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ISRAELI DELEGATION AT LAUSANNE TO EXPLORE ALL AVENUES TO OBTAIN PEACE, SHARETT SAYS

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- The Israeli delegation to the Lausanne conference which opens on Tuesday has been instructed to explore all avenues to achieve an honorable and lasting peace, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared at a press conference today. Three members of the Tel Aviv delegation left for Lausanne today.

Replying to repeated questions by correspondents, Sharett said that Israel is now in the process of appointing a new minister to the Soviet Union to replace Mrs. Golda Myerson who returned here last week from Moscow to assume her new duties as Minister of Labor.

Soviet Russia's attitude towards Israel on the international scene has not changed and is gratifying, Sharett declared, adding that it was difficult to reconcile the actions of various East European countries on immigration and the Zionist movement with their attitude towards Israel which, he said, was the product of that movement. He termed this attitude "distressing" but at the same time criticized any "rumor-mongers" trying to foment deterioration of relations "between Israel and Russia." He added that Israel thus far has not given up hope that emigration of Jews from East Europe will be permissible, especially from Rumania.

Touching on the question of Israel's admission to the U.N., Sharett asserted that if the Jewish state's membership to the world organization were not immediate, it would not be a loss for Israel, but rather lack of a gain. The Israeli Foreign Minister pointed out that he would be glad to see Israel admitted to the U.N. at the General Assembly's present session, but said that the Jewish state's existence in no way was dependent on this.

Laude "Magnificent Efforts" of American Jewry

Speaking on the question of immigration, Sharett described the "magnificent efforts" of American Jews who, he said, "are getting a kick out of the existence of the state of Israel." He added that Israel would welcome any further international loans and revealed that the government was now engaged in negotiations with various countries for the acquisition of goods under long-term credit plans.

Turning to the Israeli-Transjordan negotiations on Jerusalem now taking place among members of a joint commission set up by the Amman-Tel Aviv armistice agreement, Sharett asserted that these talks could not be described as having deteriorated but rather as following a zig-zag course. He confirmed a report that Transjordan yesterday asked for return of Lydda and Ramleh to the Arab Legion. He also revealed that the problem of Jews living in Arab countries would be brought up at the Lausanne parley.

Sharett emphatically denied that the Israeli Government was attempting to curtail new immigration to Israel or to restrict the movement of Jews to this country in any way. Israel would like to regulate this immigration in order to be able in advance to plan for the needs of new arrivals, he said, adding that a regulation for "knowing some weeks in advance of the numbers of new immigrants expected" in Israel was forthcoming.

WEIZMANN REPLIES TO POPE ON JERUSALEM ISSUE; TO CONFER WITH TRUMAN IN WASHINGTON TODAY

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, left here today for Washington to confer with President Truman on problems confronting the state of Israel. Truman will tender Dr. Weizmann an official luncheon at Blair House tomorrow.

Addressing some 2,300 guests at a \$250-plate dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria last night tendered in his honor by the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, the Israeli President--in an address outlining Israel's foreign policy--replied to a Papal announcement last week concerning the status of Jerusalem.

Israel will agree to international control of Jerusalem's Holy Places and will guarantee security for religious institutions, Dr. Weizmann declared. Supervision over shrines will be granted by Israel, he added, to "those who hold them sacred." Pope Pius, in an encyclical letter dated April 15, demanded internationalization of Jerusalem and its environs and assurances of unhampered access by Catholics to Holy Places there and in other parts of Israel.

Evatt Expresses Hope for Israel's Admission to U.N.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, president of the U.N. General Assembly, who also addressed the dinner guests, voiced the hope that "every step necessary will be taken to secure approval of Israel's membership application by the General Assembly during the present session." He said the future of Israel is inseparable from the future of the rest of the Middle East, where there are acute problems of underdevelopment and poverty. Other speakers included Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, Edmund I. Kaufmann, president of the American Committee, Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Board, and Abraham Feinberg, chairman of the N.Y. committee, who presided.

A message from President Truman to the dinner said: "On the occasion of the dinner in honor of President Weizmann of Israel, I send to the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science and to your distinguished guest of honor my heartfelt good wishes. I have long been interested in the Weizmann Institute, which, in undertaking research designed to bring greater blessings to mankind, is carrying out the highest ideals of modern science; and I very much regret that I am unable to be present at the dinner in honor of its founder."

