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UNITED NATIONS POLITICAL COMMITTEE APPROVES ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LAKE SUCCESS, May 9. (JTA) -- The United Nations Ad Hoc Political Committee overwhelmingly approved Israel's admission to the world organization tonight by a vote of 33 to 11, with 13 abstentions. Under the circumstances it is considered a certainty that the General Assembly will approve the Committee recommendation by the required two-thirds majority. The Assembly is expected to take action on the application this week.

Just prior to the final vote in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Israeli application, the members of that body defeated a Lebanese resolution calling for a postponement of consideration of the bid until the next session of the General Assembly, in September. The vote on the Lebanese resolution was 19 in favor, 24 opposed, and 12 abstentions.

The United States was one of the seven states sponsoring the application. The other six were Australia, Canada, Haiti, Guatemala, Uruguay and Panama. The negative votes were cast by the Arab and Moslem countries and India.

Before voting on the application, the Committee adopted a proposal moved by Argentina that the Conciliation Commission now meeting in Lausanne should hear the views of interested religious denominations, including the Vatican, on the future of Jerusalem. This was, however, divorced from the decision on Israel's membership when Argentina withdrew a formal proposal to this effect, demanding only that the views of the Committee be entered in the record.

Pro-Israel Vote Likely To Increase At General Assembly

An Israeli spokesman said the outcome was exactly as the Israel mission had expected. He added that the pro-Israel vote is likely to increase in the Assembly. France and the Union of South Africa which abstained in this vote have indicated they might receive instructions to vote in favor of admission when the application comes up for final ratification in plenary session.

At today's morning session Aubrey S. Eben, Israel's representative to the United Nations, in a second policy statement before the committee, confirmed reports that the U.N. Conciliation Commission at Lausanne had officially sounded out the negotiating parties on the virtual partition of Jerusalem as an alternative to internationalization. Permitted ten minutes for the statement after Lebanon's 90-minute attack against membership, Eben assailed the assertion that the Arabs have fully accepted internationalization of the city.

He pointed out that both at Lausanne and in private meetings with the Conciliation Commission, the Arabs reserved the right of decision on any plan for U.N. control. Furthermore, he added, Iraq and Transjordan have not accepted the principle of internationalization while Transjordan, which is the only Arab country to occupy part of Jerusalem, had approached Israel for an alternative solution.

The British delegate, Sir Terrence Shone, told the Committee that he would have to abstain on Israel's bid because the government of the Jewish state had not yet clarified its position on Jerusalem and the Arab refugees to the satisfaction of Britain.

U.N. CONCILIATION GROUP ADOPTS "WORKING PAPER" ON SETTLEMENT OF ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE

LAIBANNE, May 9. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission this afternoon approved its first "working paper" covering a general settlement of the Israeli-Arab dispute, which was submitted by Claude De Boissanger, the French delegate and new Commission chairman.

The document proposed that first there should be an exchange of views on the frontiers. It also laid down certain broad and general principles on which it recommended that discussions on the refugee resettlement problem be based. The Israeli delegation accepted the "working paper" and undertook to give the Commission members a detailed reply at the earliest possible moment. However, because of the known Arab opposition to a discussion of the frontiers at the outset, the Commission postponed till Wednesday the meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the difference between the Transjordan views on refugee settlement, and those of the other Arab states, have again raised the question whether the Arab nations will be in a position at all to meet the Conciliation Commission as one body. The Commission has now informed the Arab delegations that they must soon make up their minds, or the United Nations group will insist on meeting the Arab states separately, as hitherto.

The Transjordan delegates strongly objected to a proposal--from U.N. sources--that Egypt turn over to Israel the Gaza coastal strip and its Arab and refugee population, estimated at 150,000 persons. Transjordan has advanced a claim to the title to this region. Egypt proposes to shift Palestinian refugees from various parts of the country to Gaza.

The Transjordanians also objected to the support given by the other Arab delegations to a project for internationalizing Jerusalem. They informed the other Arabs--and the Commission--that King Abdullah has a claim to the whole of Jerusalem.

Ethridge Resigning as U.S. Member of U.N. Body; Israelis Regret Decision

The Commission meeting which approved the working paper was chaired by De Boissanger. Its session took place under the shadow of the decision of its former chairman, American member Mark Ethridge, to resign by May 25.

