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## SECURITY COUNCIL VOTES TO ADMIT ISRAEL TO U.N. MEMBERSHIP; VOTE IS 9 TO 1

LAKE SUCCESS, March 4. (JTA) -- The U.N. Security Council tonight voted, by nine to one, with one abstention, to recommend the admission of Israel to the United Nations. Final approval must be given by the General Assembly which will begin meeting again April 5.

Britain abstained, while Egypt cast the lone negative ballot. Specifically the Council adopted a resolution proposed at the last minute by the United States, in which the Council recognizes that Israel "is a peace-loving state fully capable of carrying out its obligations under the Charter."

Explaining the British position, Sir Terrence Shone, in a carefully prepared statement, told the Council that his government was obliged to abstain until Israel had "clarified" its position with respect to the future of Jerusalem and the Palestine Arab refugees.

At a press conference immediately following the Council's vote, Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli representative at the U.N. declared: "The Council has given decisive international recognition of Israel's character as an independent peace-loving state. Avoiding controversial entanglements on the international scene, Israel seeks in the United Nations a comprehensive framework for a peaceful foreign policy." He pledged Israel's cooperation through the U.N. to rehabilitate the Middle East by regional economic planning.

The effect of Britain's abstention, Eban said, would have to be considered by the Israeli Government. Asked to explain this reference, Eban said he was referring to the inevitable psychological reaction, while admitting the abstention would have no political or practical effect.

As to the British reservations about Israel's intentions with regard to Jerusalem and the Arab refugees, Eban revealed that the Israeli and British delegations had been in close contact for the past several weeks and that the British had never once asked for the clarification which they demanded in the Council.

## TRANSJORDAN-ISRAELI ARMISTICE TALKS OPEN; STRAIN APPARENT IN FIRST, BRIEF SESSION

RHODES, March 4. (JTA) -- The Israeli-Transjordan armistice talks opened here formally today with a nine-minute joint session at which acting U.N. mediator Ralph J. Bunche was elected chairman, the credentials of the members of both delegations were presented and a seven-point agenda was adopted. Following the conclusion of this business, Dr. Bunche made a short, formal speech of welcome to the delegates.

The atmosphere at the brief session was strained and the Arab delegates refused to be introduced to their Jewish counterparts. The Transjordanians filed out immediately after the session was concluded. In view of this attitude, Reuven Shiloah, head of the Israeli delegation, prepared to fly back to Tel Aviv for consultations with his government.

However, a more favorable light was cast on the situation tonight when Dr. Bunche issued a communique announcing that Shiloah and Badki Jundi, chief of the Arab group, met informally in Dr. Bunche's room this evening.

ISRAELI PREMIER REPORTS TO PRESIDENT WEIZMANN ON COMPLETION OF CABINET COMPOSITION

TEL AVIV, March 4. (JTA) -- Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion informed President Chaim Weizmann today that he had completed composition of a 12-man, four-party cabinet leaving three portfolios for the Mapam and one for the General Zionists if they agree to enter the Government.

The Premier said he had reached agreement with his ministers on nearly all points of the government program and that the final meeting to approve the program will be held Monday. The government will go before the Knesseth (Constituent Assembly) on Tuesday to present its program.

Substantial unanimity was reached today at a three-hour meeting between the Mapai and the Religious Bloc over the question of official Sabbath observance, which would mean the prohibition of all bus, taxi and railroad services on that day, as well as the suspension of postal services.

SHORTOK SAYS BRITISH ARE PLEDGED NOT TO CROSS INTO ISRAELI TERRITORY IN AQABA AREA

TEL AVIV, March 4. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok, at his weekly press conference today, reiterated the statement that the British had undertaken, vis-a-vis Israel, not to cross into territory assigned to Israel where it touches Transjordan at the Gulf of Aqaba.

The Israelis do not intend to enter Transjordanian territory, he said, adding, "yet recurrent propaganda on the subject emanating from Amman makes us think it may perhaps be the other way round. If this proves to be true, Israel would not hesitate to bring the problem before the United Nations Security Council."

Shertok revealed that the Israeli delegation at Rhodes had strongly protested to Dr. Banche against recent incursions around the Arab triangle--Nablus-Jenin-Tulkarm--despite repeated warnings to the Arabs that Israel would not sit back with folded arms if the acts continued. The question whether the triangle would be considered in the talks with Transjordan was still under consideration at Rhodes, he said.