In his address, Dr. Weizmann expressed thanks to President Truman for the latter's "deeply human statesmanship" in relation to Israel and said that Israel will be eternally grateful for the wide support it has received from both the people and government of the United States. He recalled, too, that the Soviet Union had been quick to recognize the new Israeli Government and said that his country will pursue a policy of friendship to all nations "whether or not they diverge amongst themselves on other aspects of their policy."

U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie and acting Palestine mediator Dr. Ralph J. Bunche also attended the dinner and were greeted with tremendous ovations when they entered the ballroom. (The American Association for the United Nations announced that Dr. Bunche had been selected to receive the organization's annual award for distinguished service to the world organization for his mediation efforts in the Palestine dispute.) A eulogy for Dr. Stephen S. Wise was delivered by Mr. Kaufmann.

(The possibility that discussions on Israel's application for United Nations membership might begin this week was indicated at Lake Success today when it was reported that the Jewish state's bid for affiliation with the world body would be taken up by the Ad Hoc Committee instead of the Political Committee. The Ad Hoc body was said to be free to consider the Israeli application on Wednesday.)

FRENCH DE JURE RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL TO BE DELAYED UNTIL ALL ARMISTICE PACTS SIGNED

PARIS, April 24. (JTA) -- Well-informed sources said here today that the extension of de jure recognition to Israel by the French Government will be postponed until the Jewish state has signed armistice agreements with all the Arab states. These same sources believe that France's delegation to the United Nations will abstain from voting on Israel's application for United Nations membership so long as such an abstention does not jeopardize the Jewish state's chances to become a full-fledged member of the world organization.

An Israeli Army delegation, headed by Lt. Col. I. Rescheff, yesterday laid a wreath on the tomb of France's Unknown Soldier. Large crowds of Sunday strollers watched the delegation march down the Champs Elysses behind the Israeli flag to the tomb. The wreath, of blue and white flowers, carried the inscription: "From the Army of Israel to the Unknown Soldier."

BRITAIN NAMES COMMERCIAL ATTACHE TO TEL AVIV; BRITISH ZIONISTS TO OPEN ISRAELI BUREAU

LONDON, April 24. (JTA) -- The appointment of a commercial attache who will proceed shortly to Tel Aviv to join the staff of Minister Alexander Knox Helm's legation was announced here this week-end in a public statement by Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The Zionist Federation of Britain has decided to set up immediately a special bureau in Israel to encourage the immigration of middle class British Jews to Israel and will foster closer contacts between professional, business and tourist circles in the two countries. The bureau will be directed by Shlomo Temkin.

\$6,000,000 HOUSING PROJECT NEAR TEL AVIV LAUNCHED; 60 NEW COLONIES TO OPEN THIS YEAR

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for a new \$6,000,000 housing project to provide 1,350 housing units for new immigrants was laid near Tel Aviv today. The project will form part of a new suburb of Tel Aviv.

Sixty new settlements will be founded in Israel during the next six months, it was announced today by Yehuda Horin, director of the Jewish Agency's settlement department. According to present plans, he said, 10,000 new immigrant families will be settled soon in 18 of the proposed new colonies.

According to Israeli Government plans for development of the country, 20 percent of the nation's population will be employed on the land in agricultural pursuits, the Ministry of Agriculture said today.

This population ratio, it said, should make the country self-sufficient in production of dairy products, poultry and eggs and give it 50 percent of its bread grain requirements.

A Ministry spokesman explained that the area devoted to the growing of vegetables had been doubled in the last year and that it would be redoubled by the end of this year. This would give Israel 4,000,000 dunams devoted to the cultivation of vegetables.

1,000 JEWS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA SAIL FOR ISRAEL FROM ITALIAN PORT OF BARI

ROME, April 24. (JTA) -- Some 1,000 Jews from Czechoslovakia sailed for Israel aboard the S.S. Galilah this week-end. The immigrants left from the port of Bari.

SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER APOLOGIZES TO JEWISH LEADER FOR LINKING HIM WITH COMMUNISTS

JOHANNESBURG, April 24. (JTA)--- C.R. Swart, South African Minister of Justice, yesterday apologized in Parliament for having erroneously linked members of the Board of Deputies, and specifically S.M. Kuper, chairman of the Board, with Communists.

