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ISRAELI AND TRANSJORDAN NEGOTIATORS AT REHODES STRESS QUESTION OF ACCESS TO HOLY PLACES

REHODES, March 13. (JTA) -- The problem of access to the Holy Places in Jerusalem was emphasized here today at two brief, informal meetings held by representatives of the Israeli and Transjordan governments. The Amman spokesman, although paying lip service to the religious sentiments involved in the problem of Jerusalem's Holy Places, argued that access to these shrines poses military problems such as passing military lines and fortified positions.

Meanwhile, acting U.N. Palestine mediator Dr. Ralph J. Bunche has submitted to both negotiating sides his proposal for resolving the Jerusalem problem. Neither the Jews nor the Transjordanians are willing to divulge the nature of Dr. Bunche's proposal.

Earlier, an Israeli spokesman, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said: "Our delegation has submitted legitimate demands for normalizing the life of Jerusalem, giving full consideration to Arab needs." It was reliably learned, meanwhile, that the Israeli demands include free, uncontrolled access to the Holy Places, free and uncontrolled passage via Latrun--which is held by the Arabs only as a bargaining point--and uncontrolled access to the Mt. Scopus area.

At the same time, it was learned here that the question of "demilitarized zones" within Jerusalem, such as the area around former Government House, has been raised at the negotiations. It is clear that a suggestion for joint supervision of the Jerusalem railway is not acceptable to the Jews, since the entire length of the railroad runs through Jewish-held territory, with only eight kilometers of the line going through "no-man's land."

Dr. Bunche has to date received no information from U.N. observers in the Negev on the reported Israeli-Transjordan clash there, while replies from Syria and Iraq to Bunche's invitation to join Transjordan in the current armistice negotiations have not yet been received. Brig. Gen. William Riley, U.N. chief of staff, arrived here yesterday to report to the mediator on the Lebanese-Israeli talks scheduled to resume Tuesday.

TEL AVIV MIM ON SOUTHERN NEGEV AREA; U.N., ISRAELI OFFICIALS TO MAKE FIRST-HAND CHECK

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA) -- No communiques regarding the southern Negev or Eilat coast areas were released today, but it is known here that the territory is firmly in Israeli hands. It is also believed here that a number of new settlements will soon be established in this area.

(A British War Office spokesman in London late today declined to comment on an Amman announcement that British troops, materiel and armor have been unloading at Akaba since Saturday evening, Reuters reported. The spokesman said he could not add to an earlier announcement that British troops at Akaba were being reinforced. A Foreign Office official, Reuters said, commented that the "strength of the force at Akaba is a military secret.")

Meanwhile, U.N. liaison official to the Israeli Government, Dr. Paul Mohn, accompanied by large groups of U.N. observers and Israeli officers, left here today for Eilat to make an on-the-spot investigation of the situation there.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. PERON ATTEND BANQUET TENDERED IN THEIR HONOR BY JEWS; LAUD ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, March 13. (JTA) -- President and Mrs. Juan Peron attended a banquet here last night arranged in their honor by the pro-Peron Jewish group, Organizacion Israelita Argentina, in cooperation with other Jewish organizations. More than 100 persons, including several Ministers, members of Congress, high military leaders, Mayor of Buenos Aires and Israeli representatives, participated in the festivities.

Speakers thanked President Peron for Argentina's recognition of Israel and the decision taken over the week-end by the Constituent Assembly not to recognize racial differences. Peron, whose remarks were frequently interrupted by thunderous ovations, lauded the "noble and glorious Israeli nation" and asserted that this exemplify moral fortitude.

All the Jews in Argentina, the President said, "are our brothers." Peron voiced the hope for peace in the Middle East for both the Jews and Arabs and asked that "God send prosperity to Israel." Mrs. Eva Peron wishes happiness to Israel and the Jewish world.

Argentine Chief Rabbi S. Schlesinger presented the President and his wife with a Scroll of the Law. The names of President and Mrs. Peron were also inscribed in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book.

CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AGREES TO SPEED EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM COUNTRY TO ISRAEL

LONDON, March 13. (JTA) -- A report reaching here over the week-end from Prague said that the Israeli Legation there announced that it had asked the Czechoslovak Government to speed the emigration of about 20,000 Jews and had received "a positive answer."

The Legation's announcement said that Israel's immigration program required that all of the immigrants from Czechoslovakia to start their journey to Israel before the end of May. After that, shipping space will be limited, the announcement indicated.

TRULI SHIPING COMPANY TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF JEWS TO ISRAEL, TEL AVIV HEARS

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA) -- A Turkish shipping company has opened a special Istanbul-Baifa service to transport Turkish Jews to Israel, it was learned here today from government circles. The first ship in this program is expected to arrive in Israel soon with 2,000 Jews.

Israeli Government circles point out that this development represents an important change in attitude on the part of the Turkish Government towards the question of emigration of Jews from Turkey to Israel. (Reuters reported yesterday from Ankara that Turkish customs police arrested 70 young Jews trying to board an Israel-bound vessel lying off the Turkish coast. The dispatch said the ship is bringing 148 Jews to Haifa.)

