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JTA *Daily News Bulletin*ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES FOOD RATIONING; INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY SAVING PLANNED

TEL AVIV, May 13. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government announced today that food rationing will be introduced throughout the country under the austerity program approved by the Knesset this week. The new food ration will restrict the population to daily consumption of 360 grams of bread, 58 grams of sugar, 25 grams of meat and a monthly consumption of 12 eggs.

Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Food and Supply, told representatives of the press that the monthly consumption of food under the new austerity diet will cost about six pounds--or approximately \$18--per capita. He expressed certainty that the restricted diet will improve public health.

Ration books covering the provisions of the new program will be issued within a month's time, the Minister said. Clothing and shoes will also be rationed, he added. The government is now studying means of absorbing the purchasing power created by the "austerity" measures and a proposal to that end will soon be presented to the Knesset, the Minister revealed.

Beginning next week restrictions will also be introduced on the use of electric current during certain daytime hours. Compulsory saving and additional taxation are being planned by the government among measures designed to absorb the purchasing power created by the food and clothing rationing program.

The government's austerity program came under a many-sided attack today at a meeting of the Agricultural Center of the Histadrut. Speakers complained that the program did not provide necessary incentives to agriculture.

A warning that Israel must be strongly armed for many years, and possess a modern army equipped with the most modern weapons, was given last night by Premier David Ben Gurion, speaking at a meeting of the Haganah Veterans Association.

The Israeli Premier said that the Jewish state could not depend merely on its experience in the recent fighting with the Arabs because the Arabs had learned from their mistakes and would reorganize their forces and improve their fighting facilities.

PALESTINE ARABS PRESENT PROPERTY CLAIMS AGAINST ISRAEL TO UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION

LAUSANNE, May 13. (JTA) -- Representatives of a group of Arab refugees from the Jaffa and Lydda districts today appeared before the U.N. Conciliation Commission and presented special property claims against Israel. The Commission promised to consider these claims when reviewing next week's agenda of the Arab-Israeli talks.

(From Tel Aviv it was reported that the Israeli-Syrian armistice talks ended towards evening today without further progress being made. The talks will be resumed on Tuesday.)

It was learned today that on the Arab refugee issue, the Israeli answer to the U.N. Conciliation Commission provides a number of affirmative possibilities, such as the release of frozen Arab cash in Israeli banks, protection of Arab property, and the safeguarding of minorities.

BRITAIN AND ISRAEL ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT ON RANK OF THEIR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES

LONDON, May 13. (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office and the Israeli mission in London jointly announced today agreement to raise the status of their diplomatic representatives in London and Tel Aviv to the rank of duly accredited ministers and list of their offices to legations.

This move does not involve extension of de jure recognition of Israel by Britain, the announcement made clear. On this question the joint communique stated: "The two governments have not discussed any change in the present basis of relationship between the two countries. The new status is expected to facilitate the work of the respective representatives."

Dr. N. Eliash, the Israeli representative who is now accredited as minister, will soon present his credentials to the King, it was learned today. Alexander Orr Eick, British minister-designate, is leaving by air tomorrow for Tel Aviv where he is due to arrive on Tuesday.

The unprecedented procedure by which ministers are exchanged under de facto recognition may, it was said here, delay formal action by Britain in granting Israel de jure recognition but British action is not expected to lag far behind that of France. Relationships with Israel are known to have been one point of consultation within the Permanent Commission of the Western Union.

ISRAEL APPOINTS CONSUL-GENERAL FOR ARGENTINA; MINISTER OF RELIGION CHANGES NAME

TEL AVIV, May 13. (JTA) -- Arich Eshel-Chill was today named Israel's consul-general in Buenos Aires. It is expected that an Israeli consular office will be opened in the Argentine capital very soon.

The Italian Government has notified Israel of its agreement to the appointment of Shimon Gencsar-Ginzburg--son of the late Achad Ha'am, Zionist theoretician--as Israel's representative in Rome, it was announced today. The appointment of Ben Ben Kadouri-Krugliakov as counsellor to the Israeli mission in the Italian capital was also confirmed.

