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JTA *Daily News Bulletin*ISRAELI BUDGET PRESENTED TO KNESSET; APPROVAL WOULD BE EQUAL TO VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that the opposition parties had failed to submit a better budget, Israeli Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan last night presented to the Knesset the national budget prepared by the government and appealed for its approval.

Adoption of the budget, he said, would constitute a vote of confidence in the government. He maintained further that Israeli citizens pay far less in income taxes than do the British. The government's income during the first ten months of the life of the state, up to April 1, 1949, he revealed, was 28,000,000 pounds, while its expenditures were less than 27,000,000.

Mr. Kaplan took notice of contentions that the government is over-staffed, declaring that the 15,000 persons on the payroll comprise one-half of one percent of the population; England, he pointed out, has two percent of its population in Government service, the United States 1.7 percent.

Referring to the government's item of 62 million pounds (about \$186,000,000) for development plans, the Finance Minister emphasized that Israel alone is not able to support the ordinary budget plus defense expenditures plus development investments. The latter therefore require the mobilization of considerable capital abroad, he declared. The funds would be obtained as follows, he indicated: 20,000,000 pounds from the American loan, 10,000,000 from national funds, 20,000,000 from government sources and 10,000,000 from private and banking sources.

Outlining the progress of industry, Mr. Kaplan said that 100,000 workers were employed in 1947 in industrial enterprises, only 78,000 in January, 1948, and 101,000 in March, 1949. One hundred and fifty thousand pounds worth of import licenses are being issued each month to obtain machinery and industrial equipment, Mr. Kaplan disclosed. The government has appropriated 250,000 pounds for the development of Arab villages and resettlement of Arab refugees in evacuated villages.

Mr. Kaplan concluded with an appeal for wide support of the government's economic policies. The budget now returns to the Knesset's finance commission and will then be returned for final approval.

More Than \$25,000,000 Spent by Tourists Visiting Israel

David Remez, Minister for Communications, said last night during the Knesset debate on the Israeli budget that his department is currently providing employment for 25,000 workers. With the arrival of new equipment made available through the United States loan, he said, thousands more will find jobs.

Some 50,000 air travelers and thousands of ship passengers visited Israel since the establishment of the state, Mr. Remez declared, spending a total of \$25,500,000, of which \$9,000,000 have accrued to Israeli shipping interests.

Mr. Remez also announced that the Israeli El Al air line had completed preparatory work to start operations soon, and also that Israeli shipping would shortly be increased appreciably.

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POLICE AND DEMONSTRATORS CLASH IN FRONT OF ISRAELI PARLIAMENT; SEVERAL WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- A group of about 100 people demonstrated today in front of the Israeli Parliament asking for "employment and bread," and demanding that a delegation be received by the praesidium of the Parliament.

While the main body was presenting its demands, a group of the demonstrators forced open the gates of the Parliament compelling the police to use force to expel them from the premises. As a result, some of the demonstrators and policemen were injured.

Regret that "irresponsible parties" found it necessary to demonstrate in front of the Parliament was expressed by Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, in opening today's session. He strongly condemned the forcing of the gates while the praesidium of the Knesset discussed the question of receiving a delegation of demonstrators. He praised the attitude of the policemen and their patience in the face of provocation.

Members of all political parties in the Knesset concurred with the Speaker. Representatives of the Mapai and of the Agudas Israel said that "certain specific parties" are inciting some of the newly-arrived immigrants to stage demonstrations.

A total of 23,598 jobless registered during June with Labor Exchange Offices throughout the country, it was reported today. Only 2,815 of them worked 19 days or more during the month, while the remainder were employed sporadically or partially, the report said.

ISRAELI-SYRIAN MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION HOLDS FIRST MEETING ON ISRAELI TERRITORY

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- The Israeli-Syrian mixed armistice commission held its first meeting at Roshpina today under the chairmanship of Brig. Gen. William E. Riley, United Nations chief of staff, in what was reported to be "an unusually cordial atmosphere."

The commission discussed procedural questions for three hours. The next meeting will be held on Syrian territory August 11. General Riley will meanwhile go to Lausanne, where Israel and her Arab neighbors are negotiating a general settlement. He is expected to return August 8.

Reuven Shiloah, special assistant to Moshe Sharett, Israeli Foreign Minister, today left Tel Aviv by plane for Lausanne to join Israel's delegation at the peace talks.

CONFERENCE OF BRITISH MIDDLE-EAST DIPLOMATS CONCLUDES IN LONDON; NO CHANGE TOWARD ISRAEL

LONDON, July 26. (JTA) -- The conference of Britain's Middle East envoys, which opened here last week, concluded today with no material change in the British policy toward Israel. Not much faith in or knowledge of the U.N. Conciliation Commission's conference at Lausanne to bring about an Arab-Israeli peace settlement was displayed by any of the participants.

60 TORAHS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; RESCUED BY CATHOLIC PRIESTS FROM NAZIS DURING WAR

HAIFA, July 26. (JTA) -- A shipment of 60 ancient Hebrew scrolls arrived here today from Scandinavian countries, where they were saved from occupying Nazi troops during the war by Catholic priests who secreted them in churches.

