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## U.S. NAMES NEW MEMBER TO CONCILIATION COMMISSION; WAS FORMER ENVOY TO AFGHANISTAN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The appointment of Ely Eliot Palmer as American representative on the U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine--the third American designated to this post since formation of the Commission in January of this year-- was announced here today.

Mr. Palmer replaces Paul Porter who succeeded Mark Ethridge. Both resigned to return to their private practices after it became evident that the Commission was headed for a long series of negotiations in trying to settle the Palestine peace.

A native of Providence, R.I., Mr. Palmer joined the foreign service two years after graduating from Brown University in 1908. Since then he has served in many cities abroad, including Jerusalem and Beirut. He was recently U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan.

(At Lake Success today the Commission called a meeting following its return from consultations with the State Department in Washington.)

## DETAILS OF IRAQI PERSECUTIONS OF JEWS AND LIST OF VICTIMS RECEIVED BY ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel now has complete details on the anti-Jewish reign of terror in Iraq, including the names of 250 Jews jailed in Baghdad since Yom Kippur. Israel sources in Washington received this information late today in a report indicating unabated atrocities in Iraq.

Three Baghdad policemen--Atta el Masri, Muhamed el Hassan, and Fadel Ahmad--have received promotions for being particularly brutal to Jewish prisoners, it was reported. The report stated that many Jews have been flogged and have had their finger nails extracted by medieval torture methods.

Two Baghdad newspapers, El Yakta and El Istaklal, are featuring stories urging that the Jews are "germs which should be eradicated." It was also reported that the head of the Jewish Community at Amara, Iraq, has gone out of his mind as a result of beatings and torture.

Meanwhile, the tendency to minimize and question Iraqi pogrom reports persists in diplomatic circles here. This is thought to be due to an official State Department statement earlier this week based on a report from the American Embassy in Baghdad. The report said that things were not nearly as bad in Iraq as Jewish reports indicated and that Jews in custody "are understood to be under charges of having violated specific Iraqi law."

## NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MAPAM AND MAPAI CONTINUE; LEFTISTS PRESENT "MINIMUM" DEMANDS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- Negotiations behind closed doors continued today between representatives of the Mapai and the Mapam looking toward participation in the coalition government by Mapam. The two sessions today lasted a total of five hours. Mapai spokesmen said that no final decision was reached, but that the negotiations were still fluid, with hope of eventual success. The conference will be resumed next Tuesday.

Conferees on both sides indicated that the Tuesday meeting may well be decisive. Mapam is represented by Yitzhak Ben Aharon, Meir Yaari and Israeli Galili. It

is understood that the three men will urge a "minimum policy" in the government's economic, domestic and foreign policies. At the Tuesday session, Mapai is expected to be represented by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan.

The Mapam delegates are understood to have brought up today Premier David Ben Gurion's recent speech in which he labeled Mapam as forerunners and advocates in Israel of "Yevsektsia"--the "Jewish section" of the Soviet Communist Party. The Mapam delegates stressed that "accounts would be settled later" on this issue.

They then outlined their minimum demands in economic questions, defense and foreign policy. The issue of distributing Cabinet portfolios among the parties participating in the government--specifically Mapam's share--was not discussed, it was learned.

Mapai delegates are understood to have repeated their party's invitation to Mapam to join the coalition Cabinet for the time being, leaving basic policy demands for subsequent adjustment. They emphasized, however, that a binding reply on policy matters would be given Tuesday.

#### Mapam Delegation in U.S. Takes Issue with Ben Gurion

NEW YORK, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- Members of a Mapam delegation now in the United States--comprising Y. Zerubavel and Zvi Lurie, members of the Jewish Agency executive, and Knesset deputy Dov Barnir--today issued a statement calling on "official representatives of the Israel Government here (to) deny" the "false statement" attributed in press reports to Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel in which he was quoted as saying that the present struggle in the Histadrut between the Mapai and the Mapam is a "life-and-death struggle between Socialist-Zionism and Communism."

The Mapam delegation's statement added that if the Premier's remarks were accurately reported, (then) "we accuse the Prime Minister of irresponsible distortion of fact. The struggle between Mapai and Mapam is not a 'struggle between Socialist-Zionism and Communism' but between diluted Socialist-Zionism and true Socialist-Zionism," the delegation's statement added.

