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DUTCH DELEGATION AT U.N. DRAFTS PLAN ON JERUSALEM AND PROTECTION OF HOLY PLACES

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Netherlands delegation to the U.N. has drafted a secret proposal, subject to approval by the Hague Government, setting up protection for the Holy Places in Palestine short of taking away Jerusalem from Israel, it was learned here today. The Dutch plan was developed in consultation with other nations.

The U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission today invited Israel and the four Arab states on its borders for consultations tomorrow. The Commission took this decision at a meeting at which was discussed the possibility of a new "approach" following receipt of Israel's demands for direct negotiation.

When he appears before the Conciliation Commission tomorrow, Consul General Lourie will present an Israel plan for future Commission negotiations. Under the new scheme Israel will negotiate through the Commission with the Arab states individually. This is seen as a compromise between Israel's often-expressed desire to treat with each Arab state individually and its desire not to appear to be boycotting the Commission.

In Israel circles it was learned that Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett is expected to arrive at Lake Success about the middle of November when the Jerusalem issues come under discussion.

It was learned here today that the report of the Economic Survey Mission to the Middle East would not be completed and transmitted to the United Nations Secretariat before next week. The report of the mission, headed by Gordon R. Clapp, had been expected tomorrow. It was learned that the results of the group's survey had been prepared in stages during the mission's investigation in Middle Eastern countries, but it is not known how near to completion it is at this point.

Other qualified sources declared that the report would come in on or about Nov. 10 and that it would be termed a first or interim report with a more detailed report on development schemes in the Middle East to come later from the mission.

23,000 UNEMPLOYED PERSONS REGISTERED IN ISRAEL IN SEPTEMBER, LABOR MINISTRY REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Almost 23,000 unemployed persons were registered at the general labor exchanges in September, according to figures made public today by the Labor Ministry. About 10,500 obtained work for three weeks and 5,700 had jobs for a fortnight.

The Israel Government intends to modify its economic policy when the Knesset reopens next week in order to facilitate the flow of foreign investment capital to Israel, according to "Haaretz," General Zionist Party organ.

The publication sees in Premier David Ben Gurion's Friday address to a labor group the first hint to the Israel public that the "socialization" policy hitherto strictly pursued is going to yield ground as the Mapai Party executive is no longer convinced of its practicability at this time.

AMBASSADOR ELATH TO CONFER WITH SECRETARY MCGHEE TODAY ON SITUATION OF IRAQI JEWS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath is expected to confer again tomorrow with George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, on the situation of Jews in Iraq, it was learned today.

EUROPEAN AGUDAH PARLEY OPENS IN PARIS; SECESSION FROM ISRAEL RELIGIOUS BLOC SEEN

PARIS, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Delegates from most European countries and North Africa--including Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania--gathered here today at the opening session of the European conference of the Agudas Israel. The agenda was listed as: the situation of religious Jews in Eastern Europe, immigration from North Africa to Israel (including complaints that Orthodox children have been assigned to non-religious collectives in the Jewish state), and the situation in Israel.

A strong bloc of delegates, led by political secretary H.A. Goodman, opposes Agudah participation in the religious bloc supporting the present coalition government in Israel. Since the Goodman-led bloc appears to be in the majority, it is believed possible that the Agudah may secede from the coalition government.

Mr. Goodman declared today that the "consolidation of the state of Israel in the short period of its existence, the absorption of hundreds of thousands of homeless Jews and the entrance of Israel into the family of nations, are achievements to which we can pay sincere tribute." He added that although there was the "fullest approval for the external policies" of Israel, there were "considerable and growing misgivings throughout the Agudist world, both in Israel and overseas, as regards certain recent legislation and tendencies affecting Torah principles."

Dr. Maimon Denies He Came to Paris to Contact Catholic Leaders

PARIS, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Israel Minister for Religion Dr. Judah L. Maimon denied at a press conference here today that he had come to Paris to contact Catholic leaders, and emphasized that he was in France at the present time solely to attend a worldwide Rabbinical conference.

He described the condition of religious minorities in Israel and contrasted their situation with that of the Jewish minority in Iraq. Rabbi Maimon said the "tragic persecutions" in Iraq were likely to spread to other Moslem countries if they remained unchecked. He said talk at the Agudah parley here of a split in the Israel Religious Bloc could be heard only in this city, since "complete harmony exists both in the Agudah and Mizrahi movements in Israel."