SHLOMO GINSBERG APPOINTED ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE TO ITALY; IS SON OF ACHAD HANAM

ROME, March 13. (JTA) -- Shlomo Ginsberg, former administrator of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and son of Achad Haam, founder of cultural Zionism, was today named Israeli representative to Italy.

TEL AVIV CHOCOLATE WORKERS STRIKE ENDED; 800 RETURN TO WORK AFTER SETTLEMENT

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA) -- Approximately 800 workers in two chocolate factories here, who had been out on strike for about two months, returned to work today following a settlement of their demands for an increase in wages.

FOR JEWISH DP CAMPS IN U.S. ZONE OF GERMANY TO CLOSE DURING MARCH, J.D.C. REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- With the scheduled closing this month of four Jewish displaced persons camps in the U.S. zone of Germany, Jewish emigration from Europe and other areas is expected to hit a new monthly high of some 24,000 during March, it was reported yesterday by officials of the Joint Distribution Committee, who said they had been advised that within the next two weeks Jewish DP camps in Bad Salzhof, Moenchsborg and Wetzlar will begin shutting down operations. One DP camp--the Hasenacke center in the U.S. zone--closed its gates last week.

J.D.C. officials explained that when a DP camp is closed most of its residents are scheduled for immediate departure to Israel. In the first two months of the year seven Jewish DP camps in Germany--Zeilsheim, Pocking, Wilsack, Hof, Hess Lichtensau, Britzlar and Hofgeismar--with a total population of 11,000 persons, were closed. The accelerated pace of DP camp liquidation will be reflected in increased Jewish emigration from Europe this month, J.D.C. officials said. From Europe, Shanghai, Aden and other areas, an estimated 24,000 persons will emigrate to new homes, chiefly in Israel. So far this month, 10,000 men, women and children have emigrated, the J.D.C. disclosed.

The J.D.C. is now undertaking phase two of "Operation Magic Carpet," under which it has flown out 4,500 Yemenite refugees from Aden to Israel, it was stated. The second phase of this operation began this week following the release by Sir Reginald Champion, British Governor of Aden, of 860 Jews of military age who had been denied permission to leave Aden for Israel. With their families, the group numbers 2,000, all of whom will be flown out of Aden in J.D.C.'s airlift operation within the next few months.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY INCREASING, LONDON PARLEY OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF AGUDAH HEARS

LONDON, March 13. (JTA) -- A meeting of the European executive council of the Agudas Israel today considered a report on increasing anti-Semitism in Germany. Members of the council from Britain, France, Belgium, Switzerland and the British zone of Germany participated in the parley.

Reports on the current situation of Jews in North African countries were also presented. The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution welcoming the decision by Agudah leaders to continue participation in the Israeli Cabinet.

SURVIVORS OF FRANKFURT JEWS DEDICATE FIRST SYNAGOGUE BUILT SINCE END OF WAR IN U.S. ZONE

FRANKFURT, March 13. (JTA) -- The first synagogue built since the end of the war in the U.S. zone of Germany was dedicated here over the week-end by Dr. Wilhelm Weinberg, rabbi for the province of Hesse. A small group of Frankfurt Jews--the remnants of this city's pre-war Jewish population of 20,000--participated in the ceremonies, which included lighting of the Eternal Light.

The synagogue, housed in a building which was formerly a Jewish children's home and was later transformed into a center for the children of Nazi Party members, is the only Jewish house of worship in this city which at one time had 20 synagogues. Addressing the small congregation in a tear-stained voice, Rabbi Weinberg declared: "Our eyes are as springs of tears when we recall our slain brethren. We will not atone, but we will not forgive, for judgment is the Lord's. We must not forget that for us the ultimate goal must be to return to our new but ancient home - Israel."

FRENCH COURT CONDEMNS COLLABORATOR TO DEATH FOR EXTORTING MONEY FROM JEWS

PARIS, March 13. (JTA) -- A sentence of death was imposed here today by a French war crimes court on Jean Bonhoure who was convicted of extorting money and valuables from Jewish civilians during the German occupation.

CONVENTION ADOPTS \$5,000,000 BUDGET FOR 1949; PLEDGES AID TO ISRAEL-BOUND IMMIGRANTS

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- A budget of \$5,000,000 for 1949 was approved today at the 64th annual convention of the HIAS, attended by delegates of 2,000 Jewish, religious and labor organizations.

The convention adopted a resolution extending congratulations to Israel on the establishment of a government through an "election conducted with the highest ideals of democracy" and pledged the organization's "cooperation to assist uprooted and homeless Jews who desire to immigrate to the new homeland."

Other resolutions adopted by the convention appealed for revision of the present Displaced Persons Act of 1948 to "extend the eligibility date from Dec. 22, 1945, to Jan. 1, 1949, to permit 400,000 DP's to enter the U.S."; approved recent action taken by the HIAS board of directors to merge with the Joint Distribution Committee "in its migration work overseas, but to coordinate rather than merge its activities with the United Service for New Americans"; and lauded the International Refugee Organization, the U.S. Displaced Persons Commission, American military authorities in Germany, the State Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service for "the efficient, generous and sympathetic help they are accord[ing] displaced persons and other immigrants."

