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ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO U.S. PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS TO TRUMAN IN WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- President Truman today expressed hope for the peace and prosperity of Israel" at a White House ceremony marking the official recognition of Eliahu Elath as Ambassador from Israel. Elath was received by the President and presented his letters of credence. The Ambassador's remarks were made in Hebrew.

— President Truman said in reply: "It is a great pleasure for me to receive from the President of Israel the letters accrediting you as the first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Israel to the United States of America.

"It is a matter of particular satisfaction to me to witness this important further step in the strengthening and consolidation of relations between our two countries, relations which have reflected the sincere interest of the government and people of the United States in the deep-rooted aspirations of your people to found an independent nation. I am gratified to receive Your Excellency's kind remarks concerning the contribution of the American Government and people to the establishment of the state of Israel.

"I am firmly convinced of the necessity for the speedy establishment of a true and equitable peace between Israel and its neighbors and for the resolution of all problems outstanding between them, in accordance with the solemn recommendations of the United Nations with respect to Palestine. The Government of the United States is deeply desirous of assisting by all appropriate means in the fulfillment of these objectives.

"I wish to express to Your Excellency my personal pleasure that as Ambassador of Israel you will continue to represent your government in Washington. I appreciate the wishes which you have expressed for the continued prosperity of the United States and for my personal well-being, and I should be grateful if you would convey to your distinguished President the best wishes of the Government of the United States and its people for the peace and prosperity of Israel and for his personal happiness and welfare."

Text of Elath's Remarks to President Truman

Following is the text of Ambassador Elath's remarks to President Truman as translated from the Hebrew:

"The President of Israel has instructed me, in presenting to you the letters of credence accrediting me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Israel to the United States of America, to convey to you his warm greetings and to express his sincere hope for the continued well-being and prosperity of the United States and its President.

"The President and people of Israel are deeply grateful for the great contribution made by the Government of the United States and its people to the establishment of the state of Israel.

"The noble tradition, instituted by President Woodrow Wilson and continued by all his successors, of expressing sympathy with the aims of Zionism has earned for

the people of the United States and its government the undying gratitude and admiration of Israel and the Jewish people.

"The sympathy and concern shown by you, Mr. President, for the Jewish displaced persons of Europe, the constructive suggestions that you have made for their resettlement, your support of the establishment of the state of Israel, and your prompt recognition following the proclamation of Israel's independence on May 14, 1948, will forever be recorded in the hearts of our people and preserved in the annals of our history.

"As a peace-loving nation, Israel will seek to maintain and, by her actions, to express her own moral heritage, and to make yet another contribution to civilization. It is her fervent hope that she will be allowed to do so, so that her progress may contribute to the development of the Middle East and be of benefit to the entire world.

"I deeply appreciate the honor of being the first representative of my country in the United States. It will be my constant endeavor to advance and strengthen the ties of friendship and cooperation existing between Israel and this great democracy. I trust that in the discharge of this important task, Mr. President, I shall receive your understanding and help, as well as that of your government."

Ambassador Elath told White House correspondents after his call on the President that the gravest problem now facing his country is absorption of new immigrants. He revealed that immigration to Israel is now proceeding at the rate of "1,000 a day."

TRUMAN INVITES WEIZMANN TO VISIT HIM DURING STAY IN U.S.; ELATH SAYS HE WILL ACCEPT

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israeli President, has been invited to visit President Truman during his stay in the United States, a spokesman for the White House said today.

Israeli Ambassador Elishu Elath talked with the President today and later told reporters that Dr. Weizmann would definitely visit Washington. He said that the President inquired about Dr. Weizmann's health. Dr. Weizmann's condition has improved considerably, the ambassador added.

Weizmann and Party Due to Arrive in N.Y. from Paris Tomorrow

PARIS, April 11. (JTA) -- President Dr. Chaim Weizmann of Israel and his official entourage were scheduled to take an Air France plane from here at 9 P.M. (local time) tomorrow en route to the United States where the Israeli President is to be honored a testimonial dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria on April 23. (In New York, Air France reported that President Weizmann's plane was due to arrive early Wednesday morning.)

