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U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION PREPARING NEW STATEMENT ON JERUSALEM PROBLEM

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine is completing preparation of a new statement on the Jerusalem question to be issued next Monday or shortly thereafter, it was reliably learned here today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

It is understood the statement will seek to "clarify" points in the Commission plan for control of the Jerusalem area which the Commission feels require clarification before debate on the Plan begins in a week or so in the General Assembly Special Committee. What direction these interpreted comments will take is not revealed but it is considered significant that the Commission finds it necessary to issue a further report on the Jerusalem question.

A member of the Commission emphasized to the JTA today that the internationalization plan issued by the Commission last September was intended to be no more than a basis for discussion in the Assembly. Also stressed were the proposals in the plan for the "greatest degree of local autonomy."

It was learned in American circles close to the Palestine issue that the United States delegation has also stressed the fact that the plan is to be regarded as opening the discussion on the topic and not to be looked upon as the final work on the subject. The American delegation, it was said, supports the plan with an "open mind" as far as modifications are concerned.

A delegation of top Arab diplomats have an appointment for Monday with Acting Secretary of State James E. Webb, it was announced by the State Department in Washington. The delegation includes the ambassadors of Egypt and Saudi Arabia and the Ministers of Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Transjordan. The Arabs have not indicated exactly what they want to discuss.

At a meeting yesterday the Commission completed drawing up its "confidential" reply to an Israel correction of the Commission's conciliation procedure. This reply is to be handed over to the Israel delegation tomorrow.

TRANSJORDAN WILL NOT PERMIT PILGRIMS TO CROSS ARAB-ISRAEL LINES IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Transjordan representatives on the mixed Transjordan-Israel armistice commission have declined to discuss arrangements for Holy Year pilgrims to pass from Israel territory to Arab-controlled areas in Jerusalem because Transjordan will not permit such passage, Israel announced late yesterday.

It is also understood that the Transjordanians have indicated that they will prevent pilgrims from proceeding from the Old City to Jewish Jerusalem. The Arab action follows closely upon the announcement by Israel that it would do the utmost in facilitating freedom of movement for all pilgrims in Jerusalem.

(In Rome yesterday Pope Pius XII urged all Roman Catholics to undertake "a crusade of prayers" in the hope that the United Nations would arrive at a just settlement of the issue of the Holy Places in Palestine.)

OPPOSITION PARTIES IN KNESSET RIP INTO BEN CURION'S STATEMENT OF POLICY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Representatives of the opposition parties yesterday ripped into Premier Ben Gurion's statement of policy to the Knesset last Tuesday and Wednesday. His two-part analysis of Israel's internal and foreign policies, both past and future, was the target of Mapam, Herut and General Zionist attacks.

Opening the debate, Mapam leader Israel Bar Yehuda asserted that the Premier had failed to submit an over-all economic plan for the country, but had substituted instead an announcement of a project to plant millions of trees which, he said, "hardly qualified as an economic plan and certainly would not solve the country's difficult problems." Mr. Bar Yehuda also attacked the government for its "inclination" to accept a suggestion by the Palestine Potash Company that it sell its concession for Dead Sea mineral exploitation--which has fifty-five years to run--to the Dupont Corporation of America. He charged that such an action "would be detrimental to the country's interests and would be liable to lead to a severe economic crisis."

Herut Leader Menachem Beigin expressed fear that the coalition government's failure to draft a constitution might result in that government remaining in office beyond the four-year term stipulated by the Knesset. He announced that his party would present a motion in the Knesset demanding that a constitution be adopted before the end of 1949. He attacked the government's devaluation of the Israel pound (from \$3.00 to \$2.80) and also lashed out at the austerity policy, which he charged "famines" the population and will produce a generation of invalids.

Dr. Fritz Bernstein, General Zionist leader, declared that the "single fact" which he had learned from the Premier's statement of policy was that the government does not plan to modify its present economic policy. He criticized that policy because it was an attempt, he said, to achieve "socialism in our time." He expressed concern over the "growing deterioration of the economic situation" and took the coalition government to task for failing to absorb 100,000 immigrants who are still in transient camps.