CRISIS DEVELOPS AT HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI PARLEY IN ISRAEL WHEN LARGE FACTION WALKS OUT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The first crisis of the tenth annual conference of Hapoel Hamizrachi, now taking place here, developed today when a large faction, known as "Lamifne," walked out of the session during an address by Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira, a Hapoel Hamizrachi leader in Israel. The protesting faction had earlier demanded discussion of the problem of affiliating with the Histadrut, but this proposal was rejected.

Summarizing the achievements of the religious labor organization both in the Knesset and in the government, Minister Shapira concluded by calling for unity within the ranks of Hapoel Hamizrachi and urged that membership in the movement be increased to 50,000 this year in order to make it the "dominant political religious power in the state."

Among those attending the conference were top Histadrut leaders, including Communications Minister David Remez and Histadrut secretary-general Pinchas Lubliner. A resolution declaring that no rule other than Israel's over Jerusalem will be acceptable was unanimously adopted last night. A special prayer in behalf of the Jews in Iraq was also offered. The membership of Hapoel Hamizrachi, it was reported, is now 30,000 as compared with 11,000 a year ago.

HULL OF ALTALENA SUNK; VESSEL DESTROYED IN 1948 WHEN IRGUN TRIED TO LAND MUNITIONS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The burned-out hull of the Altalena, the vessel on which the Irgun Zvai Leumi attempted to bring in arms and ammunition during June, 1948, was today towed off the beach at Tel Aviv and sunk on the high seas.

The attempt to run in guns by the dissidents was in direct defiance of a U.N. truce order. The Irgun precipitated a hot and bloody battle over the attempt to land the Altalena's cargo, but was defeated by the regular army. Shortly thereafter, in the face of a government ultimatum, the Irgun disbanded and its troops became part of the army while its political leaders formed the Herut Party.

Three Arabs were killed last night in a clash with Israel police, it was announced today. The Arabs were part of an infiltrating group encountered by the police near the Acre-Safad highway.

AUSTRALIA APPOINTS MINISTER TO TEL AVIV; ISRAEL TO RAISE ITS CONSULATE TO LEGATION

CANBERRA, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The appointment of Osmond Charles William Furman, career diplomat, to be Australia's first minister to Israel was confirmed today by Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Minister of External Affairs. Mr. Furman has been charge d'affaires at the Australian Embassy in Nanking. Dr. Evatt said the appointment signals Australia's important commercial and strategic interests regarding Israel.

(Confirming the designation of Osmond Furman as Australian Minister to Israel, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett said in Tel Aviv that Israel, as of Nov. 15, would raise the Israel consulate in Australia to the status of a legation. The present consul, Harry Levin, will become charge d'affaires.)

NEO-NAZI PARTY LEADER IN AUSTRIA SAYS HE OPPOSES NULLIFICATION OF RESTITUTION LAWS

VIENNA, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Herbert Kraus, leader of the neo-Nazi League of Independent Voters, declared at a press conference in which he discussed restitution that the Jews in Austria should receive "everything that rightfully belongs to them."

Asked by newsmen to explain the discrepancy in campaign promises made to former Nazis--in which he pledged nullification of the restitution laws--Mr. Kraus asserted that he does not support such nullification. He labelled as anti-Semitic and pro-German certain publications issued by his own party. He also disclosed that five members of his party had been excluded from membership because of Nazi remarks attributed to them.

(At Bad Pyrmont, Germany, Franz Richter, leader of a German rightist party in the West German Parliament, today demanded "restitution for damage inflicted by denazification," Reuters reported. Describing himself as a "rightist leader at Bonn" and his party as "rightist without compromises," Richter was cheered at a private meeting when he called denazification "a dirty business.")

STANTON GRIFFIS, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT, NAMED TO E.E.L.P. EXECUTIVE BOARD

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Three additional executive committee men were named today for E.E.L.P.--Holyland Emergency Liaison Program--which engages in pro-Arab propaganda in the United States. They are U.S. Ambassador Stanton Griffis, former director of United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees and ex-Ambassador to Egypt, now Ambassador to Argentina; Charles Seymour, president of Yale University, and Dean Ovid Sellers of McCormick Seminary.

