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## U.N. POLITICAL COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO VOTE ON ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TODAY

LAKE SUCCESS, May 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations Ad Hoc Political Committee adjourned here late yesterday following a 25-8 vote upholding a ruling by Gen. Carlos Romulo, chairman, to limit discussion of Israel's application for United Nations membership to the 23 speakers on his list at the outset of the meeting. Each speaker was further instructed to keep his speech down to ten minutes.

Observers here predicted that as a result of this setback for the Arab bloc seeking to postpone a decision on the Israeli bid, a final vote on the application would probably be taken by the Ad Hoc Political Committee by tomorrow evening. The Arab delegations here are generally believed to be pressing for a drawn-out discussion so that the actual vote will not be taken at this session by May 14--target date for the conclusion of the present session--and will have to be put off until the next session in September.

Earlier, the Syrian delegation served notice that the Arab filibuster would not be cut off by launching into a repetitive two-hour oration after Canada and China had urged the Committee to welcome Israel as the 59th member of the United Nations.

As the morning session opened, Israeli representative Aubrey Eban gave the Israeli reply to a question posed Friday by Denmark on the reconcilability of Israel's announced stand on the Arab refugee question with the purposes and principles of the U.N. Charter.

### Israel Will Adhere to U.N. Charter Faithfully, Eban Declares

Eban declared that Israel accepts the whole of the Charter and will adhere to it faithfully. It had shown its desire for friendly relations with the Arab states by agreeing to negotiate a peace settlement, he said. It was the Arabs who had yet to agree that this was the purpose of the Lausanne conference.

He cited the Conciliation Commission's second report which points out that the refugee problem can be solved only through a cooperative effort at rehabilitation and development among the governments concerned. This question, he asserted, could not be separated from the broader question of a peace settlement.

R.C. Riddell of Canada warmly supported the Israeli application. In his view the questions of Jerusalem, Arab refugees and the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte had no place in the membership debate. That was the responsibility of the Conciliation Commission to work out with the Arab and Israeli representatives at Lausanne, he said. The Canadian delegation was satisfied with Eban's assurances that Israel would fully cooperate with the United Nations in solving these problems, he added.

Dr. R.F. Tsiang of China said that the Israeli declaration was not wholly satisfactory to all delegations but that Israel was no less interested than the United Nations in safeguarding the Holy Places, restoring peace and solving the refugee problem. Israel's anxiety to enter the family of nations was legitimate and understandable from the point of view of a young country seeking international recognition and prestige, he declared.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE DISCUSSES RESIGNATIONS OF SILVER, NEUMANN FROM JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- A motion calling on the Zionist Actions Committee not to accept the resignations of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann from the Jewish Agency executive was introduced today at a session of the Committee here by I. Serlin, representative of the World Confederation of General Zionists. The motion urged the Actions Committee--supreme ruling body of the world Zionist movement between sessions of the World Zionist Congress--to cable Drs. Silver and Neumann "to resume their work."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting chairman of the American section of the Agency, said that Serlin's motion had not been discussed or decided on by the General Zionists. Rabbi J. Neufeld, of Mizrahi, who presided today, ruled that the motion would be discussed after completion of a general debate.

Speaking for Mapam, J. Hazan declared that his party "never fought Silver's battles. Nevertheless, priority should be demanded for Zionism and Zionists, because key positions handed over to those (engaged) only in money collections will be a dangerous move," he said.

First speaker in the general debate was Rabbi Max Kirschblum, of the Mizrahi Organization of America, who warned against changes in the Zionist Organization. "Those who recently joined the Zionists' ranks were welcomed, but the Zionist movement cannot rely on them," he warned, adding that "they may jump off the cart in the first crisis, whereas Zionist leaders will not desert." He said that "wishful-thinking Zionists persuaded non-Zionists to demand greater rights."

Mrs. Rose Halprin, of Hadassah, described the changes in the American Jewish community during the last few years, as well as American Jewry's response to everything occurring in Palestine. It would be a grave mistake, she asserted, to create divergencies in the Zionist movement. She also demanded strengthening of the movement in the U.S.

