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FRANCE EXTENDS DE JURE RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL; NAMES MINISTER TO TEL AVIV

PARIS, May 20. (JTA) -- The French Government has extended de jure recognition to the state of Israel, the French Foreign Ministry announced here today. Earlier this year, on Jan. 24, France granted Israel de facto status.

Eduard Guyon, counsellor at the French embassy in Berne, has been named Minister to Tel Aviv. Maurice Fischer, Israeli diplomatic representative in Paris, has been elevated to the rank of Minister.

U.N. WILL PRESS ISRAEL AND SYRIA TO RESUME STALLED ARMISTICE TALKS, BUNCHE SAYS

LAKE SUCCESS, May 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting mediator for Palestine, today stated that the United Nations will continue to press Israel and Syria to conclude an armistice agreement as soon as possible.

The negotiations for such an agreement broke off this week after Syria refused to withdraw its troops from the Jewish settlement of Mishmar Hayarden which was seized by Syrian forces during the Israeli-Arab war. The Israeli Government insists that the boundary between Syria and Palestine be made the armistice line and that all Syrian forces on Israeli territory be withdrawn to that line.

While withholding comments on the breakdown in the armistice talks which were in progress for nearly seven weeks on the Israeli-Syrian frontier, Dr. Bunche revealed today that a new formula for settlement was submitted to the two states three days ago. He added that a final draft was now being worked out on the basis of subsequent discussions conducted by Henri Vigier, the U.N. mediator's personal aide, with each of the countries involved.

HAIFA UNIONS ACT TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT; ABOLISH OVERTIME; INTRODUCE "SHARE-WORK" PLAN

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- The Haifa Labor Council today took its first action to relieve the unemployment situation created by the arrival of huge numbers of immigrants and the partial demobilization of the army.

The Council has voted to abolish all overtime and to share the work that would normally be done on an overtime basis with the jobless. The Council, however, warned that this action will not solve the unemployment problem, but will only alleviate it. It proposed that large-scale country-wide industrial developments be started to provide employment.

The Jaffa Chamber of Commerce said today after a conference that it received the Israeli austerity program not only with reservations but also with deep concern regarding its effect. The group feels the program will not solve Israel's problems, which can only be met by an influx of foreign capital and a rise in the export of goods, it said.

The Chamber demanded that private enterprise be encouraged, and asked for the establishment of a free trade zone near one of the country's ports which would be used not for transfer of goods into the country but for distribution in neighboring countries without added customs duties. The payment for the goods would be made in foreign currency, while the government would benefit in currency as well as in the transit of goods, increased shipping and the visits of foreign merchants.

ISRAEL HIGHWAY BETWEEN HADERAH AND AFULA REOPENED FOLLOWING ARAB LEGION EVACUATION

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- The highway linking the Israeli town of Afula, ten miles south of Nazareth in central Palestine, with Hadera on the coastal plain was open today for unrestricted Israeli use, following withdrawal of Arab Legion forces from their advanced positions at Um El Fahm, which dominated the highway.

The Arab withdrawal was in accordance with the armistice reached between Israel and Transjordan on the island of Rhodes, providing for retirement of Arab forces along a wide front in central Palestine. According to the withdrawal timetable, the Legion will complete its retirement from advanced positions on Sunday.

The establishment of two new settlements was announced today by the Israeli Government. One was that of a group of Hungarian immigrants, set up in Galilee. The second, a commune said, was established near Rehovot, by former Cyprus detainees.

A three-family housing unit, constructed in four days at a cost of \$1,200 per family unit, was inspected today by Premier David Ben Gurion and Labor Minister Golda Myerson. The building was erected by the Central Housing Building Corporation at Abu Kabir, near Tel Aviv.

TRUMAN ISSUES ORDER GRANTING RECIPROCAL TREATMENT TO ISRAELI VESSELS REACHING U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA) -- President Truman today issued a proclamation granting Israeli ships exemption from discriminating tonnage duties and extending the same privileges enjoyed by vessels of all other friendly nations.

The question arose when a discriminating tonnage tax was charged an Israeli ship which visited New York recently. The tax was assessed because of the absence of a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between the U.S. and Israel. An old treaty with the Palestine Mandate is no longer considered valid by the State Department because Israel is now fully recognized by the United States.

