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TRANSJORDANIANS ARRIVE AT RHODES; PARLEY TO OPEN TOMORROW; TALKS WITH LEBANESE START TODAY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A seven-man Transjordan delegation to the Rhodes armistice talks arrived today on the Greek island, a report from Rhodes stated. The delegation, which includes two civilian aides, met informally with U.N. acting mediator Ralph J. Bunche and his chief of staff, Gen. William E. Riley.

The Transjordanians are slated to meet with Dr. Bunche tonight to outline King Abdullah's demands. It is almost certain that the Transjordan delegation will not present Iraq, despite previous statements to this effect by Iraqi spokesmen and Abdullah. The Israeli delegation is due to speak with Dr. Bunche tomorrow, after which it will draw up a tentative agenda for the parley which is expected to get under way Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the members of the Israeli delegation which will meet with Lebanese representatives at the border town of Ras el Nakura for armistice negotiations starting tomorrow have been named. Lebanese junior officers have already arrived at the town and have begun to make arrangements for the talks, which will be held in a fortress-like police station inside Israeli territory.

The evacuation of the Faluja pocket was completed this afternoon, after which a U.N. officer formally turned over the area to Israeli officers. Besides the Egyptian garrison, some 1,000 Arab civilians left for Gaza. Others, who wished to go to Beer-sheva, could not be cleared since permission was not forthcoming from the Transjordanians who hold that city. About 500 Arab civilians remain in the town.

The first meeting of the Israeli-Egyptian armistice commission will be held at Aja el Hafir, in the demilitarized zone, Wednesday, it was learned today. The body, composed of three Arabs and three Jews and presided over by Gen. Riley, will meet in secret.

An exchange of correspondence between U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok over the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian armistice pact was released here. Lie declared that "in reaching the agreement you and your government have significantly contributed to the cause of international peace." In his reply Shertok praised Lie's role in the Middle Eastern peace campaign and expressed the hope that "our joint peace efforts will be crowned with complete success."

CONCILIATION COMMISSION REVIEWS ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM; I.R.O. HEAD TO JOIN DISCUSSIONS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Members of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine met here today and reviewed the problem of Palestine Arab refugees who fled the country after the outbreak of hostilities last year. Also on the agenda were a review of the Commission members' 15-day tour of the Arab capitals and Israel, preparation of a progress report to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie and consideration of a proposal to call a conference of Arab Government officials to study the Arab refugee problem.

A communique issued after today's session also revealed that William H. Tuck, International Refugee Organization director-general, is expected to arrive here from Geneva shortly in order to discuss the Arab refugee question with the Commission.

A. BOARD MEETS TO DISCUSS ULTIMATUM ON LAUNCHING OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A full meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal tonight met to consider the question of whether to accept decisions reached by the executive of the Jewish Agency with regard to the direction of the 1949 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, of which the U.P.A. is one of the major beneficiary agencies.

The meeting was faced with the dilemma of either accepting the conditions laid down by the Agency executive, or of having the Agency replace the United Palestine Appeal in a reconstituted United Jewish Appeal, which would be launched immediately under a joint agreement reached yesterday by leaders of the Agency, Joint Distribution Committee, Jewish National Fund and United Service for New Americans.

(At the time the Bulletin went to press, the meeting, held in camera, was still in session. However, it was predicted that the majority of the U.P.A. board would vote in favor of accepting the Feb. 16 decision of the Agency executive, with the members of the Zionist Organization of America abstaining. This would bring Henry Morgenthau, Jr., to the helm of the United Jewish Appeal, with Henry Montor chosen by him as top executive vice-chairman.)

Locker, Granovsky, Warburg, Rosenberg Issue Statements

The decision to proceed at once with the reconstitution of the U.J.A. and the launching of the 1949 drive was taken by Berl Locker, on behalf of the Agency Executive, Dr. Abraham Granovsky, on behalf of the J.N.F., Edward M.H. Warburg, for the J.D.C., of which he is chairman, and Edwin Rosenberg, president of U.S.N.A.