Israel's Minister of Religion Rabbi Judah L. Fishman revealed today that he has changed his name to Maimon.

PLAN TO PERPETUATE DEEDS OF COMMUNITIES AIDING ISRAEL PROPOSED TO ACTIONS COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- A plan to perpetuate the deeds of every Jewish community in the world participating in the upbuilding of Israel was cabled today to the Zionist Actions Committee now in session in Jerusalem, by Dr. I. Schwartzbart, a member of the Committee..

The plan proposes that members of the Actions Committee tour--in behalf of the Jewish Agency executive--major Jewish communities throughout the world for the purpose of conducting emergency drives to raise funds for housing, children's care, schools and a merchant navy in Israel.

"The emergency drives should be conducted in the various countries outside of Israel in addition to the regular drives of the united Jewish appeals," the plan stated. "The fundamental idea of these drives should be to assign special tasks within the scheme of Israeli upbuilding work to each local Jewish community and erect in Israel visible perpetuation of the names of the contributing communities," the cable said.

ISRAEL VOTES AGAINST BRITISH TRUSTEESHIP OF CYRENAICA; SUPPORTS ITALY ON SOMALILAND

LAKE SUCCESS, May 13. (JTA) -- Israel's representative to the United Nations, Asher Eban, today cast a negative vote at the 59-nation Political Committee on a proposal to place Cyrenaica under long-term British trusteeship, but voted "yes" on a proposal to place Somaliland under Italian trusteeship.

The Israeli vote was one of the 17 ballots cast against Britain on the colonial issue. Cyrenaica was the major objective of a United States-British plan to achieve a solution to the problem concerning the status of the former Italian colony. Eban abstained from voting on the plan as a whole.

The names of members of Israel's delegation to the current Assembly session of the U.N. were announced at Lake Success last night. These are: Foreign Minister Moshe Sharet, chairman; Aubrey S. Eban, permanent representative and vice-chairman; Ambassador Elisha Elath. Eban will have the rank of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary. Alternate delegates are Consul-General Arthur Lourie, Gideon Raphael and Dr. Moshe Toff. Dr. Jacob Robinson was named counsellor and Tuviah Arazi, adviser. Isaiah L. Kamen was listed as director of information for the delegation.

Leading newspapers in the U.S.--including the New York Times and the New York Herald-Tribune--published editorials today welcoming Israel's admission to the United Nations as a full-fledged member. Similar editorials were printed in all the Yiddish-language dailies in New York.

U.N. INVITES ISRAEL TO SCIENTIFIC PARLEY; IS ASKED FOR PAPERS ON NATURAL RESOURCES

LAKE SUCCESS, May 13. (JTA) -- U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie today invited Israel to participate in a United Nations scientific conference on the use and conservation of the world's resources. This is the first U.N. parley to which Israel has been invited.

The conference will open a three-week session at Lake Success on August 17. One of its main objectives is the exchange of technical information for using the planet's wealth to enrich man's living standards. Among the specific aspects of resource use which have been suggested to Israel as subjects for scientific papers are: the Jordan Valley water power and irrigation project; desalination of water; use of sub-soil in the Negev; extraction of chemicals from the Dead Sea; fish-farming; and the use of vegetable raw materials for the production of meat-type proteins.

MOSCOW PRESS REPORTS ISRAELI ADMISSION TO U.N. WITHOUT COMMENT; ENVOY CONGRATULATED

MOSCOW, May 13. (JTA) -- The admission of Israel to the United Nations was reported today in the Moscow press without comment. Israel's charge d'affaires here, Mordecai Namir, was congratulated by numerous members of the diplomatic colony here on receipt of the news from Lake Success.