The delegation declared that the "Israel Communists have always been against immigration, colonization, against Zionism and the ingathering of exiles, (and) the attempt to compare or even to fabricate an analogy between them and perhaps the most constructive and Chaiutz movement, Mapam, is not only a distortion of truth, but an attempt to bring direct harm to our movement."

#### TRUMAN SAYS OPENING OF NEW UNIT AT WEIZMANN INSTITUTE SYMBOLIZES ISRAEL'S PROGRESS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The "dedication of the new (biophysics) unit of the Weizmann Institute of Science is a fitting symbol of the progress of the State of Israel," President Truman declared in greetings to President Chaim Weizmann, which were read last night by Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett at a banquet, concluding the ceremonies attending the opening of the new department.

Foreign Minister Sharett also read a message from M. Vavilov, president of the Soviet Academy of Science, in which he expressed his regret at his inability to attend the ceremonies and sent his "heartfelt best wishes for the great achievement by Israel in advancing peace and cooperation among the nations."

ISRAEL AIR FORCE DAY CULMINATED BY MASS MEETING IN TEL AVIV; BEN GURION LAUDS HEROES

TEL AVIV, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The official celebration of Air Force Day came to a climax last night with a rally at the Habimah Theater.

Under the sponsorship of Premier David Ben Gurion, who is also Minister of Defense and Commander-in-Chief of the Army; and Gen. Aharon Remez, commander of the Air Force, the packed house solemnly stood at attention while the Habimah Choir recited the prayer for the dead in memory of the heroes of the Air Force who lost their lives fighting for the liberation of Israel. Premier Ben Gurion paid tribute to the contribution of the Air Force in the Palestine war and particularly stressed the considerable part played by foreign volunteers.

JEWISH AGENCY BEGINS WORLDWIDE BROADCASTS TO JEWS IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The series of experimental broadcasts by the Jewish Agency here to Jewish communities throughout the world began last night at 11:30 P.M., Israel time, in Hebrew, Yiddish, English, French and Spanish. The chief objectives of the experimental casts are to find suitable wavelengths and to test reception conditions in various world capitals.

The Jewish Agency has posted listeners in various countries and after the test casts they will report to officials here. Eliahu Dobkin, Agency immigration chief, declared that the regular broadcasts will begin on Dec. 15, financed by a monthly budget of approximately 10,000 pounds (\$28,000.)

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORDAU'S BIRTH TO BE MARKED BY PUBLICATION OF VOLUME ABOUT HIM

TEL AVIV, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary of the birth of Max Nordau, German Zionist leader and author and colleague of Theodor Herzl, will be celebrated here Sunday by the publication of a pamphlet dealing with Nordau's share in Zionist achievements. The pamphlet will be published by the executive of the World Zionist Organization.

In the pamphlet, tribute also will be paid to Anna Nordau, his widow, and to Maxa, his daughter, who now lives in New York City. The pamphlet will contain a letter from Israel Premier David Ben Gurion stressing the "profound feeling of the government over the unforgettable acts" of the Zionist leader. The "Zionist Library" of the World Zionist Organization is in process of publishing a new edition in Hebrew and Yiddish of all of Nordau's works.

"SHEKOLIM" SALE FOR ELECTIONS TO 23RD WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS MUST END BY FEBRUARY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The sale of "Shekolim" for the April, 1950, elections to the 23rd World Zionist Congress--which will be held here in the summer of next year--must be completed during the second half of February, an announcement by the executive of the World Zionist Organization said today.

JEWISH POPULATION OF JERUSALEM REACHES 100,000; SPECIAL CEREMONY TO BE HELD

JERUSALEM, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Jerusalem has reached 100,000, it was announced here today. The 100,000th ration card will be issued for a resident of this city at special ceremonies on Sunday in which Minister for Food and Supply Dov Joseph will participate.

EAST GERMAN REPUBLIC CONSTITUTION MAKES PROPAGATION OF RACE HATRED PUNISHABLE OFFENSE

BERLIN, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The dissemination of propaganda designed to incite race hatred is declared a punishable offense in Article 6 of the Constitution of the East German Republic. The clause also states that persons convicted of the propagation of race hatred shall be disqualified from holding government posts and shall be disenfranchised and debarred from taking any leading post in the economic and cultural spheres.