MAPAI PARLEY PLEDGES PARTY'S AID TO IMPLEMENT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, May 8. (JTA) -- The closing session of a country-wide Mapai conference today pledged the party's assistance in implementing the government's austerity program as well as in its plans to restore the country's economy to a normal footing. The convention also called on all labor movements and institutions in Israel to dispatch several hundred emissaries to the immigrant camps to train the new arrivals for life in the Jewish state.

Mapai wants to carry out its pre-election pledge to establish a Socialist regime in this generation, yet it appreciates the fact that with present mass immigration, absorption of the newcomers would be impossible without attracting private capital from abroad, Premier David Ben Gurion told the parley.

Discussing the predicted austerity program, Dr. Bernard Joseph, Minister of Food and Supply, predicted the first stage would entail a saving of five million Israeli pounds the first year. He said the program would succeed if the public and especially the workers understood that the fate of the state was dependent on it.

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan expressed disappointment that Jews in the Diaspora had not borne the brunt of the absorption of new immigrants, which had fallen on the shoulders of the Israeli community. He said that about \$800,000,000 would be needed annually in order to absorb the proposed immigration of 200,000.

ISRAEL MAY BE ASKED TO ASSUME CONTROL OF GAZA COASTAL STRIP, LAUSANNE CONFERENCE HEARS

LAUSANNE, May 8. (JTA) -- Informal negotiations regarding the future of the Gaza coastal strip in Palestine have reached the stage where the Israeli Government has been asked for its views if a formal offer should be made that Israel take over the Gaza belt and its normal and refugee population of 150,000 Arabs, it was learned today. The impression here is that Israel may accept the offer in principle, but will not commit itself to any fixed number of refugees until the final phase of peace-making is reached.

Meanwhile, it is clear to observers here that the Arabs have for the moment succeeded in pushing the Palestine Arab refugee question to the front and the future of Arab Palestine to the rear of the agenda. They told the Commission that the future of Arab Palestine is a purely internal matter for the Arab states and that the Commission is not mandated to deal with it.

ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO ATTEND WORLD-WIDE RED CROSS PARLEY UPHELD; ARAB OBJECTIONS OVERRULED

GENEVA, May 8. (JTA) -- Israel's right to attend the 60-nation Red Cross conference meeting here to draw up a treaty to protect civilians in atomic warfare was backed by the president of the conference, Swiss Foreign Minister Max Petitpierre, reliable sources said today.

He was replying to five Moslem states--Pakistan, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Afghanistan--which protested that Israel was not a sovereign state, and therefore not entitled to send a delegation. They said in a letter to Petitpierre that they would not object to Israel being represented by observers. Petitpierre's letter of reply was read to a closed meeting of the conference bureau, on which all committee presidents are represented.

The letter explained that invitations to the conference were sent to states which had signed any or all of the Red Cross humanitarian treaties. Petitpierre was understood to have said that Israel fulfilled this principle. This is the first big international conference which Israel has attended on an equal footing with other powers.

BRATISLAVA JEWS WARN HUNGARIAN JEWISH REFUGEES NOT TO COME TO SLOVAK CAPITAL

VIENNA, May 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Bratislava--at the order of the Slovak police--has posted placards warning Hungarian Jews against coming to Bratislava, it was reported here this week-end. Refugees from Hungary assembled in the Slovak capital last week, after the Austrian border was closed to them.

Posters in the Hungarian and Slovak languages warn that henceforth all newcomers from Hungary will be punished and returned to Hungary. Punishment will also be meted out to refugees writing to Hungarian relatives urging them to come to Bratislava. The Jewish community of Bratislava has declared that it would not interfere any more with the Czechoslovak authorities in behalf of the refugees and will refuse to give them any help.

Jewish organizations in Vienna reported today that the last Hungarian refugees have left Bratislava. Vienna Jews expect strict patrolling of the borders.

REPORTS FROM ALL PARTS OF U.S. HEAR REPORT ON ISRAEL AT AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE PARLEY

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- More than 100 delegates from all sections of the United States attended the two-day session of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee at the Hotel Astor here, which concluded today after hearing reports on Israel by members of an A.J.C. delegation which recently returned from a visit to the Jewish state undertaken at the invitation of Premier David Ben Gurion.

