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SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS ISRAELI BID FOR U.N. MEMBERSHIP; VOTE EXPECTED TODAY

LAKE SUCCESS, March 3. (JTA) -- The U.N. Security Council today took up the application of the Israeli Government for membership in the United Nations. The discussion will continue tomorrow. Ten of the 11 members of the Council have recognized Israel and all, except Britain and Egypt, are expected to vote favorably on the application.

Immediate approval of the Israeli application was urged at the Council session by U.S. delegate Warren Austin. He emphasized that there is no doubt that Israel constitutes a state within the meaning of that term under international law. He also pointed out that Israel qualifies for U.N. membership under the provisions of the Charter which specify that a state must be peace-loving to qualify for admission.

"The people of Israel," he said, "have given the world a convincing demonstration of their ability to organize their government and establish a system of administration and law-making under the most difficult conditions." He especially lauded the armistice agreement reached recently between Israel and Egypt at Rhodes.

French delegate Guy de la Tournelle announced that France would vote in favor of Israel's admission since the Jewish state was peace-loving and was able and willing to respect the Charter. There is no doubt that Israel is an independent state, he added.

Soviet delegate Jacob Malik said that Russia was in favor of Israel's admission at the last session of the Council in Paris and would vote in favor of it now. All the legal requirements of the Charter, he said, have been met by Israel and it is therefore the duty of the Council "to act favorably at once on Israel's application for U.N. membership."

Austin and Malik strongly contested a Chinese proposal that the application be referred to the Membership Committee. The U.S. delegate pointed out that the Membership Committee had dealt with the question in Paris last December and that the application required no further discussion. "I do not favor postponement at this time," he said. The Soviet delegate argued in the same vein.

Dr. T.F. Taiiang of China said his suggestion was not intended to prejudice the ultimate outcome of the question, or to be a device for postponement. China, he declared, had recognized Israel on March 1, and he intended to vote for Israel's admission when the matter came to the vote.

Mahmoud Fawzi Bey, the Egyptian delegate, in a violent tirade apparently aimed at the home audience in Egypt, said that Israel's application should be discarded because of Israel's "long record of disobedience to the Security Council and the United Nations." The least that could be done, he declared, was to follow the suggestion of the Chinese delegate. Fawzi asked the president of the Council to explain why Israel's application was moved ahead on the agenda. "How about the territory Israel is still holding in defiance of the Security Council?" he shouted.

He repeatedly warned the Council against over-rating the significance of the armistice agreement Egypt signed at Rhodes. This agreement, he said, is purely "a military one."

RELIGIOUS BLOC, PROGRESSIVES JOIN MAPAI IN CABINET; MAPAI, GENERAL ZIONISTS STAY OUT

TEL AVIV, March 3. (JTA) -- Israeli Prime Minister-designate David Ben Gurion and members of the Mapai Party, the Religious Bloc and the Progressive Zionists who have agreed to serve in his new administration met today to formulate the Cabinet's program.

Three places in the 15-man cabinet have been reserved for representatives of Mapai, the left-wing United Workers Party, in the event that party reconsiders a decision it reached early this morning against participation in the government. A similar decision was taken by the General Zionists who have been allocated one seat in the Cabinet.

Efforts to secure Mapai's agreement to enter the Cabinet were continuing and sources close to Ben Gurion expressed the belief that Mapai's assent would be forthcoming in a matter of time. The general council of Mapai, by a vote of 150 to 33, decided against entering the government on a basis of acceptance of collective responsibility for government policy.

Late last night, the General Zionists also refused a bid to join the government because, they said, Ben Gurion had failed to accept their proposals.

Ben Gurion's party will hold seven portfolios in the new Cabinet. Three have been assigned to the Religious Bloc, one to the Progressive Zionists, while four have been set aside for the Mapai and the General Zionists. The government, thus constituted, would be a coalition of all the Israeli parties with the exception of the extreme rightist groups and the Communists. The composition of the Cabinet, as agreed upon today, was as follows:

Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, (and possibly Minister of Development)--David Ben Gurion (Mapai.)  
 Foreign Affairs--Moshe Shertok (Mapai.)  
 Finance--Eliaser Kaplan (Mapai.)  
 Posts and Communications--David Remez (Mapai.)  
 Labor and Insurance--Mrs. Goldie Myerson (Mapai.)  
 Education--Zalman Rubashov (Mapai.)  
 Food Distribution and Supply--Dr. Bernard Joseph (Mapai.)  
 Religion--Dr. Judah L. Fishman (Religious Bloc.)  
 Interior and Immigration--Moshe Shapira (Religious Bloc.)  
 Social Welfare--Rabbi I.M. Levin (Religious Bloc.)  
 Justice--Dr. Felix Rosenbluth (Progressives.)

