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## DISCUSSION ON PALESTINE ISSUE NOT EXPECTED AT UNITED NATIONS BEFORE NOVEMBER

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Meeting for the first time at this General Assembly session, the U.N. Political Committee voted an agenda today which placed the question of Palestine in fourth position. This means that the Palestine issue will, doubtless, not come up for discussion for at least another month, probably after the Economic Survey Mission report has reached the Assembly early in November. The vote was 52 to one, with three abstentions.

The Palestine issue consists at present of three parts--the Arab refugee question, protection of the Holy Places and internationalization of Jerusalem. It is expected that these will be treated as a "package."

The General Assembly today scheduled the drawing up of a draft of missing persons convention for early consideration. Early discussion will also take place on reparations for injuries incurred in service of the U.N. The first item involves the frozen property of millions of Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis. The second involves Israel's financial obligations in the death of Count Folke Bernadotte and his aides.

## NEGEV SETTLEMENTS REPORT ARABS INFILTRATING ISRAEL ARE PLANTING BOOBY TRAPS, LAND MINES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Reports reaching here today from Negev settlements indicate that Arabs infiltrating Israel have recently begun to plant booby traps and land mines in areas inhabited by Jewish colonists. The Negev settlers have requested the Army to institute closer supervision of the Jewish state's borders and to clear "suspicious areas" of explosives.

Representatives of the Red Hagan David and Health Minister Moshe Shapira today accepted 30 new ambulances for the use of the organization donated by Jewish communities in the Western hemisphere, England and France. Twenty-six ambulances were brought here from the U.S. and Latin America and two each from England and France.

Joseph Schloesberg, chairman of the Histadrut campaign in the U.S., arrived here today. He was greeted by a delegation of the Histadrut executive and representatives of other labor groups in Israel. He intends to remain in the Jewish state for several months.

The hope that American Jews will invest \$100,000,000 in Israel during the next three years was expressed in Tel Aviv today at a press conference by Robert R. Nathan, American economic advisor to the Jewish Agency. He said that about \$40,000,000 was being invested in Israel by such American groups as the AMPEL and the Palestine Economic Corporation.

Mr. Nathan, who came to Israel from New York, said that the improvement of the economic situation in the United States during the past two months will strengthen the fund-raising campaign of the United Jewish Appeal and will also increase interest of American capitalists in the development of Israel through investments. Several large American industrial organizations are planning to establish branches in Israel, he reported. One corporation has already been founded in the U.S. for the purpose of erecting a big shoe factory near Jerusalem with a \$1,000,000 capital, he said.

ISRAEL-AUSTRIAN COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULED TO GET UNDER WAY NEXT MONTH

VIENNA, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Austrian-Israel commercial negotiations will open here some time next month, it was revealed today.

Although the details of the talks are not yet known, it is certain that Kurt Lewin, Israel representative in Austria, will handle the Israel end of the parley. He has already expressed satisfaction with the list of goods which Austria is prepared to export to the Jewish state.

SYNAGOGUE IN GERMAN TOWN IN U.S. ZONE DESECRATED BY VANDALES; JEWS PROTEST TO A.M.G.

MUNICH, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish community in the town of Marktrechts, in the American zone of Germany, protested today to A.M.G. and Bavarian Government officials against the desecration of its synagogue by vandals Monday night, Reuters reported.

The synagogue's doors were reported by the police to have been smashed and the interior of the house of worship was strewn with prayer books. The Holy Ark was also smashed by the vandals, the police reported.

The Marktrechts City Council, which was hurriedly convened following the Jewish community's protest, issued a statement condemning the "barbaric desecration of the religious site."

ROMANIAN APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS FIVE-YEAR JAIL SENTENCE IMPOSED ON JEWISH WAR CRIMINAL

BUCHAREST, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Supreme Court this week upheld a sentence imposed on the Jewish war criminal, Janou Windisch, of Bukovina, who was found guilty of charges of misusing his authority while acting as secretary of the Judenrat of Obodova, in the Ukraine. The defendant received a five-year jail term last May.