In an announcement of the action taken, Locker said:

"The Palestine Foundation Fund and Jewish National Fund are the two principal Israeli beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal campaign. Acting under the authority vested in it, the executive of the Jewish Agency, for the Keren Hayesod, invited the Joint Distribution Committee to join with it in proceeding at once to the maximum mobilization of American Jewish resources. We have taken this action because the fate of hundreds of thousands of people depends on our quick and effective action. We would have been derelict in our duty had we permitted the campaign to be delayed one day further.

"We express the hope that the United Palestine Appeal will take such action as will enable it to take its proper place in the United Jewish Appeal. We are confident that all American Jews, recognizing that the needs of the immigrants are paramount, will rededicate themselves to the United Jewish Appeal so that the goal of \$20,000,000 may be reached. Echoing the plea of the President of the State of Israel, we call upon all American Jews to sink their differences and to unite for common action in a great hour."

Speaking for the Jewish National Fund, Dr. Abraham Granovsky said:

"The flow of a record immigration into Israel in this historic hour in the development of the State of Israel places a grave responsibility primarily on the Jews of the United States, without whose financial assistance the hopes and dreams of the homeless Jews of Europe cannot be realized. A first condition to the settlement of 250,000 Jews in Israel in 1949 is the availability of land on which to place and house the newcomers. Therefore, the twin programs of land purchase and development, reception and settlement, are indispensable to the realization of the unparalleled

opportunities resulting from the emergence of an independent and free State of Israel. The needs of the Jewish National Fund in this vital program can be met effectively only if American Jews respond in a spirit of sacrifice to the United Jewish Appeal 1949."

In commenting on the action, Wartburg said:

"The Joint Distribution Committee has an especially grave task in 1949. It has assumed the major responsibility of transporting hundreds of thousands of Jews into Israel from the DP camps, from other European centers, from North Africa and elsewhere, while simultaneously aiding emigration of Jews elsewhere including the United States. In addition, the Joint Distribution Committee is continuing its historic role of helping those Jews in the European land where they choose to stay and to rebuild their lives.

"The Joint Distribution Committee, in its thirty-four years of history as an American organization aiding Jews overseas, has always had to think first and foremost of the plight of the beneficiaries whom it must serve. We feel that all American Jews, in their communities and as individuals, will appreciate that the United Jewish Appeal is one area in which we must unite for constructive action on behalf of our people. We cannot afford the luxury of continued discussions while the lives of human beings are at stake. It is for that reason that the Joint Distribution Committee has joined in giving the signal to the Jewish communities to proceed forthwith with their campaigns on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. The need for statesmanship, for generosity, for good will toward the United Jewish Appeal will be understood and will be fulfilled."

In joining in the agreement, Rosenberg said:

"The year 1949 will be a crucial year in the tasks carried on in Israel, in Europe and in the United States for the solution of the problem of the homelessness of large masses of Jews overseas. In the case of the United Service for New Americans, we face greater opportunities and responsibilities this year for the adjustment of refugees coming to the United States. The prospect of a liberalization of the DP Act continues to place before us the obligation to see that no refugee entering this country shall become a public charge. We continue to give that assurance to our government on the basis of the continued generous support from the Jews of the United States through the United Jewish Appeal.

"In the interest of the mass settlement program in Israel, the great emigration and rehabilitation program of the Joint Distribution Committee and the increased program for newcomers to the United States, I solemnly urge the mobilization of the most intensive united effort on the part of American Jewry to assure the success of the \$250,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal this year."

VESSEL SAILS FOR ISRAEL CARRYING 470 ITALIAN, CZECH, TRIPOLITANIAN, SHANGHAI JEWS

ROME, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The S.S. Teti sailed today for Israel carrying 470 Jewish refugee immigrants, including Jews from Italy, Czechoslovakia, Tripolitania, and Shanghai. Also included was a group of former members of the Jewish Central Refugee Committee of Italy, among whom were Dr. Leo Bernstein, chairman.

4,000 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL DURING WEEK-END; 2,200 COME FROM BULGARIA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Approximately 4,000 immigrants arrived in Israel over the week-end, it was announced here today. Twenty-two hundred of these came from Bulgaria, the announcement said.

