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U.S. DELEGATION AT U.N. INDICATES OPPOSITION TO DELAY ON ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP BID

LAKE SUCCESS, April 18. (JTA) -- The American delegation at the United Nations today indicated that it is opposed to any further delay in the admission of Israel into the world body. This sentiment was expressed in order to counteract maneuvers by certain countries unfriendly to Israel who are interested in having the U.N. postpone consideration of the Israeli application until the next session of the General Assembly in September.

Delegations of countries friendly to Israel are making an effort to secure an early decision on the Israeli application by the Assembly. They intend to ask the Political Committee to start hearings on the Israeli bid immediately after the question of the Italian colonies is settled. At present the Israeli petition is listed last on the agenda of the Political Committee.

Fernand Van Langenhove of Belgium, chairman of the Political Committee, today indicated that he has no intention of changing the order of the agenda. However, such a change could be secured by a majority vote of the Committee itself.

The appeal by Pope Pius XII for the internationalization of Jerusalem has strengthened the anti-Israeli bloc since some of the Latin American delegations which are friendly to Israel may now be prevented by their governments from voting favorably on the Israeli application.

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting U.N. mediator, today returned to the United States. In a statement to the press, he said that he assumed that this was his last trip to the Middle East on the Palestine issue and that he was looking forward to relief from his responsibilities as acting mediator. Speaking of the situation in Palestine, he said that tensions have been reduced greatly and that the armistice agreements are working well with a minimum of supervision. He added that he is preparing a report on the Palestine military situation for the Security Council.

ISRAELI DELEGATION TO LAUSANNE PARLEY NAMED; ARMISTICE COMMISSION HOLDS SESSION

TEL AVIV, April 18. (JTA) -- The composition of the Israeli delegation to the Jewish-Arab conference at Lausanne, Switzerland, under the auspices of the U.N., was officially announced here today. Headed by Dr. Walter Eytan, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, the group will also include Eliahu Sassoon, Dr. Leo Kohn, Shabtai Rosenne, Dr. Gershon Meron, Gershon Hirsch and Michael Comay, all of the Foreign Ministry, Zalman Lifshitz, of the Premier's office, and Col. Yigal Yadin and Lt. Col. Moshe Dayan, of the Army.

In Jerusalem today, the joint Israeli-Transjordan armistice commission met for a second time, under the chairmanship of Gen. William E. Riley, chief military aide to the U.N. mediator. After a fruitless session, the meeting adjourned. The parley took place in a half-destroyed school in no man's land opposite the Nablus Gate of the Old City.

Arriving in Haifa tonight, accompanied by Henri Vigier, chief civilian aide to the mediator, Riley told newsmen that he intends to transfer the U.N. observation staff from Haifa, probably to Jerusalem, after the Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement is signed.

LOWDERMILK PLAN COMPLETED; ACCEPTED BY SHARETT FOR SUBMISSION TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- The completed Lowdermilk plan for the creation of a Jordan Valley Authority for the development of irrigation and electric power in Israel and neighboring countries was today accepted by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett for submission to his government. The presentation of the plan, which calls for the expenditure of \$250,000,000, was made by Dr. Emanuel Neumann on behalf of the Jewish Agency's Commission on Palestine Surveys. The ceremony took place at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, with 300 Zionist and civic leaders attending.

Declaring that the report "is a most significant contribution towards solution of one of our major problems--reclamation and development of our country's water and power resources," Sharett asserted that "the creative idea of the Jordan Valley Authority by its very nature symbolizes peaceful cooperation benefiting alike all its partners. These great plans for irrigation are of special and immediate interest to us in connection with the Negav. We are determined to do everything we can to develop as large a part as possible of this derelict area to convert it into a thriving province," he added.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America and chairman of the Surveys Commission, said that "if the planning and execution of large-scale development schemes is desirable throughout the Near East, it is an urgent necessity in the case of Israel, which has thrown open its gates to great masses of refugees now streaming to its shores."

Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, originator of the Jordan development scheme, predicted that the Authority "would give an example to the backward Middle East and might well restore the Middle East to a condition worthy of its glorious past, to the benefit of Arab, Christian and Jew." All speakers paid tribute to Dr. Lowdermilk for his efforts in behalf of the J.V.A. concept.