GOVERNOR LEHMAN VISITS JERUSALEM; SAYS HE IS "THRILLED" BY WHAT HE HAS OBSERVED

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York told a correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today that "I am thrilled by what I have seen here." Lehman is on a ten-day visit to Israel to study immigration and resettlement problems and confer with Israeli leaders. He praised the Israeli Army and police force.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES ADMISSION OF 250 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM SHANGHAI

OTTAWA, May 13. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government today confirmed reports that 250 Jewish refugees from the civil war area in China, chiefly from Shanghai, will be given temporary haven in Canada. The refugees will be permitted to remain in the Dominion up to six months while completing arrangements to proceed to their final destinations in other countries, a government announcement said.

The refugees will be brought by air to Canada on a "non-immigrant" status. The first group is expected to arrive within a few days. Saul Hayes, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, spent some time in Ottawa to arrange for the admission of the refugees, while the Canadian Consul in Shanghai has been instructed to consult with the Joint Distribution Committee representative there with regard to the project.

62,600 DISPLACED JEWS ENTERED U.S. DURING LAST THREE YEARS; 6,245 CAME UNDER DP ACT

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- A total of 62,600 Jewish immigrants--the majority of them displaced persons--reached the United States between May, 1946, and April, 1949, according to a survey made public today by United Service for New Americans in connection with the nationwide observance of "I Am An American Day" on Sunday.

This figure includes 6,245 Jewish DP's who came to the United States under the provisions of the DP Act. The remainder entered the country under the Truman Directive and under regular immigration laws. The agency estimated that 25,000 Jewish immigrants will reach the U.S. in 1949.

Edwin Rosenberg, president of U.S.N.A., reported that the bulk of the Jewish newcomers to this country had friends and relatives in various parts of the country to provide for their resettlement. The U.S.N.A. was called upon to find new homes for 6,218 persons who were distributed in all parts of the country, excluding N.Y.

The settlement assistance given the Jewish DP's by the U.S.N.A., the report stated, consisted of "planning with the immigrants to determine the area best suited to their needs, arranging with the local communities for the reception of the newcomers, and for their assisting them in establishing new homes." A total of 7,847 DP families, including 15,600 persons, received financial or other casework assistance from the U.S.N.A. during this period, the report said. These families received the help of social workers in adjusting to their new environment until they could become self-supporting.

To assist the newcomers in effecting a speedy adjustment in their new homeland, the U.S.N.A. president declared, the agency maintains a Vocational Service Department which counsels newcomers, refers them to job openings or assists them in securing training which will lead to gainful employment. Since May, 1946, a total of 4,300 persons were placed by U.S.N.A. in various types of jobs, ranging from unskilled work to the most highly specialized work in industry, the arts and professions.

During the period covered by the report, the U.S.N.A. port and dock workers assisted 33,908 Jewish immigrants in reaching their destinations throughout the country. Of this number 8,104 were given temporary shelter at the Hotel Marseilles in New York, pending completion of plans for their resettlement.

HIAS Reports Handling Cases of 3,500 Jewish DP's Admitted Since October

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society reported today that more than half the Jewish displaced persons admitted to this country since Oct. 1, 1948, entered under its auspices. Of 6,169 Jewish DP arrivals, HIAS handled 3,503 cases, the report said.

INCREASED AID TO IMMIGRANTS REPORTED BY JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- A rising volume of aid to Jewish immigrants and their children highlighted the work of Jewish social agencies in the United States in 1948, as the communities increasingly turned their attention to the planning and construction of much-needed buildings for local services, it was revealed here today in a report issued by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The report, prepared by the Social Planning Department of the C.J.F.W.F., emphasized that in other fields the upward trend of service which had characterized the earlier postwar years was somewhat stabilized. The report analyzed the activities of family and child-care agencies, as well as services to immigrants, homes for the aged, and hospital clinic programs.

Figures show that the Jewish social service agencies continue to be affected by the postwar pattern of high costs, relatively full employment, and continuation of the housing shortage, the survey noted.

New Immigrants Got Average Aid Grant of \$115 Monthly

Jewish family agencies reported an 11 percent increase in service to immigrant families and individuals, despite the fact that there was an overall decrease of two percent in the total number of cases served in 1948, and a general decrease of four percent in the number of applications. Financial aid to immigrants is also on the increase, according to the report, with family agencies giving almost two-thirds of the total amount of local agency assistance to recent immigrants. In 1948, the average assistance grant per month for each of these cases was \$115, as compared with \$49 for non-immigrant cases served by the same agencies.

