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HOPE FOR PALESTINE ARMISTICE DIM AT RHODES PARLEY; BUNCHE SEES EGYPTIANS ON DEADLOCK

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Prospects of an Israeli-Egyptian armistice receded today as it became apparent that the Rhodes conference was floundering in technical difficulties, Reuters reported today from Rhodes.

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting Palestine mediator, saw the Egyptian delegation today in an effort to overcome differences which were barring the way to a meeting later in the day between the two military staffs.

Hopes for the success of the conference, which for almost three weeks has been swaying between success and failure, had risen in the past few days as military discussions got under way. But they fell again when the military chiefs rose after a four-hour session last night without fixing the time for the next meeting, Reuters said. A high conference source said today that some progress had been made in the past two days on drafting the armistice lines but had been halted by the adamant stand of both sides on certain positions, the British news service reported.

Elias Sassoon, the Israeli delegation's expert on Arab affairs, returned here today after a fortnight's visit to Israel. Usually well-informed sources said his return indicated that he might be expecting other Arab arrivals and wanted to be on hand to advise the delegation.

Dr. Bunche's legal adviser, Dr. Constantine Stavropoulis, who began a tour of the Arab capitals yesterday, today arrived in Damascus where he conferred with Syrian Premier Khaled el Azem. He is also expected to make contact with the U.N. Conciliation Commission in Jerusalem.

U.S. GOVERNMENT IS URGING ISRAEL AND EGYPT TO MAKE ARMISTICE TALKS A SUCCESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government is urging both the Israeli and the Egyptian Governments to do everything possible to make the armistice talks at Rhodes a success, a State Department spokesman said today. He emphasized that several pleas to this effect were made by the U.S. to representatives of both governments.

The Egyptian Ambassador saw Secretary of State Dean Acheson on Saturday at his own request. Shortly before his visit Acheson had called in Israeli special representative to the United States Eliahu Epstein. The State Department, however, would not disclose the nature of their discussion.

President Truman today sent to the Senate for confirmation the nomination of James G. McDonald, present U.S. Special Representative to Israel. McDonald is being mentioned as the most probable choice for American Ambassador to the Jewish state.

BRAZIL GRANTS RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL; JEWISH AGENCY OFFICE IN NEW YORK IS NOTIFIED

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Government of Brazil today granted recognition to Israel, it was stated in a message received from Rio de Janeiro by the office of the Jewish Agency here.

ISRAELI PREMIER APPEALS TO AMERICAN JEWS FOR "MANPOWER, MEANS, SKILL AND DEVOTION"

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A call to American Jews "as the biggest community all over the world" to make its contribution in "manpower, means, skill and devotion," to the Jewish state was issued today by David Ben Gurion, Israeli Premier, in a message cabled to the opening session of the national board of Hadassah, which is now holding its mid-winter conference at the Park-Sheraton Hotel here.

Today's session was addressed by Eliezer Kaplan, Israeli Finance Minister, who appealed for the mobilization of funds to absorb immigrants in Israel. The session was also addressed by Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem; Dr. Israel Goldstein, treasurer of the Jewish Agency; Israeli Consul General Arthur Lourie and Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, national president of Hadassah.

"Our task after the establishment of our state is only beginning," Premier Ben Gurion said in his message. "To bring over and absorb economically and socially hundreds of thousands of immigrants, to rebuild and develop the Negev and Galilee and Jerusalem and to shape a progressive, free and democratic commonwealth true to the great vision of our prophets on justice, peace and human brotherhood, will require all the creative energies of our generation.

"American Jewry, as the biggest Jewish community all over the world, will have to make its contribution in manpower, means, skill and devotion, and I trust that Hadassah will not only carry on its specific tasks in medical help and Youth Aliyah, but will also provide general Zionism in America with the moral, unselfish and progressive leadership which it needs now so much, and that you will strengthen the ties between American Jewry and Israel," the message said.

Israeli Finance Minister Discusses Economy of Jewish State

In discussing Israel's future economy, Kaplan asserted that \$35,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 loan granted by the U.S. Export-Import Bank has already been allocated for agricultural development. Plans for the use of the balance of the loan will be presented for approval in Washington shortly, he said.