Herbert Bayard Swope, who was one of the speakers, emphasized that implementation of this project will contribute to peace in the Near East. He lauded the efforts of the Israeli Government in behalf of peace and reconstruction. Other speakers included Mrs. Rose Halprin, on behalf of the Jewish Agency, and Bartley C. Crum, former member of the Anglo-American Palestine Inquiry Commission.

ISRAELI AGRICULTURE MINISTRY STUDYING NEW IRRIGATION SCHEMES; HUGE SUMS REQUIRED

TEL AVIV, April 18. (JTA) -- Twenty new irrigation schemes providing for an additional 850,000,000 cubic meters of water for irrigation which will make possible the establishment of 750 new settlements is now under consideration by the Ministry of Agriculture, it was reported here last night by Haim Halperin, director-general of the Ministry, addressing the National Agronomists Association.

Halperin emphasized that huge sums of money were required for implementation of the irrigation plans. These sums can be raised only with the aid of Jews from abroad, he added. Half of the plan would be carried out within the next four years, he said.

ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES ISRAEL; BECOMES 52ND STATE TO EXTEND DIPLOMATIC STATUS

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- The Albanian Government has recognized the state of Israel, the Albanian radio at Tirana, capital of the country, announced last night. The Adriatic country is the 52nd to extend diplomatic status to the Jewish state.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR RABBI MEIR BERLIN, WORLD MIZRACHI LEADER, HELD IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- Funeral services for Rabbi Meir Berlin, world Mizrahi leader who died suddenly yesterday of a heart attack at the age of 68, were held here today. The funeral procession marched from Rabbi Berlin's home past the Mizrahi center, "Beth Meir," which was named for him. He was buried in a temporary cemetery in a metal coffin.

Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Ben Zion Uziel, as well as several members of the Jewish Agency executive, came to Rabbi Berlin's home soon after his collapse to pay their last respects to him. A special Mizrahi committee, which also included the two Israeli Chief Rabbis, made the funeral arrangements. The Ministry of Religion, in deference to Rabbi Berlin's memory, ordered that no music be played all day today.

Several members of the Israeli Cabinet came here today to participate in the funeral. Rabbi Berlin left no will. No eulogies were delivered in accordance with the tradition that bans all eulogies when a funeral takes place on a holiday.

Rabbi Berlin was born in Volozhin, Russia, in 1881. He was ordained in 1902 after studying in his home town and in the Telshe Yeshiva. He also attended the University of Berlin. He was editor of the Hebrew-language "Haivri" in Berlin from 1908-1912. He came to the United States the following year at the invitation of the American Mizrahi organization. In 1920 he resigned from the editorship of the American edition of "Haivri" in order to devote more time to Zionist and Mizrahi activities.

He became an active member of the Joint Distribution Committee after World War I, and in 1918 was elected to the Zionist Actions Committee. He served as vice-president of the World Zionist Executive Committee from 1921-1925 and was a director of the Jewish National Fund since 1926. In Israel, he was a leading member of the Mizrahi Bank and of the Palestine General Insurance Company. He was also a member of the Israeli State Council which was set up immediately after the Jewish state was proclaimed.

American Mizrahi Organizations Mourn Rabbi Berlin's Death

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Leon Gellman, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, and leaders of the Hapoel Hamizrachi of America today issued statements mourning the sudden death of Rabbi Meir Berlin, asserting that he "sacrificed his life for the ideal of religious Zionism. The religious colonies established by Hapoel Hamizrachi, which Rabbi Berlin strongly supported, will perpetuate his memory," the statement added.

ISRAELI IMMIGRANT CENTERS CRAMMED TO CAPACITY; UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE NEW ARRIVALS

TEL AVIV, April 18. (JTA) -- The number of immigrants in camps has reached a point where these centers cannot take in any additional immigrants, although thousands more are arriving weekly, it was reported here today.

A cornerstone for the first of some 900 housing units to be built in Nathanya and Haifa for immigrants was laid at Nathanya yesterday. Dr. Israel Goldstein, treasurer of the Jewish Agency and president of the Agency-sponsored Amidar corporation which has contracted to build the homes, spoke at the ceremonies. He pointed out that there would be at least 150,000 immigrants by the end of this year needing some 100,000 apartments. Asserting that Amidar could not cope fully with this situation, Dr. Goldstein appealed to American Jewry for further assistance.

Harry Rogoff, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward of New York, arrived at Haifa yesterday. He was met at the docks by Joseph Gravitky, chief of the government press department, and representatives of the Israeli Journalists Association.