Agencies explained that the differential in amounts comes from the fact that newcomers are often not eligible for public assistance funds and also because a much greater need is experienced by immigrants who must establish themselves in a completely new environment.

Child-care agencies reported an upward swing of five percent in the number of immigrant children receiving care. These agencies also noted extension of the trend toward foster home care for children. Service reports of 43 child care agencies showed that nearly 60 percent of all children under their care were in family foster homes, while less than 25 percent were in institutions, with other children remaining with parents and relatives. The figures also showed that the great bulk of immigrant children were in foster homes.

Indications that local community needs are receiving increasingly greater attention were reported to the C.J.F.W.F. "The long-delayed need for new construction of buildings and other facilities was met in small part when communities projected \$170,000,000 in capital funds campaigns," the C.J.F.W.F. analysis said, adding that although construction of many buildings was actually begun, substantial increases in facilities were not recorded by the end of 1948. Despite plans for expansion of the number of homes for aged, the C.J.F.W.F. report indicated an increase of only two percent in the total beds available for the aged in 1948. However, many communities reported active planning for filling the needs of the ever-growing numbers of Jewish aged, and the elimination of long waiting lists for admission to homes.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH OPENS THREE-DAY PARLEY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- The three-day annual meeting of the national convention of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith opened here today at the Waldorf-Astoria. Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the A.D.L., emphasized in his annual report that "two out of every three dollars we expended last year was not for 'defense' activity, but to encourage among communities throughout the U.S. a positive program for better human relations."

The A.D.L. director asserted that the bulk of the 1948 program of the organization was "designed specifically to promote the cause of civil rights" and to "popularize the meaning and content of the historic report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights."

In its annual survey, the A.D.L. reported the promotion of 73 books and pamphlets with a total circulation of 544,365, while the agency's speakers department filled 2,325 lecture engagements and booked 226 radio and television programs. The report added that in cooperation with the Protestant Film Commission, the A.D.L. produced in Hollywood a full-length film, 'Prejudice,' which was released in April in 130 commercial motion picture theatres throughout the country.

During the past year the A.D.L. also created several film strips and one-reel microcartoons for school and club use, the report said. An advertising program--prepared in cooperation with the Institute for American Democracy--utilizing billboards, posters, newspaper display ads and car cards, was placed in 87 major cities, the report stated.

\$350,000 RAISED BY NEW YORK UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IN ONE DAY AT SERIES OF DINNERS

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- A total of \$3,250,000 was received by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater N.Y. at a series of dinners held here last night. One of the principal functions was held at the Hotel Pierre under the auspices of the National Jewish Welfare Board and as a testimonial to Surgeon General George Frenkelenthaler. Frank L. Weil, president of the J.W.B., presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his efforts for Jews both abroad and in this country.

Aubrey Eben, Israeli representative at the United Nations, addressing the dinner said: "We in Israel are determined to keep our gates open to the tide of uprooted and homeless destitute Jews which sees there the fulfillment of their dreams of peace and dignity and the opportunities to live again productively and constructively. Admittedly the problems thus brought on Israel are of tremendous urgency, in fact clearly beyond the resources of Israel alone. And we must look to American Jewry, which now rejoices with us, to share with us in facing the difficulties and obligations we are now incurring."

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE ADOPTS RESOLUTION IN TRIBUTE TO DR. WISE; ADJOURNS FOR ONE DAY

CHICAGO, May 13. (JTA) -- The Illinois House of Representatives has adopted a resolution of tribute to the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise. The House adjourned its session for a day as an expression of respect to Dr. Wise's memory.

(In New York, officials of the Free Synagogue, founded by Dr. Wise 42 years ago, announced last night that the congregation voted unanimously to change the name of the institution to "Stephen Wise Free Synagogue.")