Reserved for Mapai are the portfolios of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Housing and Public Works and Health. The Ministry of Trade and Industry is being held for the General Zionists.

RE. SILVER PLEDGES SUPPORT OF ALL ZIONISTS TO U.J.A. CAMPAIGN AT MEETINGS IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, March 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, today pledged the support of all Zionists to the 1949 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. He made this pledge in the course of speeches at three different meetings here.

During the course of his several addresses, Dr. Silver declared that the impact of 30,000 refugees monthly on Israel presents a burden which must be eased by help from America. He also warned that Israel's negotiations with Transjordan may be extremely difficult because of Britain's "machinations." He spoke at a meeting of St. Louis civic leaders, a meeting held under the auspices of the Temple Israel Brotherhood and a gathering of active Zionists. The Zionist meeting endorsed the present administration of the Zionist Organization of America and the actions of its executive officers.

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN ISRAELI AND LEBANESE ARMISTICE NEGOTIATORS SET FOR NEXT WEEK

TEL AVIV, March 3. (JTA) -- The second joint meeting of Israeli and Lebanese negotiators at the armistice talks at Ras el Nakura was held today in a cordial atmosphere. After a three-hour session, it was decided to hold the next meeting on Monday.

U.N. MEDIATOR MEETS SEPARATELY WITH ARABS AND ISRAELIS AT RHODES TALKS

RHODES, March 3. (JTA) -- Acting U.N. mediator Ralph J. Bunche today again met separately with the Transjordanian and Israeli delegations to the armistice negotiations here and discussed various preliminary matters with them. Later, Dr. Bunche called Amman for clarification of the scope of authority of the Arab delegation.

In his talk with the Arab delegates this morning, Dr. Bunche attempted to pin them down on an agenda for the armistice talks, the scope of the parley, and their authority. The last point was raised in particular reference to the Transjordanians' authority to speak for the Iraqi forces now in Palestine.

The Transjordanians have apparently been playing for time and have refused to make their position known until the Jews have spoken. One of their delaying tactics has been their insistence that the problem of the Palestine Arab refugees be considered on the armistice agenda. The Israelis have stood fast on their position that this problem would be considered only at a peace conference.

It is understood that earlier Dr. Bunche proposed a general freezing of the lines held by both nations and a nation-wide cease-fire. To this the Israelis replied by asking for a more detailed proposal and for information as to the authority of the Arab negotiators.

(In Tel Aviv, a letter from Dr. Bunche to President Weizmann congratulating him on his election was released. The mediator also told the President that the Egyptian-Israeli armistice pact should "please" him both as a "Jewish statesman and a citizen of the world." He concluded by expressing the hope that Israel would soon begin to "reap the rich benefits of peace in Palestine.")

LAST OF JEWISH PRISONERS HELD BY TRANSJORDAN REPATRIATED; EXCHANGE WITH EGYPT TO BEGIN

TEL AVIV, March 3. (JTA) -- The return of Israeli prisoners held by the Arab Legion was completed today when the last group of 203 arrived at Jerusalem. Repatriation of Transjordan prisoners taken by Israeli forces continues.

The Egyptian-Israeli armistice commission, which has its headquarters at Aqra el Hafir, in the Negev, today set up a sub-commission to arrange for the exchange of Israeli and Egyptian prisoners of war. The exchange is expected to commence Monday.

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AGAIN REFUSES TO ADMIT JEW INVOLVED IN BRITISH GOVERNMENT SCANDAL

TEL AVIV, March 3. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government today informed Max Seligson, attorney for Sidney Stanley, a Polish Jew residing in Britain who figured in a recent British Government scandal, that it had again considered its earlier refusal to permit Stanley to enter Israel and had again reached the same decision.