Addressing the meeting last night, Jacob Blaustein, president of the Committee and leader of the delegation, said that the primary step in solving the pressing economic and rehabilitation problems in Israel is the establishment of lasting peace between the Jewish state and its Arab neighbors.

Touching on the new state's economic problems, he said: "In addition to large voluntary contributions from the United States and other countries such as through the United Jewish Appeal, help must come in the form of additional large foreign government loans, and particularly--and this is most important--through the creation of new enterprises by American and other industrialists with capital and know-how. It is obvious that the latter will require whole-hearted encouragement on the part of the Israeli Government."

Irving M. Engel, chairman of the A.J.C. executive committee, who also visited Israel as a member of the organization's delegation, declared that "greatest variety exists in the cultural background of the Israeli people, ranging from the Yemenite Jew who have been living with nomadic Arab tribes for 3,000 years, to the scientists at the Weizmann Institute. Israel has more scientists per 1,000 population than any other country in the world. The standard of living of a man in China and the life expectancy of the average American may well be improved by the work now being done at the Institute," he added.

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the Committee, told the executive committee that "a great service can be rendered by American organizations--private and public--by bringing to the Israelis authentic information about America, its basic democratic tenets, its educational systems, and its daily struggle to preserve its democracy. Equally, Israel should seek to bring to America and the Western world its own unique cultural and religious contributions, its pioneering experimentation and cooperative ventures in agriculture and industry, its methods of integrating peoples from all parts of the globe into one unified nation with equal rights to all inhabitants."

Other speakers at the parley included Dr. William Haber, former advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. command in Europe, Ben Herzberg, Alan Strock, Gustave M. Borns and Dr. Selo W. Baron.

J.D.C. CONTINUED SHIPMENT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES TO JEWS IN BERLIN THROUGHOUT BLOCKADE

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- Officials of the Joint Distribution Committee revealed today, following announcement of the lifting of the Berlin blockade, that during the entire ten months the blockade was in effect, the J.D.C. "successfully continued the shipment of urgently-needed food, clothing and other relief supplies to the Jewish refugee population of the city."

This was possible, the officials said, "as a result of arrangements with top-level authorities of both the Western and Russian occupying powers, which made it possible for Berlin's 7,215 Jews to receive more than 140 tons of needed relief supplies. Most of the supplies were trucked into Berlin from J.D.C. warehouses in Hansau, in the U.S. zone of Germany," it was added.

ALL JEWISH DP'S LIVING IN ITALY FOR EXTENDED PERIOD WILL BE MOVED TO BARLETTA CAMP

ROME, May 8. (JFA) -- The International Refugee Organization, in accordance with an agreement reached with the Joint Distribution Committee and the Central Committee of Jewish Refugees in Italy, will transfer Jewish DP's who have resided in Italy for an extended period of time to the displaced persons center at Barletta, it was revealed here today.

The Barletta camp can hold 2,500 persons and could accommodate all the Jewish refugees now in Italy. Hitherto, Jewish refugees in this country resided in camps at Bari, Trani and Barletta. The Trani DP center will continue to serve as a DP transit camp for refugees passing through Italy.

5 GERMANS CHARGED WITH CONDUCTING POGROMS AGAINST JEWS IN NOVEMBER, 1938, ACQUITTED

MUNICH, May 8. (JFA) -- Twenty-five Germans charged with responsibility for pogroms which took place against the Jewish community of Wunsiedel, in Bavaria, on the night of Nov. 10, 1938, were acquitted by the president of the court--Dr. Josef Ring--on the grounds that they were not "conscious of the illegality of their action." The prosecution immediately filed an appeal against the decision.

Walter Kanne, former Gestapo official who supervised Gestapo headquarters in Braunschweig during the war, was sentenced to eight years imprisonment on charges of ordering a German Jew. The trial was conducted in a German court in Hamburg.

Otto Beer, district chief of the Nazi Party, was sentenced to a five-year prison term after being found guilty of charges of burning down the synagogue in the town of Kitzingen, in Bavaria. Two co-defendants of Beer's received sentences of two-and-a-half years while four others were acquitted.