The western fringes of the Arab triangle is held by Iraqi troops although the Transjordan delegation at Rhodes claims to represent the area for armistice talks. Armed cattle thefts and the killing of Jewish settlers in the Ramath Hakoveah and Benayamin areas were reported during the week and were followed by a stiff warning by the Israeli Army authorities that "action would be taken."

HUNGARY DENIES HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELI DIPLOMAT ON JEWISH EMIGRATION

BUDAPEST, March 4. (JTA) -- A Foreign Office spokesman today told a press conference that there is no truth in reports published abroad of alleged negotiations between Israeli Minister Imud Avriol and the Hungarian Government with regard to Jewish emigration from Hungary to Israel. The visits paid by the Israeli Minister to members of the government were merely formal, he said.

A spokesman for the Israeli legation here confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that so far no concrete results have been achieved on the Jewish emigration question.

(In Tel Aviv, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok today told a press conference that he was surprised at the Hungarian statement. He said he received a lengthy account of conversations which have taken place recently between Avriol and members of the Hungarian Cabinet.)

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WISE RESTITUTION BODY FILED 74,000 CLAIMS FOR HEIRLESS, COMMUNAL PROPERTY IN GERMANY

NUREMBERG, March 4. (JTA) -- Nearly 74,000 claims for restitution of heirless or communal Jewish property have been filed with the American military government in Germany by the Jewish Restitution Organization, it was revealed in a report of the organization's activities in 1948 made public here today.

Among the claims are some 9,800 against the former German Government, 9,500 which deal with businesses, 9,500 which pertain to mortgages and other forms of securities and 19,000 claims for personal property including such items as household furnishings and jewelry. Officials of the J.R.S.O. estimate that the filing agency will not be able to process and dispatch the individual claims of last year to the various restitution bureaus before May 1. Therefore, it was stated, "no clear picture" can be expected before June, 1949, at the earliest.

Meanwhile, the J.R.S.O. is proceeding with some 2,000 claims for communal property which have not been otherwise claimed or which specific communities have conceded they do not need. No agreement has yet been reached on the disposition of property which the J.R.S.O. desires to claim but which a community does not choose to relinquish. Officials of the restitution organization hope to acquire all claimed property within less than two years.

The report reveals that as far as cultural property is concerned, an agreement has been reached between the military government and the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction organization for turning over some 200,000 Jewish books and manuscripts as well as a considerable quantity of scrolls, silver candlesticks, goblets and other Jewish cultural and religious objects. The military government has agreed to crate these objects and ship them to any point on the German border, at the expense of the German economy.

In addition, the J.R.S.O. has laid claim to some 100,000 Jewish owned books under Law 59 of the U.S. zone which deals with the restitution of Nazi-stolen or confiscated Jewish property in the hands of Germans. If a distribution schedule for the books and religious objects can be worked out between the organization and major Jewish public or quasi-public institutions throughout the world it would be possible to take all these objects out of Germany in six months. The librarian of the Hebrew University has already been assigned to work with the Jewish cultural restitution organization to sort out material desired by his institution, the report says.

Negotiations have been in progress to extend the restitution law to the British, French and American sectors of Berlin. Unless tri-partite approval is forthcoming soon, it is expected that the law will be extended unilaterally to the U.S. sector. This development would be considered here a victory for the Jewish groups involved, who have been pressing for speed in the matter of restitution.

GREEK CABINET AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO IMPLEMENT 1946 LAW ON HEIRLESS JEWISH PROPERTY

ATHENS, March 4. (JTA) -- The Greek Cabinet last night discussed the question of the disposition of heirless Jewish property and agreed in principle to implement a 1946 law providing for the transfer of this property to a foundation which would use funds obtained from the sale of the property for the relief and rehabilitation of Greek Jews.

Upon the request of the Minister of Education, however, a final decision was delayed until his return from a trip to Salonica which he began today. The Minister said he wanted more time to study the problem.

YUGOSLAVIA, RUMANIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGREE TO HALT JEWS LEAVING COUNTRY ILLEGALLY

VIENNA, March 4. (JTA) -- The Hungarian, Czechoslovak and Rumanian authorities are trying to smash, by joint effort, an alleged organization which is reported to have smuggled 5,000 persons--a large number of them Jews--to the West in the last year of 1948, a high Hungarian official who asked that his name be withheld revealed here today.