ZIONISM BRANDED IN MOSCOW AS "BACTERIAL WEAPON IN COLD WAR" AGAINST RUSSIA

MOSCOW, March 3. (JTA) -- Zionism was termed here today as "a kind of bacterial weapon in the cold war" which the western powers are allegedly conducting against the Soviet Union. The charge was made in an article published in the Literary Gazette and entitled "Traitors of a Nation."

The article criticized cosmopolitanism "whether promoted under the guise of Pan-Americanism, Catholicism, Zionism or any other name." It said that "cosmopolitanism actively serves the interests of imperialist reaction and of American monopolies." It charged that "an anti-patriotic group of critics, like Yuzovsky and Hurvich, have been making an effort to infect the crystal springs of Soviet literature with poisonous microbes of cosmopolitanism."

Ivan Bolshakov, Soviet Minister of Cinematography, in an article in Pravda, today demands the liquidation of "bourgeois cosmopolitanism in the cinema art." The Minister said that "the bourgeois diversionists in the cinema, Trauborg, Bleiman, Kikovich and Kovarsky have organized ties with anti-patriotic theatre critics."

SCHEDULE FOR LIQUIDATION OF JEWISH COMMUNAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GERMANY DRAFTED

MUNICH, March 3. (JTA) -- A schedule for the liquidation of Jewish communal organizations and their activities in line with the rapidly decreasing number of displaced Jews remaining in the American zone of Germany was drawn up here at a two-day conference of the Council of Liberated Jews.

At the parley, attended by Harry Greenstein, newly-appointed advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. high command in Europe, an agreement was reached with the Joint Distribution Committee whereby the relief agency will take over any functions of the Jewish Central Committee which must be carried out after a subsidiary arm of the committee is dissolved. The J.D.C., in effect, agreed to maintain its services in the U.S. zone as long as the DP's and the Central Committee need them. Thus, it is hoped, no service vacuum will develop during the closing down period.

The schedule of institutional liquidation was drafted in cooperation with the local office of the Jewish Agency, the J.D.C., ORT, Central Committee and Greenstein's office. No deadline has been set for the dissolution of specific bodies, but the following groups, all affiliated with the Central Committee, will be liquidated shortly: several Associations of Jewish Physicians, Lawyers, Engineers, Writers and Journalists; several Federations of Jews from Lithuania, Poland, Hungary and Rumania; and the Jewish College at Munich.

CENTRAL JEWISH COMMITTEE OF POLAND TO BE REORGANIZED ON MORE REPRESENTATIVE BASIS

WARSAW, March 3. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee of Poland, which in the past has been composed of representatives of the Jewish political parties, will be broadened to include representatives of Jewish economic and cultural organizations, it was learned here today. This decision followed the government's designation of the Committee as the final authority in all matters pertaining to Jewish life in Poland.

It was also learned that according to an agreement between the Jewish Communists and the Zionists, the latter will receive 23 seats on the Central Committee. The former will receive 30 seats, including those formerly assigned to the Socialist Bund which recently united with the Communist Party. In addition, an undisclosed number of non-political representatives will be given seats on the Committee.

CELLER ASKS FOR ADMISSION OF 7,000 SHANGHAI REFUGEES TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler today proposed an amendment to admit 7,000 Shanghai refugees, mostly Jewish, in testimony before the House Representatives Judiciary Committee in behalf of his new DP bill to amend present legislation.

The Celler Bill resembles closely other DP bills now pending. It provides for an increase in the number to be admitted from 200,000 to 400,000; moving forward the cut-off date to April 21, 1947; elimination of preference for farmers; deletion of employment and housing assurances; removal of in-camp priority; a revolving fund for loans for reception and transportation from ports of entry; no visas for anyone who advocated or participated in religious persecution; and other liberalizing measures.

Present DP legislation was today condemned by Philip Murray, president of the A.F.O. Murray said that admission of 100,000 DP's a year for the next four years as proposed by the Celler Bill would have no effect on the job situation in the United States. He said that he stood behind liberalizing measures now being considered by Congress to revise the much criticized DP Act of 1946.

89 ISRAEL-BOUND JEWISH REFUGEES SAIL FROM NEW YORK; WERE EVACUATED FROM SHANGHAI

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- A group of 489 Jewish refugees from Shanghai sailed from here today for Israel on the last leg of their long globe-circling journey to a permanent haven. In their wanderings, the refugees, most of whom fled Hitler Germany and Austria in 1937 and 1938, crossed the Pacific Ocean aboard a Victory ship and then boarded sealed and guarded trains for a six-day trip across the American continent from San Francisco to Ellis Island.

