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ISRAEL TELLS CONCILIATION COMMISSION IT WILL MAKE NO FURTHER TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has refused to make any further territorial concessions in the negotiations for the Palestine peace, it was learned on reliable authority here today. Israel's latest memorandum on this subject was delivered this morning to the U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine.

The Tel Aviv reply was made in response to a memorandum forwarded by the Commission on Sept. 12 to all parties to the Palestine dispute in an effort to find out whether any of the parties are prepared to change their positions. The Commission's inquiry was confined mainly to the question of boundaries. However, it is understood that Israel's reply referred also to the refugee problem.

A report from Washington last night stated that Paul A. Porter had resigned his post as American delegate to the United Nations Palestine Commission. Mr. Porter's resignation is the second in four months of American delegates to the Commission, Mark Ethridge's being the first.

Yesterday, Iran and Brazil filed a formal proposal in the U.N. Assembly Legal Committee authorizing the Secretary-General to collect damages from states responsible for death of and injury to U.N. personnel suffered in line of duty. Claims approved by the International Court of Justice involve Israel and some Arab states, particularly in respect to the Count Folke Bernadotte assassination. The proposal authorizes the Secretary-General to submit his claim for arbitration if it is contested by the governments involved.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie today issued a memorandum advocating the appointment of a U.N. High Commissioner to carry on the unfinished work of the International Refugee Organization. The I.R.O. itself offered an alternative plan for the continuation of the services through a special department of the Secretariat.

BEN GURION URGES NEW IMMIGRANTS TO LEAVE CAMPS AND AID COUNTRY BY WORKING ON LAND

TEL AVIV, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Delegates attending the eighth convention of the Smallholders Settlements Association, which opened here last night, today heard Israel Premier David Ben Gurion declare that the fact that there are "100,000 inmates of reception camps currently eating the bread of charity while millions of good, fertile dunes of land remain uncultivated constitutes an unfavorable reflection on the Zionist movement and on the nation of Israel, as a whole."

The Premier continued: "The nation is now on the ascending path of a mountain and any halt would be equivalent to a step backward. Settlers in Israel must mobilize for the task of conveying to the newly-arriving immigrants the necessity for working on the land. The nation must eat its own bread and its own fruits from its own land and not rely on costly imports."

SIXTH UNITED STATES NAVAL TASK FORCE REPORTED TO BE IN OR NEAR ISRAELI WATERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Units of the U.S. Sixth Naval Task Force were reported today to be in or near Israeli waters, according to a report heard here. Commanding the force is Vice-Admiral Forrest P. Sherman aboard the cruiser, "Des Moines."

2,800 ARAB REFUGEES APPLY FOR REPATRIATION TO JOIN FAMILIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Approximately 2,800 Arabs separated from their families by the war have applied to the Israel Government for permission to rejoin their families in Israel, officials announced today. Twenty-five hundred applications came from Arab refugees in Syria and Lebanon, 60 each from Transjordan and Egypt, and the remainder from the Arab-held parts of Palestine.

The Israel-Transjordan exchange of territory in the Wadi Fukin area will be effected at noon on Nov. 2 when Israel will obtain possession of an important strip of land near Bethlehem in exchange for the Arab village. Meanwhile, Israel handed over 11 prisoners of war to the Transjordan Army in Jerusalem.

The Arab mayor of the Old City of Jerusalem failed today to persuade members of the Christian clergy in the Arab quarter to send a congratulatory message to King Abdullah of Transjordan because of his opposition to the proposed internationalization of Jerusalem. Most of the clergy abstained from attending the meeting called by the mayor, while others who did attend said they were without authority to express an opinion on the question.

BARS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF ISRAELI-HUNGARIAN TRADE PACT RESOLVED IN PARLEY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Obstacles which had been holding up the exchange of goods under the Israel-Hungarian trade pact have been removed following talks between Budapest authorities and Dr. T.M. Kimori, of the Israel Ministry of Trade, it was learned in commercial circles here today. Under the terms of the trade agreement, covering the exchange of more than \$5,500,000 worth of goods, Israel was to send textiles and other goods in exchange for foodstuffs and finished articles.