Samuel A. Telsky, HIAS president, addressing the convention delegates, called for "redoubled assistance to the Jews in Eastern Europe and in North African and other alien countries who live under intolerable discriminatory legislation and under conditions that have become extremely dangerous due to inflamed political passions."

"During 1948," Telsky reported, "we aided the emigration of over 23,000 displaced persons and others from Europe; we afforded immigrants 37,195 nights of shelter, and we served them over 162,000 meals in our shelter."

Isaac L. Aschsky, HIAS executive director, reviewing the organization's activities last year, noted that "despite restrictions HIAS was able to effect the emigration of 23,351 Jews from European countries, a goodly number of them from behind the so-called Iron Curtain. They went to many countries throughout the world--Israel, the United States, Canada, South and Central America, Australia and other lands," he added.

"Despite the general trend in these countries to encourage highly selective immigration, and despite the fact that the governments of certain of these countries limited immigration to those whose ethnical origin was the same as the white population in those lands, a total of 14,223 Jewish immigrants arrived in the 21 Latin American countries in 1948, of whom more than 60 percent were serviced by HIAS," Aschsky stated.

A message to the convention from Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Elath said that the "helping hand which HIAS has stretched out to those who were forcefully uprooted from their surroundings or who voluntarily wanted to start life afresh, has saved the lives of untold thousands of our brethren and has rescued even greater numbers from suffering and despair. Many who are now citizens of Israel will be forever grateful to HIAS for having helped them at one stage or another on the tedious route to their new land," the message said.

SECOND GROUP OF ISRAEL-BOUND SHANGHAI JEWS LEAVES WEST COAST EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13. (JTA) -- The second group of 228 Shanghai Jewish DP's en route to Israel and Europe via the United States left for New York today aboard a sealed train after arriving here from Shanghai yesterday on the S.S. General. With the exception of 36 of the refugees who will settle in Europe, the entire contingent will tranship from New York on Thursday for Genoa, Italy, distribution center for Israel.

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE ROTHENBERG ON ELECTION TO U.P.A. POST

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- Characterizing 1949 as "a momentous year" for the Jews of Israel as well as for the thousands of homeless Jews still in the DP camps of Europe, President Chaim Weizmann of Israel yesterday expressed his "deep appreciation" over the election of Judge Morris Rothenberg as acting national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal and a national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, a U.P.A. announcement revealed today.

In a cable to Judge Rothenberg, Dr. Weizmann voiced confidence that "American Jewry will rally behind you in providing necessary funds for the reception and absorption of hundreds of thousands now pouring into our new state." The Israeli President added that "the people of Israel are emboldened to know that they will have your devoted services in this momentous year." Other congratulatory messages were also received from Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion; Eliaser Kaplan, Finance Minister; Leo Baeckmann, secretary-general of the Palestine Foundation Fund in Jerusalem; Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and numerous other Jewish leaders.

MOVEMENT TO DRAFT DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER FOR Z.O.A. PRESIDENCY LAUNCHED IN MIAMI

MIAMI, March 13. (JTA) -- A movement to draft Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America was launched here today following a meeting held last night and this morning by representatives of Miami Zionist districts and Zionist leaders from various parts of the country. The Z.O.A. will elect a new president at its next convention this summer.

Among those who participated in the meeting were Abraham Goldstein, of Hartford, Z.O.A. vice-president; Mortimer May, of Nashville, Z.O.A. vice-president; Milton Pollock, Z.O.A. finance chairman; Abe Goodman, of Miami, Z.O.A. vice-president; Morris Weinberg and I.R. Goodman, members of the Z.O.A. national executive.

A wire to Dr. Silver, dispatched at the conclusion of the meeting, urged him to accept the presidency of the Z.O.A. and pointed out that his leadership in behalf of Zionism at this critical juncture was indispensable.

N.Y.U. TO CONDUCT SUMMER WORKSHOP IN ISRAEL; PALESTINIAN LIFE TO BE STUDIED IN COLONY

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- New York University's School of Education will conduct a six-week "Workshop in Palestinian Life and Culture," it was announced today. Prof. Abraham I. Katsh, who will direct the workshop, said it would be held July 3-Aug. 23 at the Katznelson Institute, Kfar Saba, Israel.

In addition to N.Y.U. officials, the workshop will be guided by representatives of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the Katznelson Institute and other co-operating institutions. The project will be conducted both in Hebrew and English.

PROF. ALBERT EINSTEIN TO CELEBRATE 70TH BIRTHDAY TODAY; UNESCO BROADCAST TO MARK EVENT

PRINCETON, N.J., March 13. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein will celebrate his 70th birthday here tomorrow. His fellow scientists plan to mark Dr. Einstein's birthday in a radio broadcast arranged by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

ISRAELI FRANK APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 13. (JTA) -- Isaac Frank, executive secretary of the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions, has been named executive director of the Jewish Community Council of this city. It was announced here today.

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