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## PAPAL REQUESTS INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM; ISSUES CALL TO ALL BISHOPS

ROME, April 15. (JTA) -- Pope Pius XII today asked for the establishment of an international regime in Jerusalem in an encyclical letter dispatched to all Catholic bishops. Expressing satisfaction at the armistice in Palestine, the Pope declared that there was no real peace there. He invited the bishops to emphasize this situation to their congregations.

In addition to requesting internationalization for Jerusalem and its surroundings, the Pope's letter asked for the safeguarding of all Holy Places in Palestine and free access of pilgrims to them; liberty for Catholic cultural institutions in the country; and conservation of the rights acquired there by Catholics.

## Britain Doubts Whether Jerusalem Can Be Placed Under International Regime

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- Doubts as to how far the plan for full internationalization of Jerusalem can be worked were expressed last night by Christopher Mayhew, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons. Mayhew said he was certain that the United Nations had expressed the will of the entire civilized world in insisting that the Holy Places be protected and free access assured for all religions.

"Our view," he added, "is that whatever solution is reached, we feel that there must be free access to the Holy Places. The plain fact is that to impose an international regime over a considerable area, as foreseen by the United Nations, would be a very formidable task, requiring a very large police force administration. We must, therefore, have our doubts--although His Majesty's Government was among the first to suggest that this was the ideal solution--as to how far the scheme of full internationalization can, in fact, be worked."

The Foreign Undersecretary stressed that he wanted to be careful not to say anything that could embarrass the labors of the U.N. Conciliation Commission; but he could not say that the British Government was ready to support the scheme of part internationalization of the Holy City. In addition, Mayhew pointed out, the Arab point of view must be considered.

In addressing a question on Jerusalem to Mayhew, Ivor Thomas, Conservative M.P., said that it should be made clear the incorporation of Jerusalem into Israel would be unacceptable to world opinion. He asserted that only an international regime would protect the Holy Places and explained that he was not suggesting the Holy Places would be less safe in Jewish hands but that that would present a new task for the Jews.

The British Government intends to extend a \$4,000,000 interest-free loan to Transjordan to aid in the resettlement of Palestine Arab refugees, Mayhew told Commons. Denying that the evacuation of British troops from Aqaba would contribute to peaceful settlement of the Palestine problem, Mayhew asserted that British troops would remain in Aqaba at their present strength "so long as the situation requires."

OPONENTS PLAN TO SEEK POSTPONEMENT OF ISRAEL'S ADMISSION TO U.N. UNTIL SEPTEMBER

LAKE SUCCESS, April 15. (JTA) -- Opponents of Israel's admission to United Nations membership indicated here today that they intend to urge postponement of voting on the Israeli application until the next session of the General Assembly in September.

The anti-Israeli forces are greatly encouraged by the fact that the General Assembly decided on Wednesday, by a vote of 31 to 18, with seven abstentions, to refer the Israeli application to its Political Committee despite the fact that the Assembly's steering committee recommended last week that the Assembly take an immediate vote on admission.

The Assembly's decision to have the Israeli application first screened by the Political Committee was influenced greatly by a long list of Arab and Latin American speakers who demanded that Israel clarify its position on the internationalization of Jerusalem and on the Arab refugee question before being admitted to U.N. membership. A surprise development in the debate was an announcement by Denmark and Sweden favoring the delay because of Israel's failure to discover and punish the assassins of Count Folke Bernadotte, late U.N. Palestine mediator.

The Soviet Union was the only delegation which came out at the Assembly in outright support of Israel's immediate admission. The United States, while supporting admission, did not speak up in behalf of immediate admission. The vote, by roll call, was as follows:

For sending the application to the Political Committee, (31): Afghanistan, Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Haiti, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Siam, Sweden, Syria, Turkey, South Africa, United Kingdom, Venezuela and Yemen.

Against, (18): Australia, Byelo-Russia, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, France, Guatemala, Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, Poland, Ukraine, Russia, United States, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

Abstained, (7): Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, Liberia, Nicaragua and Philippines. Iceland and Paraguay were absent.