At a farewell ceremony tendered by the United Jewish Appeal last night, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A., pledged American support to guarantee that the refugees would be resettled in Israel and "would never again become wanderers." Speaking of their journey across the U.S., Morgenthau declared: "I hang my head in shame that this great country of mine does not welcome you with open arms, instead of sending you across the country in a closed train." In Israel, he said, the people welcome every Jew who wishes to come there and give them an opportunity "to take their place on an equal basis with all other citizens."

Arthur Lourie, Israeli consul-general in New York, told the refugees that his country held out to homeless Jews the world over the promise of "work, rest, shelter and security for every Jew who wishes to go there." Other speakers included William Rosenwald, chairman of the U.J.A.; Edwin Rosenberg, president of United Service for New Americans; Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem; and Judge Morris Rothenberg, acting national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. One of the highlights of the ceremony was the rendition of several operatic numbers by members of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

In conjunction with the International Refugee Organization, the Joint Distribution Committee has helped evacuate some 4,000 refugee Jews from Shanghai in the past two months, Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C., announced today. The movement, which began on Dec. 27, last, continues. Included among these refugees were the 489 who left New York for Israel today.

FIRST PHASE OF J.D.C. AIRLIFT FLYING YEMENITE REFUGEES TO ISRAEL FROM ADEN COMPLETED

TEL AVIV, March 3. (JTA) -- "Operation magic carpet," the airlift which the American Joint Distribution Committee is conducting to bring Jewish Yemenite refugees to Israel from Aden, completed the first phase of its operation this week when the last of 4,500 women, children and elderly men landed at Lydda airport. Another 850 Jews of military age are still detained in Aden camps, under British orders.

TWO-DAY J.N.F. CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY IN NEW YORK; 1,400 DELEGATES ATTEND

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- The need for rapidly establishing a large class of farmers in Israel was emphasized by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israeli President, in a message to the Jewish National Fund of America made public here today. The message was addressed to 1,400 delegates from all parts of the country who will participate in an extraordinary conference convened by the J.N.F., which opens tomorrow at the Hotel Astor.

The conference, which will last three days, will be addressed by Dr. Abraham Yavneky, world chairman of the J.N.F., and will hear a message from Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion who will speak to the gathering in his first broadcast to the United States since he was invited to head the Government of Israel. The broadcast will be made on a nationwide hook-up.

Other principal speakers at the parley will include Elisha Elath, Israel's ambassador to the United States; Aubrey Eban, head of the Israeli delegation at the United Nations; Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund of America and acting chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. Dr. Weizmann, in his message, pointed out that "with the establishment of the state of Israel the functions of the Jewish National Fund have grown seven-fold" and that the needs of the Jewish state have become more pressing. He called upon American Jewry for intensification of its efforts in behalf of the complete redemption of the soil of Israel through the J.N.F.

NINETY RABBIS START ON THREE-MONTH "JEWISH CAVALCADE" TO POPULARIZE LIBERAL JUDAISM

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- Ninety Liberal rabbis will visit a number of large and small communities throughout the country as spiritual emissaries in the third annual American Jewish Cavalcade which has been launched by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, it was announced here today by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union.

The Cavalcade, which is designed as a program of "religious re-dedication," will function through the months of March, April and May. The ninety rabbis will speak on Liberal Judaism before congregations, sisterhoods, brotherhoods, interfaith groups and institutions of higher learning.

UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL IN MONTREAL PASSES MILLION DOLLAR MARK, LEADERS REPORT

MONTREAL, March 3. (JTA) -- The United Israel Appeal in Montreal has passed the \$1,000,000 mark, it was announced here at a rally where Dr. Isaac Werfel, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency and a member of its executive, was guest speaker. The new Republic of Israel is not asking for financial aid for its own upkeep but rather for a helping hand in the rehabilitation of the destitute immigrants, said Dr. Werfel.

HOWARD E. DESKY NAMED CHAIRMAN OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION

OAKLAND, California, March 3. (JTA) -- Howard E. Desky was elected president of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties at its silver anniversary dinner meeting here. He is the chairman of the Oakland Mayor's Committee for Civic Unity and is a member of the executive committee of the Joint Defense Appeal.

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