BERLIN JEWS ASK EXTENSION OF AMERICAN, FRENCH RESTITUTION LAWS TO GERMANY

BERLIN, April 18. (JTA) -- A demand for the extension of restitution laws in effect in the American and French zones of Germany to the U.S. and French sectors of Berlin was voiced here today in Der Weg, organ of the Berlin Jewish Community. The publication also requested the extension of the benefits of the proposed British restitution statute to their sector of the city.

The weekly criticized the "dilatatory" tactics of the municipal administration in respect to the drafting of a reparations statute. It pointed out that instead of drafting a new piece of legislation the municipality has merely moved to reconsider a draft which was subjected to severe criticism last year. Even this draft has been pigeonholed in a special committee, Der Weg emphasized.

CENTRAL JEWISH COMMITTEE OF ROMANIA ELECTS NEW BOARD; WAS CRITICIZED BY COMMUNISTS

BUCHAREST, April 18. (JTA) -- The central committee of the Jewish Democratic Committee of Rumania has elected a new executive board following changes in the organization resulting from Communist Party criticism of its failure to oppose Zionism among the Jews of the country.

Heading the board are Barbu Lazarcanu, a member of the Rumanian Academy, who was named president, and Bercu Feldmann, a member of the parliament, who was elected secretary-general. Other members of the body are Israel Bacalu, Paul Davidovici, Betty Goldstein, Paul Isovici, H. Liebovici-Sorban, Stefan Solomon and Jacob Wechsler. Liebovici-Sorban is a deputy in the parliament.

FRENCH JEWISH WEEKLY PUBLICATION BANNED IN MOROCCO; BETRAYER OF JEWS CONDEMNED

PARIS, April 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish weekly publication, "Defense," which is published in Paris, has been banned by the authorities in Morocco, it was revealed here today.

A Lyons court has imposed the death sentence on Lucien Plisson who, during the Nazi occupation of France, denounced Jews and resistance leaders to the German police.

SITUATION OF JEWS IN ADEN REPORTED IMPROVED; EMIGRATION ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED

TEL AVIV, April 18. (JTA) -- The situation of Jews of Aden has "improved considerably," Leon Kubowitzki, chairman of the World Jewish Congress Central Committee, said today following his return from a one-month tour of the British protectorate.

Kubowitzki stated that as a result of discussions with responsible British and Arab leaders in Aden, arrangements have been made for dealing with the problems of emigration of Yemenite Jews to Israel. There are nearly 2,750 Jews now living in the protectorate.

JEWS OF HUNGARY FACING NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES IN READJUSTMENT TO NEW ECONOMIC SET-UP

BUDAPEST, April 18. (JTA) -- The Jews of Hungary are facing a number of problems in readjusting themselves to the new economic order in the country, Prof. Ilse Lofaludi, head of the Mizrat, an organization devoted to aiding Jews in finding a place for themselves in the new economic society, declared at a meeting here this week-end. He pointed out that among the problems hindering the Jews is the preponderance of aged persons in the Jewish community, the disproportionately large number of women and the fact that many require intensive retraining before they can find work in the new set-up.

CANADA WILL BE ASKED TO WIDEN EXISTING IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS FOR JEWS

MONTREAL, April 18. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government will soon be asked to widen existing immigration regulations on behalf of Jews, according to Saul Hayes, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, who was the guest speaker at the 29th annual meeting of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society of Canada. Although Canadian Jewry "intended in no way to sidetrack immigrants from Israel, it was making Jewish immigration to Canada possible as far as regulations permitted," Hayes said.

Mandel Kraicer, recently returned from Germany, charged that the reemergence of Nazism in that country made it neither desirable nor possible for Jews to remain there. He said there were at present 80,000 Jewish DP's in Germany and Austria. Kraicer asserted that "the black shirts are reappearing in ever larger numbers and openly and ever more brazenly proclaiming their Hitlerism." He added that "education in Germany was entirely in Nazi hands and no attempt has been made to wrest this important task from them."

U.S. SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS CONTAIN INADEQUATE INFORMATION ABOUT JEWS. SURVEY ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Inadequate information, errors and myths characterize the treatment of Jews in many of our school textbooks, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, said today in connection with the release of results of a five-year study of the books used in elementary and secondary schools.