The authorities have agreed on joint measures which are mainly against "illegal" Jewish emigration which is constantly increasing. During the current week, 400 Hungarian Jewish refugees arrived in Vienna despite frosty weather.

IF DP CAMPS COULD BE CLOSED BY JUNE NEXT YEAR, CARUSI TELLS CONGRESSIONAL BODY

WASHINGTON, March 4. (JTA) -- Displaced Persons Commission chairman Ugo Cassinelli told the House Immigration Sub-Committee today that he thought Jewish displaced persons camps in Europe could probably be closed by June 30, 1950.

Dr. William Haber, recently retired adviser on Jewish affairs to the U.S. Army, who served as a combat commander in Germany and Austria, made such a prediction in his final report to the Secretary of the Army. The chairman of the Sub-Committee, Rep. Francis Walter of Pennsylvania, asked Carusi if he concurred.

Carusi replied that he thought it quite likely that the camps could be closed by that time. He said the present rate of exodus from the Jewish camps is over 5,000 a month. Most of the Jewish DP's plan to go to Israel, he stated, adding that from the very beginning that had been the desire of some 80 or 90 percent of the DP's.

In a discussion of the features making the present law administratively unworkable, Carusi said the fixing of the deadline at Dec. 22, 1945 "just makes no sense at all." In response to questions by Rep. Emanuel Celler, Carusi said that changing the deadline to April 17, 1947--when the camps were closed by Army authorities to further DP infiltration--would make approximately 95,000 more displaced persons eligible for admission under the bill. About 78,000 of these would be Jewish, he said, and the rest of the remainder Catholic.

Rep. Ed Gossett of Texas charged that "our Jewish friends are loudest in criticizing the DP law when they are actually favored." He said he could not understand why Jewish groups complained about discriminatory features of the present law when it had admitted 2,749 Jews compared to 2,425 Catholics and 689 Protestants, although the proportion of Jewish DP's is about 22 percent of the total still in camps.

He drew a sharp reply from Carusi who said that the early admission of a large number of Jews was because "Jewish agencies worked harder" and not because the bill was fair. Carusi explained that the Jews had used the large German quota and were thus early to be certified and admitted. He said he felt the present DP Act, which restricts immigration largely to Balts and farmers, is discriminatory to the Jews. Rep. Gossett then asked if there were any immigration restrictions on Jews entering Israel and was told by Carusi that there were not.

FIRST GROUP OF ISRAEL-BOUND REFUGEES ARRIVES AT MARSEILLES FROM BRITISH ZONE

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- The first group of Israel-bound immigrants from the Bergen-Belsen DP camp for Jews in the British zone of Germany reached Marseilles today, it was announced here by the Jewish Committee for Relief Abroad, which made the travel arrangements. The party numbered 550 and included some men of military age. The immigrants will be forced to remain in Marseilles for a while before proceeding to Israel because the Israeli vessels on the run to Haifa are laid up in Marseilles docks for repairs.

THE AGENCY ESTABLISHES ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT TO STIMULATE U.S. INVESTMENTS FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- The establishment in New York of an economic department by the Jewish Agency "for the purpose of stimulating and mobilizing American investment capital for the development of Israel," was announced at a press conference here today. The conference was addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting chairman of the American section of the Agency's executive, and by Robert R. Nathan, Agency's economic adviser.

"The economic department will welcome inquiries from individuals, firms and organizations throughout America with respect to investments, tourist traffic and general economic information. To the maximum extent of its ability, the department will serve all inquirers," Dr. Goldmann said.

Mr. Nathan stated that the newly established department will secure detailed information from Israel with respect to opportunities for particular industries and investments, and will make these data readily available to American interests. He cited as an example by pointing out that obviously excellent opportunities offer themselves in the field of hotel investments at the present time and that the economic department is now preparing a comprehensive brochure dealing with all aspects of this question to the benefit of the American investor.

"In all its activities, the economic department is working in close cooperation with the Israeli Government and its representatives in the United States," Nathan said. "The department has also an office in Jerusalem with which it is in constant communication for the two-way flow of information."

J.N.F. LEADERS DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM; CONSIDER INSURANCE PLAN

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- A plan for the Jewish National Fund to launch a campaign for individuals to buy insurance policies naming the organization as beneficiary was presented here today in connection with the extraordinary conference of the J.N.F. which will continue through Sunday at the Waldorf-Astoria. The proceeds from these policies would be used to set up a reserve fund for land redemption purposes.