(Dr. Friedrich Wolf, noted German-Jewish author of "Dr. Mamlock" and other plays, has been appointed the East German Republic's first envoy to Poland, it was announced in Warsaw today. A delegation of writers and intellectuals, headed by East Germany's Education Minister Paul Wandel, and including Jewish writer Arnold Zweig arrived in the Polish capital to participate in a Johann Wolfgang Goethe Festival.)

OFFENBACH CITY COUNCIL ELECTS JEWISH DOCTOR HEAD PHYSICIAN REVERSING PREVIOUS VOTE

MUNICH, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- By a vote of 29 to 15 the city council of Offenbach last night reversed its previous decision and elected Dr. Herbert Lewin, a Jewish physician, head of the women's clinic at the municipal hospital. Dr. Lewin's election marks the end of a controversy which began in September when the municipal authorities cancelled his appointment because he was a Jew.

As a result Offenbach's deputy mayor was suspended by the City Council. United States Military Government officials ordered an investigation. It was reported that the ousted official had expressed the feeling that Lewin "might resent treating non-Jews" because Jews had been mistreated under Nazi rule.

VIENNESE JEWISH COMMUNITY PROTESTS "INCREASED NAZI ACTIVITY" TO POLICE CHIEF

VIENNA, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community of this city, in a letter to the Vienna chief of police, today protested increased Nazi activity in the city. The protest revealed the discovery of a swastika flag on the steps of the offices of the Jewish Community which adjoins Vienna's lone remaining synagogue.

The letter also noted several occasions when anti-Semitic posters and slogans were displayed and the "Horst Wessel" song was sung publicly. The letter concluded that there "obviously exists in Austria a well-organized Nazi movement" and asked the chief of police to suppress it.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF RUMANIA HONORS MEMORY OF JEWISH LABOR LEADER KILLED IN 1929

BUCHAREST, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- A tribute to the memory of Dr. M. Aroneanu, Rumanian Jewish labor leader who was killed by the police in 1929, was paid today by Ion Niculi, Vice President of Rumania, in a message translated into Yiddish and broadcast over the government radio.

The Vice President praised the work of the Jewish leader "who sacrificed his life for his people." He recalled the role played by Dr. Aroneanu in the Rumanian trade-union movement in the period 1901-1920, and declared that he had been arrested by the police authorities at Bacau while organizing a strike and killed by strangulation after four days of torture.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS ASK INTERNATIONALIZATION OF FORMER GERMAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS

PARIS, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- A number of Socialist members of the French National Assembly submitted a resolution yesterday calling on the government to use its influence for the internationalization of former German concentration camps and the erection of monuments to the "memory of martyred victims of Hitlerian barbarity" it was reported here today.

GREEK JEWISH COMMUNAL PARLEY ELECTIONS NEW ADMINISTRATORS OF REHABILITATION FUND

ATHENS, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The first assembly of the Jewish communities of Greece on the problems of the Jewish Rehabilitation Fund closed here last night following the election of nine new members to the board of administrators of the Fund, which uses the proceeds of hairless Jewish property to help rehabilitate Greek Jewry. The representatives of 18 communities participated in the parley.

A board of supervisors, representing the communities, was also elected. It will act as a liaison group between the Fund administrators and the communities. The parley adopted resolutions thanking the World Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee for their aid in having the Greek Government pass a Jewish property restitution law and establish the Rehabilitation Fund.

ORT'S WORK IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA, RUMANIA CONSIDERED AT END. OFFICIAL REPORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The work of the ORT in Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria may be considered at an end, although the institutions established by the ORT in the latter two countries still bear the name of ORT, Alexander Dolowitz, treasurer of the American ORT Federation, declared in a report on the recent Paris meeting of the World ORT Union executive.

Current enrollment of students in ORT schools in 19 countries is 16,000, he reported, adding that 70 trade courses are being offered at the present time. A new administrative committee of the American ORT was elected at the meeting to which the report was presented.

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF AGUDAS ISRAEL DECIDES TO EXPAND ACTIVITIES IN NORTH AFRICA

PARIS, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The European conference of the Agudas Israel, which concluded here yesterday, decided to intensify its activities in North Africa. A special committee to implement this decision was chosen.