Ethridge told correspondents today that the appointment of his partner, Barry Singham, as Economic Cooperation Administration representative for France made it imperative for him to return to his newspaper, the Louisville Courier Journal. He took the Commission post for only two months, at the request of the State Department. By the end of May he will have served four months, he said.

Ethridge's decision will be regretted by the Israeli delegation. Although the American has driven the Israelis further than any other member of the Commission to accept a more conciliatory policy toward the Arab refugees, the Israelis expressed the view today that Ethridge was the heart and soul of the Commission and that without him the U.N. body would lose both weight and dynamics.

OVER 3,000 IMMIGRANTS FROM GERMANY LAND IN ISRAEL; SIDNEY STANLEY AMONG ARRIVALS

TEL AVIV, May 9. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 immigrants from Germany arrived at Haifa today aboard the Israeli steamship, S.S. Atzmauth. Among the passengers on the vessel was Sidney Stanley, a key figure in recent allegations of corruption in British Government circles.

NEW PERCENT OF ISRAEL'S NEEDS MUST BE IMPORTED FROM ABROAD, FINANCE MINISTER SAYS

TEL AVIV, May 9. (JTA) -- About 50 percent of Israel's needs will have to be met by imports from abroad, even if plans for stepping up local production should be successful, Israeli Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan told the closing session of a country-wide conference of the Mapai, Israeli Labor Party.

The Minister said that funds saved through the austerity program would be invested in developing the country. He predicted that the government would be ready to exempt a certain percentage of income from income taxes if it were invested in building. In order to assist in providing new housing, the government was negotiating with several capitalists who had expressed readiness to build several thousand apartments, he added. Jacob Potfosky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, who attended the conference, was welcomed by Mrs. Golda Myerson, Labor Minister. He pledged the all-out assistance of organized Jewish workers in the U.S.

Eliahu Stone of Boston, the only member of the Zionist Organization of America who is attending the Zionist Actions Committee session in Jerusalem, today urged reconciliation between Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's group in the United States and the Jewish Agency executive from which Dr. Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann resigned. "Dissipation of the flow of funds would be disastrous for the Jewish state, whereas the removal of Drs. Silver and Neumann would be disastrous for the Zionist organization," he declared.

World-Wide General Zionist Parley Discusses Cleavage

The threatened cleavage in the World Confederation of General Zionists arising out of the recent split in the General Zionist Party of Israel was discussed at the organization's convention which adjourned here today. The sessions will be resumed in Jerusalem.

A committee consisting of Dr. Fritz Bernstein, General Zionist leader and Minister of Trade in the Provisional Government, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Agency treasurer, and Dr. Abraham Granovsky, head of the Jewish National Fund, was formed to determine whether the breach in the General Zionist movement in the Jewish state could be healed.

General Zionist delegates from overseas stressed the need for a union of the conflicting factions. The situation here has been complicated further by the fact that one wing of the General Zionists has already merged with the Aliyah Hadasha and Hoveved Hazoni groups to form the Progressive Party of Israel.

RELATION OF ISRAEL TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT CLARIFIED AT PARLEY IN FRANCE

PARIS, May 9. (JTA) -- A declaration defining the position of the former mandated territory of Palestine in relation to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade--GATT--was adopted today by the contracting parties to the GATT on a session at Amnecy, France.

The declaration agreed that the United Kingdom should be regarded as having ceased to be the contracting party with respect to the customs territory formerly included in the Palestine Mandate. Any contracting party therefore would be free to withhold or to withdraw in whole or in part any concession included in the appropriate GATT schedule which was formally negotiated with the United Kingdom in respect of the territory of the Palestine Mandate.

In the terms of the declaration, any contracting party proposing to take such action will notify all other contracting parties and, if requested, will consult with the contracting parties which have a substantial interest in any product concerned.

ARAB-ISRAELI TRADE TALKS IN LONDON MAKING GOOD PROGRESS; MAY END THIS WEEK

LONDON, May 9. (JWA) -- Anglo-Israeli trade negotiations have made good progress during the past week and may conclude by the end of this week, it was learned here today. Details of the talks, however, will not be divulged until after the negotiations end. A formal reception in honor of the Israeli delegation is being arranged by the Treasury.