(A report from Warsaw today stated that two ships, each loaded with 3,000 tons of cement, sailed for Israel from Gdynia harbor. Additional shipments of cement are scheduled to leave for Haifa in the near future.)

ISRAEL MARITIME LEAGUE SUPPORTS CONSTRUCTION OF DEEPSEA PORT ON SOUTHERN ISRAEL COAST

HAIFA, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The first convention of the Israel Maritime League meeting aboard the S.S. Kedmah, anchored off this city, today expressed support of a proposal to build a deepsea port on the southern coast of Israel. Other decisions of the convention were to increase the tonnage of the Israel merchant fleet, provide professional training for fishermen in Israel, extend maritime training activities for youth, and create Jewish seaman's homes in Israel and abroad.

LONDON CHIEF RABBI URGES BRITISH RABBIS AND COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT HERZL WEEK

LONDON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Support for "Herzl Week," proclaimed by the Zionist Federation for the week of Oct. 29 to Nov. 5, was urged in a circular letter issued here by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie in Hebrew to all rabbis and communities in Britain. The letter asked them to devote their sermons this Saturday to the memory of the founder of modern Zionism.

The British Committee for Relief Abroad today received reports from Germany that 80 Jewish inmates of the Belzen camp today reached Munich en route to Israel. They are expected to continue on their journey early next week.

DP VESSEL BRINGS 100,000TH IMMIGRANT SINCE CURRENT IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION TOOK EFFECT

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The DP immigrant vessel General Howze, which is scheduled to dock in New York tomorrow, will bring the 100,000th DP to arrive under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, it was announced by the International Refugee Organization.

The total number of Jewish immigrants who arrived since the beginning of operations under the DP Act is over 25,000, Jewish organizations here declared. HIAS aided over 11,700 of the immigrants, while the United Service for New Americans assisted more than 13,000.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL JOINS SPONSORSHIP OF "RELIGION-IN-AMERICAN-LIFE" CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America has joined in the sponsorship of the Religion-in-American-life campaign which will be opened formally on Oct. 30 by a radio address by President Truman, Dr. Bernard J. Bamberger, president of the Council, announced today. Sponsored by 20 religious bodies of all faiths, the campaign is a nationwide, interfaith movement intended to impress upon every American the "importance of religion and of religious institutions.

MRS. ROOSEVELT WARNS OF CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION

NEWARK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights will probably meet as much opposition when it is presented for ratification as did President Truman's civil rights program because of the inclusion in the declaration of an anti-discrimination clause, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt stated at a meeting of the New Jersey chapter of the Women's American ORT here.

Paying tribute to ORT installations in Europe which she visited last year, Mrs. Roosevelt declared: "I cannot stress enough what ORT has done to keep up the morale of people. The opportunity and materials for them to learn new skills made the difference between mere existence and beginning to live."

MRS. IRVING M. ENGEL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

BALTIMORE, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Mrs. Irving M. Engel of New York was yesterday elected president of the National Council of Jewish Women at the organization's 19th triennial convention here. She succeeds Mrs. Joseph M. Welt of Detroit.

Mrs. Welt was elected honorary vice-president. The other new officers are: Mrs. Moises Cahn of New Orleans, Mrs. Isaac Pelton of Los Angeles, Mrs. Charles Hymen of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Manuel M. Eskind of Nashville, all vice-presidents; Mrs. Simon E. Sobeloff of Baltimore, recording secretary; Mrs. Edward F. Stern of Seattle, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Lawrence G. Anathan of New York, treasurer; Mrs. Herman B. Levine of West Englewood, New Jersey, assistant treasurer; and Mrs. Joseph Berger of South Orange, New Jersey, financial secretary.

YOUNG ISRAEL TO BUILD \$250,000 SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL INSTITUTION IN JERUSALEM

TEL AVIV, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- A delegation of the United States National Council of Young Israel arrived here today. The delegation, consisting of president Elijah Stein, director Samson Weiss and treasurer Bernard Berman, announced that a \$250,000 institution similar to the YMCA in Jerusalem will be built here on land contributed by the Jewish National Fund for social and educational games and sports and other activities for religious youth in Israel.