libel law that would make it illegal to ship between states, import into the United States or mail any printed or mimeographed material designed to stir up racial or religious hatred was introduced in the Senate today by a bi-partisan group of five Representatives.

Co-sponsored by Representatives Jacob K. Javits, Arthur G. Klein, Kenneth B. Keating, William L. Dawson and Eugene J. Keogh, the measure is based on a study conducted by the American Jewish Congress.

The bill makes it unlawful for any person "with intent to create ill will against a racial or religious group within the United States or any of its territories knowingly" to bring into the country or disseminate by mail or "by common carrier" any printed or mimeographed material identifying any person or group with his race or religion which exposes him or them "to hatred, contempt or obloquy or causes...him or them to be shunned or avoided or to be injured in his or their business or occupation."

The measure carries the provision that "no person shall be convicted under this section if such statement is true or was honestly believed by him upon reasonable grounds, to be true. The burden of coming forward with evidence upon the issues of truth, honest belief, reasonableness of belief and intent to create ill will shall be upon the defendant, but the burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt upon the entire case shall be upon the prosecution."

The bill makes it a misdemeanor to disseminate such literature. Any person or persons convicted under the act would be liable to not more than \$1,000 fine or one year imprisonment or both. As a further safeguard, the measure requires that no proceeding for violations of the act can be instituted by any district attorney without the prior approval of the Attorney-General. The prosecution of any case by a district attorney shall be conducted under the supervision of the Attorney-General.

Congressman Klein, Javits, and Keating told a press conference that their measure was not designed to attack anti-Semitic literature alone but to safeguard Negroes, Catholics, Protestants and other racial or religious minority groups from malicious attack.

N.Y. STATE LEGISLATURE GETS BILL TO REVISE LAWS ON RACIAL, RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A bill to revise and implement existing legislation barring religious and racial discrimination in public places was introduced in the State Legislature yesterday. The bill was prepared in cooperation with a committee of the American Jewish Congress.

The bill would authorize the filing of complaints by victims of racial or religious discrimination with the State Commission Against Discrimination, which would then be authorized to proceed in the same manner it now does in cases of employment bias.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION URGES SENATE NOT TO RATIFY U.N. CONVENTION ON GENOCIDE

CHICAGO, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, which earlier unanimously approved a resolution calling on the U.S. delegation to the United Nations to delay at least for one year final action on the proposed international covenant on human rights, yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the United States not to ratify the U.N. convention outlawing genocide.

The action was taken on a resolution submitted by the Association's president, Frank E. Holman, of Seattle, which said that the U.N. genocide convention should not be approved by the Senate "until and unless there has been accorded the time and opportunity for adequate public discussion and understanding of the convention."

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COMMITTEE OF ZIONIST CONTRIBUTORS CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE LAUNCHING OF U.J.A. CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Committee of Zionist Contributors to the United Jewish Appeal, in an open letter signed by 21 members from communities throughout the country, and addressed to the chairmen of the two major constituent agencies of the U.J.A.--the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal--today called for the immediate launching of the United Jewish Appeal campaign for 1949 without waiting for the selection of a general chairman.

Declaring that "the acceptance of Henry Montor is an impossibility" and that Henry Morgenthau, Jr. would be acceptable only without Montor," the Committee expressed the conviction that there was no use for further delay in organizing the U.J.A. campaign since "every hour of delay is paid for by the lives and suffering of Jews in Europe and Israel."

UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL CAMPAIGN OPENED IN MONTREAL; THIRD OF QUOTA RAISED AT DINNER

MONTREAL, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A total of \$510,000 was raised here last night at a dinner which marked the opening of the United Israel Appeal in Montreal. The quota for this city is \$1,600,000. Hyman Grover, national chairman of the U.I.A. in Canada, presided at the gathering.

The dinner was the largest in attendance of any Jewish communal function ever held in Montreal. Speakers included Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli representative to the United Nations; Shimon Hachon, of Israel, who is now touring Canada on behalf of the Jewish National Fund and Keren Hayesod, and Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and honorary Dominion chairman of the United Israel Appeal.