ADMISSION OF ISRAEL TO U.N. EXPECTED WITHIN 48 HOURS; U.S. GRANTS AID TO ARAB REFUGEES

LAKE SUCCESS, April 11. (JTA) -- The fate of Israel's application for U.N. membership will be decided within the next 48 hours, following the resumption of the plenary session of the General Assembly at Flushing Meadows tomorrow.

American delegate to the United Nations Warren Austin today presented an \$8,000,000 check to the U.N. as the first United States contribution to Arab refugees from Palestine. Austin said that relief of the refugees "is one of the minimum conditions for the success of the efforts of the U.N. to bring peace to Palestine."

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AGREES TO PARTICIPATE IN CONCILIATION COMMISSION'S EUROPEAN PARLEY

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government has agreed to participate in the European conference called by the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, it was announced here today. The parley will probably take place in Lausanne, Switzerland, before the end of April. Delegates to the meeting have not yet been named.

Tel Aviv's afternoon newspapers reported from Amman today that anti-British demonstrations took place in the Transjordan capital. British officers and soldiers were stoned and fired upon and several required hospitalization, the reports stated. Following the outbreaks, all British military personnel in Amman were confined to their barracks.

CHIEF RABBI TESTIFIES BEFORE U.N. CONCILIATION BODY; WANTS JERUSALEM AS PART OF ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog today demanded at a session of the Jerusalem subcommittee of the U.N. Conciliation Commission that Jerusalem be incorporated into Israel. He argued that the city was the holiest place to Jews throughout the world and that it was sanctified by Jewish law.

The Chief Rabbi pointed out that while only parts of the city were considered sacred to Moslems and Christians, all of Jerusalem was holy to the Jewish people. He said that Israel was able and ready to safeguard the Holy Places of the three major faiths and that the Jewish state would make these sites accessible to all persons.

J.D.C. ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR INVALID AND ILL IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee--at a meeting held here today of Israeli Government and Jewish Agency officials with Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European J.D.C. director--agreed to assume responsibility for invalid and chronically-ill immigrants arriving in the Jewish state. Several thousand persons are involved in the agreement.

Participation of the J.D.C. in large-scale housing and other immigrant-absorption schemes will be discussed at future meetings.

A total of 1,200 immigrants landed in Haifa this morning aboard the S.S. Megha. The new arrivals embarked at a French port.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO RECONVENE IN JERUSALEM MAY 5; U.S. DELEGATES EXPECTED

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee--supreme ruling body of the Zionist movement between sessions of the World Zionist Congress--will reconvene in Jerusalem May 5, American members are expected to attend the session.

Israeli Chief of Staff Yaacov Dori, speaking at the concluding session of an intensive officers refresher course somewhere in southern Israel, declared that the Jewish state would always have to maintain a large standing army. He also emphasized the need for establishing a network of border settlement and key boards.

A group of 145 Arab prisoners of war, including one British soldier who fought with the Arabs, passed through the Jewish lines today in the Jerusalem area. An Arab leper and an eight-year-old crippled child were also among those allowed to cross the Israeli lines.

U.S. MILITARY COURT CONVICTS FIVE TOP NAZI AIDES OF PLOTTING AGGRESSIVE WARFARE

NUREMBERG, April 11. (JTA) -- Five of Hitler's top aides were today convicted of responsibility in the plotting of aggressive war by an American war crimes tribunal. Since the reading of the 833-page judgment will require four days in court, the announcement of sentences is not expected before Thursday.

Baron Ernst von Weizsaecker, Secretary of State in the Nazi Foreign Office and a former Nazi Ambassador to the Vatican, who was the chief of 21 defendants, was found guilty of plotting aggressive war against Czechoslovakia. This is the first time since the conviction of 19 top Nazis, including Hermann Goering, that any German has been convicted of the charge of planning warfare.

