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## U. S. ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSS ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS; RHODES PARLEY ADJOURNED

TEL AVIV, March 6. (JTA) -- Henry Vigier, personal deputy to acting U.N. mediator Ralph J. Bunche, and Gen. William Riley, Dr. Bunche's chief of staff, today conferred with Israeli military and Foreign Office representatives on the Rhodes armistice parley with Transjordan and the negotiations with Lebanon.

Following the three-hour conference, the U.N. deputies proceeded to Beirut to confer with representatives of the Lebanese Government. It is understood that both of them will be present at Ras el Makura, Israeli-Lebanese border town, tomorrow when the third joint armistice session is scheduled to be held.

It was understood here that little progress has been made at these talks because of Syria's unwillingness to evacuate Mishmar Hayarden. Israel has demanded that Lebanon, through whose territory alone the invaders can be supplied, force Syria to withdraw before it will agree to make any concessions. (A report from Damascus yesterday stated that Syria had accepted Dr. Bunche's invitation to attend an armistice parley with Israel at Rhodes.)

Meanwhile, the Rhodes conference was adjourned temporarily this week-end while the respective delegations returned to their capitals for new instructions. Reuven Shiloah, civilian head of the Israeli delegation, is expected to return to Rhodes tomorrow after conferring with the Foreign Office here.

## Transjordan Reported to Have Drafted Seven-Point Program for Negotiations

LONDON, March 6. (JTA) -- Transjordan has drafted a seven-point program for negotiation with Israel, it was reported here today in informed circles. The program, which is said to be opposed in part by Britain, provides:

1. A permanent peace settlement for Jerusalem directly between Transjordan and Israel;
2. Settlement of the Latrun pocket held by Transjordan on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem road;
3. Settlement of the status of the Ruthenberg electric power stations on Transjordan territory;
4. Freedom of movement on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road, with free port facilities for Transjordan in Jaffa. This point also presupposes the return of Lydda and Ramleh to the Arabs;
5. Freedom of access to the Holy Places in the Old City of Jerusalem;
6. Return of Arab refugees to Jerusalem and Israel; and
7. Compensation for refugees not returning to their homes in Israel.

The main difference between Britain and Transjordan concerns the future of the refugees and Jerusalem. The Transjordanians desire to press only for a token return of refugees to Israel, preferring to settle the refugees within Abdullah's kingdom, which would swell the country's population and give it some claim on Israel for Arab reparations and compensation.

The British fear that a separate agreement would isolate Transjordan from the other Arabs and destroy the last important point which the Arab states have in common. Over Jerusalem, the divergence is the same. The British fear Transjordan's isolation, while the Transjordanians prefer to take the Old City, rather than gamble on getting more by holding out.

HEBROT RAILS SECURITY COUNCIL FAVORABLE VOTE ON ISRAEL'S U.N. MEMBERSHIP BID

TEL AVIV, March 6. (JTA) -- The decision of the United Nations Security Council Friday to recommend admittance of Israel into the U.N. was acclaimed this week-end by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok.

The decision, he said, was particularly gratifying because such a large majority passed it, including the United States, Russia, France, China, two Latin American republics and Norway and Canada. That Britain could not bring itself to vote but abstained, he said, showed how hard certain prejudices die, but this was something the state of Israel would have to take in its stride. "It is a fair assumption," Shertok added, "that the decision of the Security Council assures our admission at the forthcoming session of the U.N. General Assembly."

Although the U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine is not in session because its various members are touring different parts of Palestine, its sub-commission on the future of Jerusalem is still meeting here. Yesterday the sub-commission held two meetings. Although it was expected that it would meet with Arab and Jewish representatives soon, the Israeli Foreign Office has not yet named liaison men to meet with the sub-commission, although Transjordan has.