It was also decided that political resolutions agreed to at the parley will be submitted to the world executive meeting of the Agudah, scheduled to be held in New York in mid-November. Earlier, the delegates heard reports on the situation of Jews in Eastern Europe, particularly as it affects Jewish religious life.

INTERNATIONAL RABBINICAL CONFERENCE CALLS FOR INCORPORATION OF JERUSALEM IN ISRAEL

PARIS, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The incorporation of Jerusalem within the state of Israel, and close cooperation between Israel and the Diaspora (Jews dispersed in various countries), were urged yesterday in resolutions adopted at a world Rabbinical Conference here, attended by rabbis from France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Switzerland and Luxembourg.

Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Israel Minister of Religion who was the guest of honor, stressed that the rules of religion must be "in harmony with the necessities underlying the existence of the state," and he emphasized the importance of the Beth Din as the first step toward the reestablishment of the Sanhedrin, the ancient tribunals of elders.

JACK MINCER, JEWISH CIVIC AND COMMUNAL LEADER, NAMED MAYOR OF JOHANNESBURG

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- Jack Mincer, a Jewish civic and communal leader, has been named the new mayor of Johannesburg for the next year. Mr. Mincer was vice-mayor of the city this year. His election, by the municipal council, was unanimous.

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FOURTH ANNUAL JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL MEETING OPENS; NATIONAL GOAL IS \$6,800,000

DETROIT, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- American Jewish communal leaders from all states today convened here for the three-day fourth annual meeting of the Joint Defense Appeal. The J.D.A. is the fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The J.D.A. is currently seeking \$6,826,115.

A major feature of the conference will be workshop sessions devoted to the problems facing Jewry in the major social areas of civil rights, education, community service and foreign affairs. National authorities slated to lead the workshop sessions include John Slawson, A.J.C. executive vice-president, and Benjamin R. Epstein, A.D.L. national director. The parley keynote address will be delivered by Justice Meir Steinbrink, national chairman of the A.D.L.; and major policy addresses will be made by Jacob Blaustein, president of the A.J.C.; and Judge Joseph M. Frankfurter, honorary president of the A.J.C. National Commander George N. Craig of the American Legion will deliver the main address Sunday.

N.Y. STATE COMMITTEE ON DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING OPENS CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- An all-out campaign to stop discrimination and segregation in housing during the coming year was announced by the New York State Committee on Discrimination in Housing today. Coincident with the publication of a 24-page pamphlet, "Forbidden Neighbors," designed to arouse public opinion to the evils of discriminatory housing, the State Committee will launch an ambitious legislative and educational program.

Among the organizations cooperating with the State Committee are the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and Jewish Labor Committee.

WORLD SEPHARDIC LEADERS CALL ON U.S. TO INTERVENE IN BEHALF OF JEWS IN IRAQ

NEW YORK, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government was urged yesterday at a meeting of Sephardic Jewish leaders now in this country to intervene with Iraqi authorities to "put an immediate halt to the anti-Jewish excesses in that country." The meeting was called by the World Federation of Sephardic Communities and was addressed by Y. Zerubavel, member of the Jewish Agency executive and director of the Agency's department for Middle East Jews.

Among those who participated in the meeting were Dr. Isaac Alcalai, chief rabbi of the Sephardic community here; Simon S. Nissim, president of the World Federation of Sephardic Communities; Moise Ventura, president of the Sephardic community in Buenos Aires; Dr. A. Benhitrit, leader of the Sephardic community in Colombia; and Marcel Franco, former president of the Istanbul Jewish community.

ALIYAH CHIEF LAUDS PEOPLE OF NORWAY AND FRANCE FOR AID TO ORPHANED JEWISH CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Nov. 4. (JTA) -- Moshe Kol, director of the Youth Aliyah department of the Jewish Agency, paid tribute yesterday to the "Christian humanity of the people of Norway and France for their rescue of orphaned Jewish children."

Addressing a news conference, Mr. Kol declared that "hundreds of devout Christians in Norway have taken in waifs from North Africa and European DP camps, no matter what their physical condition." The cost to the Norwegians in preparing shelters for the youngsters has already reached \$250,000 while the maintenance costs are \$150,000 annually, he added.

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