President Truman's proclamation was issued as a substitute for the treaty, the State Department said. The proclamation, which will facilitate trade between the two countries, states that since satisfactory proof has been submitted by Israel that no discriminatory levies are imposed by Israel on American ships, and goods carried thereon, the U.S. is granting reciprocal treatment to Israeli vessels and goods they bring to this country.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA APPOINTS A JEW AS MINISTER TO ISRAEL; HIS FAMILY KILLED IN NAZI CAMPS

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- Eduard Goldstucker, whose appointment as first Czechoslovak Minister to Israel was announced here today, will leave Monday for Prague. He said that he hoped to arrive in Tel Aviv by the middle of June.

Goldstucker, a Jew, was a member of the Czechoslovak delegation to the United Nations Assembly session in London in 1946 and a delegate to the Paris Peace Conference the same year. All of his family, with the exception of his father, who died some years ago of natural causes, were killed in Nazi extermination camps.

AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER CITES EXAMPLE OF ISRAEL IN PLEA FOR LIBERAL IMMIGRATION POLICY

CANBERRA, Australia, May 20. (JTA) -- Australian Prime Minister John B. Chifley today cited Israeli successes in converting desert areas of Palestine into crop-producing lands as an example for Australian development of its own arid territory. Chifley made the comparison in a statement in support of a policy of liberalized immigration at a conference of state ministers of immigration.

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ISRAEL ASKS INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO RECOGNIZE RED MOGEN DOVID AS OFFICIAL EMBLEM

GENEVA, May 20. (JTA) -- Israel is asking the International Red Cross, which is meeting here now, to accept the Red Mogen Dovid as another of the official Red Cross emblems, Menahem Kahany, Israeli delegate to the 60-nation parley, revealed today.

In pressing Israel's suit, Kahany pointed out that the Red Cross already recognizes three emblems--the Red Cross, the Red Crescent and the Lion and Sun of Iran--and that the Israelis should not be asked to sacrifice their emblem. A request for recognition of the Mogen Dovid has already been turned down by the Committee on Prisoners of War, but Kahany believes that the parley will find a compromise. At present the Dutch have submitted a proposal for one overall emblem--a red heart on a white background.

BRITISH JEWISH LEADERS HONOR MEMBERS OF ISRAELI FINANCIAL DELEGATION AT LONDON DINNER

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- British Jewish leaders last night honored the members of the Israeli financial delegation now in London to negotiate with the British Government over blocked Israeli sterling balances, at a dinner at the Anglo-Palestine Club here.

David Horowitz, Israeli Undersecretary of Finance, told the gathering of Israel's "uphill" struggle from the period of partition, at the end of 1947, to the present. He added that the economic battle is still on. Other members of the delegation spoke of the need for capital investment to develop industry and trade in the Jewish state, and thanked the British Jewish leaders for their assistance to the Israeli cause.

In its current issue, the New Statesman and Nation attacks the Palestine policy of British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and appeals for a share by this country in trade with Israel. "It would pay us," the pro-labor weekly asserts, "to be generous in order that British firms would be enabled to obtain a fair share of this important and expanding market. A Treasury agreement with Israel, with which financial talks are now under way, should be followed by a trade treaty."

Stating that this depends upon Bevin, the periodical asserts that the Foreign Secretary's present policy of "confining the Jewish state has continued unabated, although methods have changed from military threats to economic constraint."

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT APPLIES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

LAKE SUCCESS, May 20. (JTA) -- The government of Israel has applied for membership in the World Health Organization. Its application will be subject to ratification by the W.H.O. assembly which meets in June. This information was disclosed by W.H.O. director-general Dr. Brock Chisholm at a press conference here today. Dr. Chisholm stated that the Arab states which are already members of the organization apparently welcome the Israeli application.

ISRAELIS WILL OPPOSE CURBING OF IMMIGRATION, JERUSALEM EDITOR TELLS AGUDAH CONVENTION

HURLEYVILLE, N.Y., May 20. (JTA) -- Rabbi Menachem Porush, one of the editors of the Orthodox Jerusalem daily "Hayoman," told the Agudas Israel convention here last night that the people of Israel will resist any moves to limit Jewish immigration to the new state. The convention, which is being attended by more than 500 delegates, will continue through Monday.

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AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT READY TO DISCUSS RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY WITH ALL JEWISH AGENCIES

VIENNA May 20. (JTA) -- The Austrian Foreign Ministry is prepared to discuss the question of restitution, including the disposition of heirless Jewish property, with all recognized Jewish agencies, M. Leitmayr, chief of the political section of the Austrian Foreign Ministry, has assured Harry Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel.