"Israel, however, will need many more millions if it is to use the American loan properly," Kaplan declared. "We do not underestimate the task before us, neither its difficulties nor its dangers. We have set ourselves an unprecedented goal -- the absorption of a vast immigration. Jewry throughout the world, and Zionist forces everywhere, face a greater challenge than before the creation of the Jewish state. The government of Israel has opened the gates, but only Jewry and men of good will can help us keep them open. The American loan is purely developmental, extended specifically to make it possible for us to produce capital goods. That is why we are deeply interested in investment capital and determined to create an economic atmosphere which will attract such capital."

Four medical projects designed to aid newly-arriving immigrants in Israel during 1949 were approved at today's session. They are a tuberculosis hospital to be opened this month in Gederah, a new general hospital in Jerusalem, the Hadassah-Yaseky Memorial Hospital in Beersheba and the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

JEWISH AGENCY SESSION IN NEW YORK CONTINUES IN CAMERA; DR. SILVER ATTENDS PARLEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive continued in camera today with no communique issued at the end of the day. It is understood that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver attended the session for the first time today.

LIQUIDATION OF CAMP FOR JEWISH REFUGEES IN ADEN IS REPORTED; 2,800 FLOWN TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Hashid refugee camp for Jews, which is located some 15 miles from the city of Aden in the British protectorate of the same name, is being liquidated despite the fact that there are still some 700 Jews whom the British will not permit to go to Israel, it was learned here today.

In October of last year the camp held some 4,000 Yemenite Jews who were waiting to go to Israel, including 700 who had fled to the camp after a severe pogrom in the city of Aden. The Joint Distribution Committee and the Aden Government agreed to transport the refugees, except for men of military age, to Israel. Since last year some 2,800 persons, including over 550 orphans, have been flown to the Jewish state.

The J.D.C. is arranging air passage for the remaining 700 men and women who are not of military age, but nothing can be done for the others. In addition, the J.D.C. is paying the fare to Israel for about 1,000 Jews, not now in the camp, whom the British have threatened with deportation to Yemen.

SERIOUS SPLIT AMONG REVISIONISTS IN ISRAEL; SEVEN MEMBERS RESIGN FROM EXECUTIVE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Meir Grossman, chairman of the world executive of the Revisionist Party, is now forming a caretaker executive for the Israeli Revisionist Party following the resignation during the week-end of its chairman, Dr. Ariele Altman, and six other members of the executive. The resignations climaxed a discussion within the executive on the results of the Israeli elections and the future policy of the party.

Grossman's new body, which he is forming under powers given him by the last International Revisionist conference in Paris, will be established on the following temporary program: The continued independent existence of the Revisionist Party here and abroad; and, that until the next World Revisionist Conference in June, there shall be no negotiations with the Heruth or any other party.

Meanwhile, Grossman has cabled the various Revisionist headquarters throughout the world and asked for their confidence and assistance in keeping "intact the inheritance" of Vladimir Jabotinsky, founder of the Party.

PERON PROMISED O.I.A. DELEGATION NEW ARGENTINE CONSTITUTION WILL BAN RACIAL DIFFERENCES

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The pro-Peron Jewish organization, Organizacion Israelita Argentina, revealed in a statement issued today that President Juan Peron promised a delegation from the O.I.A. that the new Argentine constitution will include a clause asserting that "Argentina does not recognize any racial differences."

According to the O.I.A. statement, Peron authorized the organization to investigate Jews applying for visas to enter Argentina and promised that those Jews who would be useful to the welfare of Argentina would be admitted. The O.I.A. statement said that President and Madame Peron have agreed to receive in the near future a Jewish delegation composed of representatives of the O.I.A., DAIA--central representative body of Argentine Jewry--and Zionist groups. Peron and his wife will also attend a banquet to be arranged by the Argentine Jewish community next month, the statement added.

Meanwhile, the official Argentine radio confirmed today that the Argentine Government has decided to recognize Israel and added that the formal announcement will be made by the Foreign Ministry. The broadcast pointed out that Argentina's voting for the admission of the Jewish state to United Nations membership at the last session of the General Assembly in Paris was practically an extension of recognition to the Tel Aviv government.

