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U.P.A. CONFLICT IS CONSIDERED SETTLED; CONCILIATION BODY REACHES UNANIMOUS DECISION

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The conflict within the United Palestine Appeal was considered settled today when its seven-member conciliation committee, appointed at a meeting of the U.P.A. executive committee this week, reached a unanimous decision on the leadership of the United Jewish Appeal, of which the U.P.A. is a major constituent agency. The decision will be reported to the board of directors of the U.P.A., which is scheduled to meet on Monday.

No official statement with regard to the decision has been issued as yet, but it is understood that the conciliation body, composed of all groups represented in the U.P.A., agreed on a compromise which, it was said, is also acceptable to Henry Morgenthau Jr., who is to head the 1949 U.J.A. campaign. The compromise provides that:

1. The United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee each appoint a vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; 2. Mr. Morgenthau--enjoying the same rights which he held during the previous campaigns--also appoints a vice-chairman of his own; 3. The three vice-chairmen will have equal rights but Mr. Morgenthau will determine the functions of each.

The U.P.A. conciliation group which reached this understanding was composed of Benam L. Weisman, acting national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal; Charles Ross, representing the Karen Hayesod; Judge Morris Rothenberg, representing the Jewish National Fund; Rabbi Irving Miller, of the Zionist Organization of America; David Weislin, of the Labor Zionists; Rabbi J. Friedman, of the Mizrahi Organization of America, and Mrs. Moses Epstein, of Ekhasab.

ISRAELI FINANCE MINISTER PREDICTS RESTORATION OF UNITY IN U.J.A. "WITHIN FEW DAYS"

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The belief that unity will be restored in the United Jewish Appeal "within a few days" and that the 1949 U.J.A. campaign will then start "in full swing" was expressed here today at a press conference by Israeli Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, who is scheduled to leave on Sunday for Paris en route home.

Paying tribute to President Truman and to the board and staff of the Export-Import Bank for showing "a most sympathetic understanding and consideration" for the needs of the Jewish state in making the \$100,000,000 loan available to Israel, Kaplan said that the loan will strengthen economic and financial relations between Israel and the United States. "It is a demonstration of confidence in the stability of the state of Israel and its economic structure," he stated.

The Israeli Minister emphasized at the same time that in addition to financial sources like taxation at home and international borrowing, Israel now needs contributions and must attract investment by private capital, especially for the absorption of new immigrants.

Says Israel Will Give Maximum Assistance to Private Investments

"I hope that unity within the United Jewish Appeal will be reestablished within a few days and that under the leadership of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and his associates, the U.J.A. campaign will be in full swing next week," he said. "An historic

responsibility rests upon the Jewish community of the United States. In the name of Israel I appeal to all to give their whole-hearted and full support to this campaign in order to keep the gates of Israel open. I should like to use this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Morgenthau and his associates for their devoted work in the United Jewish Appeal during the last two years.

"We are deeply interested in the mobilization of private funds and the Government of Israel is firmly committed to give all possible assistance to investments in Israel aimed at the development of the economic resources of the country--to grant various exemptions to machinery and tools needed for the expansion and development of existing and new industries and to extend tax reductions during the initial period of establishing new enterprises in the field of industry, agriculture, construction and transportation.

"The signing of the armistice with Egypt means, we hope, the speedy conversion of our economy from war to peace. Great responsibilities and great opportunities stand before us. We shall welcome the assistance of our many friends in the United States to help us forward in our task," he concluded.

ARMISTICE WITH LEBANON REPORTEDLY DUE TO BE SIGNED TODAY; EVACUATION OF RAFAH BEGINS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25. (JPA) -- An armistice agreement will be signed with Lebanon this Sunday or Monday, the Mapei evening newspaper Haiker reported today.

The publication added that Col. Yigal Yadin, Israeli Army chief of operations, is likely to sign the agreement in behalf of Israel. The signing of the pact is said to have been discussed in Beirut Wednesday by Gen. William Riley, the U.N. mediator's chief of staff, and Lebanese officials. Similar discussions are believed to have taken place here yesterday.

The evacuation of Israeli forces from the Rafah area under the terms of the Israeli-Egyptian armistice pact began today and will either be completed today or tomorrow. It is now hoped that the evacuation of Faluja by Egyptian troops will be accomplished in two or three days rather than the five originally estimated.