ISRAELI-SYRIAN ARMISTICE TALKS TO RESUME APRIL 21; BOTH SIDES SIGN TRUCE PLEDGE

TEL AVIV, April 15. (JTA) -- The Israeli-Syrian armistice talks will be resumed April 21, it was officially announced here. The parleys were adjourned Wednesday for a week after both sides had signed identical letters addressed to Henri Vigier, assistant United Nations mediator, undertaking to honor the Security Council resolution of July 15 ordering a truce in Palestine.

U.N. CONCILIATION BODY INVITES ARABS AND JEWS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AT LAUSANNE PARLEY

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- The U.N. Conciliation Commission yesterday dispatched invitations to the Arab and Israeli Governments to "continue their exchange of views" with Commission members at Lausanne, Switzerland, beginning April 26. The meeting, the invitation stated, will discuss not only the urgent problem of the Palestine Arab refugees but all other outstanding issues.

WEIZMANN TO MEET WITH TRUMAN ON ISRAEL; APPEALS TO U.S. JEWS FOR FINANCIAL AID

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, who arrived here this week for a two-week stay in the United States, will go to Washington in about 10 days to meet with President Truman on a number of problems confronting the Jewish state. His visit to Washington will be made following the testimonial dinner in his honor to be held at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria April 23 under the auspices of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth.

The Israeli flag is now being flown by the Waldorf Astoria, where President Weizmann will stay until his return to Israel on May 1. The 74-year-old chief of state presided at a Seder service held in the home of Meyer Weisgal, executive vice-president of the Weizmann Institute, where he and members of his family were the guests of honor.

Arriving Wednesday on his first visit to the United States since his election as President of Israel, Dr. Weizmann paid tribute to President Truman and to the American people for their contribution to the establishment of the Jewish state.

Declaring that Israel had reached the threshold of peace after great sacrifice, he emphasized that the most pressing problem confronting Israel at present was the mass immigration of hundreds of thousands of Jews from the DP camps and other parts of the world. He estimated that 1,000,000 Jews would be brought to Israel within the next five years.

Asserting that Israel alone cannot shoulder the financial burden of caring for the newcomers, he appealed to American Jews to give the fullest support to the United Jewish Appeal to make the necessary funds available for the reception and housing of immigrants who are now arriving at the rate of 30,000 a month. He offered every assistance to Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, which Dr. Weizmann declared "must command the wholehearted and dedicated service of every Jew who is interested in the future and well-being of the Jewish state."

Dr. Weizmann was greeted at the airport by Ambassador Ray Atherton who welcomed him in his capacity as personal representative of President Truman and the State Department; Mayor William O'Dwyer; Henry Morgenthau, Jr.; Eliahu Elath, Ambassador of Israel to the United States; Arthur Lourie, Consul General of Israel in New York; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, and Judge Morris Rothenberg, a national chairman of the U.J.A.

Included in Dr. Weizmann's party were Mrs. Weizmann; their son, Benjamin; the President's Aide de Camp, Major David Arnon; Dr. Sammel Zondek, his personal physician; Dr. David Bergmann, scientific director of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovoth; and other aides, including Yigal Kimche, his personal secretary.

Johannesburg Zionists Want Weizmann to Visit So. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, April 15. (JTA) -- The hope that Israeli President Dr. Chaim Weizmann will be able to visit the Union of South Africa was voiced here by Bernard Gering, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, upon his return from a visit to Israel. He said the Federation would charter a special plane to bring Weizmann to this country if the Israeli President decides to make the trip.

SEDER SERVICES IN ISRAEL BECOME JOYOUS CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, April 15. (JTA) -- For the first time in nearly 1,900 years, Jews in Israel celebrated Passover in their own independent country. Throughout Israel, tens of thousands of Jews made the traditional Seder service joyous celebrations.

Heavy rains which had fallen all over the country ceased toward evening as the holiday started and the weather became clear, but cold. In this city thousands of Israeli soldiers on leave were guests in private homes. The Histadrut held a giant Seder service in Tel Aviv's largest theater with several members of the Cabinet and the Knesseth in attendance.

The most unique Seder service was held in the town of Beersheba in the Negev, where Abraham Harzfeld, veteran pioneer and agricultural expert who is known as the "Father of Settlements," officiated.