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LARGE-SCALE EMIGRATION OF TRIPOLITANIAN JEWS URGED IN REPORT TO BRITISH JEWISH BODIES

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Large-scale emigration of Jews from Tripolitania was recommended today in a report to three major Jewish organizations here by Dr. B. Segal, who has just completed a tour of the country and a study of its Jewish population at the behest of the three groups.

The report, to the Central British Fund, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Anglo-Jewish Association, declared that the 30,000 Jews in Tripolitania are suffering from a fear psychosis since the pogrom of November, 1945, in which over 100 persons died and hundreds were injured. The Jews have not yet received indemnification for damages and losses suffered in the rioting and many are completely destitute, Dr. Segal stated.

The position of the community as a whole is "very bad," Dr. Segal asserted, adding that instances of actual starvation of Jews have been reported from outlying districts. He evaluated the day-to-day relief program of the Joint Distribution Committee and expressed the opinion that it was not yet operating on a scale sufficient to meet minimum requirements.

For those Jews who cannot emigrate, Dr. Segal urges "constructive relief," including grants and loans for the acquisition of raw materials and tools. Dr. Segal is now preparing a detailed report which will be discussed by the three organizations with a view to arriving at a joint program with the J.D.C.

RUMANIAN COURT SENTENCES TWO GENDARMES TO LONG PRISON TERMS FOR MURDER OF 150 JEWS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Two former non-commissioned officers in the Rumanian military police were today sentenced to 18 and 20-year prison terms, respectively, for the murder of 150 Jews in 1941. Two civilians who helped them rob the bodies of their victims received 15-year sentences. In addition all the property of the four convicted men was ordered confiscated.

During the trial before a Bucharest court it was established that the gendarmes, Dimitru Doaga and Leon Grumeza, had murdered the Jews in order to steal their personal possessions. They had been ordered to escort the Jews from the village of Siscauti across the Polish border.

GENIN, SOVIET ECONOMIST, IS AUTHOR OF ANTI-ZIONIST PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTED IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A pamphlet in which a distinction was made between the Soviet attitude toward the state of Israel and Zionism, emphasizing the continued opposition of the Soviet Government to the Zionist movement even after the establishment of the Jewish state, is being distributed through bookstores and newsstands in Moscow and in other cities in the USSR.

The author of the pamphlet is I.A. Genin, a Soviet economist, who last year delivered a public lecture on Palestine under the auspices of the Soviet Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge. The pamphlet which contains his lecture was published by the Society.

291 JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS SAIL FROM GERMANY FOR N.Y.; J.D.C. SPONSORS 161.

HAMBURG, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The S.S. Marine Jumper left here for New York today with 549 refugees scheduled to enter the United States under the DP Act of 1948. Of the 291 Jewish DP's aboard, 161 are sponsored by the Joint Distribution Committee.

FORMATION OF OVER-ALL JEWISH COMMUNITY IN U.S. URGED AT RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Declaring that "the present flare-up of interest in Jewish life is bound to die down when Israel is no longer front-page news," Dr. Abraham M. Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement, proposed the formation of an over-all Jewish community in the United States, based on regional and zonal committees uniting the functions of religion, Jewish education and recreation on the local level "as the first step toward an organic Jewish community."

Addressing an all-day conference yesterday sponsored by the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Dr. Kaplan pointed out that an urgent need exists in this country for an "organic Jewish community" based on religious culture as the link between the State of Israel and the Jews of America and, also, to afford "the best means of self-expression for American Jews. About 300 leaders of Jewish communities and national organizations attended the parley.

"The theory that a Jewish Palestine will radiate spiritual influence to Diaspora Jews has to be translated into a tangible and feasible program of interaction, otherwise it is bound to remain a pipe-dream," Dr. Kaplan declared. The conference adopted a resolution recommending that the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation appoint a committee of Jewish leaders to make a study of the next steps to be taken toward the achievement of an organic Jewish community, and that the committee report its findings at a conference to be held in the fall.

JEWISH CENTER MEMBERSHIP INCREASED TO 458,000 IN 1947, J.W.B. SURVEY REVEALS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Jewish Center membership during 1947 rose three percent over the preceding year to a high of 458,000, it was disclosed here today in a report by the Jewish Center Division of the Jewish Welfare Board.

