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## ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE URGES CONTINUATION OF FREE IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- A plenary session of the Zionist Actions Committee here today called on the Jewish Agency to continue its policy of supporting free and unlimited immigration to Israel. The resolution also declared that the Actions Committee is satisfied with the present mass migration movement and asked that special attention be given to the migration of Jews from countries where "rescue is a matter of urgency."

The plenary session also instructed the Agency to approach worldwide Jewish public institutions and the International Refugee Organization to assist in the migration of aged, sick and disabled Jews to Israel, and their maintenance there. Another resolution asked the Agency to increase its activities in the field of housing--to guarantee the erection of 50,000 housing units in the next year; in vocational training, particularly in agriculture; and in cultural activities aimed at Hebraization of the new immigrants.

Earlier this week-end the financial, organizational and immigration committees of the Actions body met to formulate a policy. In the financial group Agency treasurer Dr. Israel Goldstein presented a \$180,000,000 budget for the next six months, including \$28,000,000 to be lent directly to the Israeli Government.

## Merger of J.N.F. And Keren Hayesod Urged in Organizational Committee

The organizational committee heard a recommendation for the merger of the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod into a United Israel Fund. The committee recommended that the forthcoming World Zionist Congress be postponed until May or June of next year. Among decisions reached in this body included one to press for the implementation of a resolution at the last World Congress that all Zionist groups and institutions outside of Israel be united in one broad movement. An Agency proposal to establish a radio station in Jerusalem powerful enough to be beamed to all parts of the world was approved, as was a suggestion to appeal to all friendly governments in Europe to assist in the organization of immigration to Israel.

The immigration committee heard a report that the present immigration rate is approximately 300,000 yearly and that nearly 56,000 refugee immigrants are presently living in transit camps. New transit camp equipment, including over 12,000 tents and 600 tons of iron for beds to be manufactured locally, has been ordered from Belgium, France and Algiers, the report declared. Other equipment ordered from abroad for the immigrants during the last two months includes 105,000 blankets.

While the committees were in session yesterday and today there was a great deal of behind-the-scenes discussion, particularly among the General Zionist delegates, about the seats to be filled on the Agency executive because of the resignations of Drs. Abba Hillel Silver and Emmanuel Neumann from the American section of the body. (See page 5 for other developments.)

After a telephone call to New York and the receipt this morning of a cable from Drs. Silver and Neumann urging the General Zionists to halt their efforts to get them to return to the executive, it was decided to fill the seats with other members of the party. One proposal was to place either Itzhak Graenbaum, former Interior Minister, or Abraham Granovsky, world head of the J.N.F., on the executive in Jerusalem and transfer Dr. Goldstein to the American section.

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ISRAELI DEMAND NON-PALESTINIAN ARABS EVACUATE COUNTRY; OUTLINE POSITION AT LAUSANNE

LAUSANNE, May 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Eytan, director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry and head of the Israeli delegation to the U.N.-sponsored Arab-Jewish peace parley here, this week-end urged the U.N. Conciliation Commission to call for the immediate evacuation of all non-Palestine Arab troops from Palestine. Dr. Eytan explained the Israeli view of the Palestine problem in a lengthy session with members of the Commission yesterday morning.

Dr. Eytan declared that Israel accepted the U.S. partition decision of Nov. 29, 1947, as the basis for the Lausanne talks. This resolution, he pointed out, calls for the establishment of an Arab Palestine, and Israel demands that the U.N. facilitate the establishment of such a state by calling on all non-Palestinian Arabs to leave the territory assigned to it.

The Israeli also proposed that the Commission learn the real will of the Palestinian Arabs through a plebiscite or some other means, and assist in the establishment of a genuine representative body for Arab Palestine. On that basis, Israel would negotiate the frontiers with the Palestine Arabs and with no one else, it was emphasized.

Dr. Eytan challenged the right of any Arab state to act in the affairs of the Palestine Arabs and said Israel would not let them. For the moment, the Israelis are not prepared to recognize any incorporation of Arab Palestine in any other state. Peace with the Arab states, in the Israeli view, is another matter. This Israel is prepared to negotiate with the states concerned, but without reference to the future of Palestine or its refugees.