UNVEIL MONUMENT ERECTED IN MEMORY OF 200 JEWS WHO PERISHED AT HANDS OF NAZIS

REIMS, France, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- A monument erected to the memory of 200 Jews from this city who perished at the hands of the Nazis was unveiled outside the synagogue here during ceremonies conducted by French Chief Rabbi Isaac Schwartz. Among the participants in the ceremonies was Adolph Caen, vice-president of the Consistory of French Jews.

JEWISH REFUGEE ORGANIZATION IN ITALY SENDS TRANSPORT OF BOOKS TO ISRAEL

ROME, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Sixty-four boxes of books have been sent to Israel as a gift from the Central Committee of the Organization of Jewish Refugees in Italy. The volumes include school texts in Yiddish and English.

Two Jewish delegates representing Israel, Meyer Yaari and J. Bar Yehuda, are attending a meeting here of the directive committee of the World Conference of the Partisans of Peace. Yaari is president of the Boy Scout movement in Israel and also head of the peace movement there.

ISRAEL EXPERIMENTING WITH NEW METHOD OF FACILITATING FLOW OF TOURISTS INTO COUNTRY

ATHENS, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is taking new measures to facilitate the inflow of tourists into the Jewish state, it was revealed here by an official representative of the Haifa customs bureau. He arrived in Athens this weekend to put into effect the first stage of an experiment.

According to the project, formalities of the entry of tourists into Israel will be completed by the official during a test voyage from the Greek port of Piraeus to Haifa on board a steamship carrying 400 American tourists. The Israel customs official will give the tourists information during the voyage on investment and business prospects in Israel, as well as useful data on the economic life of the country.

ISRAEL ASKS SWEDISH POSTAL AUTHORITIES TO PRINT POSTAGE STAMPS FOR JEWISH STATE

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has asked the Swedish general post office whether it is in a position to print postage stamps for Israel, officials announced today. Hitherto, the Swedish postal authorities have not printed stamps for other nations, but officials said the request was under consideration.

ORT EXECUTIVE DELEGATION WILL COME TO U.S. THIS MONTH FOR TALKS WITH J.D.C.

PARIS, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- A delegation from the World ORT executive will leave for the United States in mid-November to participate in talks with the Joint Distribution Committee, it was revealed today following a two-day meeting of the ORT executive.

The parley decided for the time being to continue operating ORT schools in DP camps in Germany and Austria. At the same time, it was disclosed that with the closing of numerous ORT schools in Germany and Austria, new institutions will be established in Israel and in North Africa.

PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF CANADA CELEBRATES 24TH ANNIVERSARY

MONTREAL, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The twenty-fourth anniversary of the Pioneer Women's Organization of Canada was marked here over the week-end with a large gathering and reception for Israel consuls Abraham Harman and Arie Ben Tuvia. Mr. Harman, in an address to the conclave, stressed the role of the Jewish woman in the upbuilding of Israel pointing out that women have not only won equal rights but have also assumed equal responsibilities.

NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD ADOPTS BUDGET OF \$1,474,485 FOR ACTIVITIES IN 1950

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- A national budget of \$1,474,485 to finance the 1950 activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board was endorsed by the organization's finance council and adopted by the J.W.B.'s executive committee here today.

The funds will make possible services and programs of the J.W.B. in the coming year in the three areas in which it serves the American Jewish community--as the national association of 321 Jewish community centers and YM-YWHA's; as the organization accredited by the U.S. Government to meet the religious, morale and welfare needs of Jewish servicemen and hospitalized veterans; and as the sponsor of cultural agencies such as the American Jewish Historical Society, National Jewish Music Council, Jewish Book Council of America, National Jewish Youth Conference and the Jewish Center Lecture Bureau.

B'NAI B'RITH LODGE SENDS \$100 TO SCHOOL WHICH REJECTED FUNDS FOR TEACHING OF RACISM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith's Argo lodge here has sent a \$100 contribution to Jefferson Military College, Washington, Miss., which rejected an offer of \$50,000,000 to teach racism and bigotry. The money will go to help offset the school's financial crisis. It was learned here that other contributions from Jewish sources are being sent to the Mississippi institution.

CONGRESSMEN CELLER AND JAVITS TO ADDRESS N.Y. ZIONIST RALLY TO "SAVE JERUSALEM"

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council announced today that Congressmen Emanuel Celler and Jacob K. Javits would head the list of distinguished speakers who will address the "Save Jerusalem" rally which will take place this Wednesday evening at Manhattan Center here. The special mass meeting has been summoned by the Council to "bring the true facts of the Jerusalem problem before the American public."