The exchange of Egyptian and Israeli prisoners of war, which is scheduled to begin tomorrow, is expected to last three or four days, it was learned here today. The procedure for the exchange was decided upon yesterday at a meeting of the mixed armistice commission at Amja. Meanwhile, several hundred Arab civilians who remained behind in Faluja when the Egyptian Army evacuated the town today left for Hebron. They could not leave earlier because Transjordan was late in giving them permission to cross the Arab Legion's lines to the city. This leaves only several hundred Arabs in Faluja who have elected to remain as citizens of Israel.

(Reuters reported today from Aden that the first group of some 860 Yemenite Jews of military age given permission to emigrate from a refugee camp here to Israel, were today flown to the Jewish state. The report added that the British authorities in Aden have asked Yemom to halt the flow of Yemenite Jewish refugees to Aden from which they hope to reach Israel. They are reported to be arriving in Aden at the rate of 100 a month.)

BRITAIN'S ABSTENTION ON ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP VOTE AT U.N. CRITICIZED AT POALE ZION PARTY

LONDON, March 6. (JTA) -- The abstention of Britain on the Security Council vote recommending the admission of Israel into the United Nations was criticized here this week-end at a national conference of the Poale Zion of Britain by four Jewish Members of Parliament who addressed the conference. The M.P.'s, all of whom touched on one aspect or another of the relations between Britain and Israel, were Sidney Silverman, Ian Mikardo, Barnett Janner and S. Segal.

The conference sent greetings to President Weizmann, Premier-designate David Ben Gurion and the Knesseth (Constituent Assembly) of Israel. A number of speakers expressed themselves in favor of a merger of the Mapai and Mapam parties in Israel, provided their was no compromise of principle as a result of such a consolidation. It was announced that Morgan Phillips, chairman of the British Labor Party, sent congratulations to the Mapai on its victory in the recent elections.

The allocation of 1,000 Israeli visas to be used for Jewish emigration from Britain in the next few months was announced today by Itzhak Weizel, head of the Jewish Agency immigration department, in an address before a meeting of the Palestine Committee, which is composed of representatives of all Zionist groups. Weizel stressed the importance of training youths for pioneer work in Israel.

EXTRAORDINARY J.N.F. PARLEY ENDORSES PLAN TO BUY 250,000 ACRES OF LAND IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- A program for the acquisition of 1,000,000 dunams (250,000 acres) of land in Israel this year, outlined by Dr. Abraham Granovsky, world president of the Jewish National Fund, was endorsed here today at the concluding session of a three-day extraordinary conference of the J.N.F.

The delegates also endorsed a three-year campaign by J.N.F. to raise \$300,000,000 for land acquisition, reclamation and afforestation in Israel. Other resolutions adopted saluted Israel for its acceptance to membership in the United Nations by the Security Council; pledged support to the United Palestine Appeal and congratulated Israeli President Dr. Chaim Weizmann on his election.

Israeli Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, in a broadcast from Israel carried over a nationwide hookup, paid warm tribute to this country for its aid in securing the independence of Israel. He credited Israel's success to its fighting men and to the support given by America. He urged however, that although the war has been won, his support should continue on an even larger scale.

Dr. Granovsky, who came to this country to participate in the conference, stressed the importance of a strong agricultural base for Israel's economy. He said that "if the structure of the state is to be sound, simple economics requires that about 20 percent of the people must settle on the land." He pointed out that "one family on the land enables four other families to find a livelihood in the cities."

Judge Morris Rethenborg, head of the J.N.F. in America, reported to the parley that a network of 198 new settlements had been blueprinted for 1949. He revealed that many difficulties in the way of acquisition of land had been removed by the establishment of the government of Israel. Mendel Fisher, executive director of the J.N.F., reported that the Fund had collected \$106,000,000 since its inception forty-seven years ago, and that it now operates in 1,800 communities in the U.S. Aubrey Eban, Israeli representative to the U.N., and Jewish Agency executive chairman Berl Locker also addressed the conference.