Swart blamed an error on the part of the police authorities for his earlier statements about the Board and Kuper. Asserting that the police had mistaken Kuper for another man named Cooper, Swart said he wished to take the opportunity to apologize for any inconvenience caused him.

Early last month, answering Swart's attack on the Board and on himself, Kuper outlined the Board's position vis-a-vis party politics--in which the organization does not participate--in contrast to the right and duty of every individual Jew in the community and member of the Board to participate in party politics. When he completed his defense of the right of Jews as individuals to participate in politics, Kuper revealed that the "Cooper" involved in the incident referred to by Swart was not he.

ARGENTINE JEWISH GROUP PLEDGES FIGHT TO PREVENT SCHEDULED SHOWING OF "OLIVER TWIST"

BUENOS AIRES, April 24. (JTA) -- The Argentine Jewish Institute for Culture and Information has notified the Eagle-Lion film company that it "is determined to fight with all its strength--using both the law and public opinion--to prevent the showing of the film, 'Oliver Twist.'"

The British motion picture, which has been banned in the U.S. zones of Germany and Austria, Turkey and in other areas, is scheduled to be exhibited in Argentina within the next few months. "The film provokes forgotten hatreds and disturbs the peace of Argentine society," the Institute said in a letter to the Eagle-Lion firm.

GREEK JEWISH COMMUNITY WILL BECOME SELF-RELIANT WITHIN FEW YEARS, J.D.C. OFFICIAL SAYS

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- The emergence within a few years of a completely self-reliant Greek Jewish community was predicted today by Harold Goldfarb, Joint Distribution Committee director for Greece, who returned here from Greece last week.

Passage of a new restitution law on March 31, returning heirless Jewish property to the Jewish community, opens the way for Greek Jewry to become increasingly independent of foreign voluntary aid, he added. Heirless Jewish property valued at \$2,000,000 or more will be turned over to a foundation fund administered by nine representatives of the Greek Jewish community, he disclosed. The funds will be used for the rehabilitation of 8,500 Jewish survivors in Greece.

FRENCH PROVINCIAL MAYOR SENTENCED TO FOUR-YEAR JAIL TERM FOR DENOUNCING JEWS TO NAZIS

PARIS, April 24. (JTA) -- Guillaume Ballu, former mayor of the town of Gourmay, located near Paris, was sentenced to four years imprisonment and was deprived of his civic rights for anti-Jewish wartime activities. He was also fined 12,000 francs.

During the German occupation of France, he compelled a Jewish school principal to register with the Nazis as a Jew, denounced a Jewish physician who had been permitted to continue his practice despite the racial laws instituted by the German occupation authorities and denounced still another Jew who was eventually deported to his death in the East.

ROMANIAN JEWISH GROUPS WHICH REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN PARIS PEACE CONGRESS ASSAILED

BUCHAREST, April 24. (JTA) -- Seven Rumanian Jewish organizations which refused to participate in the Congress of the Partisans of Peace now being held in Paris "unmasked themselves as tools of warmongering Anglo-American imperialism," the official organ of the Jewish Democratic Committee--"Unirea"--declared today.

Listing the seven groups as the Alliance Israelite Universelle, Central Consistory, Jewish Congress, Zionist Federation, Jewish Societies Federation, LICA and the Bund, the Democratic Committee's organ said that their action "attracts the hatred of every honest Jew in the world who did not forget the millions of victims of the Hitlerites."

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM PARLEY CALLS ON JEWS TO INTEGRATE WITH AMERICAN PEOPLE

CHICAGO, April 24. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism, at its fifth annual conference here, yesterday adopted a statement reaffirming its position that "Americans of Jewish faith must strive to achieve political, civic, cultural and social integration with the American people." The statement also emphasized the organization's adherence to the "universal traditions of Judaism in opposition to Jewish nationalism."

The statement took issue with those who "misrepresent American Jews either by labelling them as a separate nationality or by seeking to impose on them special obligations of the state of Israel." The statement added:

"We believe profoundly that all Israelis should be free to work out a way of life, enlisting their whole allegiance to their state, as we in America will continue to work out our way of life as an inseparable part of the American people. The most loyal citizens of Israel and America could wish no more. But the contention that there is a 'Jewish' nationalism, relating all Jews politically to the state of Israel and Israel to all Jews, makes it vital that we achieve the complete identification of American Jews with the American people."