Joseph Szallay, who was formerly employed by a Jewish-owned flour mill, was sentenced to three years imprisonment, loss of civil rights and confiscation of property by a Cluj court. He was found guilty of charges of misinforming the Nazi authorities during the war about the rightful ownership of the mill and of denouncing a daughter of one of his former employers, leading to her deportation.

ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION STUDIES PLANS FOR RETURN OF ORPHANS SHREWDLY BY NON-JEWS

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- New proposals to secure the return to the Jewish community of at least a large proportion of Jewish war orphans placed in non-Jewish homes are being considered by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Anglo-Jewish Association for submission to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, it was reported today.

The Association was told at its meeting last night that the U.N. body rejects the claim of Orthodox Jewish groups for the return to the Jewish fold of all Jewish orphans placed in non-Jewish homes. Therefore, the Association heard, it is necessary to find a "less rigid approach which may secure the necessary support." The Foreign Affairs Committee submitted to the Association the draft of a proposal establishing the principle that orphans should be brought up in the faith of their parents, but adding that this principle should "be overruled only if the vital interests of the child are held to be in a contrary sense by an impartial body."

The proposal produced a heated discussion in which Orthodox members of the Association emphasized the danger of putting forward "views contrary to those of Jewish ecclesiastical authorities." Neville Laski also warned that the proposal would "arouse a storm against the Association." It was agreed to reconsider the wording of the draft.

JEWISH GROUPS ASK BRITAIN TO PROMULGATE RESTITUTION LAW IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Jewish groups today asked the British Government to emulate the action of American military authorities in Germany with regard to restitution and compensation to political, racial and religious persecutees.

The Jewish organizations submitted a request to the Foreign Office asking the government to use its good offices for the promulgation of a restitution and compensation law in the British zone of Germany corresponding to the law recently promulgated in the American zone. The Jewish groups point out that the present restitution law in the British zone concerns only such property as can be identified by its owners.

POLAND ASKS FOR EXTRADITION FROM GERMANY OF ORGANIZER OF POGROMS IN BIALYSTOK AREA

WARSAW, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Polish National Committee for War Crimes has applied to the British occupation authorities in Germany for the extradition of Erich Koch, it was announced today.

Koch, former Gauleiter of East Prussia and chief president of the districts of Bialystok and Ciechanow, is accused by the Polish authorities of the murder of hundreds of thousands of Poles and Jews. He fled to Germany at the end of the war and hid in Hamburg under a false name. He was apprehended and arrested last May and is now in a British jail in Germany.

The district court in Cracow has sentenced to death one Paul Meltzer, who not only murdered many Jews in Michalovo during the German occupation but also was especially cruel to the families of slain Jews. Relatives who asked for the bodies of the victims were brutally beaten and in many cases shot. When a Ghetto was set up in Michalovo, Meltzer forced the Jews to pay him in gold.

Joseph Kanda and Victor Blande, two Poles who worked for the Gestapo during the war and who were found guilty of charges of denouncing Jews to the Nazis, were sentenced to death today in Cracow. The Poles specialized in seeking out Jews who attempted to hide out in the mountains.

J.D.C. RECLAIMS HUNDREDS OF TORAHs LOOTED BY NAZIS; ENGAGES SCRIBES TO REPAIR THEM

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Scrolls of the Law, delivered last month to the Paris office of the Joint Distribution Committee by the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Agency, have been repaired and remounted by five religious scribes especially engaged for this purpose by the J.D.C., it was announced here today.

One hundred and twenty of the Scrolls, some of them more than 200 years old, have already been sent to Israel for use by new immigrant communities. Other usable Scrolls will be distributed to reestablished Jewish communities in Europe. Those mutilated beyond repair will be buried, either in Israel or in France, in accordance with Jewish ritual.

VIENNA COURT SENTENCES AUSTRIAN NAZI TO HARD LABOR FOR MISTREATMENT OF JEWS

VIENNA, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Alfred Josef Slavik, 36, was sentenced to five years in prison at hard labor by a Vienna People's Court after conviction on charges of ill-treating Jews and of having been an illegal member of the Nazi Party, it was reported today.