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PROBLEMS OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL DISCUSSED IN ISRAEL; ABOLITION OF SEPARATE DRIVES URGED

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- Important discussions concerning the United Jewish Appeal and the fate of separate fund-raising campaigns for Israel in the United States were inaugurated here today. Attending the discussions, which will be continued tomorrow, are: Premier David Ben Gurion, Israeli Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, Eliahu Dobkin, Henry Montor, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, and representatives of the Hadassah and the Histadrut.

The major topic of today's discussion was the question of whether separate fund raising drives conducted by organizations such as the Histadrut and the Hadassah in America should be continued or terminated in favor of strengthening the United Jewish Appeal. The impression prevailing in well-informed circles is that if the Histadrut would agree to relinquish its own campaign in the United States, it would then be easier to get all other groups in America to forego their separate drives.

It is understood that Premier Ben Gurion and Mr. Kaplan favor the withdrawal of the Histadrut's campaign, providing all other groups act likewise. During today's conference, Mr. Montor criticized the failure of the Zionists in the United States to support fully the United Jewish Appeal campaign. He complained that each Zionist group is taking an individual interest in its favorite drive.

A committee was appointed at today's meeting to formulate recommendations for the solution of the problem. The committee is composed of representatives of the Israeli Government, Jewish Agency, Joint Distribution Committee, Histadrut and Hadassah. It will submit its recommendations tomorrow.

ISRAELI ASSOCIATION FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH U.S. HOLDS FIRST MEETING IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, July 26. (JTA) -- The first meeting of the newly-established Association for Friendly Relations between Israel and the United States was held here last night, with American Ambassador James G. McDonald and Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas present. Others who attended the meeting included members of the Israeli Government, the Knesset and the judiciary and prominent private citizens.

In opening the meeting, Dr. Mordecai Nurok, a Mizrahi leader and member of the Israeli parliament, told the assembly that the people of Israel have a special regard for the United States and remember the great support extended by the United States in the establishment of the Jewish state. He emphasized the new organization would be non-political in character and would aim at developing mutual relations, popularizing American culture, science and democratic procedures in Israel and giving the United States a concept of Israel's cultural and social values and its mission in the Middle East.

Ambassador McDonald declared that establishment of this organization came as a "pleasant surprise." He expressed appreciation of the efforts to develop friendly relations and cultural exchanges between Israel and the United States and termed it as a contribution to world peace and freedom.

Justice Douglas described his impressions of Israel and especially of life in the cooperative settlements. He expressed the conviction that democratic methods prevailed in Israel and voiced the hope that closer cooperation between Israel and the United States would develop.

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ALLIED COMMANDERS IN BERLIN ISSUE ORDER FOR RESTITUTION OF NAZI-CONFISCATED PROPERTY

BERLIN, July 26. (JTA) -- The three western commandants today promulgated an order providing for the restitution of confiscated property to victims of the Nazi regime.

The order applies to all identifiable property situated in the three western sectors of Berlin which had a value of at least 1,000 reichsmarks at the time of confiscation. Claims arising from war damage and claims for damage of a personal nature are not covered by the new legislation.

Copies of the order are being made available to the governments of all countries outside Germany through their foreign offices. Nationals and residents of these countries should apply to their own governments for copies of the order before submitting petitions to the claims office in Berlin.

More than 14,000 claims for the restitution of property stolen by the Nazis have already been received in Berlin from applicants in all parts of the world. A British spokesman advised petitioners not to rely upon earlier communications with the three military governments as effective filings under the newly announced order, unless they had been acknowledged by the respective military governments or by the claims office, Reuters reported.

TRIAL OF SEVEN POLICEMEN OPENS IN PARIS; CHARGED WITH TORTURING JEWS UNDER NAZI OCCUPATION

PARIS, July 26. (JTA) -- The trial of seven members of the Paris police force who during the occupation were members of the Jewish section of the Judicial Police opened today in a Seine district court.

The seven are charged with torturing Jews at the Drancy concentration camp, including a group of 40 lawyers. Many of the lawyers will appear as witnesses for the prosecution. The chief defendant, Inspector Lucien Grand, earned the nickname of the "one-armed torturer" at Drancy.

JEWISH INSTITUTE IN POLAND COLLECTS EVIDENCE FOR TRIAL OF GESTAPO CHIEF IN PARIS

WARSAW, July 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish Historical Institute of Warsaw has begun assembling material on the crimes perpetrated against the Jews by Gen. Karl Albrecht Oberg, one-time Gestapo chief in Paris. Gen. Oberg's trial on war crimes charges opens in Paris next month.

Before going to Paris, the Gestapo leader was chief of the German police in the occupied Polish district of Radom. The Historical Institute is gathering the documentation of Gen. Oberg's crimes in Poland at the request of the Jewish Documentation Center in Paris which has assembled much evidence for the French Government of the crimes of individuals and groups of Nazis against the Jews.

The Association of Vilna Jews in Poland has begun action aimed at bringing to trial for his crimes against the Jews a Gestapo leader named Martin Weiss, who is charged with murdering 80,000 Jews, hundreds of whom he executed personally. Weiss, who was recently arrested in the American zone of Germany, was dubbed the "book-keeper" by survivors of the Ponary concentration camp because he kept a record of the number of his victims placed in each mass grave.