BRITISH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE TO ISRAEL AND STAFF SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR TEL AVIV

LONDON, May 9. (JWA) -- Alexander Knox Helm, British diplomatic representative to Israel, will leave for Tel Aviv this week, the Daily Telegraph reported here today. Elsewhere it is reported that Knox will leave with a staff of 40 persons.

Authoritative quarters today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Knox's leaving is not necessarily bound up with possible British de jure recognition of Israel. Although these same sources deprecate newspaper reports that British recognition will depend on Israel's actions on Jerusalem and the Arab refugee problem, they state that Britain is attaching great importance to the Israeli attitude on repatriation.

These quarters visualize an agreement between Israel and the Arab states whereby the former will readmit all refugees who desire to enter, while the latter will resettle those who refuse to return to their homes. It was pointed out that Britain has already demonstrated its support of resettlement by lending Transjordan money for this purpose.

On the other hand, there are many indications that the outcome of the current financial and trade discussions between Israel and Britain will have more of an effect on recognition than the political questions.

ARAB LEGION TROOPS EVACUATE ANOTHER PORTION OF TERRITORY CEDED TO ISRAEL BY ARABES PACT

TEL AVIV, May 9. (JWA) -- Arab Legion forces have evacuated another portion of the Arab "triangle" area on the central front which was ceded to Israel under the terms of the armistice agreement signed by Israel and Transjordan.

Four withdrawals in this area have gone off without a hitch and the deadline for the evacuation of areas in the vicinity of the Jordan Valley has been advanced as a result. The latter withdrawals will open up the Hadara-Afalah Road to Jewish traffic.

Most of the inhabitants in the Arab villages in the evacuated areas, estimated at several thousand, have elected to stay behind. In many cases they welcomed the Israeli troops with flags and flowers and speeches. In one instance, the village elders approached the Israeli Army officers and said: "As we have awaited you, so are Nablas and Ramallah waiting for you."

ISRAELI MILITARY ATTACHE IN MOSCOW KIDS TEN-MONTH TOUR OF DUTY; RETURNS TO ISRAEL

MOSCOW, May 9. (JWA) -- Ending his ten-month tour of duty as Israel's first military attache in the Soviet capital, Col. Johanan Ratner left here today by plane for Tel Aviv. He was accompanied by his wife and son and will travel via Prague.

During the course of his stay here, Ratner became a popular member of the diplomatic corps. Ratner expects to return to civilian life in Israel where he will assume his position as Professor of Architecture at the Baifa Technical Institute. Appointment of Ratner's successor is expected to be made soon.

While in the Soviet Union, Ratner visited Odessa and Leningrad to see at first-hand the reconstruction of these two war-ravaged cities. In Odessa, the Israeli representative revisited the house where he was born.

JEWISH GROUPS DISSATISFIED WITH RESTITUTION PROPOSALS FOR BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office will soon receive a delegation of representatives of leading Jewish organizations in connection with the Austrian draft treaty, as well as restitution proposals for the British zone of Germany. These latter are considered to be unsatisfactory by the Jewish groups.

It has been learned that a share of the 340,000 Jewish books put at the disposal of the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Organization by the U.S. Military Government in Germany will be distributed to Yeshivot in Britain and on the Continent. Most of the volumes will be transferred to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The books, which originally belonged to Jewish libraries and learned institutions of Germany and other European countries, were recaptured by the Americans at Offenbach.

U.S. ARMY ADVISOR ON JEWISH AFFAIRS ARRIVES IN AUSTRIA TO COVER ON DP SITUATION

VIENNA, May 9. (JTA) -- Harry Greenstein, advisor on Jewish affairs to the American high command in Europe, arrived here today at the request of local American military authorities. Greenstein recently returned from a visit to Israel where he conferred with Premier David Ben Curion.

Greenstein, who is scheduled to review the entire DP situation with U.S. Army officers here, was impressed by the influx of Hungarian Jews. He will propose the acceleration of their transfer to Israel and the subsequent closing of the DP camps here. A total of 1,200 refugees left for Israel this week-end.

SALONIKA AUTHORITIES ORDER DEMOLITION OF JEWISH CEMETERY; USE TOMBSTONES FOR WALL

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- The concern of religious Jewry throughout the world at the Greek Government's levelling of the Jewish cemetery at Salonika and using tombstones for an extension of the city's sea wall has been expressed by the Agudah executive here to the Greek Ambassador to London, Leon V. Melas.