POLISH GOVERNMENT ISSUING IDENTIFICATION CARDS, NOT PASSPORTS, TO ISRAEL-BOUND JEWS

WARSAW, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Polish Government is issuing identification cards for Jews who are being given permission to immigrate to Israel, instead of the customary passports, it was learned here today.

When an applicant for a passport for Israel is notified that his application is being processed he goes to the Ministry of Public Administration where he signs a statement surrendering Polish citizenship and then is given the identification card because passports are only issued to citizens. Currently about 60 persons a day are receiving identification cards.

Talks are now going on between the Israel consulate here, which is organizing transport facilities for the emigrants, and representatives of various countries through which the Jews will have to pass en route to Israel. Thus far the emigrants will have the choice of travelling overland to Italy where they will embark for Israel or all the way by sea from a Polish port. None of them will be permitted to cross France to Marseilles, even those who have already been issued French transit visas.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS CRITICIZE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ALLOWING EX-NAZIS TO ENTER U.S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Current visa regulations under which ex-Nazis may be admitted to the United States were criticized by a number of Jewish organizations as "a severe setback to our democratic way of life" in a memorandum submitted to the State Department.

The memorandum pointed out that under existing law, all former members of the Nazi Party may be excluded. It maintained that to do otherwise is in effect to give preference in admissions to ex-Nazis at the expense of anti-Nazis, underground fighters against Hitler, and others who were our allies and sympathizers during the war.

Six Jewish national organizations and twenty-seven local groups throughout the country associated themselves in the memorandum. They include the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, and Union of American Hebrew Congregations which, together with the local organizations, comprise the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

"Every ex-Nazi admitted is a potential point of fascist infection," the memorandum asserted. "To the Germans of today, our current immigration policy must be interpreted as an increased indifference to the crimes of Nazism and an increased willingness to let by-gones be by-gones."

Pointing out that present immigration quotas for Germany and Austria are 13,685 a year, the memorandum observed that during the first month the new regulations were in effect, more than 285,000 Germans applied for entry into the United States. "Presumably among these 285,000 applicants, at least 13,685 could be found whose devotion to democracy is untainted by former membership in the Nazi Party," the memorandum continued. "Accordingly, every ex-Nazi admitted leaves one less place for such democratic applicants."

AGUDAH GIBS PROPOSAL TO EXTEND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR FALASHA JEWS OF ETHIOPIA

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The extension of educational facilities for the Falasha Jews of Ethiopia, who number 17,000, has been proposed to the Agudas Israel by Dr. Jacques Faitlovitch, who has just arrived in Britain to discuss the opening of a school at Amara, which would serve the Jews of Ethiopia and Eritrea. Announcement of the request was made today by H.L. Goodman, political secretary of the Agudah.

BAN ON "OLIVER TWIST" AND "MERCHANT OF VENICE" FROM NEW YORK SCHOOLS SOUGHT IN COURT

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Teachers in New York City schools are taking special care to explain to their students that the anti-Jewish characters in Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist" and in Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" are not "typical" of the Jewish people.

A statement to this effect was made yesterday by Dr. William Jansen, Superintendent of Schools, in an affidavit submitted in Brooklyn Supreme Court, in opposition to a taxpayer's suit that would ban the two volumes from this city's public schools. The judge reserved decision.

In behalf of the taxpayer--Murray B. Rosenberg, of Brooklyn--his attorney, Joseph Goldstein, declared that the books were inimical to the best interests of growing children and were "anti-Semitic and anti-religious." With regard to Dickens' novel, he stated: "It is calculated to, and does, inculcate bitter hatred and malice in the hearts and minds of many students and pupils attending our public schools and secondary schools against American citizens of Jewish faith."

JEWISH CONSUMPTIVES RELIEF SOCIETY NOT AUTHORIZED TO RAISE FUNDS IN N.Y., COURT RULES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Ruling that the Jewish Consumptives Relief Society, located in Denver, was not legally authorized to solicit funds in New York State, Supreme Court Justice Bernard Botein yesterday granted a motion by Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein to restrain the Society from raising funds in New York.