Mr. Bronfman said that British recognition of Israel was the final fulfillment of the Balfour Declaration. It was a vindication of the faith "that the bond of friendship which had been established during preceding centuries between the British and Jewish peoples had been established not for a season, but for all time," he stated.

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN MAY SOON VISIT SOUTH AMERICA; SENDS MESSAGE TO JEWS THERE

MONTVIDEO, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Arie' Chill, Jewish Agency representative in Latin America, who recently arranged a tour of Israel by leading Jewish industrialists from this continent, arrived here today from Tel Aviv.

Chill said that he was instructed by Israeli President Chaim Weizmann to convey a message from him to Latin-American Jewry. The message, which extended cordial greetings to the Jewish communities in Latin America, expressed the hope that Dr. Weizmann would be able to pay a visit to South America soon.

WHITE HOUSE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE MESSAGES HAILING U.S. RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Messages hailing President Truman's extension of full U.S. recognition to Israel continued to reach the White House today.

Badassah, in a message to the President, expressed gratification on behalf of "the quarter million American Jewish women" affiliated with it. The message, signed by Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, president, expressed confidence that Israel will soon become a member of the United Nations. A message from the National Committee for Labor Israel said that "as Americans we are proud of the action taken by our government in backing the state of Israel."

ALBUQUERQUE JEWISH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCES GIFT OF \$10,000 WORTH OF CATTLE FOR ISRAEL

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Albuquerque Jewish community will send \$10,000 worth of cattle to Israel for breeding and beef purposes, it was announced here today by Simon Goldman, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation of this city.

Arthur Ravel, a local grain merchant who is chairman of the cattle project, declared that considerable time and research were needed to select the types of cattle most suitable for Israel. He revealed that study is now being given to the best methods of transporting the cattle to the Jewish state.

FRANK L. WEIL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The National Social Welfare Assembly--central national organization for social welfare planning--elected Frank L. Weil, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, as its new president at its annual meeting here yesterday. Mr. Weil, a founder of the Assembly, served as chairman of its executive committee since the organization's inception three years ago.

The Assembly comprises 40 affiliate national voluntary organizations, 12 federal government agencies and four associate groups. Its purpose is to facilitate more effective operation of organized social welfare, study and define social welfare problems and human needs and develop plans of action to meet them, and to act on behalf of social welfare where representation of its interests are indicated.

CONVENTION OF ORTHODOX RABBIS URGES U.J.A. TO SUPPORT RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS IN ISRAEL

LAKEWOOD, N.J., Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the United Jewish Appeal to appropriate \$2,000,000 for religious institutions in Israel was adopted here at the annual convention of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada. At the same time, delegates to the convention unanimously approved a resolution thanking the Joint Distribution Committee for the program it conducts on behalf of the religious and cultural centers of Israel.

The delegates also sent a message of greetings to the state of Israel and voiced their solidarity with the Religious Bloc formed during the recent Israeli national elections. They expressed the hope that the Israeli Constitution would not incorporate any laws which would be contrary to the spirit of the Torah. Discussions on Yeshivoth in the U.S. and on the question of Kashruth in this country were also conducted. Rabbis Israel Rosenberg, Eliezer Silver and Aryeh L. Levinthal were re-elected to the organization's Praesidium.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OPENS IN NEW YORK; WILL BE SHOWN THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- An exhibition depicting the key phases of the U.S. network of vocational training centers in various countries opened here last night. It will remain in New York for two months and will then be shown in principal cities throughout the country.

The exhibit includes radios, machine tools, clothing, jewelry and art work produced by CRT students in 26 countries. Nathaniel Kaplan, secretary of the Board of Education, speaking for Mayor O'Dwyer, lauded the "dramatic interest" of the exhibit, particularly the animated maps illustrating the persecution of the Jews in Europe during the war.