Pinchas Lubianiker, top ranking Mapai deputy, charged that Mr. Beigin and other opposition spokesmen, by their "libellous propaganda," were causing capital to flee the country. He asserted that the government's present economic policy was a system in which private capital and "collective labor initiative" were dovetailed.

U.N. ECONOMIC EXPERTS MEET WITH ISRAEL GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS LEADERS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- A sub-committee of economic and financial experts of the United Nations Economic Survey Mission to the Middle East conferred yesterday with representatives of the Israel Government and with Israel trade and financial leaders.

In sessions which lasted three hours, the U.N. experts asked for and received a myriad of details concerning the country's economic, financial, and currency problems. The U.N. financial experts met with a number of directors of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, headed by S.S. Hecofien, manager of the Bank and Israel's economic czar. The U.N. representatives will hold several more meetings with Israel experts and will then tour the country.

LEBANESE FRONTIER GUARDS ARREST 22 SYRIAN JEWS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Twenty-two Jews from the Syrian city of Aleppo who attempted to cross the Lebanese frontier into Israel have been arrested by Lebanese border patrols who intend to return them to Syria, the newspaper Hadar reported.

JEWISH LEADERS FROM BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY REVEAL NEW WAVE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- A resurgence of anti-Semitic propaganda in the German press of the Western zones has prompted leaders of the Jewish Central Committee of the British zone to visit London for what they today described as urgent consultations with leading Jewish organizations here. The two-man delegation is composed of Joseph Rosensaft and Norbert Wollheim.

They revealed that there had been a recent wave of desecrations in Jewish cemeteries, necessitating greater efforts at placing memorials to Nazi victims under international protection. The German authorities, they said, are either unable or unwilling to bring the perpetrators to justice. They declared that the latest of a series of outrages was the erasure of one zero in the figures engraved on memorial headstones indicating the number of victims buried in each mass grave at Belsen, former site of a Nazi extermination camp.

(The two German Jews expressed considerable anxiety over a new, malicious campaign in the press, alleging that Jews were "smuggling out millions in German banknotes" and writing of the "fifteenth millionaire" who recently emerged from the Belsen camp. Such lies, repeated over and over, are even being quoted in court decisions, Mr. Wollheim said, without any legal redress being possible, since group libel is not actionable under German law.)

Mr. Rosensaft emphasized that conditions in the British zone made it more than ever advisable that the largest possible number of surviving Jews there emigrate abroad. He also warned that not too much credence should be given the statements of leaders in the West German Republic on the Jewish question. "I have it on responsible authority," he said, "that these declarations are not made spontaneously but are issued under considerable pressure."

AUSTRIAN JEWISH SOCIALISTS PROTEST RECENT ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS TO INTERIOR MINISTER

VIENNA, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Austrian Socialist Party members of the Jewish community here today protested to Dr. Oskar Helmer, Interior Minister, against recent anti-Semitic acts.

The Cabinet member promptly ordered an inquiry into the reported incidents and assured members of the protesting delegation that his ministry would not permit any provocative acts against Austrian Jews. At the same time, he urged his callers not to attribute excessive significance to isolated incidents.

BRITISH MOSLEYITES CONVICTED FOR SINGING NAZI SONGS AND MAKING ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS

LONDON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Seven followers of fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley were found guilty today of disorderly conduct in singing Nazi songs at a recent demonstration in London's famous Piccadilly Circus and shouting such anti-Semitic slogan as: "Down with the Yids."

Sir Laurence Dunne, the presiding magistrate, fined two of the accused five and two pounds, respectively, and suspended sentence on the remaining five. He declared, however, that he did not consider the incident as particularly grave, stressing that British citizens were at liberty to give expression to their political credo provided demonstrators did not exceed the limits of the law.

FRENCH COLLABORATIONIST WHO DENOUNCED JEWS TO NAZIS GETS TEN YEAR SENTENCE

PARIS, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Jean Begthier, charged with denouncing seven Jews to the Gestapo during the Nazi occupation, was sentenced today to ten years at hard labor by a special Seine tribunal. The seven Jews, who were hiding in a hotel in the Hautes Alpes Department, were deported to Germany. Only one lived to return to France.

