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## LAST MINUTE NEWS

### JEWS AGENCY, J.D.C., J.N.F., U.S.N.A. ADOPT DECISION ON JOINT CAMPAIGN FOR 1949

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Jewish Agency, the Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish National Fund and the United Service for New Americans met here today and decided to launch a joint fund-raising campaign in the United States in 1949.

The decision will be carried out only if the board of directors of the United Palestine Appeal, which is scheduled to meet tomorrow, rejects the compromise agreement adopted with regard to Henry Morgenthau's leading the United Jewish Appeal campaign in 1949 with the same rights he enjoyed in previous drives. (See earlier story on Pages 1-2.)

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TRANSJORDAN-ISRAEL ARMISTICE TALKS OPEN TODAY; LEBANESE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN TOMORROW

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Armistice negotiations between Israel and Lebanon will open officially Tuesday at Ras el Nakura, on the Israeli-Lebanese frontier, a government spokesman announced today. At the same time, it was announced that Israel's delegation to the armistice talks with Transjordan scheduled to begin tomorrow at Rhodes has been named.

(A Rhodes cable reported that the Transjordan delegation has not yet arrived owing to bad weather. Members of the Amman delegation set out by air from Beirut for the island headquarters of acting U.N. mediator for Palestine Dr. Ralph J. Bunche but were forced to turn back due to poor flying conditions. Both the Israeli and Transjordan delegations are due at Rhodes tomorrow.)

It is understood here that the Israeli-Lebanese talks will probably be brief. If they last longer than one day, it is believed that the talks may be conducted elsewhere. The last negotiations between the two countries were held seven weeks ago, also on the frontier. A representative of Dr. Bunche's staff is expected to be present at the Tuesday meeting.

Meanwhile, the evacuation of Egyptian troops from the Faluja area was reported continuing today following an earlier delay due to technical difficulties. It is expected that evacuation of Faluja will be completed by tomorrow evening. The Egyptians have imposed a news blackout on the Faluja operation and have barred all newspapermen and photographers from entering the area.

### U.N. Conciliation Commission Meets in Jerusalem to Review Findings

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine today opened a plenary session here to review "the wealth of information" gathered during the 15-day tour of Commission members of Israel and the Arab states.

The American and Turkish members of the three-man body returned here yesterday from a visit to Tel Aviv and Givat Brenner. The French member of the group just completed a tour of Nazareth.

### U.P.A. CONFLICT TAKES NEW TURN; BOARD EXPECTED TO REACH FINAL DECISION TODAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The conflict within the United Palestine Appeal took a new turn last night when Herman L. Weisman, acting national chairman of the U.P.A., objected to a proposal by Henry Morgenthau Jr., that Henry Montor be the top executive director of the U.P.A. campaign this year.

Weisman said that he was willing to accept Montor as one of the three executive vice-chairmen who were to be appointed respectively by the U.P.A., the Joint Distribution Committee and Morgenthau under an agreement reached unanimously on Friday by the seven-man conciliation body in which all groups participating in the U.P.A. were represented. However, Weisman emphasized that he is opposed to giving Montor top authority under Morgenthau, who is to lead the U.J.A. drive.

A meeting of the board of directors of the U.P.A., scheduled to take place tomorrow, is expected to reach a final decision on the U.P.A. situation. The seven-man conciliation Committee on Unity will report to the board its unanimous decision

reached on Friday under which it was agreed that Morgenthau, as head of the U.J.A., is given the authority to "define the duties and functions" of each of the three executive vice-chairmen of the U.J.A.

#### Jewish Agency Files Incorporation Papers for Fund-Raising

Prepared for any eventuality, the Jewish Agency executive has filed in Albany papers of incorporation permitting it to exercise all of the functions now carried on by the U.P.A. It was hinted today that if the U.P.A. conflict is not settled within the next few days, the Jewish Agency executive may, together with the Jewish National Fund and the J.D.C., start a partnership campaign, with the Jewish Agency supplanting the United Palestine Appeal.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver issued a statement last night declaring that he has not authorized the use of his name as one of the directors of the Jewish Agency corporation, although his name appeared on the papers filed in Albany. He emphasized that he resigned from the Jewish Agency executive on Feb. 16 and warned that the action of the Agency in incorporating in New York State "will further exacerbate the unfortunate controversy and will increase the hurt to the United Jewish Appeal campaign."

"It is an ill-advised move on the part of the executive of the Jewish Agency which is aimed to side-step the legally-constituted Zionist agencies in the United States," Dr. Silver said in his statement. "It is an unwarranted threat to their existence and might bring about the disintegration of the Zionist movement in the United States."

Weisman similarly criticized the incorporation of the Jewish Agency as a fund-raising organization in this country. He asserted in a statement that the move will prejudice the success of the U.J.A. campaign. Weisman also made public the text of a telegram which he sent yesterday to Morgenthau in which he declared that he was not in a "position to bind the U.P.A."