BERLIN JEWS PROTEST ACQUITTAL OF NAZI WHO PRODUCED ANTI-SEMITIC FILM "JEW SUSS"

BERLIN, May 8. (JFA) -- More than 500 Jews living in the Russian sector of this city attended a meeting last night in the community synagogue called to protest against the acquittal by a German court in Emsburg of Veit Harlan, former Nazi film director who produced the notorious anti-Semitic motion picture, "Jew Suss."

Julius Meyer, head of the Jewish community here, told the gathering that "Jewish survivors unhesitatingly declare that Harlan was as guilty as Hitler and Goebbels insofar as he was an intellectual originator of millions of murders." Meyer revealed that a petition was now being circulated to be presented to the military governors of Berlin, urging that "people like Harlan be handed over to the Israeli Government for judgment."

SEVEN ROMANIAN STATE SCHOOLS NOW OFFER COURSES IN YIDDISH AS PART OF CURRICULUM

BUCHAREST, May 8. (JFA) -- The number of Rumanian schools offering courses in Yiddish as part of their curriculum has risen to eleven, it was announced here.

Five of the schools are elementary schools for boys, four are elementary schools for girls and two are high schools. In all instances, the action followed requests by the parents of pupils for such courses. In addition, one school, in this city, operates entirely in the Yiddish language and offers courses in Jewish history and culture.

ISRAELI IMMIGRATION OFFICE IN BUENOS AIRES IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED DOWN BY GOVERNMENT

BUENOS AIRES, May 8. (JTA) -- The immigration office of the Israeli mission has been closed down temporarily by government authorities on the grounds that the office was operating as a consulate without ever having officially notified the Argentine Government. The official explanation said that despite the fact that consular relations between Israel and Argentina do not exist, the immigration office has been serving in a consular capacity.

Arieh Chill, immigration official of the Israeli Government here, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said that his office had never referred to itself as a consulate and, outside of issuing Israeli visas, it performed no consular functions. More than 300 Israeli visas were issued by the office since March 1, it was disclosed.

It was learned today that the Immigration Department has turned down visa applications for 25 Israeli teachers who were invited by Zionist organizations here to teach in Argentina. The new director of the Department--Col. L. Gonzalez--previously promised a Jewish delegation that the visas would be granted. The teachers were invited to come here to help relieve the acute shortage of Hebrew teachers in this country.

Well-informed sources said here that the Argentine Foreign Ministry has suggested to the Tel Aviv Government that Pablo Manguel, a leader in the pro-Peron Jewish group "Organizacion Israelita Argentina," be named Israeli Ambassador to Argentina.

ISRAELI CONSULATE IN N.Y. ANNOUNCES NEW PROCEDURE FOR SENDING FOOD PARCELS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- The Israeli Consulate-General announced today a new procedure to facilitate the clearing of standard gift food parcels sent to Israel. The procedure calls on all recognized food parcel agencies to prepay customs at the time of the dispatch of the parcels, in order to "avoid delay in clearing the parcels through customs at the Israel end."

The announcement added, however, that no such arrangements are being made for self-packed non-standard gift food parcels valued at less than 15 Israeli pounds (about \$60), where duty will be collected only at the Israel end. There will also be no change in procedure as regards gifts other than food up to a value of 15 Israeli pounds per shipment," the announcement said.

20 NEWLY-ARRIVED JEWISH DP'S MARK V-E DAY AT SPECIAL CEREMONIES HELD IN USMA SHELTER

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- More than 500 newly-arrived Jewish displaced persons marked the fourth anniversary of V-E Day today at special ceremonies conducted at the reception center of the United Service for New Americans. Speakers included William Rosenwald, honorary president of U.S.N.A., Rep. Emanuel Celler and Edwin Rosenberg, U.S.N.A. president.

TECHNION REOPENED, AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY REPORTS; WAS CLOSED DURING WAR

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- The Haifa Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, has been reopened, according to advices received here by the American Technion Society. The institution was closed temporarily during the Palestine war when a majority of its faculty and student body were serving in the Israeli armed forces.

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