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HUNGARY SAYS U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN GERMANY REFUSE EXTRADITION OF GHETTO LIQUIDATOR

BUDAPEST, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Hungarian press yesterday published a government communique revealing that American military authorities in Germany have refused to extradite Laszlo Megay, wartime mayor of Ungvar (Eghorod), who is charged with having supervised the liquidation of the town's ghetto. Megay, who is presently imprisoned in the U.S. zone of Germany, faces the death penalty if he is extradited to Hungary.

JEWS MAY HAVE TO FLEE AUSTRIA BECAUSE OF NEW RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE COUNTRY

VIENNA, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A rise of anti-Semitism forcing Jews to flee as did the Jews of Hitlerite Germany was predicted today by Kurt Lewin, special Israeli representative here, at a celebration of the Jewish community marking the inauguration of Dr. Chaim Weizmann as President of Israel.

Within ten years, Lewin went on, Israel must be prepared to accept the newcomers from "this country." In order to avoid a disaster similar to that under the Nazis.

"OLIVER TWIST" ISSUE TAKEN UP IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT; BAN ON FILM DEMANDED

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Assurances that "we are watching the position carefully" were given in Parliament today by Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Hector McNeill to Barnett Janner, M.P., who raised the question of the exhibition of "Oliver Twist" in Berlin and urged the British authorities to halt the film's showing.

Janner pointed out that distribution of the British movie in Berlin would "hurt the feelings of those suffered so badly" and added that Berlin is "where the people are most likely to be offended after Hitler's monstrous anti-Semitic regime." McNeill replied by stating that exhibition of the film in Germany was a "German commercial undertaking" and that the demonstrators "were a German and not a British responsibility."

GEN. CLAY VOICES ASSURANCE THAT "OLIVER TWIST" WILL NOT BE SHOWN IN U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- An assurance by General Lucius D. Clay, U.S. Commander in Europe, that the British film "Oliver Twist," to which Jews take objection, will not be shown in the U.S. zone of Germany was transmitted today by the State Department to the World Jewish Congress here. The State Department also informed the Congress that dissemination of the anti-Semitic, German-language periodical "Neue Politik" has been prohibited in the U.S. zone. The periodical is published in Switzerland.

BRITISH LEGATION IN BUCHAREST EXHIBITS "OLIVER TWIST" TO INVITED AUDIENCE

BUCHAREST, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The British Legation here has arranged two private performances of the film "Oliver Twist" for an invited audience, it was learned today.

FAMOUS VIENNESE PROFESSOR ESTABLISHES FUND FOR TRAINING REFUGEE GIRLS IN SWITZERLAND

ZURICH, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A Viennese professor who fled Austria in 1938 has established a fund for the education of refugee girls who fled their homes for Switzerland because of racial or religious persecution. The professor, Eugen Steinach, well known for his research in hormones, died recently leaving an estate of \$70,000, the interest from which will be used for this training project.

I.F.'S THREE-YEAR \$300,000,000 LAND-PURCHASE PROGRAM OUTLINED BY DR. GRANOVSKY

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A three-year program costing \$300,000,000, designed to double the present population of Israel by the acquisition of several million dunams of land to provide settlement facilities for scores of thousands of immigrants, was outlined today at a press conference by Dr. Abraham Granovsky, world president of the Jewish National Fund.

Dr. Granovsky voiced the belief that "by the end of 1951 Israel will have a population of 1,500,000, provided our plans for an annual rate of immigration of 100,000 are carried out. The successful integration of so huge a tide of immigrants into the economic life of Israel is largely dependent on the financial support which the Jewish community in the United States must provide," he said.

"Agricultural development in Israel, particularly in the Negev," Dr. Granovsky declared, will not only "assure the Jewish state of a well-balanced economy, but will provide the food basket for Israel." The J.N.F.'s plans for land amelioration--which include vast irrigation and scientific farming schemes--will, "both directly and indirectly, prove of great benefit to the whole Middle East," he stated.

"Once full peace and good-neighbor relations between Israel and the Arab states are established--and I believe this will happen soon--the peoples of the Arab countries will come to know of our land and farming achievements," Dr. Granovsky pointed out. "This, in turn, will lead to the adoption of modern farming methods and a general raising of the standard of living in the Arab countries. It is just such a development which President Truman is so anxious to bring about."