At a preliminary meeting today, delegates to the conference considered a program for large-scale land acquisition in Israel. The program, which has been worked out by the financial experts of the Jewish National Fund, provides for housing for the incoming immigrants and for the expansion of the agricultural economy and reclamation of waste lands. One of its features is the settling on farms of large numbers of Israeli soldiers who have expressed a desire for farm life. Dr. Joseph Weiss, financial expert of the J.N.F., was the principal speaker.

Judge Morris Rothenberg today released a cable to the Conference from Brigadier Yacov Dori, commander of the Israeli Army, in which he expressed the hope that "now the swords would be turned into ploughshares."

REFUGEE NOBEL PRIZE WINNER NAMED TO HEAD WEIZMANN INSTITUTE'S DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

TEL AVIV, March 4. (JTA) -- Prof. Boris Chain, Jewish refugee scientist who in 1945 won a partial Nobel prize for his work on penicillin, has been named head of the Biological Institute to be opened at the Weizmann Institute, Meyer Weisgal, head of the American Committee for the Institute announced here today, prior to his departure for the U.S. He added that the opening of the Weizmann Institute, set for May 15, has been postponed for technical reasons.

KEPSE COLLEGE PROFESSOR DOUBTS ANTIQUITY OF SCROLL CLAIMED TO BE BOOK OF ISAIAH

PHILADELPHIA, March 4. (JTA) -- The recent discovery by a wandering Bedouin of ancient scrolls comprising the book of Isaiah and other Hebrew writings, which caused a sensation in scholarly circles, was declared to be "not an important discovery, but possibly a hoax," by Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, Professor of Rabbinical Literature at Dropsie College. Dr. Zeitlin, one of the world's leading authorities on the Second Commonwealth, the era preceding the time of Jesus, made this charge in an article, appearing in the current issue of the Jewish Quarterly Review published by Dropsie College, of which he is co-editor.

The new discoveries, which have been hailed by Dr. John C. Trever of Duke University, Professor Millar Burrows of Yale University, and Professor Eleazar L. Livshitz of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem as belonging to the pre-Christian era, would, if authentic, make them the earliest Biblical writings in existence. Hitherto, the earliest Biblical manuscript known dated from the eighth century, C.E. These recently unearthed scrolls, including the "Book of Isaiah," the "Commentary on Habakkuk," and the "Sectarian Document" were reported by Dr. Trever to have been discovered by a wandering Bedouin in the vicinity of a cave near the northern end of the Dead Sea. The scrolls were enclosed in jars.

Dr. Zeitlin said that if these scrolls are of authentic pre-Christian era vintage, "this discovery could well be rated as one of the greatest discoveries in modern times." He explained that if this material were written before the time of Jesus, it would change a great deal of our interpretation of Jewish history in the period immediately preceding the Christian era. But, he said, "these claims to antiquity are not only open to doubt, but it is difficult to defend their validity once the documents are subjected to critical analysis." He advances a number of scholarly hypotheses to prove that the documents discovered were from the Middle Ages rather than the pre-Christian era.

Declaring that there is "a clear indication" that these documents date back to the Middle Ages, Dr. Zeitlin expressed the fear that Professors Trever and Burrows "in the tremor of excitement that they were handling the most ancient copy of Isaiah," had accepted, without proof, the statement that the Bedouin had found them in jars in a cave near the Dead Sea. "It is indeed extremely regrettable," Dr. Zeitlin said, "that the Bedouin was not thoroughly interrogated by scholars. There is not sufficient evidence to establish that the scrolls came from the cave. More regrettable is the fact that we do not have the jars in which the Bedouin stated the scrolls were found."

REPORT ON JEWISH ALL-DAY SCHOOLS SHOWS INCREASE IN PUPILS; 120 SCHOOLS EXIST IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- A total of 18,397 pupils are now attending 120 Jewish all-day schools in the United States, it was announced today by Michael A. Staritsky, president of the American Association for Jewish Education, on the basis of a study just completed by the Association. More than 12,000 of them are enrolled in New York's 66 schools; the remainder attend 53 schools located in 43 other cities.

This enrollment represents a 15 percent increase in registration over that of 1946, when the latest study on enrollment in all-day schools was made by the Association. Of the total all-day school enrollment, 13,263 are boys and 5,134 girls.

The Association will hold its annual meeting this year in conjunction with the National Council for Jewish Education and the National Federation of Hebrew Teachers at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Atlantic City, May 26-30, the announcement said.