In a comment on the Rhodes pact, the left-wing Mapei last night welcomed the conclusion of the agreement but criticized provisions under which Israel gave up the coastal strip from Gaza southeastward and the el Arish area. These concessions, Mapei said, resulted from the "unprovoked" evacuation by Jewish troops of the el Arish area coupled by the Israelis in the last engagement in the Negev. The Mapei also demanded that all future agreements, particularly one concluded with Transjordan, be first submitted for study to the Constituent Assembly.

The members of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, who arrived here yesterday at the conclusion of a tour of the Arab capitals, today spent two hours closeted with Premier David Ben Gurion, at his home. Later, the three members of the Commission were received at tea by President Weizmann at his residence in Rehovoth. They are scheduled to return here tonight and the French member, Claude de Boissanger, is expected to visit Nazareth tomorrow.

Following President Weizmann's invitation to him to form a government, Ben Gurion last night began negotiations with the leaders of various parties on the formation of a coalition Cabinet. He met with representatives of the General Zionists, the Religious Bloc and Mapei last night and was to meet with representatives of the Progressives and the Sephardim today. No information concerning the discussions with the General Zionists and the Mapei was available, but both groups will soon meet with Ben Gurion again.

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EPSTEIN NAMED ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO U.S.; McDONALD BECOMES U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- President Truman today announced the nomination of James G. McDonald to serve as first Ambassador of the United States to Israel. McDonald has been special representative to Israel since July, 1948.

The nomination follows agreement by the two nations to establish Embassies in Washington and Tel Aviv. The State Department said that the Government of Israel had informed the United States that Eliahu Epstein, former special representative to the United States, has been appointed Israeli Ambassador to this country.

The Israeli Ambassador today assumed the name of Eliahu Elath. Elath is an old Hebrew word for Agaba and Ambassador Elath is following a present-day trend in Israel by changing his old name for a Hebrew one, the Israeli Embassy explained.

ISRAELI GENERAL ZIONISTS ASK ACTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ON SILVER, NEUMANN RESIGNATIONS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A demand that the Zionist Actions Committee be called into session immediately to consider the resignations of Drs. Abba Hillel Silver and Emanuel Neumann from the Jewish Agency executive was voiced today by the General Zionist Federation of Israel, in a statement issued here.

Meanwhile, conflicting attitudes on the question of the resignations were taken this week by Israeli newspapers representing various shades of political opinion. The Labor newspaper Davar called on Drs. Silver and Neumann to withdraw their resignations. The General Zionist Haborer charges that the opposition to Drs. Silver and Neumann took every action to limit the influence of the Zionist Organization of America, while the Revisionist Hamashkif demanded an explanation of the situation regarding the resignations.

(Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today expressed the congratulations of the American Zionist movement to the government of Israel for the successful completion of the negotiations at Rhodes culminating in the Egyptian-Israeli armistice. In a wire sent to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok, Dr. Silver, in behalf of the Council, which represents all official Zionist bodies in the United States, lauded the "magnificent stand taken by Israel in pursuit of an honorable peace.")

RABBINICAL DELEGATION CALLS ON WEIZMANN; CHIEF RABBI BESTOWS BLESSING ON HIM

REHOVOTH, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A rabbinical delegation led by Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog called on President Weizmann here yesterday and congratulated him on his election to the Presidency of Israel.

Responding to the rabbis' greetings, Dr. Weizmann told members of the delegation: "Do as in the days of the Prophets. Do not hesitate to criticize the President whenever this is warranted." Chief Rabbi Herzog, at the conclusion of the visit, placed his hands on President Weizmann's head and pronounced a traditional blessing.

Meanwhile, preparations are now being completed in Tel Aviv for Dr. Weizmann's visit to the city on Tuesday, when he will be the municipality's guest of honor.

DR. ABRAHAM GRANOVSKY, WORLD HEAD OF JEWISH NATIONAL FUND, ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Granovsky, world chairman of the Jewish National Fund, arrived here today from Paris to participate in the J.N.F.'s national conference to be held here from the week-end of March 5-6.

U.S. ARMY IN AUSTRIA LIFTS BAN ON EMIGRATION OF JEWS BETWEEN 18 AND 45 TO ISRAEL

VIENNA, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The United States Army today lifted the ban on emigration to Israel from Austria of refugees between the ages of 18 and 45. An Army spokesman said that the ban has been lifted for all "except those in military categories."