In addition to the two Congressmen, other speakers include: Berl Locker, chairman of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Agency; and Mrs. Rose Halprin, member of the executive committee of the Agency.

300 DISPLACED JEWS SAIL FROM GERMANY FOR UNITED STATES; 300 AIDED BY JDC AND USNA

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- A total of 499 Jewish DP's, 323 of whom were aided by the Joint Distribution Committee, left Bremerhaven, Germany, for the United States this week-end, it was announced today by the J.D.C. The emigrants, who sailed on U.S. Army transports General Taylor and General Stewart, will be received on their arrival in New York by representatives of the United Service for New Americans.

UNITED ISRAEL DRIVE IN ARGENTINA RAISES OVER 60 PERCENT OF SUM COLLECTED LAST YEAR

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The United Israel Campaign in this country announced today that it has raised more than 60 percent of the total sum collected for the Jewish state last year. The youth division of the drive launched an intensified effort for funds this week among Zionist youth groups.

A non-party Zionist organization of Jews originating from central Europe--the "Theodor Herzl Gesellschaft"--decided that any of its members who failed to contribute to the united drive for Israel would be expelled. A report from the city of Tucuman, capital of the northern province of the same name, said that the chairman of a Communist-sponsored drive for Israel had been barred from the synagogue there on the ground that he was "sabotaging the United Israel Campaign."

N.Y. STATE COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION REPORTS ON INVESTIGATIONS OF BIAS CASES

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The New York State Commission Against Discrimination reported during the week-end that over 325,000 employees were affected during the first nine months of this year in investigations conducted in all parts of the State. During this period, a total of 254 complaints was filed, as compared with 275 for all of 1948.

CONVENTION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN CLOSING; ADX PTS \$616,000 BUDGET

BALTIMORE, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The 15th triennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women concluded here this week-end with the adoption of a budget of \$616,000 for 1950--the largest annual budget in the organization's 56-year history.

Resolutions adopted by the convention called for expanded health insurance, increased social security, civil liberties, the admission of greater numbers of DP's to the U.S., expansion of educational facilities, civilian control of atomic energy for constructive purposes and a stronger United Nations. In addition, the delegates voted \$50,000 a year to the Israel Education Project through which it supports the School of Education at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. This represents a \$38,000-a-year increase.

AMERICAN MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN TO ENROLL 50,000 NEW MEMBERS IN 1950

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The American Mizrahi Organization this week-end announced a new membership campaign aimed at enrolling 50,000 new members in 1950. In a statement pledging support to Dr. Pinkos Churgin, now acting president, the organization said that the American rabbinate is being invited to sponsor mass enrollments of their congregations within the Mizrahi Organization.

B'NAI B'RITH DAY IN BRONX MARKS OCCASION OF ORGANIZATION'S 106TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Bronx Borough President James J. Lyons yesterday proclaimed "B'nai B'rith Day in the Bronx," marking the 106th Anniversary of B'nai B'rith which was celebrated at the Bronx County Courthouse in conjunction with ceremonies marking the 91st anniversary of B'nai B'rith's oldest unit in the Bronx, Rehoboth Lodge. At the ceremonies President Lyons presented B'nai B'rith officials with a citation on behalf of the borough for outstanding service to veterans and interfaith youth and community programs.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS OPENS TWO-DAY MEETING TODAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Representatives from 34 states will convene at the second State Presidents' Council of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods tomorrow at the Hotel St. Moritz here, it was announced today. The meeting which will carry over until the following day will discuss ways in which the state and national federation can cooperate.

FIVE WOMEN'S GROUPS SUPPORTING HIAS MERGE INTO SINGLE INDEPENDENT DIVISION

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Five women's groups supporting HIAS through various fund-raising activities in the New York area have merged into a single organization known as the HIAS Women's Division it was announced here today. Mrs. Abraham Herman has been elected president of the new organization.

DR. ALEXANDER BRIN, EDITOR OF BOSTON JEWISH ADVOCATE, NAMED TO TOP EDUCATIONAL POST

BOSTON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Alexander Brin, editor and publisher of the Jewish Advocate here, was this week named chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Education, the highest educational policy-formulating body in the state. He is the first Jew ever to be selected for this post.