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ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE DISCUSSES ROLE OF NON-ZIONISTS; U.S. DEVELOPMENTS ANALYZED

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- The role of non-Zionist Jews in the absorption of immigration and the development of Israel was the center of a heated debate today and last night at the Zionist Actions Committee meeting here. The recent dispute in American Jewish life centering about the United Jewish Appeal was in the foreground as speakers of all political factions within the Zionist movement rose to present their views.

Leading off for those members of the Actions Committee opposed to expanding the role of the non-Zionists, Itzhak Gruenbaum, former Minister of the Interior, and a General Zionist, referred to Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A., as a "good friend," but added that he "would not entrust the fate of Zionism to him." Asserting that it would be a "fatal mistake" to create the impression that Zionism will be limited to helping Israel absorb the new immigrants, Gruenbaum stressed that the Zionist organization must continue its work since "what has been achieved is only the beginning."

Gruenbaum also suggested the establishment of a joint Israeli Government-Jewish Agency commissariat for immigration which would be able to work independently of both bodies, but would have the power to request specific legislation of the government. He also urged the setting up of a "labor service" for the building of towns and villages. He recommended that the service be run on a "quasi military" basis rather than within a "trade union framework."

Referring directly to the split in the American movement, Rabbi Samuel Brot, American Mizrachi leader, appealed to the body to "preserve Zionism's moral standards and vigor, and not expel an old, faithful Zionist veteran for several millions of dollars." The guaranty of the success of Zionism is its purity of ideal and its moral standards, Rabbi Brot maintained.

Laborite Defends the Non-Zionists; Says They Are "Faithful" Jews

Levi Eshkol, head of the Immigration and Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency, a Laborite, defended the role of the non-Zionists in aiding Israel. He opposed Rabbi Brot's juxtaposing "moral Zionist fervor, on one side, and non-Zionism and unfaithfulness, on the other." Those who have been named non-Zionists, Eshkol emphasized, "are good, faithful and devoted Jews who are proud to participate in the upbuilding of Israel." There is no evidence that "they will desert when the Zionist tide turns," he insisted.

Asking why there is such a "skepticism toward this new group," Eshkol pointed out that Zionism began as a small movement which in the course of years gained new members who eventually became "ardent followers of the Zionist ideal." He also announced that 70 agricultural settlements had been established since last year and that between 25 and 30 percent of the newcomers were turning to agriculture.

Meir Grossman, world Revisionist leader, said that the present weakness of the Zionist movement could be traced to the fact that political activities had been

removed from its scope. He demanded that the Zionist movement have the right to express its own political opinion.

"We must have the right to say to the Israeli Government: 'We are not satisfied with the Transjordan pact or the situation in the triangle and we demand the state of Palestine,'" Grossman stated. "If such a right is not granted us," he added, "the Actions Committee and the Zionist Congress will be converted into a debating club which the youth and practical leaders will avoid."

Joseph Schechtman, American Revisionist leader, also complained that Zionist work was lacking in political content during the past year. S. Yunitzman, another Revisionist, demanded that the World Zionist Congress change its "Basic Program" since the goal of a Jewish state--its central point--had been achieved and a new program was needed to attack the new tasks facing the movement.

Sam Zecks and Zvi Lurie, speaking for the Mapam, stated that there were now two forces at large in the Jewish community--"Israelism" and Zionism. The former, Lurie asserted, was much larger as a movement in the United States. Louis Segal, Hachomer Hachadashite, said that the Zionist movement must take the leadership among the Jews outside Israel, especially in the U.S.

Israel Will Need \$800,000,000 Annually to Finance Absorption of Immigrants

Israeli Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, the only member of the government to serve on the Agency executive, estimated that \$800,000,000 would be needed annually for the next few years to finance the absorption of immigrants and other constructive work in Israel. He asked that in view of this situation the Agency devote its entire budget to building the state and absorbing the immigrants.

Pointing out that there are four sources of income for the Jewish state--taxes, fund-raising campaigns, loans and the mobilization of private capital--he declared: "We cannot reckon 'this man or that institution.'" The government has not borrowed any money for civil purposes, he revealed, but has taxed its citizenry heavily.

Following the conclusion of the general debate, the delegates divided into various committees which will formulate resolutions and plans to be presented to the plenary session this week-end. The political committee heard Premier David Ben Gurion this afternoon. His analysis of the current political situation was delivered to a closed session and no details are available. It is expected that the session will conclude this Sunday.