"It is my opinion that for you as general chairman to request Mr. Montor to direct the 1949 United Jewish Appeal campaign is not in the best interests of this campaign," Weisman's telegram said. "It is at variance with the intent of United Palestine Appeal executive committee resolution of Feb. 22 and with the report of the U.P.A. Committee on Unity which unanimously agreed in a formula to reconcile the unanimously approved agreement in the Jewish Agency to have three executive vice-chairmen of equal rank."

"Attention is invited to the provision in the resolution that the general chairman is to counsel and advise with the national chairman and executive vice-chairman and with the executive vice-chairman to initiate and to do whatever may be desirable or necessary to effectuate plans, purposes and policies. Mutual cooperation by all officers and staff of U.J.A. for fulfillment of this provision to which U.P.A. representatives are prepared to commit themselves should result in harmonious conduct and management of the campaign."

"In view of these facts and because I am not able to approve your contemplated action to request Mr. Montor to direct the campaign, I shall personally advise the U.P.A. board members to take such action as will uphold the decisions of the executive committee and the Committee on Unity and will fix full responsibility upon the Jewish Agency and yourself for the consequences of the plan which you persist in putting into effect," the wire said.

NEW LABOR COMMITTEE CONVENTION CLOSES; ADOPTS \$1,850,000 BUDGET FOR 1949

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The seventh biennial convention of the Jewish Labor Committee closed here today after adopting a budget of \$1,850,000 for 1949, of which \$500,000 will be used for civic defense programs. The 600 delegates attending the four-day meeting also reelected Adolph Held as national chairman; David Dubinsky, treasurer; Joseph Baskin, secretary; Jacob Pat, executive secretary; Nathan Chanin, chairman of the administrative committee; and Benjamin Tabachnick, national campaign director.

The convention adopted a resolution extending its "fraternal greetings to President Truman, the Histadrut and the population of Israel" and voiced the hope that "a period of peace and prosperous construction" will now begin for the new state. "We express our unshaken conviction that the future relationship between Israel and the Jewish communities throughout the world will continue uninterruptedly for mutual friendliness," the resolution added.

Other resolutions adopted at the parley included one denouncing the present Displaced Persons immigration law "as a legislative monstrosity doing irreparable injury to America's international reputation" and another which provides for the establishment of a chair in labor history at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem as a token of esteem to Abraham Cahan.

Earlier, Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Elath (Epstein) told the convention that "it is our sincere desire to preserve and strengthen friendly relations with both the United States and the Soviet Union as well as with other peace-loving nations."

Asserting that "the people of Israel will never forget that the historic decision of Nov. 29, 1947, was equally supported by the United States and the Soviet Union," Ambassador Elath declared: "No nation in the world is more interested in laying secure foundations for the genuine cooperation between the East and the West than the young nation of Israel."

Harve J. L'Heureux, chief of the visa division of the State Department, asserted yesterday that membership in the German Army or Nazi party will no longer be sufficient reason to bar the entry of a German applicant for admission to the United States. He revealed that U.S. consular and diplomatic officers abroad have been under orders since April, 1948, not to bar Germans because of "mere voluntary enlistment in the German Army or for joining the Nazi Party."

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, speaking last night, pledged the aid of the American Jewish labor movement to Israel. Other speakers yesterday included Ugo Carusi, head of the Displaced Persons Commission, Alexander Kahn, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, and Attorney-General Tom Clark.

I.J.A. DELEGATION IN ROME VOICES THANKS OF U.S. JEWRY FOR ITALIAN PEOPLE'S AID TO JEWS

ROME, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- American Jewry today expressed its gratitude to the Italians who remained friends of the Jews throughout the Fascist-Nazi oppression in a ceremony at the Foreign Ministry here when a United Jewish Appeal delegation handed to Under-Secretary Giuseppe Brunasca a scroll stating that the "Italians' unparalleled heroism in protecting refugees, a manifold act of compassion and helpfulness, will remain forever a monument of the great heart of the Italian people."

The 36 hours stay of the delegation, which is engaged in a three-weeks survey of conditions of Jewish refugees in Europe and Israel, included a visit to United States Ambassador James C. Dunn. The delegation members thanked Mr. Dunn for his cooperation and assistance.

MOROCCANS ON TRIAL FOR POGROM LAST YEAR ACQUITTED; 28 GET VARIOUS PRISON TERMS

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The trial of the Djerada pogromists ended over the week-end without the imposition of death sentences. The Moroccan pogroms in 1948, following the Palestine partition decision of the United Nations General Assembly, resulted at Djerada in the death of 35 Jews, for which the defendants stood accused. Ten of the defendants were sentenced to hard labor in prison for life, three drew 20-year terms, 15 got sentences of varying lengths and 31 were acquitted.

BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY REPORTED TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING; THIS YEAR'S BUDGET BALANCED

BERLIN, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish community here is now self-supporting and has achieved a balanced budget for the current year, it was reported here today in the local Jewish weekly, "Der Weg."

The Jews here, however, continue to complain against the British authorities' continued occupation of the former Jewish home for the aged, in the suburb of Schwarzenburg, which was erected at great cost shortly before Hitler's rise to power. Although the British have converted the former Jewish institution into a barracks, the Jewish community here receives no compensation whatsoever.