Meanwhile, Oskar Helmer, Austrian Minister of Interior, stated that all refugees who succeed in making their way here from Eastern Europe would be promptly transferred to the western zones of the country.

CONGRESSMAN URGES U.N. BODY TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN SOVIET UNION

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA) -- Rep. Abraham J. Multer, Democrat of New York, today urged the United Nations to investigate charges of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

In a letter to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, he said a series of articles in the Scripps-Howard newspapers indicate "that the Soviet Government has apparently opened up a drive against Jews." He suggested that the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, of which Mrs. Roosevelt is a member, look into the matter.

J.D.C. CHARTERS BOAT TO EVACUATE 250 JEWS FROM TIENTSIN, IN CHINA, TO HONG KONG

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee's director in Shanghai, Adolph C. Glassgold, has chartered a boat to evacuate a group of 250 Jews from Communist-held Tientsin in North China to Hong Kong, from where they will proceed to Israel by air, it was announced here today by Moses A. Leavitt, J.D.C. executive vice-chairman. All of the Tientsin Jews hold Israeli visas.

The Tientsin group includes displaced persons from Europe and permanent residents. Communist authorities in the city have granted permission to the 250 Jews to leave the city, the J.D.C. said. The International Refugee Organization is sharing in the cost of moving the Jews to Hong Kong.

SHANGHAI JEWS EN ROUTE TO CANADA DUE TO LAND IN SEATTLE; WILL PROCEED TO VANCOUVER

SEATTLE, May 20. (JTA) -- A group of 92 Shanghai Jewish refugees on route to Canada is expected to land at Everett Field here tomorrow. The DP's are scheduled to continue on to British Vancouver by bus.

An unconfirmed report reaching here today said that units of the U.S. Navy evacuated a group of 172 Shanghai Jews from the beleaguered Chinese city to Tokyo. Present estimates place the number of Jews still in Shanghai at 1,500.

"COMMITTEE FOR FORGOTTEN MILLION" ANNOUNCES ITS DISSOLUTION FOLLOWING J.D.C. AGREEMENT

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- An agreement between the Joint Distribution Committee and Ozar Hatorah, providing for increased J.D.C. support to Ozar Hatorah's religious education programs in North Africa and the dissolution of the latter's fund-raising body, the Committee for the Forgotten Million, was announced today.

Under the terms of the agreement, J.D.C. will this year assume 60 percent of the budget of Ozar Hatorah for its religious education activities in French Morocco, which now reach 5,000 to 6,000 Jewish children. The J.D.C. will also provide supplementary food and welfare aid for Jewish students in Ozar Hatorah schools in Morocco and other areas in North Africa and the Near East. While Ozar Hatorah may continue to receive individual contributions for its overseas programs, the organization has agreed not to conduct any public fund-raising campaigns in competition with the U.J.A.

AMERICAN CRT OPENS TWO-DAY CONVENTION; DISCUSSES EXPANSION OF WORK IN ISRAEL, NO. AFRICA

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Plans for the extension of its vocational re-training programs to Israel and North Africa will be reviewed at the two-day national convention of the American CRT Federation opening here tomorrow. Dr. William Haber, former advisor on Jewish affairs to the U.S. command in Germany, will receive the organization's first annual award for his aid to the CRT's rehabilitation efforts.

Last year the CRT retrained 43,000 persons in over 1,100 courses in more than 200 schools, George Backer, president of the American CRT, said today. He also revealed that more than 75,000 graduates of CRT schools in various parts of the world are now living in Israel.

Principal speakers at the convention, which will be attended by 500 delegates from all sections of the country, include: Arthur Lourie, Israeli Consul-General in New York; Rep. Jacob K. Javits, member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

OVERSEAS PHILANTHROPY MUST NOT WEAKEN U.S. JEWISH RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, RABBIS SAY

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- American Jewish religious and cultural institutions must not be allowed to suffer from improper support through an overemphasis on overseas philanthropy, three leading American rabbis declared at the annual dinner last night at the Hotel Statler of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues. The speakers were Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Julius Mark, senior rabbi of Temple Emanuel, and Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The dinner was attended by 400 leaders of the 49 Reform Jewish congregations in the Greater New York area.

"The establishment of Israel," Dr. Silver said, "has in no way diminished the primary and continuing obligation and opportunity of Jewish life, the development of a more affirmative religious cultural life in the United States. The establishment of the state of Israel was an act of historic necessity for our people, but it does not represent the consummation of Jewish destiny. It has contributed a larger measure of security and confidence to Jewish life, and therefore, has brightened the prospects for a spiritual renaissance among our people. But the profound meaning of Jewish history lies in Judaism. The destiny of our people is linked with the progressive establishment of the good society on earth, in accordance with the ethical and spiritual principles of our prophetic religion."