DRESDEN JEWISH COMMUNITY IS FIRST IN SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANY TO HOLD ELECTIONS

BERLIN, April 11. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Dresden was the first community in the Soviet zone of Germany to receive permission to hold elections for communal officers, it was learned here today. Leo Lowenkopf was elected chairman of the community's executive board.

One of the board's first actions was the acceptance of the sum of 50,000 marks from the city of Dresden in partial payment for property destroyed or seized by the Nazis. The money will be used to rehabilitate the city's Jewish cemetery.

15 MORE JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN HUNGARY DISSOLVED BECAUSE NO SURVIVORS EXIST

BUDAPEST, April 11. (JTA) -- Fifteen more Jewish communities of pre-war Hungary have officially been liquidated because there are no Jews surviving in these communities. The announcement was made by the Ministry of Education.

It was learned here, meanwhile, that the premises of the Hungarian Zionist organizations which were recently dissolved have been taken over by the Central Jewish Board.

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSSEMBLY IS ASKED TO PROTECT JEWS IN FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES

LAKE SUCCESS, April 11. (JTA) -- The U.N. General Assembly was called upon today to "adopt a bill of rights guaranteeing equality before the law, cultural autonomy, religious freedom and the right to emigrate to wherever they choose" to the Jews in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica, former Italian colonies whose disposition the Assembly is now considering.

A memorandum submitted to Assembly president Herbert Evatt by the World Jewish Congress, pointed out that "far from improving, the plight of the Jews deteriorated even further since the occupation of these territories by Allied authorities at the end of World War II." The memorandum also noted that 7,500 of the 22,000 Jews in Tripoli are dependent on the Jewish community for their sustenance.

JEWISH OFFICIALS MEET WITH ADEN GOVERNOR ON COMPENSATION FOR POGROM VICTIMS

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- Joint Distribution Committee and World Jewish Congress officials, today called on Sir Reginald Champion, governor of Aden, and asked that the Aden government compensate the victims of the 1947 pogroms in the crown colony. They also discussed with Champion and the Sultan of Aden the problem of security for the Jews remaining in the country.

PASSOVER SUPPLIES FOR JEWS IN WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN FLOWN IN BY U.S. "AIRLIFT"

PARIS, April 11. (JTA) -- Passover supplies were flown into the American, British and French sectors of Berlin in U.S. Air Force "airlift" planes, it was revealed here by the European headquarters of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The planes transported some 30,000 pounds of matzo and matzo flour and some 3,000 quarts of Palestinian wine, all contributed by the J.D.C. The ration will amount to one five-pound parcel of matzo, one pound of matzo flour and one quart of wine to each person. In addition, each will receive one pound of fat for the holiday period.

J.D.C. headquarters here also disclosed that the organization is distributing some 3,000,000 pounds of food to Jews in 12 European countries and various parts of North Africa. The Passover budget of the J.D.C. this year amounts to \$300,000.

JEWS OF RUMANIA TO RECEIVE FULL PASSOVER MATZO RATION FROM LOCAL ECONOMY

BUCHAREST, April 11. (JTA) -- For the first Passover since the liberation the Jews of Rumania will be able to obtain matzo and matzo products from the local economy, a spokesman for the Federation of Jewish Communities has announced. For the first time since the end of the war it will not be necessary for the Joint Distribution Committee to provide matzo for the Jews of this country when they celebrate the eight-day holiday, which begins Wednesday night, the spokesman said.

The wheat set aside for Passover was ground and processed under the supervision of the Rumanian rabbinate. Special allocations were made for Orthodox communities which insisted on baking their own matzo. About five pounds of matzo were distributed to each of the 300,000 members of the Jewish community. Jewish charity organizations and some of the needy Jews will receive the matzo free of charge, but all others must pay \$2.00 for each ration.

SECOND DAY OF PASSOVER PROCLAIMED AS "ISRAEL DAY" BY CHIEF RABBI OF BRITAIN

LONDON, April 11. (JTA) -- British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie today proclaimed the second day of Passover as "Israel Day" throughout the British Commonwealth. In a special letter to all Jewish communities in Britain he urged that the utmost support be extended to the current campaign of the Joint Palestine Appeal for \$12,000,000.