VIENNA JEWS THREATEN TO STOP "OLIVER TWIST" SHOWING UNLESS IT IS PERMANENTLY BARRED

VIENNA, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Unless the British-produced film, "Oliver Twist," is permanently withdrawn from this city, the "slandercus" movie will be "prevented" from being shown here, a meeting called by the Jewish Victims of Nazi Persecution and Concentration Camps threatened today. The film was temporarily withdrawn following protests against its exhibition here by Jewish leaders.

6,000 JEWISH REFUGEE GIRLS IN SWEDEN DRIFTING OUT OF JEWISH LIFE, RELIEF GROUP REPORTS

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Relief Organizations reported today that there are about 6,000 to 7,000 Jewish refugee girls in Sweden, almost all victims of the Nazi concentration camps, who are drifting out of Jewish life as they marry outside the Jewish faith.

These girls find themselves in an appalling situation, the Federation said. They were afforded hospitality by the Swedish Government and the local Jewish community has been unable to look after their needs. There are also many girls in hospitals and sanatoria suffering from tuberculosis as a result of years spent in the concentration camps.

The Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad reported today that the first group of Jewish children will arrive next week at the new International Refugee Organization camp for children near Salerno, Italy. The actual running of the camp will be the responsibility of Youth Aliyah, while two Jewish Relief workers will be attached to the camp as welfare and liaison officers. The camp is situated three miles from Salerno and five minutes from the sea. It consists of more than 60 Nissen huts, each capable of housing ten children.

BRITISH AUTHORIZE AGUDAH TO SEND DELEGATION TO TRIPOLITANIA TO SPEED ISRAELI MIGRATION

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Agudas Israel today was authorized by the British Foreign Office to send a delegation to Tripolitania to study the possibility of accelerating the movement of Jews from that area to Israel.

447 ISRAEL-BOUND SHANGHAI DP'S ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AFTER TRANSCONTINENTAL TRIP

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The 447 Israel-bound Shanghai Jewish refugees who arrived in San Francisco last week and boarded a sealed train for a trip across the country in a 15,000-mile journey to the Jewish state arrived here today and were transferred by special ferries to Ellis Island pending their embarkation for Greece, distribution point for Israel.

The refugees will be able to receive visitors at specific hours tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday. They will board the Army transport, S.S. General Stewart, on Thursday. The United Service for New Americans made available to the refugees prayer books and other religious articles which were used for Sabbath services yesterday and Friday night when the train stopped at New Orleans.

HAPOEL HANIZRACHI HOLDS EMERGENCY PARLEY; HEARS APPEAL FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF SANHEDRIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- An emergency conference of Hapoel Hamizrachi was held here today at the Hotel Commodore with more than 200 delegates of the organization from all sections of the United States and Canada participating.

S.Z. Shragai, member of the Jewish Agency executive who is now in this country, urged the immediate reestablishment of the ancient Sanhedrin "to cope with the religious and legal problems" of Israel. He also outlined Hapoel Hamizrachi's position in the new Israeli Government. Other speakers included Dr. Itzhak Weizel, also a member of the Jewish Agency executive, who proposed a program of activity for Hapoel Hamizrachi in the United States.

DR. MARTIN ROSENBLUTH APPOINTED WESTERN HEMISPHERE REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAELI TREASURY

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The appointment of Dr. Martin Rosenbluth as representative for the Western Hemisphere of the Treasury of Israel was announced today by Elieser Kaplan, Israeli Minister of Finance prior to his return to Tel Aviv.

Dr. Rosenbluth joined the civil service of the Zionist movement in 1910. He also held a number of leading positions in Zionist work in Central Europe. When the Nazis assumed control in Germany, Dr. Chaim Weizmann appointed him director of the London office of the Bureau for Settlement of German Jews in Palestine, which was established in 1933. Since 1941, he has been director of information of the United Palestine Appeal. His brother, Dr. Felix Rosenbluth, is Minister of Justice in Israel.

"EISTADRUTH WEEK" OPENS IN N.Y.; CELLER WARNS ISRAEL TO REMAIN ALERT AGAINST BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- "Eistadruth Week" officially opened in New York today following the acceptance of a special Israeli flag by Acting Mayor Vincent Impellitteri at a special City Hall ceremony. A luncheon today arranged by the National Committee for Labor Israel for representatives of 500 benevolent and fraternal organizations in the city heard Rep. Emanuel Celler warn that "Israel must remain alert to the use to which Britain may yet put Egypt and Transjordan to serve her own purposes."

DR. SAUL LIEBERMAN APPOINTED DEAN OF POST-GRADUATE DEPT. AT RABBINICAL SCHOOL OF J.T.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Saul Lieberman, professor of Palestinian Literature and Institutions at the Jewish Theological Seminary, has been appointed dean of the post-graduate department of the Seminary's rabbinical school, it was announced today by Dr. Simon Greenberg, acting president. Prof. Lieberman will be responsible for the curricula of study of candidates for the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters and Doctor of Theology.

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