The court noted that almost half of the total annual income of the Society has been collected in New York State. The injunction was sought on the grounds that patients were not getting proper care, but Justice Botein said it was granted solely on legal grounds and that "the Court will neither discuss nor consider the other charge contained in the moving papers."

Mitchell S. Fisher, counsel for the Society, declared that he is satisfied with the fact that Justice Botein granted the injunction solely on the ground that the Society was not properly authorized to solicit funds in New York State. "We have already had an amended certificate removing this technical violation, approved by another justice of the court," he said. "We have today submitted this certificate for filing in Albany."

PRESIDENT TRUMAN CRITICIZES OPPONENTS OF HIS "FAIR DEAL" CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- President Truman stated in a radio address today that those who denounce his "fair deal" civil rights program as "alien or dangerous" were "just about 150 years behind the times." The President said that those who make outcries against the "fair deal" program, which includes fair employment practices, want the people "to forget the language of the Constitution."

OMAHA UNIVERSITY STARTS TRAINING TEACHERS FOR JEWISH SCHOOLS; HEBREW TO BE OFFERED

OMAHA, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Establishment of a training program for teachers of Jewish schools at the University of Omaha was announced today by Dr. Milo Bail, University president. The program--which will be conducted under the supervision of the institution's department of education and the Omaha Bureau of Jewish Education--will prepare qualified young men and women for teaching positions in all types of Jewish schools.

The curriculum will include courses in the Hebrew language and literature, history of Jewish civilization, Jewish school pedagogy and methodology of religious education. Participating in the teaching program at the University will be Dr. Ger-shon Gelbart, director of the Omaha Bureau of Jewish Education.

BUNCHE AWARDED DOCTORATE BY JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY; 175 LAY LEADERS GET CITATIONS

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, former U.N. mediator for Palestine, was today awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The presentation was made by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Seminary, at a special convocation marking the opening of the Seminary's 63rd academic year.

Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman was inaugurated as chairman of the Board of Overseers. He conferred citations for distinguished service upon 175 synagogue presidents from all sections of the country cooperating with the activities of the Seminary. Judge Simon H. Rifkind, former adviser on Jewish affairs to the American Military Government in Europe, delivered the principal address. He called upon the lay leaders of American Jewry to take the initiative in establishing and sustaining the institutions required by the Jewish religious community, particularly its educational facilities.

The degrees of Doctor of Hebrew Literature were conferred upon Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, and Rabbi S. Bernards, spiritual leader of the Overbrook Park Congregation of Philadelphia.

Z.O.A. WILL CONSULT WITH OTHER GROUPS ON JEWISH EDUCATION IN AMERICA, FRISCH ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The charge that most young Jews in the United States are bereft of knowledge about Jewish tradition and culture and are "totally Hebrew-less" was voiced last night by Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, addressing the first meeting of the National Commission on Culture and Education of the Z.O.A.

Urging the mapping of a nationwide plan for bringing the Hebrew language and literature into every Jewish household, the speaker asserted that Jewish leaders in America "must fearlessly think through the whole problem of Jewish education in relation to our own mode of life as Jews add to the state of Israel." He emphasized that Zionist leadership in America does not propose "to carry through the Jewish cultural revolution in the United States singlehanded," but will consult with all Jewish institutions and agencies concerned with the problem of Jewish education in this country.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK TO BE OBSERVED IN FEBRUARY; EX-NAVY SECRETARY SULLIVAN TO HEAD IT

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Former Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan has been named general chairman of Brotherhood Week, to be observed nationally next February 19-26 under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, it was announced today by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, N.C.C.J. president.

In accepting the post, Mr. Sullivan said: "The big question today is whether the human spirit will remain free or whether it is to be enslaved by totalitarianism. The dignity of man is on trial throughout the world, and the fate of our civilization may well depend upon the outcome. It will survive only if the ideal of man's inalienable rights is acknowledged, respected and strengthened."

AMERICAN LABOR GROUP ASKS TRUMAN TO INSTRUCT U.S. DELEGATION AT U.N. ON JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The American Trade Union Council for Histadrut today sent a telegram to President Truman asking him to instruct the U.S. delegation at the United Nations "to uphold the integrity of new Jerusalem as part of the state of Israel."

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