END OF ARAB-ISRAELI PARLEY AT LAUSANNE IS IN BALANCE; MAY BE SETTLED IN 24 HOURS

LAUSANNE, May 10. (JTA) -- The fate of the U.N.-sponsored conference here between Israel and the Arab states is in the balance and may be settled within 24 hours. Either the parley will develop into a peace conference or it will be adjourned in the face of Arab intransigence, it was learned here today.

Following the acceptance by both sides of the U.N. working paper presented yesterday by Conciliation Commission chairman Claude de Boissanger, the French Commissioner made arrangements for separate meetings tomorrow with the Israeli and Arab representatives. The final details were to be worked out at a preliminary discussion today.

However, a few minutes before the preliminary talks were to begin, the Arab spokesman, Fudl Amoun of Lebanon, called off the meeting, declaring that in the light of the U.N. Political Committee's favorable action on the Israeli membership application yesterday the Arab delegation had received new instructions to consult further among themselves before meeting with De Boissanger. (Just prior to the vote at Lake Success, Lebanese delegate Charles Malik threatened that if Israel is admitted his government would reconsider its attitude toward the Lausanne talks.)

THOUSANDS OF JEWISH FAMILIES LIVING IN LEBANON WILL MIGRATE TO ISRAEL, ARMISTICE BODY AGREES

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- A number of Jewish families living in Lebanon will be permitted to emigrate to Israel as a result of an agreement reached at the last meeting of the mixed Israeli-Lebanese armistice commission, it was learned here today. The number of families, or other details of the exchange, have not yet been revealed.

The next armistice negotiations session between the Jews and Syrians will be held on the Israeli-Syrian border Friday. A Syrian proposal for an armistice line running through the Jordan River and Lakes Huleh and Galilee was turned down by the Jews, but both sides promised to study a compromise plan submitted by U.N. officials.

60 JEWS IMPRISONED BY EGYPTIAN GOVT. IN THREE DETENTION CAMPS; CHARGED WITH "ZIONISM"

PARIS, May 10. (JTA) -- There are 600 Jews imprisoned on charges of "Zionism" in three camps in Egypt, it was learned here today on the basis of reports from the Arab state. At one time or another there have been more Jews in the camps, but some have been released because they are not of Egyptian nationality while others have been incarcerated.

The situation of some 50 of the Jews in one camp is particularly bad. The detention center, at El Tor, is crowded with 1,400 persons. The food is miserable and the guards are brutal. The temperature varies from 116 degrees at mid-day to almost freezing at night. There is no regular water supply and the inmates of the camp must dig holes in the ground in search of water. Sanitary facilities are primitive and most of the prisoners suffer from dysentery; there is no hospital and only one nurse for the entire camp.

The situation of the prisoners in the other two camps--at Aboukir and Hukstap--is much better. The food is fairly decent and the guards do not mistreat the prisoners. It is from the camp at Hukstap that the 50 "dangerous" alleged Zionists were transferred to El Tor.

TURKISH PRESS EXTENDS COVERAGE OF ISRAELI DEVELOPMENTS; PUBLIC INTERESTED IN REPORTS

ISTANBUL, May 10. (JTA) -- For the first time in many years the major Turkish newspapers have assigned regular correspondents to Israel. The reports received from these correspondents have been extremely favorable to the Jewish state and are being followed with interest by the Turkish reading public.

In a recent interview with a newspaperman here, Turkish Foreign Minister Nedjettin Sadak declared that a "speedy solution of the Palestine question is one of the most important factors for stabilization and peace in the Mediterranean area." In this sentiment he is joined by a number of influential Turkish newspapers, most of whom call for an "understanding" between Turkey and Israel.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN DENMARK WILL SEND 30 ANCIENT TORAH SCROLLS TO ISRAEL

COPENHAGEN, May 10. (JTA) -- The local Jewish community was preparing today to send a precious gift of 30 ancient Torah Scrolls to Israel to overcome the shortage of Scrolls following the extermination of Sofrim (scribes) in Poland and Germany. Most of the Scrolls are more than 300 years old and were brought to Denmark by the first Jewish settlers who came from Hamburg and Luebeck in the second half of the 17th century. When the Nazis launched their program in Denmark, in October 1943, members of the Danish resistance movement saved the Scrolls in the Copenhagen Synagogue and concealed them in the crypt of the Trinitatis Church.