Declaring that we must continue our philanthropic endeavors for the displaced Jews of Europe and the upbuilding of Israel, Dr. Silver said: "Increasingly our energies and our resources should be poured into the permanent and positive spiritual and cultural institutions and enterprises of Judaism. Millions of Jews will live in Israel in the days to come; millions more will live outside of Israel. It is the religion of Judaism which will unite them, not any political bonds."

Dr. Eisendrath pointed out that only 4/10 of one percent of the monies raised by American Jewish welfare funds is allocated for religious, cultural and educational purposes. "We may be destroying the very soul and heart - and, in time, the body, too - of American Jewry in the process of saving Jews elsewhere," he said. While declaring that overseas philanthropy and rehabilitation, and the development of Israel, must be continued, he emphasized that "American religious and cultural institutions can no longer be ruthlessly shoved aside, at first ostensibly for a single year's special emergency, only to discover that over-zealous philanthropic leaders would make this emergency self-perpetuating and eternal." Dr. Mark called for "a militant crusading spirit" in Reform Judaism and among Reform Jews.

JEWISH DP'S IN U.S. PROVE NO BURDEN, HIAS SAYS; USNA REPORTS ARRIVAL OF 346 IMMIGRANTS

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Noting that today marked the third anniversary of the arrival of the first DP ship in the U.S. under the Truman directive, the HIAS announced that it has not been called upon by the government to "make good" in a single case of all the displaced persons brought to this country under the organization's corporate affidavits.

Meanwhile, the United Service for New Americans announced that the S.S. Gen. Howe docked yesterday in Boston with 346 Jewish DP immigrants--the largest single contingent to arrive in the U.S. since the Displaced Persons Act went into effect.

GOLDA MYERSON, ISRAELI MINISTER OF LABOR, COMING TO U.S. TO AID U.J.A. CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Golda Myerson, Israeli Minister of Labor, will arrive in the United States June 3 to make an intensive two-week tour of major committees on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, it was learned here today. The Israeli Government has given Mrs. Myerson a leave from her Cabinet post so that she may participate in the U.J.A. campaign.

TWO AMERICAN JEWISH LABOR DELEGATIONS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; WELCOMED BY HISTADRUT

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- Two American Jewish labor delegations arrived here today and were welcomed by representatives of the Histadrut. One delegation, headed by Adolph Held, represents the Jewish Labor Committee. The other, led by Isaac Hamlin, represents the National Committee for Labor Israel which is conducting the \$10,000,000 Gewerkshafte drive in the United States for Histadrut needs in Israel.

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT CONTRIBUTES \$2,400 TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has made a contribution of \$2,400 to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater N.Y., it was announced today by Mrs. David M. Levy, executive chairman of the Women's Division of the New York U.J.A.

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT JR. LEAVES FOR ISRAEL; WILL INSPECT VILLAGE FOR ORPHANED REFUGEES

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Franklin Roosevelt Jr., Congressman-elect from New York City, left yesterday for Paris en route to Israel where he will inspect the Save-A-Child Foundation's "Children's Village" being erected near Jerusalem to accommodate 1,000 orphaned refugee youngsters. Roosevelt, who was invited to visit Israel by the Israeli Government, is chairman of the Foundation.

DR. GOTTSCHALK LEAVES FOR ARGENTINA TO SURVEY CONDITIONS IN JEWISH COLONIES

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Max Gottschalk, who this week left his post as director of the foreign affairs department of the American Jewish Committee, is proceeding tomorrow to Argentina on behalf of the board of directors of the Jewish Colonization Association to survey the conditions of the J.C.A. colonies there. A member of the J.C.A. board, Dr. Gottschalk intends to settle in Belgium after completing his survey in Argentina. He will lecture at the University of Brussels--a post he held before the outbreak of World War II.

ISRAELI ENVOY TO URUGUAY PRESENTS KEYS TO CITY OF TEL AVIV TO MONTEVIDEO MAYOR

MONTEVIDEO, May 20. (JTA) -- Yaakov Tsur, Israeli Minister here, presented the keys to the city of Tel Aviv today to the mayor of Montevideo as an expression of Israel's gratitude to Uruguay for this country's aid to Israel in the U.N.

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