The statement also called on all American Jews--Orthodox, Conservative or Reform--to "become active members of the synagogue or temple." The Council urged all rabbis to "emphasize those spiritual qualities which are the power and glory of Israel." Jewish religious schools were asked in the statement to "teach our children the spiritual, moral and ethical content of Judaism as a sustaining religious faith and not a nationalist loyalty."

CONGRESSMAN GOSSETT ATTACKS JEWS IN WASHINGTON SPEECH ASSAILING NEW DP IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, April 24. (JTA) -- Approximately 150 members of the District of Columbia chapter of the American Association of University Women today heard Congressman Ed Gossett (D-Tex.) make a sharp attack on Jews when he assailed the new Displaced Persons immigration bill proposed by Rep. Emanuel Celler, of New York.

Declaring that the bill "rewards the least deserving and least desirable," Gossett--who is a member of the House Immigration Subcommittee--said he would like to bring into the United States a "better stock of people"--the ethnic Germans--as contrasted with the "dregs of the DP camps." The Texas Congressman asserted that "most of the Jews in DP camps are not those who felt persecution, but are Communistic Russian and Polish Jews" who are "too lazy to work."

CHIEF RABBI HERZOG OF ISRAEL LEAVES FOR U.S. TODAY; WILL ADDRESS U.J.A. MEETINGS

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog will leave here by air for the United States tomorrow to address Jewish communities throughout the country in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. He is scheduled to arrive at New York on Wednesday.

WORLD COUNCIL OF REVISIONIST PARTY TO HOLD THREE-DAY CONFERENCE IN TEL AVIV IN MAY

TEL AVIV, April 24. (JTA) -- Revisionist Party headquarters here announced today that its world council will meet in Tel Aviv for three days beginning May 21. The announcement said that Revisionist organizations in many parts of the world have expressed interest in participating in the meeting.

AMERICAN BUILDING EXPERTS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO STUDY HOUSING NEEDS OF JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- Seven members of a housing survey committee comprised of leading American builders, architects and realtors--recently formed at the suggestion of the Israeli Government--left for Israel during the week-end for a four-week study tour of the housing problem in the Jewish state, it was announced here by Philip M. Klutznick, former Federal Public Housing Authority commissioner, who is chairman of the committee.

Participating in the committee's work is the Palestine Economic Corporation, American development company operating in Israel, which has constructed many residential buildings since its establishment in 1926 and is now planning to undertake a new program to help relieve the critical shortage in Israel. The housing mission will confer with Israeli officials and on its return will write a report including construction and financing recommendations for consideration by both the government and private builders.

EDUCATION PROBLEMS IN ISRAEL DISCUSSED AT PARLEY CALLED BY COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- A "Conference on the Critical Problems of Education in Israel" was held here today under the auspices of the National Council of Jewish Women. Among the noted educators who participated in the parley were Dr. Paul Klapper, president of Queens College, Dr. Alexander Dushkin, executive vice-president of the Jewish Education Committee of N.Y., Dr. Abraham Katsh, professor of education at New York University, Louis Kraft, general secretary of the national council of the National Jewish Welfare Board, and Mrs. Samuel Wolk, of the Jewish Teachers Association.

ALLAN BRONFMAN, CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER, NAMED TO MEMBERSHIP IN FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

MONTREAL, April 24. (JTA) -- Allan Bronfman, honorary vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, has been named Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, by the French Government, according to a letter from the Ambassador at Ottawa. Bronfman recently led a Canadian goodwill mission to France which brought a gift of flour to the people of Troyes, on the occasion of contonary observations hero:

BERNARD HORWICH, ORGANIZER OF ONE OF FIRST ZIONIST GROUPS IN U.S., DIES IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 24. (JTA) -- Bernard Horwich, organizer of one of the earliest Zionist organizations in the U.S. and first president of the Federated Jewish Charities of this city, died here yesterday at the age of 89. Active in Joint Distribution Committee relief projects immediately following World War I., he also worked closely with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Nahum Sokolow and Shmarya Levin.