BREIT FLIES TO UNITED STATES; WEIZMANN, EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL, ARRIVES IN FRANCE

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, Israeli Foreign Minister, left here today by air for the United States to represent Israel at the United Nations General Assembly when the final vote on admission is taken.

(President Chaim Weizmann of Israel, who is en route to Israel, arrived at Harbourg today on the Queen Mary. He was greeted by Israeli consul Abraham Glibbo.)

ISRAELI CHIEF RABBI CALLS ON TRUMAN AT WHITE HOUSE; CONVEYS GRATITUDE OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, May 10. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Halavi Herzog of Israel was received by President Truman today at the White House. He told correspondents later that their conversation was along "religio-ethical lines." The Chief Rabbi was accompanied to the White House by Ambassador Eliahu Elath.

"It was indeed an honor and privilege to meet the President of the United States and to convey to him the warm greetings and profound thanks of the people of Israel for his invaluable assistance and deep sympathy," Dr. Herzog said. "From the very first hours of the existence of the Jewish state, President Truman's friendship and vigorous support were of the highest encouragement to us in our struggle for independence."

"I was very happy, also, to thank the President for his intense personal interest in the problems of the Jewish refugees and to advise that, in keeping with the spirit of his repeated appeals for the admission of large numbers of homeless Jews, Israel is now receiving refugees at the rate of approximately 30,000 a month."

"It was gratifying to have the opportunity of conveying our appreciation of the vital contribution which the Jews of America are making through the U.J.A. towards the reception, care, and absorption of the great number of immigrants now reaching Israel."

"I told the President that the Jews of Israel are most desirous of living in peace with their neighbors and to make their contribution to world peace in keeping with their hallowed traditions of brotherhood and human understanding."

CHINESE REFUGEES TRAPPED IN SHANGHAI WILL BE FLOWN TO CANADA IN FIVE PLANES

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Some 300 Jewish refugees trapped in besieged Shanghai will be flown to Canada, with the approval of the Canadian Government, in an emergency evacuation project sponsored by the Joint Distribution Committee, the International Refugee Organization and the Canadian Jewish Congress, it was reported here today.

The air evacuation from Shanghai, called "Operation Flying Dragon," will be carried out by five planes chartered by J.D.C. and I.R.O. The first plane is expected to land in Vancouver on Saturday, J.D.C. officials here declared.

Approximately 250 of the evacuees are repatriates bound for their native Austria, while some 50 will remain in Canada. Permission for the repatriates to enter Canada and remain six months pending travel arrangements was received from the Dominion Government by the Canadian Jewish Congress which collaborates closely with J.D.C. on overseas assistance programs. The refugees will be housed temporarily in the Jewish Community Center of Vancouver upon their arrival there.

Advises received by the Joint Distribution Committee in New York from A.C. Haragold, its director in Shanghai, disclosed that following the completion of "Operation Flying Dragon" there will still be 1,500 Jewish refugees in Shanghai.

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102 JEWISH COMMUNITIES EXIST IN WESTERN ZONES OF GERMANY; 37 IN BRITISH-OCCUPIED AREA

MUNICH, May 10. (JTA) -- There are 102 Jewish communities in existence in the western zones of Germany, it was revealed here in a report issued by the Bavarian Statistical Office. Fifty-seven of the communities are in the British zone, while the remainder are in the French and American areas.

HAMBURG LEGISLATURE ADOPTS LAW IDENTIFYING PERSECUTEES FOR TIME SPENT IN NAZI CAMPS

MUNICH, May 10. (JTA) -- The Hamburg legislative council has adopted a law identifying political, religious and racial persecutees for sufferings endured under the Nazi regime. Hamburg thus became the second German district to adopt such a measure.

Under the legislation, any person who was arrested for racial, religious or political reasons after Jan. 30, 1933, will receive 150 Deutschmarks for each day spent in a jail, ghetto or concentration camp. A similar law is in effect in Westphalia-North Rhine, and one is expected to be ratified by Bavaria, Hesse and Wuertemberg-Baden, all in the American zone, shortly.

BRITISH DIAMOND DEALERS PROTEST TO TRUMAN OVER A.M.G. SALES OF GEMS STOLEN BY NAZIS

BRUSSELS, May 10. (JTA) -- The Belgian Diamond Federation has sent a letter of protest to President Truman against the decision of the American Military Government in Germany to sell in Germany part of a huge stock of diamonds stolen from Belgium by the Nazis. The monies to be derived from the sale of the diamonds to the German economy will be used to pay the expenses of the U.S. occupation force.