LEGISLATION TO REDUCE DISCRIMINATION DEMANDED BY TRUMAN IN TALK TO N.C.C.J. PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- President Truman today demanded legislation "to reduce discrimination based on prejudice" in an address before the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The Conference met here to map plans for Brotherhood Week, to be held in February, 1950.

President Truman said he asked the Federal Government to participate actively in efforts to achieve greater justice for minority groups. He stated: "I do not see how we can do otherwise than adopt such legislation. If we look at ourselves in the true spirit of brotherhood, we must acknowledge that in the United States there are instances of discrimination and injustice because of difference in color, religion, or national origin. But we are working diligently to overcome these violations of the fundamental faith which holds us together. It is encouraging to see that Americans all over the country are growing more and more aware of the importance of this problem.

"The first step of every enemy of this country has always been to separate the different strands of faith and belief out of which this nation has been woven. Our enemies have tried to set group against group, faith against faith--to create prejudice and distrust among our people. All the faiths represented here claim as a common heritage the great thoughts of the Hebrew Prophets. The Prophets were among the first of men who saw that the concept of the Fatherhood of God required men to do justice to one another.

"The great service of the National Conference of Christians and Jews is to fight against the forces of intolerance, to bring light to the dark byways of prejudice, and to spread the spirit of tolerance and brotherhood which unites our country. With the help of your organization and others like it, we have been able to play an important part in the United Nations in developing such historic international documents as the Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on Genocide."

The Conference later reelected its national officers and approved a drive for \$3,500,000 to finance the expanded program planned for 1950.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT U.S. TO HAVE DECISIVE VOTE ON U.J.A.'S DRIVE NEXT YEAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- All "important decisions as to the objectives and scope of the 1950 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will be made by Jewish communities through the widest democratic representation" at the U.J.A.'s national conference, opening in Atlantic City on Nov. 25, it was announced today by the Appeal's national chairmen--William Rosenwald, Judge Morris Rothenberg and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

The announcement by the U.J.A. leaders disclosed that a "formula has been devised to enlarge and broaden the base of community representation on the preparatory sub-committee that will be charged with drafting and adopting resolutions and recommending a quota for the 1950 drive of the U.J.A."

"Under the new formula," it was added, "every Jewish community in the country with at least 2,000 Jewish residents will have a minimum of one representative on the sub-committee. Communities with a Jewish population in excess of 40,000 will have three representatives, while New York City will have 15 representatives, in view of its large Jewish population. These representatives will be selected by the communities themselves."

In addition, the eight regions of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will select two representatives each and 25 individuals will be chosen from the country at large. Last year the preparatory sub-committee was composed of representatives of 67 top communities. The total membership of this year's committee will be 214 as compared with 136 for the 1949 conference.

A.J.C. CONVENTION APPROVES EXPULSION OF LEFT-WING GROUPS; VOTE IS 345 TO 163

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress, by a vote of 345 to 163, late last night voted to accept the report of Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director, which was tantamount to approval of actions taken by both the A.J.C. administrative and executive committees in expelling two affiliated groups as well as the Metropolitan Detroit chapter of the Congress.

Expulsion of the American Jewish Labor Council and the Jewish Peoples' Fraternal Order, left-wing groups, was ordered six months ago for "breaches of discipline." The Detroit chapter's charter was revoked about three months ago, on the ground that its members also failed to maintain discipline. The faction favoring acceptance of the report was led by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Congress executive committee, while Rabbi Shepherd Baum, of Brooklyn, N.Y., led the opposition.

Earlier, Robert Nathan, economic consultant to the Jewish Agency, speaking on "The Jewish State and the Jewish People," criticized those U.S. officials who sought to tie in American aid to Israel with a proposal to internationalize Jerusalem. He added: "I do not see intergovernment loans to Israel as likely soon because some people, including some of our own State Department diehards on Zionism, will make internationalization of Jerusalem and the repatriation of Arab refugees conditions of further economic aid. Neither is feasible."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting president of the World Jewish Congress, urged increased support from the A.J.C. for the work of halting the terror faced by Jewish communities in Moslem states, particularly in Iraq. "The fundamental task of the W.J.C.," he said, "is to express and strengthen the unity of the Jewish people all over the world which is endangered by the widening gap between East and West in international affairs and which assumed increased importance after the creation of Israel."