U.J.A. DELEGATION RECEIVED BY JERUSALEM'S MAYOR; TO VISIT HAIFA, TIBERIAS, NATHANYA

JERUSALEM, March 6. (JTA) -- The forty-seven member United Jewish Appeal delegation now touring Israel investigating conditions in the country was today received by Jerusalem Mayor Daniel Auster. Mayor Auster told the delegates that not a single Jerusalem will ever agree to the internationalization of Jerusalem. He blamed the city's unclarified political status for its present economic difficulties.

Yesterday, the delegates were received by Dr. Israel Goldstein, Jewish Agency treasurer. They will visit Haifa, Tiberias and Nathanya this week and will leave next week-end for Casablanca where they will inspect J.D.C. camps in French Morocco.

RESEARCH COUNCIL ON HOUSING FOR ISRAEL ESTABLISHED BY AMERICAN TECHNICIAN SOCIETY

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- The formation of a research Council on Housing for Israel, composed of leading American engineers, architects and construction experts, was announced here this week-end by the American Technician Society. The Council will collect and channelize information on housing to Israel through the Haifa Technical Institute.

# JEWISH FUND-RAISING IN 1948 HIGHEST IN HISTORY, CJFWM SAYS; \$180,000,000 RAISED

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- American Jewish fund-raising in 1948 reached the highest peak in its history with 180 federations and welfare funds reporting a total of \$180,478,426 raised for overseas, national, regional and local needs, it was revealed here in a report issued today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

A comprehensive survey of the 180 communities showed a 29 percent increase by some agencies over 1947, the report stated. In total dollars, the increase was \$10,558,322 more than the \$139,920,104 raised in 1947. The statistics do not include Community Chest income.

The CJFWM analysis divided the drives on the basis of spring and fall campaigns. Final figures from 139 spring campaign communities showed a total of \$159,102,608 raised in 1948. This represented an increase of 33 percent over the \$119,989,655 raised in the spring of 1947. Pointing out that totals for fall campaigns are still incomplete in many cases, the report declared that communities are "extending their efforts to achieve maximum results." The 41 reporting communities have thus far raised \$20,675,818, as compared with \$19,930,839 in the fall of 1947.

Stanley C. Myers, CJFWM president, declared that the figures illustrate that communities are "making the most concentrated effort in history" to meet their overseas and home responsibilities. "An even greater effort may be expected in 1949," he said, "as communities organize their campaigns and work intensively toward exceeding all previous totals," he concluded.

## 1949 U.J.A. DRIVE TO BE LAUNCHED FORMALLY AT EMERGENCY PARLEY IN WASHINGTON MARCH 19

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- The 1949 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will be launched formally at an Emergency National Conference of the U.J.A. which will be held in Washington on March 19 and 20, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman, announced here this week-end. Some 1,200 Jewish leaders from all parts of the country are expected to attend the Washington parley.

Tomorrow, Morgenthau revealed, leaders of the U.J.A., Jewish Agency, United Palestine Appeal and United Service for New Americans will join in an extraordinary conference by telephone with some 15,000 persons in 150 communities from coast to coast. The mass conferences will signal the start of community drives in behalf of the U.J.A. in the 150 cities and will be on a national hook-up.

Morgenthau announced the appointment of the following national officers of the U.J.A.: Harold J. Goldenberg, Minneapolis, chairman of the National Campaign Cabinet, over-all planning body for the U.J.A. drive; Samuel Rothberg, of Peoria, chairman for Initial Gifts; Mrs. David M. Levy, of New York, honorary chairman of the National Women's Division and Mrs. Ernest G. Wadel, of Dallas, chairman of the Women's Division; Herman Gilman of Boston, chairman of the National Trades and Industries Division; Julian B. Venezky, of Peoria, chairman, and E.W. Grueskin, of Sioux City, Eugene M. Solow, of Dallas, Charles Brown, of Los Angeles, and Milton Kahn, of Boston, co-chairmen of the regional division. Morris W. Berinstein, of Syracuse, will be chairman of the National Caravans; Abraham Feinberg of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., chairman of the Metropolitan Division and I. Edwin Goldwasser and Jacob Sinfelfel, both of New York, national co-treasurers. Henry Montor is director of the drive.