The Commission did not take kindly to the Israeli statement. The Commission is seeking clarification from the Israelis on many points. Meanwhile, it has taken steps to overcome the threatened delay caused by Arab unreadiness to deal with a special frontier subcommittee. It will meet the Arabs tomorrow to discuss more detailed points with them and sound them out on Israeli proposals.

ISRAEL BECOMES MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION, SPECIALIZED U.N. BODY

LAKE SUCCESS, May 15. (JTA) -- Israel has joined the International Labor Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations, it was announced here this week-end.

Israel joined the majority in the General Assembly this week-end, voting in favor of U.N. intervention in the problem of racial discrimination against the Indian population in the Union of South Africa. On the question of a draft-convention on freedom of information, the Israeli delegate abstained, explaining that although Israel was vitally interested in the principles embodied in the draft convention, the Israeli delegation had not participated in drafting of the convention and was therefore abstaining.

SOUTH AFRICA GRANTS ISRAEL DE JURE RECOGNITION; EXTENDED DE FACTO STATUS LAST YEAR

CAPETOWN, So. Africa, May 15. (JTA) -- The Union of South Africa yesterday extended de jure recognition to Israel. On May 24, 1948, it had granted the Jewish state de facto status.

EMIGRATION TO TAKE MEASURES TO HALT "ILLEGAL" EMIGRATION OF JEWS TO ISRAEL, DR. LEWIN SAYS

VIENNA, May 15. (JTA) -- Stern measures have been taken by the Hungarian Government to prevent further illegal emigration of Jews from that country to Israel, Dr. Kurt Lewin, Israeli Representative in Austria, said today in an exclusive interview.

A recent survey among the 130,000 Jews living in Hungary revealed that about 50,000 expressed a desire to leave for Israel. The Israeli envoy in Hungary is now negotiating with the government in an effort to obtain final permission for the departure of 30,000 Hungarian Jews, as previously authorized by the Cabinet. So far, however, the government refuses to permit any such migration.

Dr. Lewin voiced the belief that no "illegal" departure from Hungary to Austria via Czechoslovakia would be possible in the near future. The Budapest Government has tightened border controls on the Czechoslovakian frontier and has also demanded that the Prague authorities return Jewish refugees in that country, Dr. Lewin said. Some groups of Hungarian Jews are now staying in Czechoslovak villages, having recently crossed the border. There is considerable doubt here whether Czechoslovakia will permit them to continue their journey to Austria.

CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES DISCONTINUE SERVICE TO ISRAEL; BLOCKED BY GREECE

TEL AVIV, May 15. (JTA) -- Czechoslovak Airlines have announced here they were discontinuing service to Israel from Czechoslovakia in view of a Greek Government order cancelling permits to Czech planes to land or to fly over Greek territory.

U.S. COMMANDER RECEIVES FIRST COPY OF TALMUD PUBLISHED IN GERMANY SINCE END OF WAR

BERLIN, May 15. (JTA) -- General Lucius D. Clay, U. S. Army commander in Germany, has received the first copy of the Talmud published in Germany since the end of the Nazi regime. The presentation was made by the Berlin Jewish Community.

GREEK QUEEN TO RECEIVE MRS. WELT, HEAD OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

ATHENS, May 15. (JTA) -- Queen Frederika of Greece is scheduled to receive Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of the American National Council of Jewish Women who arrived here yesterday from Tel Aviv. Mrs. Welt will visit the Council-maintained home for Jewish girls at Athens during her three-day visit. She is en route to Paris to attend a conference of the International Council of Jewish Women.

ANGLO-JEWISH RABBIS PARLEY URGES REESTABLISHMENT OF SANHEDRIN, RECODIFICATION OF LAW

LONDON, May 15. (JTA) -- Establishment of a Sanhedrin or high tribunal for the first time in almost 2,000 years of Jewish history was proposed here at a conference of Anglo-Jewish rabbis.

The Rev. Harris Swift of London proposed that the conference adopt a resolution urging on the rabbinate the desirability of convening an authoritative synod of rabbis to consider the codes of Jewish law and, in accordance with traditional principles, reinterpret them in the light of present-day requirements "so that the Torah may once again live in the fullness of the Jewish state and the world."