AID TO JEWRY OVERSEAS HAS LED TO NEGLECT OF WELFARE NEEDS IN U.S., J.D.A. PARLEY TOLD

DETROIT, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Prolonged emphasis on Jewish overseas needs has led American Jewry to neglect the needs of its welfare and civic agencies in the U.S., Justice Meier Steinbrink, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, declared today at the opening session of the fourth annual meeting of the national council of the Joint Defense Appeal.

More than 400 Jewish leaders representing communities of 41 states are attending the three-day parley. The J.D.A. is the fund-raising agency of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League.

Asserting that American Jewry had whole-heartedly supported the overseas rescue movement and the establishment of Israel, Justice Steinbrink declared: "Not all of us could see eye to eye with the ideological drives that went along with the rescue movements, but we did not cavil. We were concerned with only one thing--the rescue of the remnant, no matter what the cost. Now, however, the accumulated problems of our Jewish communal life in this country can be neglected no longer, we must meet them and solve them if Jewish life in this country is to continue strong and healthy."

Justice Steinbrink said that the success of the A.J.C. and A.D.L. efforts is proof that the "lunatic fringe and terrorist groups which loomed so frighteningly in the anti-Semitic picture in the 1930's have disintegrated and are no longer a serious threat." He warned, however, that adequate financial support for the programs of the two J.D.A. agencies is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain as a result of the continued emphasis on Jewish overseas needs.

NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH BOOK MONTH OPENS; 400 COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATE

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The nationwide observance of Jewish Book Month opened today in some 400 communities under the auspices of the Jewish Book Council of America, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Close to 2,000 Jewish groups, including community centers, schools and synagogues, will participate in the program through lectures, seminars, symposia, discussions, essay and declamation contests, pageants, book fairs, radio and television programs and book exhibits.

Jewish Book Month will also be noted this year in Latin America and Europe. Anniversaries commemorating great Jewish writers, scholars, poets and early Zionist leaders will be marked during Jewish Book Month, while Jewish Book Sabbath will be noted in the synagogues of America on Dec. 3.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AWARDS MEDALLION OF HONOR TO ISRAEL MINISTER MYERSON

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Mrs. Israel Goldstein, president of the Pioneer Women, will accept tonight a Medallion of Honor awarded to Israel Labor Minister Golda Myerson at the annual Women's International Exposition. Mrs. Myerson, now in Tel Aviv, was singled out as the "outstanding woman of Israel."

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF MIZRACHI IN CANADA MARKED THIS WEEK-END

MONTREAL, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Mizrahi Organization of Canada will be marked at the group's annual convention, opening here tonight and continuing through the week-end. Some 300 delegates from all sections of the Dominion are expected to attend the parley.

The convention is under the joint sponsorship of the Mizrahi, Mizrahi Women and Hapoel Hamizrachi organizations in the country. Discussions on the "establishment of a Mizrahi city in Israel and the promotion of religious Jewish education throughout Canada" will be highlighted, it was announced. Speakers will include Rabbi Zeev Gold, member of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem.

MAURICE LEVIN TO HEAD \$15,000,000 DRIVE OF JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Maurice Levin announced yesterday that he has resigned the chairmanship of the board of directors of Hearn Department Stores, Inc., to devote his time to his new post as chairman of the National Committee on Endowment Development of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The Seminary is seeking an endowment of \$15,000,000.

TWO HIAS LEADERS DIE; ISADORE HERSHFELD, GROUP'S COUNSEL IN WASHINGTON, WAS 80

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- The death of two HIAS officials was made known here last night. Isadore Hershfeld, 80, who served as counsel of HIAS in Washington since 1923, died in the nation's capital after suffering a brief illness. For the past decade he was honorary secretary of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

Benjamin J. Weinberg, associate treasurer of the HIAS and vice-president of the Pennsylvania Exchange Bank here, died at the age of 50. He was a member of the executive committees of the American and World Jewish Congress and was also active in Zionist affairs.