Except for Jerusalem, where winter is still felt in full force with strong, cold winds bringing heavy rain and hail, every Israeli village, town and collective settlement is overcrowded with guests from abroad and pilgrims from other parts of the country.

A mood of festival prevails. Pilgrimages to Jerusalem are being arranged. Fires were kindled on Mount Scopus for the second Passover evening, by the 85 Jewish Police and 33 members of the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital staffs stationed there.

Many American tourists in Israel attended second Seder services in Jerusalem last night while hundreds of Jewish soldiers from abroad serving in the Israeli armed services held second Seders in their respective units.

MOSCOW JEWS MARK PASSOVER; SERVICES HELD IN GRAND SYNAGOGUE; MATZOTH MADE AVAILABLE

MOSCOW, April 15. (JTA) -- Passover was celebrated by Jews in Moscow with holiday services conducted by Rabbi M. Schliefer in the Grand Synagogue. Participants in the services were chiefly middle-aged and elderly men and women. Very few children or young people were present.

Moscow authorities made 100 tons of matzoth available to Orthodox Jews as well as some kosher meat. The matzoth were sold in the city's regular bread shops.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, who is leaving her post as Israeli Minister here next week to return to Tel Aviv to become Minister of Labor, held a Seder in the Israeli Legation for 40 guests. Accompanied by members of the Legation staff, Mrs. Myerson yesterday toured the Kremlin palace and buildings.

S. SOLDIERS IN GERMANY JOIN DP'S IN SEDER SERVICES; JEWS GET SPECIAL PASSOVER RATIONS

MUNICH, April 15. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 American Jewish military personnel, staffs of the International Refugee Organization, the Joint Distribution Committee and displaced persons participated in an impressive Seder service on Passover eve held in the Trocadero building here. The military post chaplain, Rabbi Herman Dickstein, officiated.

Some 400,000 pounds of matzohs and matzoh flour were distributed to Jews living in DP camps and towns in Germany, the local office of the Joint Distribution Committee reported. The organization also distributed some 60,000 quarts of Israel wine, kosher fat and other products. The special Passover ration was given to all Jews in the country.

NAZI OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE IN MASS MURDER OF 6,000,000 EUROPEAN JEWS GET PRISON TERMS

NUREMBERG, April 15. (JTA) -- Fourteen top Nazi officials convicted of crimes against humanity including the responsibility for the mass murder of 6,000,000 European Jews during the late war were yesterday sentenced to prison terms of four to twenty-five years by an American military tribunal. Although the charges on which they were convicted are among the highest recognized by international law, none of the defendants were sentenced to death.

In fixing responsibility for the crimes, the three-man court, which voted two to one on the convictions, declared: "If the commanders of the death camps who blindly followed orders to murder the unfortunate inmates, if those who carried out the orders for the deportation of Jews are properly tried, convicted and punished--and of that we have no question--then those who, in the comparative peace and quiet of ministerial departments, aided the campaign by drafting the necessary decrees, regulations and directives for its execution are likewise guilty."

Speaking of the Nazi treatment of the Jews, the court said: "They were deprived of their rights of citizenship, subjected to senseless degradations, humiliations and insults, their property in many instances destroyed by party-organized mobs and finally stolen from them under the euphonious term of 'confiscations.' They were deported to the East to extermination camps, where they were slaughtered by the million through starvation, shooting and finally by mass extermination in the gas chambers of Auschwitz (Oswiecim) and Maidanek, where men and women, girls and youths, the tottering grandfather and the babe in arms met the same fate.

"But the Nazi government was not content with this. There were large financial gains to be derived from wholesale murder which could be, and were, used to wage Germany's war of aggression. Currency, coins, securities, jewelry, gold watches and spectacles, clothing from their bodies were carefully and systematically collected."

The 14 convicted men are: Lutz Schwerin von Krosigk, former Minister of Finance; Emil Puhl, who was Reichsbank director; Walter Schellenberg, intelligence official; Hans Kehrle, industrial planner; Lieutenant General Gottlob Berger, head of the main office of Hitler's S.S. (Elite Guard) Corps; Otto Dietrich, Nazi press chief; Richard Walther Darré, Minister of Agriculture; Hans Heinrich Lammers, chief of the Reichschancellery; Wilhelm Stuckart, state secretary in the Interior Ministry; Edmund Veessenmayer, whom the Nazis made virtual dictator of Hungary; Wilhelm Koppen, Hitler's economics adviser; Gustav von Steengracht and Ernest Koermann, of the Foreign Ministry, and Baron Ernst von Weizaecker, former Ambassador to the Vatican.