Jewish organizations here predicted an immediate spurt in emigration as a result of the Army action. It is expected that by July, all the prospective emigrants to Israel will have been transferred except about four to five thousand who wish to migrate to other destinations. The Joint Distribution Committee will continue to care for these refugees until they can be resettled.

Meanwhile, the flow of Jewish refugees into Austria from Eastern European countries, particularly Hungary, is continuing at the rate of about 200 weekly. The Vienna office of the Jewish Agency confirmed the arrival of an undisclosed number of fugitives from eastern countries but refused to state whether they had been expelled. The refugees report strong anti-Zionist activity in the eastern countries.

Harry Greenstein, newly-appointed advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. high command in Europe, today conferred here with Dr. Joseph Schwartz, J.D.C. head in Europe, and other relief agency leaders on their relief and emigration programs in various parts of the continent. Dr. Schwartz is planning a tour of J.D.C. headquarters in Warsaw, Budapest and Prague where he hopes to get up-to-date reports on the conditions of the Jews living there.

BRITISH HOME SECRETARY SEES NO INCREASE IN DISORDER AS RESULT OF FASCISTS' JEW-BAITING

LONDON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Home Secretary James Chuter Ede today declared in Parliament that despite the fact that Sir Oswald Mosley and his followers in the fascist Union Movement have attacked Jews openly anti-Semitic disorders have not increased.

Ede made the statement after a Conservative M.P. asked him to take steps to avoid breaches of the peace resulting from the Union Movement's activities. Ede also suggested that speeches by Mosley and other fascists should be carefully noted and referred to the public prosecutor for action.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WILL SET UP FUND OF HEIRLESS JEWISH PROPERTY TO AID NEEDY JEWS

VIENNA, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Chancellor Leopold Figl assured Gerhard Riegner of the World Jewish Congress today that the government was prepared to set up a fund of the heirless Jewish property to aid needy Austrian Jews.

The Austrian Chancellor made the promise after Mr. Riegner said that he preferred to see the Austrian Government act on its own initiative instead of letting the W.J.C. renew its claim to the property at the London conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Deputies, on a treaty for Austria. Mr. Riegner recalled that the W.J.C. had submitted a memorandum urging the insertion in an Austrian treaty of safeguards for Jewish rights, when the Council of Foreign Ministers met at Moscow in 1947.

Mr. Riegner said that the Jews of the United States could not understand why the few Jewish survivors in Vienna were unable to obtain the return of their pre-Anschluss apartments. The mayor of Vienna promised to meet the demands soon for 500 dwellings for these Jews.

ARGENTINA TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL MIGRATION BUREAU TO GUARD "ETHNICAL HOMOGENEITY"

Buenos Aires, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Argentine Government has ordered the establishment of a National Directorate for Migration to pass on the fitness of all would-be immigrants to this country. The decree establishing the Directorate states that this action is necessary because "the manpower of the country must be watched so that "future generations may constitute an ethnically homogeneous entity."

(Similar ~~measures~~ providing for "ethnic" restrictions in immigration have been adopted recently by the governments of Brazil and Chile.)

Meanwhile, the Jewish community here has not been stirred much by an announcement by the pro-Peronist Organizacion Israelita Argentina that all applications for visas for Jewish immigrants, even close blood relations of Argentine residents, must be cleared by the O.I.A. before being forwarded to the appropriate government agency. The announcement has been accepted as an official confirmation that there is discrimination between Jews and non-Jews, since for the latter there is no extra procedure outside the regular government service for studying applications for visas.

Similarly, the Jews do not expect much from the O.I.A.'s announcement that the new Federal Constitution will contain an article that "Argentina does not recognize any racial differences." They still remember that during the recent election campaign the O.I.A. promised that the Constitution would declare racial persecution a high crime, on the same level as treason. That promise has never been carried out.

A recent development which is causing a great deal of concern here is the latest practice of notaries in the Greater Buenos Aires area to enter the religion of all parties to real estate transactions within 25 kilometers of the coast. This strip has been declared a "security zone." Since many Jews have purchased real estate in the Buenos Aires area in recent years, as a hedge against inflation, there is concern in the community over the government's reasons for seeking this information. An official explanation has been made.