The executive asked Ambassador Melas to urge his government to halt the digging up of the cemetery and to consult with the rabbinate of Greece before taking any similar action in the future. "We feel the tragedy of Greek Jewry during the war justifies permitting the dead to rest," the Agudah statement declared.

10 FORMER NAZIS, COLLABORATORS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY POLISH COURTS FOR MURDERING JEWS

WARSAW, May 9. (JTA) -- Ten former Nazis and Polish and Ukrainian collaborators have recently been sentenced to death by various Polish district courts for responsibility in the death of tens of thousands of Jews, according to reports from various parts of the country received here.

In Warsaw, Fritz Fisher, ex-Gestapo chief of Radzyn, was condemned; in Lublin, Joseph Leopold, a slave labor camp commandant was sentenced to death; in Posen, two Germans--Gestapo leaders Herbert Stricker and Rolf Hoepner--were sentenced; in Cracow, the German Otto Klingbeil was sentenced; in Bialystok, the "Bialystok hangman," August Nashall, was sentenced to be hanged; while in Ostrov, Vonbehek, Samoshsh and Novy Sank, Edward Lonkoveky, Wilhelm Borrmann, Eugeniusz Machomet and Jan Melnyk, respectively, were condemned.

ENGLISH TRADE UNION COUNCIL TO PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT AGAINST MOSLEYITE ATTACKS ON JEWS

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- The Hackney Trades Council, representing the trade unions of the borough, voted today to send a deputation to Home Secretary James Chuter to protest increased attacks by fascist followers of Sir Oswald Mosley against Jews in the Dalston district.

Berry Hind, member of Parliament for the Dalston District, last week sent the Home Secretary evidence on recent attacks on Jews in the district which resulted in the hospitalization of two Jewish youths.

CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER IS GUEST OF HONOR AT ZIONIST BANQUET; SCORES ANTI-SEMITISM

HAVANA, May 9. (JTA) -- Cuban Foreign Minister Dr. Carlos Hevia was the guest of honor at a banquet arranged by the Cuban Zionist Federation at which expressions of thanks by Zionist leaders were addressed to the Cuban Government for recognizing the state of Israel.

During the course of his address, Dr. Hevia declared: "It would be contrary to our history to support any anti-Semitic theories. Cuba does not approve any race theories or discrimination." Among the guests who attended the banquet were top Cuban Foreign Ministry officials as well as leaders of the Jewish community in this country.

J.T.A. SERVICE TO WORLD JEWRY LAUDED AT ISRAELI PRESS CONFERENCE; LANDAU WELCOMED

TEL AVIV, May 9. (JTA) -- The service of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to Jewish causes both in Israel and in other countries was lauded here last night at a press conference arranged by the Israeli Journalists Association to welcome Jacob Landau, managing director of the J.T.A., who is now visiting the Jewish state.

Joseph Heftman, president of the Association, spoke of the important role which the J.T.A. has played in Jewish life for an entire generation and stressed Landau's contribution to the development of the organization. Joseph Gravitaky, head of the government's press office, also praised Landau's achievements and stressed the value of the J.T.A. in placing Jewish news in the general press. Landau reported on the growth of the J.T.A. and on the Agency's plans for the future.

DELEGATION OF AMERICAN JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE IS RECEIVED BY FRENCH PREMIER

PARIS, May 9. (JTA) -- A Jewish Labor Committee delegation, headed by Adolph Eld, president, was received today by French Premier Henri Queuille. The Premier told the delegation--which is en route to Israel to survey conditions there--that "France will always remain the country where the oppressed will have the right to find asylum" and will continue to be "the land of rescue for those who must save themselves from annihilation."

ISRAELI FLAG FLIES IN HAMBURG AT UNVEILING OF MONUMENT HONORING VICTIMS OF NAZISM

HAMBURG, May 9. (JTA) -- The flag of Israel flew in Hamburg this week-end for the first time as some 10,000 persons gathered to witness the unveiling of a monument to victims of the Nazis. The flags of all nations whose citizens died in Nazi concentration camps were unfurled over the Ohlsdorf Cemetery where the monument was erected.

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