Since shortly after the end of the war, Belgian diamond experts have been passing and turning over to the military authorities evidence that diamonds weighing 3,300,000 carats were stolen by the Nazis from Belgian diamond merchants. It is estimated that about 75 percent of this loot was seized from Jews, most of whom were later ordered by the Germans.

In 1947 the American authorities planned to turn over to the International Refugee Organization the diamonds, which were claimed by Belgium. Recently, however, apparently under pressure from German diamond circles, the Americans decided to sell part of the hoard--some 200,000 carats--to German merchants.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW EMIGRATION OF JEWS WHO HAVE RELATIVES IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- The Hungarian Government has decided to permit the relatives of Jews now in Israel to emigrate from Hungary, the New York Times reported today in a dispatch from Prague. The report said that an agreement to this effect is expected to be reached between Hungarian and Israeli officials next week.

The number of Hungarian Jews who will be able to proceed to the Jewish state under the terms of the agreement, the report noted, depends entirely on the definition of the word "relatives." A majority of the 160,000 Jews now in Hungary have close or distant relatives in Israel. According to the Prague dispatch, the Hungarians said they could not at this time permit the departure of a large number of Jews, nor could the migration of Jewish physicians, engineers and technicians be allowed.

INTERFAITH CONGRESS OPENS IN BOMBAY; LEADERS OF INDIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATE

BOMBAY, May 10. (JTA) -- An interfaith congress under the chairmanship of Sir Petha Krishnaiah, noted philosopher, opened here with leading representatives of all Indian religious communities in attendance. The Jewish community of India is represented by H. Cynowitz, of the Central Board of Bombay Jews, and Albert Menasch. The congress is expected to last for several days.

NEW HONORED FOR PALESTINE MEDIATION EFFORTS; SAYS JEWS AND ARABS MUST COMPROMISE

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Acting United Nations Palestine mediator Dr. Ralph J. Bunche was honored last night with an award for distinguished service by the American Association for the United Nations at a Waldorf-Astoria dinner attended by 1,000 persons. He declared that a peaceful solution to the conflict requires compromises by both Jews and Arabs.

A letter to Dr. Bunche from President Truman emphasized that in his handling of the Near East dispute, Dr. Bunche upheld the dignity and integrity of the United Nations "under unusual circumstances."

U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, who also addressed the dinner guests, asserted that the world organization "will not tolerate any further recourse to force in the settlement of Palestine differences," adding that "any party doing so will bear full responsibility and may find its course highly unprofitable."

ISRAEL SEEKING PEACE WITH ARABS, ELATH TELLS AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE PARLEY

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel wants peace with the Arabs and will make every effort to obtain closer relations and cooperation with all the peoples in the Middle East, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Eliahu Elath declared last night, addressing the annual meeting of the New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee which took the form of a "Salute to Israel" celebration.

"We dare not exaggerate our present victory over the Arabs," Elath cautioned. "While strengthening Israel is the main guarantee for our survival, we shall simultaneously launch a far-sighted and statesmanlike policy of rapprochement and understanding with our neighbors, in trying to build bridges and not walls between us."

The Israeli Ambassador lauded Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, as well as other Committee members, for the aid extended to Israel by the organization. He paid tribute to Blaustein and to Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, honorary president of the A.J.C., for their "unswerving devotion to the Jewish people and to the cause of Israel." Harold Riegelman was reelected president of the A.J.C. New York chapter.

TWENTY-NINE JEWISH YOUTHS LEAVE BOLIVIA FOR ISRAEL; ALL ARE MEMBERS OF YOUTH ALIYAH

LA PAZ, Bolivia, May 10. (JTA) -- A group of 29 Jewish youths, ranging in age from 16-36 and including eight girls, left here for Israel as members of a Youth Aliyah contingent. They were bade farewell by delegations from Jewish organizations in this country at the railroad station.

CUBAN GOVERNMENT NAMES ZIONIST LEADER TO BE ITS COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN ISRAEL

HAVANA, May 10. (JTA) -- Raphael Zilber, well-known Cuban Zionist leader and former president of the Zionist General Council here, has been appointed Cuba's commercial representative in Israel, it was announced today. Zilber, who will leave for Israel via New York towards the end of the week, will be the guest of honor at a testimonial banquet to be held tomorrow.