NEW YORK, JEWIS BRING SUIT FOR EXCLUSION FROM MONTREAL HOTEL ALLEGEDLY ON RACIAL GROUNDS

MONTREAL, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Legal proceedings were begun today against the Hotel Tremblant Lodge, Ltd., in the Superior Court of Terre Bonne district arising out of a case of alleged anti-Jewish discrimination by the hotel. The plaintiffs are A. Milit and Nathan Golub, of New York, and the defendant is J.B. Ryan, heir to a Philadelphia locomotive fortune. The plaintiffs are seeking \$2,100 in damages.

A declaration filed by the plaintiffs alleges "malicious, inhuman and unwarranted breach of contract and non-execution of obligation," as well as "unjust and warranted discrimination because of race and creed of plaintiffs." The plaintiffs claimed they were denied "civil rights granted plaintiffs by law, in addition to a breach of contract. The defendant has no right to discriminate between guests, since the hotel's services are public services," the complaint says.

According to the declaration, hotel reservations for the two Americans were made by long-distance telephone. The plaintiffs said they arrived at the hotel at 11:30 P.M., were received courteously and shown to their rooms. Their baggage was also brought up. They availed themselves of the room and hotel services, including meals and skiing.

The declaration adds that the plaintiffs "conducted themselves in the most courteous and gentlemanly manner." At 11:30 P.M., they said, they entered the hotel where they ordered beer, which was served them. "While drinking our refresh-

the declaration continues, "we were approached by the owner, in a gruff and pleasant tone."

The plaintiffs said the owner asked them if they were guests in the hotel. When they replied in the affirmative, the declaration says, he asked their names. Upon learning that the defendants were Jewish, the plaintiffs asserted, the owner, "in a loud voice and within hearing of other guests" allegedly insulted the plaintiffs, "by means of malicious, defamatory, vituperative, profane and venomous declarations against the plaintiffs and their Jewish ancestry, ordering the plaintiffs out of the hotel at once. 'We do not want any American Jew kikes here,'" the declaration quoted the hotel owner as saying.

The plaintiffs charge that the owner ordered his staff to put them out of the hotel at once "contrary to contract." They declared their baggage was packed and carried out by an employee of the hotel and they were expelled from their rooms and the hotel around midnight. "The weather was extremely cold and we found it most difficult, if not impossible, to obtain accommodations at that hour," the declaration added.

The plaintiffs claim that they cut their visit short and suffered anguish, humiliation and extreme embarrassment as well as physical discomfort.

SENATE OPPOSES DP IMMIGRATION LAW AMENDMENT TO EXTEND CUT-OFF DATE TO JAN. 1, 1949

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- An amendment to extend the cut-off date for DP immigration to the United States to Jan. 1, 1949, was introduced in the Senate today by Sen. Alexander Wiley. The measure would bring the present deadline--Dec. 22, 1945--up to date to admit 40,000 to 45,000 Jews who fled to DP camps in Germany to escape postwar Polish pogroms. Wiley also announced he would introduce several other liberalizing amendments to the DP immigration law.

ANTI-SEMITISM OF AMERICANS HINDERING DEMOCRACY IN GERMANY, N.C.C.J. OFFICIAL REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic attitudes of Americans in Germany are hindering the development of democracy in that country, Dr. Sterling W. Brown, newly-appointed general director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, reported here yesterday following his return from Germany where he served as religious coordinator with A.M.G. He emphasized that the Germans were quick to note instances of anti-Semitism not only among the occupation authorities in Germany, but also in the United States.

The World Jewish Congress today announced that it protested to the Chief of Civil Affairs Division of the War Department against the cancellation of housing and other priorities for "victims of Nazi persecution residing in Germany--both Jews and non-Jews alike."

SENATE BODY DEFEATS PROPOSAL TO BAN RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- An attempt by Sen. John Bricker, of Ohio, to insert an anti-segregation clause in a bi-partisan housing bill approved by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee yesterday was defeated by a 9 to 2 vote. The clause would have prohibited racial segregation or discrimination in proposed public housing projects.

(A Fair Housing Practices Bill aimed at eliminating "racial ghettos" was introduced yesterday in the New York State Assembly by Assemblyman Harold A. Stevens. The bill, prepared with the cooperation of the American Jewish Congress, would make it illegal to refuse to rent apartments or sell a residential property to any person on the grounds of race, religion or ancestry.)

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