The total cost of Center operations increased 14 percent from \$8,207,000 in 1946 to \$9,361,000 in 1947, the statistical study revealed. In 74 Centers which reported on total attendance at group activities, a 10 percent increase was noted. The Division's 321 installations comprise in weight of membership and budget 50 percent of the entire field.

JEWISH DEVOTION TO CIVILIZED VALUES EMPHASIZED AT DEDICATION OF HILLEL BUILDING

COLUMBUS, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Frank Goldman, national president of B'nai B'rith, in an address at dedication ceremonies for a new building of the Ohio State Hillel Foundation, last night emphasized that "Jewish devotion to civilized values has been a boon to every generation and it can be a boon again."

The new building, which will serve as a memorial to the late Edwin J. Schanbacher, Columbus Jewish leader, is the first major Hillel Foundation building erected exclusively for Hillel student activities. Other speakers at the dedication ceremonies, at which 1,000 persons were present, included Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, national Hillel director, and Howard L. Bevis, president of Ohio State University.

FIRST CRT SCHOOL FOR VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING OPENED IN ATHENS

ATHENS, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The first CRT vocational and technical training school was opened here over the week-end with a large number of Greek Jewish leaders in attendance. A religious ceremony marked the formal dedication of the CRT installation which is taking over the rehabilitation and vocational retraining program started by the Joint Distribution Committee.

Ascher Moissis, chairman of the Central Committee for Vocational Retraining here, in an address at the school's opening ceremonies, emphasized the "generous and constructive work performed by the CRT in Greece."

TEN TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TURNED OVER TO RED MOGEN DOVID BY AMERICAN RED CROSS

HAIFA, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Ten tons of medical supplies were presented here today to the Red Mogen Dovid by Dorothy Johnson, on behalf of the American Red Cross. Miss Johnson came to Israel in order to make the presentation personally.

At a reception arranged in her honor by the Red Mogen Dovid, Miss Johnson declared that "this was the first time one national Red Cross presented a gift to another."

CYPRUS JEWS LEAVING FOR ISRAEL PAY FINAL TRIBUTE TO 110 JEWS BURIED ON ISLAND

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Last respects to the 110 Jews who lie buried in the Margot Jewish cemetery--the only Jewish burial ground on Cyprus--were paid today by Israel-bound displaced Jews who left the Kytolymbou and Caraclos internment camps on the final lap of their journey to the Jewish state.

Following a ceremony at the cemetery in which representatives of the Jewish Agency, the Joint Distribution Committee and the internees placed wreaths on the graves of the 61 adults and 49 infants interred here, special honor was paid to the memory of two Cyprus internees--Moshe Leherer and Shlomo Chimson--who were shot and killed by British military guards on the island.

JEWS WILL MAKE JERUSALEM "DE FACTO JEWISH CITY," RABBI GOLD TELLS U.S. MIZRACHI PARLEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Rabbi Wolf Gold, member of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem who arrived here last week to participate in plenary sessions of the executive, declared at a testimonial dinner arranged in his honor last night by the Mizrahi Organization of America that "the Jewish people will make Jerusalem a de facto Jewish city" and that "it will not be very long before the Holy City again becomes the capital of the state of Israel."

Leon Gellman, president of Mizrahi, and a member of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, announced that the United Religious Bloc in Israel--formed to unite all Orthodox elements in the Jewish state in the recent Israeli national elections--would remain a permanent group "to implement the great ethical and spiritual values within the living framework of the new state."

NEW SETTLEMENTS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN GALILEE AND NEGEV FOR IMMIGRANTS FROM ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Four new settlements for immigrants from Argentina will soon be established in the Negev and in the Galilee, Arieh Chill, Jewish Agency representative in Latin America, reported here today. He recently returned from Israel where he accompanied a group of Jewish industrialists from this country who surveyed economic conditions in the new state.

NEW YORK JEW MAKES HIS STORE AVAILABLE FOR REGULAR CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS SERVICES

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Several hundred Catholics--members of Our Lady of the Snows parish, organized in a new housing development in Queens, in this city--have been holding regular services since last September in the rear of a stationery store made available to them by Benjamin Wanger, a Jew, since they lack a regular church, it was reported today in the New York Daily News. The Rev. William F. Murray, pastor of the parish, expressed his gratitude to Wanger and to George M. Gross, president of the housing development, for making the store available to his parish for religious services.