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SEN. DOUGLAS URGES CONGRESSIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS BODY AT ADL PARLEY; STEINBRINK REELECTED

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Sen. Paul H. Douglas tonight urged the establishment of a Joint Congressional Committee on Civil Rights "which would function on a par-ground basis both to investigate cases of discrimination and to propose new civil rights legislation when it is required." Speaking before 1,000 guests at the concluding session of the annual three-day meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at the Waldorf-Astoria, Sen. Douglas also called for legislation empowering the Civil Rights Division and the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute all violators of civil rights.

Laws are needed on both the state and national levels, said Sen. Douglas, which will give men the "chance to earn their living according to their abilities and efforts without being discriminated against because of their race, their creed or their color. And we must change our displaced persons and naturalization laws to remove all similar discrimination," he added.

In an executive session preceding the evening meeting, New York Justice Meier Steinbrink was reelected for his fourth successive term as president of the Anti-Defamation League.

Later, speaking at the evening session, Steinbrink reaffirmed the A.D.L.'s support of President Truman's civil rights program, and said that "regardless of the current impasse on civil rights in Congress, the liberalism of America will persist." He noted that it was this liberalism which was responsible for the unprecedented number of 700,000 Negro voters in the South last year; for passage of FEPC legislation in Washington, Oregon, New Mexico and Rhode Island; for the elimination of segregation from the public schools of Indiana, and for the destruction of the race discrimination policy "which has shamed our military forces. Questioning U.S. policy in Germany, Justice Steinbrink charged that efforts to denazify and democratize Western Germany had failed and that anti-Semitism and Nazism were beginning to sprout again.

Other speakers included Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of A.D.L. and Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith. Last night's meeting climaxed three days of activity during which A.D.L.'s national commission reviewed the League's activities of the past year and formulated national policy for the forthcoming year.

FOUNDATION TO ADMINISTER HEIRLESS JEWISH PROPERTY ESTABLISHED IN HOLLAND; AIDED BY AJC

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- A foundation has been created in Amsterdam to marshal and administer property which was seized in Holland during World War II from Jews who have perished without heirs, according to an announcement today by the American Jewish Committee. Of the 200,000 Dutch citizens exterminated by the Nazis, over 100,000 were Jews. It is estimated that of Holland's pre-war Jewish population of 100,000, only 26,000 survive.

The foundation, known as Stichting Onbeefrde Joodse Nalatenschappen, is composed of representatives of Dutch Jewish groups. The American Jewish Committee has been active in the establishment of the foundation and in the negotiations with officials of the Dutch Government which preceded it. The foundation will utilize the proceeds of property it receives for the relief and rehabilitation in Holland of surviving victims of Nazi persecution.

AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTHS RETURN FROM ISRAEL TO ANSWER CHARGES OF SENDING AID THERE

LOS ANGELES, May 15. (JTA) -- Three American Jewish youths who have just returned from the battlefields of Israel surrendered this week end to Los Angeles authorities to answer an indictment charging them with sending radio and airplane parts to the Jewish state during the war. The three are: Al Schwimmer of Bridgeport, Conn.; Leon Gardner of Los Angeles; and, William Sosnow of Brooklyn.

Ten leading Jewish organizations have issued a statement in behalf of the youths, pointing out that they are accused of aiding victims of aggression and that most of the youths named in the indictment are veterans of World War II. The groups are: the American Jewish Congress; B'nai B'rith; Hadassah; Jewish Labor Committee; Jewish War Veterans; Labor Zionist Organization; Mishrahi organization of America; Synagogue Council of America; United Zionist-Revisionists of America; and, Zionist Organization of America.

AMER POTOFSEY PRESENTS SUMMER UNIFORMS TO ISRAELI ARMY; GIFT OF U.S. TRADE UNIONS

TEL AVIV, May 15. (JTA) -- A half-million units of summer clothing for the Israeli Army, donated by United States trade unions, were turned over to the military authorities this week-end at a ceremony here by Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

The gratitude of the Army was voiced by Lt. Col. Max Schumacher on behalf of the Army Chief of Staff and Josef Jacobson of the Defense Ministry. Potofsky said that the clothing was donated by the trade unions, many consisting of non-Jewish workers, as an expression of humanitarian concern over the murder of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe. He said his main object in coming to Israel was to cement cordial relations between the CIO workers of the United States and the workers of the new state.

