

## MAPAI AND MAPAM LEADERS TO MEET THIS WEEK ON INCLUSION OF LATTER IN PRESENT GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Mapai and Mapam delegations which have been conducting separate negotiations on the eventual inclusion of Mapam in the present coalition government will hold a joint meeting Wednesday, it was reported today.

The week-end Palmach conference ended here last night after 20,000 veterans of the Palmach striking battalions participated in a series of rallies and parades. Despite an order issued on Friday by Brig. Yaacov Dori, Army Chief of Staff, Palmach veterans who are now serving in Israel's armed forces took part in the rallies. All of these, however, were out of uniform.

Former Palmach commander of Itzhak Sadeh who recently resigned his commission in the Israel Army told the veterans that the "Palmach will continue to serve the fatherland as it did in the past. It is always ready to defend the fatherland should an emergency arise again," he added.

(Brig. Dori was quoted in a New York Times dispatch as stating that he issued a ban on attendance on the part of members of the country's armed forces who formerly served with the Palmach because he learned that the rallies would have a military character and that the veterans would march in military formations under the leadership of their former commanders. "This would have been a departure from the principle that there can be no separate armies in Israel," Brig. Dori added. An Army spokesman later commented that "to our knowledge there were no soldiers at the rallies.")

The trial of former Haganah commander Lt. Col. Isor Beerli, who is charged with manslaughter in mistakenly ordering the execution of Meir Tobianski as a spy last year, opened here today. The defendant entered a plea of not guilty. Attorney-General Yaacov Shapiro was quoted as saying he was "very sorry to prosecute the accused, who acted in good faith, thinking he was performing his duty."

## SENATE VOTES BY 36-30 TO RECOMMIT HOUSE-APPROVED BILL LIBERALIZING DP IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The Senate voted last night by 36-30 to recommit the House-approved bill liberalizing the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 to the Judiciary Committee with instructions that it report back a bill on the subject by Jan. 25--when the 1950 session of Congress convenes.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, would have added 134,000 European displaced persons to the 204,000 eligible for admission to the U.S. under the present law. The measure would also have eliminated restrictions based on the refugees' point of origin and work background.

## ISRAEL AMBASSADOR KLATH HOLDS PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER NEHRU OF INDIA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Ambassador Eliahu Klath of Israel held a private conversation on Friday with Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru of India, who is now on a visit to the United States, it was disclosed here today. The conversation lasted one hour and 15 minutes. Mr. Klath declined to comment on the nature of the talk.

ISRAEL REJECTED IRAQI OFFER TO PUMP OIL TO HAIFA PLANTS; CONDITIONS HELD UNACCEPTABLE

LONDON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- An offer made by the Iraqi Government to resume pumping oil to Haifa through the intermediary of the Shell Company and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company has been rejected by Israel because of strings which were attached to the Iraqi proposal, it was learned here today. These conditions, the Israel Government told the oil companies, made the Iraqi offer unacceptable.

Iraq's four conditions were these: 1. The Haifa refinery would be "internationalized." 2. Oil pumped to Haifa should be exempt from all Israel taxes, customs or excise. 3. Iraq wants reciprocal free entry through Haifa of all goods destined for Arab countries. These would also be exempt from all customs and excise, as is usual with free ports. 4. Iraq wanted the oil allocation for Israel domestic use to be strictly limited by agreement between the Tel Aviv government and the oil companies.

TURKISH EXPORTS TO ISRAEL DECREASE; JEWISH STATE SLIPS TO 12TH PLACE ON LIST OF BUYERS

ISTANBUL, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Turkish exports to Israel decreased from \$2,500,000 during the first six months of 1958 to \$2,250,000 in the same period this year, it was reported here today. The Jewish state has consequently dropped from third to 12th place on the list of Turkey's customers.

In the same period, Israel's exports to Turkey declined to \$150,000--a drop which is attributed chiefly to the fact that the Jewish state was unable to export oil to Turkey as a result of the closing of the Haifa refineries. With the reopening of the refineries it is believed here that Turkey may assign much of the oil produced in the newly-developed fields in Remandag for refining at Haifa.

(The New York Times reported from Turkey today that, beginning immediately, all Turkish Jews who wish to proceed to Israel must first obtain entrance visas from the Istanbul representative of the Israel Immigration Ministry. The dispatch added that of the 78,370 Turkish Jews listed in the 1935 census, some 30,000 have already migrated to the new state, with the present rate of emigration averaging 2,000.)

SYRIAN FORCES BEGIN EVACUATION OF MISHMAR HAYARDEN; CLEARING OF MINELANDS STARTED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The evacuation by Syrian forces of Mishmar Hayarden, in accordance with the agreed timetable, took place during the week-end, it was reported by the Tiberias correspondent of Davar. The Syrians also began clearing the mine-fields and demolishing fortifications there, it was stated.

ISRAELI WHO BELONGED TO IRGUN NOW BEING DETAINED AT ELLIS ISLAND; HIS CASE UNDER STUDY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service said today that Efraim Margolin, a former Irgun Zvai Leumi member, is being held at Ellis Island in "temporary exclusion for the purpose of investigation."

Since Mr. Margolin is an Israel national, Israel authorities have concerned themselves with his detainment. Sen. Guy M. Gillette said he was also looking into the case. It was pointed out by the Immigration and Naturalization Service that Mr. Margolin has not been excluded from visiting the U.S. but that his confinement is only temporary while his case is under study.