JEWISH AGENCY TREASURER APPEALS TO AMERICAN JEWS FOR AID IN PASSOVER MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, today issued a Passover statement to the Jewish community of the United States declaring that the "era between Passover, 1943, and Passover, 1949, was an epoch-making period of glory in Jewish history, not only politically but also because of the unprecedented record of immigration."

Dr. Goldstein's statement added that "the burden which immigration places upon the young nation is only appreciable when one bears in mind that it is equivalent to an immigration of 35,000,000 to the United States in one year. The gifts of American Jews to the United Jewish Appeal will determine whether the immigrants who arrived during the year can be absorbed and how many more can come.

"It requires \$2,000 to take care of one immigrant during the first year until he stands on his own feet. American Jews can thus measure how much they are helping and how much they are denying help," the statement concluded.

GOVERNMENT IS ASKED TO PERMIT ARGENTINE-PALESTINE CORPORATION TO ISSUE MCRE SHARES

BUENOS AIRES, April 11. (JTA) -- The Argentine Government was asked today by the Argentine Palestine Economic Corporation (ARPALSA) to authorize the issuance of additional shares valued at 2,000,000 pesos. Such an issue would increase the corporation's capital from its present 1,000,000 to 3,000,000 pesos. ARPALSA hopes to pay a four percent dividend.

The Danish freighter, "Indian Reefer," sailed from here carrying an 1,100-ton cargo of frozen kosher meat for Israel. The meat was purchased in this country at a price of \$550 per ton.

N.Y. CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS ARRESTED IN STRIKE AGAINST TEACHERS CHARGED WITH BIAS

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Nine City College students--including five girls--were arrested today following the start of a strike called to demand the suspension of two faculty members charged with anti-Jewish and anti-Negro discrimination. Police said the nine students arrested refused to clear the main entrance to the college to permit non-striking students to enter.

Placards carried by several hundred pickets early this morning read: "Oust the Bigots, Join the Strike," "Knickerbocker's Anti-Semitism Is CCNY's Shame," and "Davis and Knickerbocker Must Go." The two teachers against whom the protest strike was called are Prof. William Knickerbocker, chairman of the Romance Languages Department, and William Davis, an economics instructor.

Knickerbocker was cleared last year by the Board of Higher Education of charges that he discriminated against Jewish students and Jewish faculty members. Davis was found guilty last fall of segregating Negroes in a dormitory for G.I. students and was removed from his post as dormitory supervisor, but was retained on the faculty.

HADASSAH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OPENS IN BEERSHEBA; COOPERATIVES TO ABSORB IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- A Hadassah community health center--part of the Sam Yassky Memorial Hospital which will serve the Israeli population in the southern part of the country--was opened in Beersheba today. The center is a community-wide health institution and as such is the only one of its kind in the Middle East.

The general convention of Israeli cooperatives closed last night after adopting a five-year plan providing for the absorption of 25,000 new immigrants, 5,000 of these during the next two years. The project will cost \$60,000,000 and every cooperative in Israel is obliged to accept new arrivals equal to at least 25 percent of total membership.

NEW ENGLAND REGION VOTES TO NOMINATE DEWEY STONE FOR PRESIDENCY OF Z.O.A.

BOSTON, April 11. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the New England region of the Zionist Organization of America voted at a special meeting here last night to nominate Dewey D. Stone, of Brockton, for the presidency of the Z.O.A. at the organization's forthcoming convention. Stone is due back in the U.S. this week from Israel. He is New England chairman for the United Jewish Appeal and a Z.O.A. vice-president.

SAMUEL GORDON, ONE OF FOUNDERS OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA, DIES; WAS 76

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, April 11. (JTA) -- Samuel Gordon, honorary treasurer of the Zionist Federation of South Africa, died this week-end at the age of 76. He was one of the founders of the Zionist movement in South Africa and a member of the federation's executive committee for many years.

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