NEUMANN SILVER RESIGNATIONS STAND BECAUSE "AUTONOMY" ISSUE NOT CLARIFIED, NEUMANN SAYS

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, last night declared that neither he nor Dr. Abba Hillel Silver would withdraw their resignations as members of the American section of the executive of the Jewish Agency because "there has been no clarification of the issue involving the administrative autonomy of our organization."

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Manhattan region of the Z.O.A., Dr. Neumann revealed that he and Dr. Silver had been pressed repeatedly to withdraw their resignations. Commenting on the internal situation in the Z.O.A., he asserted that discussions between the present Z.O.A. administration and the Committee for Progressive Zionism were "beginning to bear fruit."

VICE-PRESIDENT BARKLEY, AT RALLY, ASKS AMERICANS TO SALUTE DEMOCRACY OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- The United States should help Israel in the interests of democracy and peace, Vice-President Alben W. Barkley declared here last night. He spoke at a Madison Square Garden celebration of the first anniversary of the new state sponsored by the Committee for the Celebration of the First Anniversary of Israel.

Barkley asked Americans "to salute the democracy of Israel and help it in every possible way so that it may provide a home for the homeless victims of persecution and at the same time become and continue to be a powerful influence for democratic values in that part of the world." New York's Senator Irving M. Ives also addressed the rally, paying tribute to the new state.

J.A.'S JEWISH YOUTH WEEK OPENS; COUNTRY-WIDE OBSERVANCE OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Jewish Youth Week, an annual project of the National Jewish Welfare Board-sponsored National Jewish Youth Conference, opened today. The Week, which is being celebrated throughout the country, will seek to focus attention on the need for effective leadership training among Jewish youth and on youth activities.

The variety of events that will be staged during the Week include: leadership training institutes and seminars; Israeli Youth Conferences, Maccabiads, forums, culture festivals, youth conferences, radio programs, youth Sabbaths, exhibits of youth activities, fund-raising activities, socials, rallies and other special events.

GREEN ADVISOR TO U.S. ARMY IN EUROPE URGES SUPPORT OF U.J.A. TO HELP CLOSE DP CAMPS

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Harry Greenstein, adviser on Jewish affairs to the U.S. Army high command in Europe, warned today that the closing of the Jewish DP camps in Germany and Austria before the end of 1949 was dependent on Israel's ability to continue to receive unlimited immigration. In a message from his headquarters in Heidelberg to the United Jewish Appeal, Greenstein stressed the "critical need of funds" to enable the Jewish state to receive the immigrants who are now coming in at the rate of 30,000 per month.

IRAK RECEIVES JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE DELEGATION; GROUP THANKS HIM FOR AID TO DP'S

BRUSSELS, May 15. (JTA) -- Belgian Premier Paul-Henri Spaak this week-end received a delegation of the American Jewish Labor Committee, headed by Adolph Held, head of the organization. The delegation thanked Spaak for Belgium's aid to displaced Jews.

RECTOR OF HILLEL AT YALE NAMED PROFESSOR OF JEWISH LITERATURE AT VANDERBILT

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Samuel Sandmel, director of the First B'rith Hillel Foundation at Yale University, has been named the first Professor of Jewish Literature and Thought at Vanderbilt University, it was announced here this week-end. The professorship will be supported by funds from the Hillel Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation will contribute an initial assisting grant.

R. CHAIM TCHERNOWITZ, INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN TALMUDIC SCHOLAR, DIES AT 78 IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Tchernowitz, internationally known Talmudic scholar and authority on Talmudic law died here today at the age of 78. Dr. Tchernowitz was also well known as an author, editor and founder of "Bittaron," Hebrew monthly published here.

Dr. Tchernowitz was born in Sebej, Lithuania in 1871. He was ordained at the age of 25 and became rabbi in 1897 in Odessa where he founded a rabbinical Yeshiva. In 1923 he came to the United States to assume the post of Professor of Talmud at the Jewish Institute of Religion. The Palestinian colony Givath Chaim was named in his honor.

WILLIAM Z. SPIEGELMAN, PUBLICITY DIRECTOR OF J.N.F., DIES; ONE-TIME EDITOR OF JTA

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- William Z. Spiegelman, director of publicity for the Jewish National Fund for the past 19 years, died here today at the age of 55. The funeral will be held tomorrow. A journalist in Europe for many years, Spiegelman came to this country in 1924 when he joined the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as its editor. He left the JTA to assume the publicity post with the J.N.F.

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