The study, initiated and financed by the Conference, has been published by the American Council on Education. It is based on an examination of 267 school texts, 49 college manuals and 100 of the most widely read children's library books. Most of the material in these books is about the ancient Jews, Dr. Clinchy stated. "Three-fourths of the space allotted to Jews in world history texts deal with events before 79 A.D. Pupils are left with the assumption that Judaism and Jewish culture have changed little since that time," he declared.

"Mention of Jews after that date are most commonly in connection with persecutions," he added. "There is little about the constructive contributions of the group or about their ordinary harmonious relations with other groups. There are also many inaccuracies in the description of Jews as a 'race'; there is little recognition of religious, economic and cultural variations among Jews; there is little to offset the stereotypes of Jews which abound in contemporary social thinking."

WARNINGS AGAINST "JEWISH NATIONALISM" VOICED AT AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM MEETING

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Norman Thomas today told the annual meeting of the New York Chapter of the American Council for Judaism that "we shall all pay a price we cannot afford if Judaism should become merely an emotional extension of Israeli nationalism."

Thomas shared the platform with Rabbi Irving F. Reichert of San Francisco, who declared that the "attempt to indoctrinate American Jews with the idea that Israel is their homeland is artificial, presumptuous and dangerously misleading."

The meeting heard a report sent by Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the Council, who expressed the hope that "Israel will develop into a peaceful, democratic state and that it will live up to the best that its advocates hoped for. We are very much concerned with 'Jewish' nationalism as a threat to the security, well-being and integration of Jews the world over, and to the universal character of Judaism," Rosenwald added.

ORT TRAINING PROGRAM IS EXTENDED TO NON-JEWS IN ITALY UNDER AGREEMENT WITH I.R.O.

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Displaced persons of all nationalities and denominations residing in I.R.O. Italian Mission installations will be eligible for training in ORT centers, it was announced today by George Backer, president of American ORT Federation.

"The extension of the activities of ORT, which has, for the past 69 years, provided Jewish refugees with invaluable opportunities for vocational training, marks an important step forward in the work of an organization which was established for the purpose of training Jews," Mr. Backer said. "I.R.O., an agency of the United Nations, has found the ORT training centers so effective and capably administered that it has requested ORT's cooperation in all countries where DP's reside."

JEWISH REFUGEES IN ITALY RECEIVE FIVE-POUND PASSOVER MATZOH RATION FROM J.D.C.

ROME, April 18. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee distributed Passover foods to all Jewish refugees living in DP camps and in Kibbutzim, it was reported here. The average Passover ration was five pounds of Matzoh and one bottle of holiday wine. In addition, the J.D.C. distributed Passover sugar, cocoa, chocolate and tea, as well as pocket money.

Dr. Reuben Ghinton, first commercial attache of the Israeli mission here, arrived in Rome from Tel Aviv over the week-end to assume his new duties. Ghinton is a former bank manager.

CHEVRA KADISHA OF BUENOS AIRES CHANGES NAME TO ASHKENAZI COMMUNITY; HAS 150,000 MEMBERS

BUENOS AIRES, April 18. (JTA) -- The Chevra Kadisha, largest Jewish fraternal organization in this country, has decided to change its name to the Ashkenazi Community, it was announced here today by the organization. The group, which has a membership of 35,000 families--approximately 150,000 persons--has assumed the full functions of a community rather than those of a burial or fraternal society, its executive committee stated, explaining its action.

Meanwhile, Dr. Moises Slinin, president, revealed that one of the major projects recently undertaken by his group is the establishment of a Cultural House to be erected in a "university city" planned for the outskirts of Tel Aviv. The first ten percent installment on the total cost of the project will be sent shortly. The cost of the House is estimated at about 200,000 pesos (approximately \$50,000).

RALPH SAMUEL REELECTED PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Ralph E. Samuel was reelected to serve a second term as president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York at a meeting of the organization's board of trustees, it was announced by Judge Edward Lazansky, board chairman.

LISTENERS OF NEW YORK RADIO STATION RAISE \$75,000 FOR ERECTION OF ISRAELI POLIO CENTER

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- A sum of \$75,000 was raised by listeners of Radio Station WED for erection of a rehabilitation center in Israel for victims of polio, it was revealed here at a meeting marking the completion of one year of continuous broadcasts of the "Voice of Israel" program. Don Pines, Israeli editor now in this country in connection with the Histadrut campaign for \$10,000,000, has been conducting the special news program since its inception.

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