JDC DIRECTORS PARLEY CLOSES; HEARS AGENCY WILL REQUIRE MINIMUM OF \$45,000,000 IN 1950

PARIS, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will require an "absolute minimum" of \$45,000,000 to conduct its programs in 1950, it was reported during the week-end following the conclusion of the week-long conference here of J.D.C. directors in 18 European and North African countries.

According to an announcement by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European director of the J.D.C., the agency will have four principal tasks next year. These are: 1. Emigration to Israel, the United States and other lands of a minimum of 100,000 persons. 2. Medical aid, food relief and other assistance to Jews of North Africa and other Moslem areas. 3. Care for the "hard core" group of aged, sick and disabled Jews in Europe and Israel. 4. Helping the remaining Jewish communities in Europe to be self-supporting.

The first unified campaign to raise funds in France for local Jewish needs will begin Oct. 22. At a national meeting of French Jewish leaders in this city, it was disclosed today by Moses Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the J.D.C.

The drive, Mr. Leavitt said, will be under the direction of an American member of the J.D.C. staff who will be lent to help organize it. He pointed out that since the International Refugee Organization would cease operations in June, 1950, the J.D.C. faces an additional responsibility. He voiced the belief that the next few months would see more Jewish communities in Europe making efforts to meet larger shares of their local needs.

Jewish Communities in Europe Becoming Stronger, Leavitt Says

"This is the measure of J.D.C.'s achievements," he said. "In the last four and a half years, many Jewish communities have grown strong enough to take care of their own needs. This year we must help them and stimulate them to reach their goal." He added that in recent months heartening signs of progress to this end had appeared in France, Italy and the Netherlands.

Dr. Schwartz and Mr. Leavitt pointed out that the J.D.C. had already sharply cut its budget, a process which began gradually in 1948. The chief problem was planning for the year ahead and preserving essential services in the face of further reductions of available funds, they said.

On the subject of immigration, Dr. Schwartz said that future new settlers for Israel would come mainly from North Africa and other Moslem regions, since the displaced persons camps of central Europe were rapidly being emptied and some governments of Eastern Europe had taken a negative position of permitting their Jewish nationals to leave for Israel.

"Should these countries grant large numbers of their citizens leave to go to Israel," Dr. Schwartz said, "the J.D.C. is prepared to make every effort to move as many of them as possible, as quickly as possible. The Government of Israel would make every effort to admit as many as are given leave to enter."

MOVEMENT OF JEWS FROM ITALY TO ISRAEL DECREASES; MONTHLY FIGURE NOW AVERAGES 360

ROME, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The movement of Jews from Italy to Israel has gradually decreased from an average of 2,500 per month in 1948 to 360 as of May, 1949, it was announced here today. The figures refer only to Jews in Italian refugee camps, not to those passing through Italy. Between August, 1948, and May, 1949, a total of 14,713 Jews were transferred from Italian camps to Israel.

SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES MARKS W.H.O. MEETING IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The second meeting of the U.N. World Health Organization's Eastern Mediterranean committee concluded here today after four days of deliberations conducted in an atmosphere unusual for its spirit of cooperation between Israel and the Arab states. Various Israel proposals on health problems were often supported by Arab delegates.

On one delicate resolution--dealing with health problems of the Palestine refugees--the Egyptian delegate withdrew from his draft resolution the term "and repatriation" which he originally wanted following the word "resettlement" in the clause requesting "immediate resettlement measures as the only solution to the refugees' public health problems." It was strongly indicated that the committee may decide to hold its 1951 session in Israel.

Meanwhile, it was announced here today that the Swedish Red Cross has lent to the GSE and the Government of Israel, for a period of one year, a mobile radiodiagnostic-microfilm apparatus which will be used in ascertaining the health conditions of large numbers of new immigrants. Only ten such units are now in existence.

A special showing of the apparatus' efficacy was presented for a selected audience at which the Israel Minister to Switzerland, Dr. Menahem Kahane, voiced the appreciation of his government for the Swedish Red Cross' "generous gesture." Two Swedish technicians will take the unit to Israel and will operate it there during the coming year.

Israel Will Admit All Jewish DP's in Europe in "Hard-Core" Group

(Israel will offer a home to all remaining Jewish displaced persons in the "hard-core" group comprising the sick, wounded, blind and aged, Shalom Adler-Rudel, Israel representative to the International Refugee Organization's general council session here, said last night, a New York Times dispatch from Geneva reported.

(Asserting that Israel has already accepted 11,000 families of whom one or more members have suffered from handicaps, Mr. Adler-Rudel said the Jewish state has admitted tubercular cases, neurotics and displaced persons who have lost limbs. He voiced regret that the Israel Government could not take all these persons immediately because of overtaxed facilities, but emphasized that Israel was determined that eventually no Jewish DP should be left in Germany or Austria because of physical handicaps.)

4,000 PERSONS REGISTER IN LONDON FOR MIGRATION TO ISRAEL; COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

LONDON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- About 4,000 applicants for migration to Israel, 3,000 of whom registered before October, 1948, are now on file at the Palestine Office in London, it was learned today. The applicants represent all trades and professions. Priority is given to those who can most easily be absorbed in the new state's economy. A total of 200 have reached Israel so far from Britain.

The first comprehensive conference of Jewish social workers ever arranged in Great Britain will take place Oct. 29 and 30 under the auspices of the Committee for Training Jewish Social Workers. The group's chairman is S.E. Karminski, president of the Jewish Board of Guardians here.

Another meeting will take place Oct. 23, among Reform teachers, social workers and nurses attached to the Cholutzjut movement in England. It will be addressed by A. Gadenwitz of the Israel Social Welfare Ministry.