RUMANIAN GOVT. TAKES OVER 256 CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS BELONGING TO JEWISH COMMUNITY

BUCHAREST, April 15. (JTA) -- A total of 256 charitable institutions, belonging to Jewish communities in 46 districts throughout the country, were taken over by the Rumanian Government yesterday under a new rationalization decree.

The property expropriated by the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare include children's homes, orphanages, canteens, old-age institutions, asylums and medical centers. The decree states that the action was taken at the request of the Rumanian Federation of Jewish Communities.

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT PLANS TO OPEN CONSULATE IN BERLIN; CONSUL-GENERAL DUE SOON

BERLIN, April 15. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government will open a consulate in Berlin, Reuters reported here today, adding that Eliezer Spector has been designated consul-general and will arrive here soon.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DELEGATION CONFERS WITH JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- An American Jewish Committee delegation headed by Jacob Blaustein, A.J.C. president, visited Jewish Agency headquarters here. They discussed Israel's economic situation with Agency executive members, including Earl Locker, Meir Grossman and Eliahu Dobkin.

CONGRESS EXPECTED TO PASS COMPROMISE DP BILL ADMITTING 300,000; TRUMAN APPROVES MEASURE

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- Congress is expected to approve immediately after the present Easter recess a compromise DP immigration bill calling for the admission of at least 300,000 DP's which was passed this week by the House Judiciary Committee. The legislation, which was introduced by Rep. Emanuel Celler, at the approval of the President, according to Rep. Francis E. Walther, chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

The bill provides for the admission of 18,000 former members of Gen. Wladislaw Anders' Second Polish Corps, which has been charged with containing anti-Semitic elements. The measure, which would also admit 4,000 Shanghai refugees, authorizes the President to grant admission to another 100,000 in 1952 if he finds that other nations are accepting a comparable share of the refugees.

Under existing legislation, DP's who entered Germany after Dec. 22, 1945, are ineligible for admission to the United States. The new compromise bill advances this date to Jan. 1, 1949. Preferences for DP's from the Baltic states and for farmers are eliminated from the new bill although there is a provision placing farmers at the top of the preferred list of DP trades. The revised measure also permits the admission of ethnic Germans up to one-half the German quota to 1952. Germans who assisted in persecutions of Jews, however, or who have proven themselves hostile to the United States, would be barred. The bill also drops the requirement of assurances of housing and employment for DP's being admitted.

NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD REPORTS INCREASED INTEREST IN COMMUNITY CENTERS

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- A total of 321 Jewish community centers and YM-YWHA's were affiliated with the National Jewish Welfare Board at the end of 1948, the J.W.B.'s annual report, made public today by Frank L. Weil, president, revealed. The aggregate membership of the centers and Y's is 468,000, while the combined annual budget is approximately \$10,290,000, the survey stated.

The report noted "the widespread upsurge of interest in the center movement" and said that this was "reflected in the following three developments: 1. Expansion of programs and services by established centers to keep pace with mounting needs; 2. Initiating plans for new center structures or enlarging facilities of existing centers; and, 3. Organizing centers in communities where none existed before."

The J.W.B.'s annual report also pointed up a "new factor affecting the capital fund campaigns of centers and Y's--the inclusion of center building funds in total community fund-raising goals of Jewish federations, welfare funds and community councils." The J.W.B. added a "new impetus to Jewish cultural life in America in 1948," the report stated, "when it became sponsor of the 56-year-old American Jewish Historical Society." The survey also noted the founding by the J.W.B. last year of the National Jewish Youth Conference as additional "evidence of the new Jewish motivation in the American Jewish community."

The J.W.B.'s review of 1948 disclosed that "the service program of the Armed Services Division reached into 256 military posts and V.A. hospitals. At the end of 1948, it added, there were 28 regular Army chaplains and 163 auxiliary chaplains, while 156 rabbis held reserve commissions.

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