A special drive for funds to build 50,000 homes in Israel for refugee immigrants was launched here today at a meeting of the Council of Organizations of the New York U.J.A. The parley was attended by over 3,000 delegates representing 800,000 members in 7,000 Jewish organizations in this city. The parley heard Dr. Frank Kingdon, lecturer and columnist who just returned from a trip to Israel, and Joseph Zerkow, member of the Jewish Agency executive. Israeli President Weizmann sent the conference a message.

PROPOSITION FOR LIMITING POLITICAL RIGHTS OF NATURALIZED CITIZENS MADE IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, March 6. (JTA) -- A recommendation to limit the rights of naturalized Argentinian citizens has been made by the commission for a new Federal Constitution, it was learned here this week-end. The commission proposed the following:

"Foreigners who enter the country legally will participate in all civil rights of Argentinians and, five years after obtaining Argentine nationality, will participate in political rights. They may obtain nationality after two years of continuous residence and will automatically become naturalized after five years, unless they elect to the contrary. The laws will define the formalities for getting citizenship and for its loss, as well as for the deportation of foreigners."

STEPHEN WISE ASKS SENATE COMMITTEE TO ACT ON PROSECUTION OF ILSE KOCH BY GERMANS

NEW YORK, March 6. (JTA) -- Ilse Koch, notorious German war criminal, may go free in October on completion of her commuted jail sentence, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American and World Jewish Congress, warned today in a letter to William P. Rogers, counsel for the Senate Investigations Subcommittee, which last year made an inquiry into the commutation of Frau Koch's life sentence. Dr. Wise urged the Subcommittee to expedite the execution of its recommendations for further action against her by German authorities.

The letter pointed out that the German authorities have done nothing about the case. In view of this fact, Dr. Wise urged that the matter not be left to the discretion of the Germans alone, but that the U.S. authorities do everything possible to bring Ilse Koch before such a court. It suggested that American personnel "experienced in investigation and prosecution of war criminals be assigned as of counsel."

I. ROGOSIN, NOTED JEWISH LEADER AND PHILANTHROPIST, NAMED BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE

WALTHAM, Mass., March 6. (JTA) -- The election of Israel Rogosin, noted Jewish leader and philanthropist, to the board of trustees of Brandeis University was announced here today by George Alpert, president of the board.

Rogosin is the sponsor of the I. Rogosin Foundation, established in 1946, through which contributions are made to educational, civic and charitable organizations through income of more than 100,000 shares of stock in Beaconit Mills, of which he is president. The Foundation supports the Jewish Culture Foundation at New York University which includes an intensive program of student activities, a library of Judaica, Hebraica and the chair of Hebrew culture and education.

TEACHERS UNION IN NEW JERSEY TOWN ASK BANNING OF "OLIVER TWIST" ON READING LIST

PERTH AMBOY, N.J., March 6. (JTA) -- A demand for the removal of Dickens' "Oliver Twist" from the required reading list of Perth Amboy High School was made here this week-end to the Board of Education by the local Teachers Union. The union requested that the book be replaced by a more suitable work by Dickens because Fagin is presented in "Oliver Twist" as "the incarnation of everything evil" and is referred to "hundreds of times" as "the Jew."

The union's request was referred by the board to William G. McGinnis, superintendent of schools, for investigation and report. Dr. McGinnis indicated his decision will be given to the board this week. Jacob Deutch, president of the union, emphasized that "we do not favor book-burning and we don't oppose having the book read by mature adults or being on library shelves, but we do object to its being compulsory reading for high school freshmen."