AMERICAN FUND FOR PALESTINIAN INSTITUTIONS ADOPTS \$2,400,000 BUDGET FOR 1949

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A \$2,400,000 budget for 1949 was adopted here today by the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions. The sum includes allocations for 65 beneficiary organizations previously aided by the Fund and 20 new groups which will be included in this year's appropriations. The goal for 1949 is double that of last year's.

The new goal was approved at a week-end meeting of the organization's Budget Advisory Board, attended by Fund leaders from the Greater New York area. Among the new beneficiaries of the Fund this year are the Israel Maritime League, the Council of Aviation in Israel, the Milk for School Children Project, the Wingate Physical Education College, the Society for Orphanages and the American Advisory Committee on Mental Hygiene in Israel.

TRUMAN MAY NAME U.S. MISSION OF EXPERTS TO AID ISRAELI ECONOMY, REP. CELLER SAYS

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- President Truman may soon appoint a U.S. mission composed of agricultural, commercial, industrial and scientific experts to go to Israel to aid in the economic development of the Jewish state, Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, revealed here yesterday at a House hearing.

"There is in the offing the appointment by President Truman of a mission to go to Israel as a gesture of friendship and moral support," Celler declared. "Also under our immigration code, as a further gesture of good will, President Truman will soon announce an immigration quota for Israelis desiring to enter the United States." He also predicted that a U.S.-Israel treaty--still in the planning stage--will follow "in the course" and will include "friendship, commerce and navigation" between the two countries.

HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR LOS ANGELES RADIO STATION CHARGED WITH ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Federal Communications Commission today announced that it has denied a request of G.A. Richards, owner of radio station KFI in Los Angeles, to suspend forthcoming public hearings into charges that he ordered his newsmen staff to slant newscasts in an anti-Jewish and otherwise biased manner.

Richards, who also owns radio station WJR in Detroit and WGAR in Cleveland, last week petitioned the F.C.C. to suspend the public hearings which is scheduled to begin March 16 in Los Angeles, and to let him appear privately before the Commission as a designated member of the Commission. He also asked that if the Commission deemed a further hearing necessary after his personal appearance that it be held in Washington.

F.C.C. Commissioner Hyde voted to grant that part of the petition which requested a preliminary personal hearing, the F.C.C. said.

WORLD CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL; ADOPTS \$8,000,000 BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) world conference concluded here today after a week's sessions. The parlay adopted a resolution providing for an \$8,000,000 budget for the current year and urging the launching of a new, large-scale campaign for the absorption of new immigrants in Israel.

The conference also approved resolutions adopted by the London and Israeli executives of the organization calling for the transfer of WIZO headquarters to Israel. A resolution to double the organization's present membership to 300,000 was also approved. Mrs. Rebecca Sieff was elected president of the WIZO.

LUBAVITCHER REBBE URGES PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A call to American Jewry to do "its utmost to promote traditional Jewish religious education" was made here at the annual dinner of the United Lubavitcher Yeshivoh by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Joseph I. Schneersohn.

A message from President Truman to the dinner voiced the hope that the "academies maintained by the United Lubavitcher Yeshivoh will continue to inspire Jewish youth with those lofty ideals that make for good citizenship." Messages of greetings were also received from Governor Thomas E. Dewey, Mayor William O'Dwyer and several U.S. Senators and Representatives. The dinner was arranged in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Morgenstern.

MONUMENT TO JEWISH WAR DEAD IN FRANCE DEDICATED; FRENCH PRESIDENT ATTENDS CEREMONY

PARIS, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Jewish and non-Jewish civic, political and religious leaders of France, including President Vincent Auriol, yesterday paid homage to the French Jews who died during the war in the army, resistance movement and before the execution squads of the Gestapo. An imposing marble monument was formally dedicated with prayers by Dr. Isaac Schwartz, Chief Rabbi of France.

TWO RABBIS OF TEMPLE EMANUEL IN NEW YORK HONORED FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Rabbis Samuel Schulman and Nathan Kress of Temple Emanu-El here were honored yesterday by their congregation for 50 and 25 years of service, respectively. Lecture courses in their names have been established at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Louis L. Strauss, president of the Board of the Temple, announced.

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