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Z.O.A. JEWISH AGENCY AGREE ON ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ISRAEL PROJECTS, FRISCH ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The conclusion of an agreement among the Zionist Organization of America, the Jewish Agency and the World Confederation of General Zionists for the allocation of \$1,250,000 to the Z.O.A. for constructive projects in Israel was announced here today by Daniel Frisch, president of the Z.O.A.

Addressing several hundred Zionist leaders from all parts of the country at a meeting of the Z.O.A. National Administrative Committee, Mr. Frisch revealed that the agreement was reached after months of negotiations. In return, he disclosed, the Z.O.A. has "momentarily yielded its right to enter upon a special campaign" and is urging complete concentration of all Jewish forces on the forthcoming United Jewish Appeal drive.

Mr. Frisch made clear his stand that he still believes in the complete unification of all funds, raised for Israel, in the United Jewish Appeal. In this connection he alluded to separate fund-raising by other Zionist groups in this country. "This conviction we shall defend at every opportunity, while defending our claim to our own share in the funds, that is adequate for our work in Israel." He also revealed that the arrangement between the Z.O.A. and the Jewish Agency was unanimously approved by the representatives of all Zionist parties on the Agency executive.

Mr. Frisch revealed that of the total granted to the Z.O.A. for its projects in Israel, the sum of \$500,000 would be made available from and through the Confederation of General Zionists in Israel, to be spent by the Z.O.A. mostly for the purpose of strengthening the credit facilities and the social services of the "small man" in Israel, and \$750,000 by the Agency to finance two Z.O.A. colonies in Israel to be built in accordance with the plans and directions of the Z.O.A. and settled by a special group selected by the Z.O.A. The number of settlers, as reported by Mr. Frisch, will run to about 200, two-thirds of whom are expected to come from the United States, and the remainder to be selected by the Z.O.A. from those in Israel.

ISRAEL BLUEPRINTS POPULATION SHIFTS, EXPANSION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURIST AIDS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13 (JTA) -- The planning division of Premier David Ben Gurion's office has just completed a blueprint of five national plans, it was announced today. The projects are based on the assumption that the population of the country will reach two-and-a-half million inhabitants in the near future.

The first plan deals with the distribution of population, whereby 20 to 25 per cent of the wage-earners would work in agriculture. The second outlines a national communications network to improve economic transportation. The third provides for the concentration of heavy industries near the ports and the lighter industries near the smaller towns.

The fourth involves exclusive areas reserved for the tourist trade. It calls for the allocation of specific regions for hotels, boarding-houses and entertaining arrangements. The fifth is devoted to the separation of agricultural areas according to categories of cultivation.

LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS AT U.N. TO ASK ALL RELIGIONS BE HEARD ON JERUSALEM PROBLEM

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A number of leading Latin American delegations will demand that the representatives of all major religions be heard by the U.N. Political Committee on the fate of Jerusalem, it was learned here today. Meanwhile, several Latin American delegations were known to be studying Pope Pius' latest pronouncement on the protection of the Holy Places in Jerusalem, which omitted all reference to the "internationalization" of the city.

The U.N. Conciliation Commission this week-end delayed its answer to the Israel demand that the Commission assist it in direct negotiations with the Arab states. The Commission, which has already drafted its reply and which had been prepared to release the reply yesterday, is waiting until later this week, possibly until after the meeting in Washington tomorrow between Assistant Secretary of State James E. Webb and the representatives of the Arab states.

The conference of Arab representatives at the State Department is not for the purpose of considering an "Atlantic Pact for the Middle East," Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanese delegate at the U.N., asserted this week-end. However, Dr. Malik declined to reveal why the Arabs had requested the conference or what would be discussed.

SPEEDY SOLUTION OF JERUSALEM PROBLEM IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL SEEN BY U.N. CIRCLES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The speedy solution of the Jerusalem problem along the lines suggested by Israel was foreseen today in United Nations circles here. It is believed that Transjordan will grant Israel's demands for the Jerusalem-Latron road and for free access to Mt. Scopus and the Mount of Olives.

The U.N. representatives base their opinion on the mutual desire of both states to avoid an international regime for Jerusalem and to keep any such regime from interfering with their own plans for the city. Faced by the Conciliation Commission's plan for internationalization and the loss of absolute control of the Old City, Abdullah will deal with the Jews, the U.N. circles believe.

Negotiations between the Israel Government and Catholic Church authorities here over Church property on Israel-held Mount Zion have been resumed after an interruption of several weeks. Meanwhile, Franciscan and Benedictine monks have been permitted to return to the Dormition Church, in the Jewish-occupied area, for purposes of inspecting its valuable library.

The reunion of dispersed refugee families and the demarcation of frontiers were discussed between Israel and Lebanese representatives on the Mixed Armistice Commission in a meeting at Metullah. A decision was reached to form a subcommittee to devise measures to guard against infiltration and frontier incidents.

ISRAEL MINISTER IN MOSCOW FLIES TO MEET SHARETT IN PARIS; TO DISCUSS SOVIET SITUATION

MOSCOW, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Israel Minister Mordecai Namir flew to Prague this morning on the way to Paris in response to a summons from Tel Aviv to meet Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett at the French capital. Mr. Sharett is en route to Lake Success.

Israel sources here said that Mr. Sharett wanted to confer with Mr. Namir on developments in the Soviet Union. Mr. Sharett is expected to meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky at Lake Success.

WARSAW RADIO CONFIRMS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TAKING OVER JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

LONDON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A Yiddish broadcast from Warsaw heard here last night officially confirmed that Polish Government agencies will take over all Jewish institutions in the country by the end of this year. The announcer stated that the Jewish Central Committee of Poland has called a plenary session for next week-end to discuss the new situation.

Meanwhile, Jewish Communist organs in Poland have begun a campaign in support of the new arrangement. They greet the move as a blow to "Zionist nationalism" and assert that the Jewish institutions will gain from the arrangement because their income will be assured.

MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR OF OFFENBACH RESIGN FOLLOWING INQUIRY INTO ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENT

FRANKFURT, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Mayor of Offenbach, Johannes Rebholz, and his deputy, Dr. Karl Kasperkowitz, have resigned because of "ill health," it was announced here today. Both were involved in the city's refusal to appoint Dr. Herbert Lewin, a Jew, as chief physician of the Offenbach Women's Hospital. Following an investigation by German provincial authorities and the American occupation authorities, Dr. Lewin was appointed to the post.

Ferdinand Goehler, 59, was sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment by a German court at Stuttgart for the murder of five Jews in the Bornhagen ghetto. Goehler was sent by the Nazis to Turek, Poland, as High Commissioner in 1940.

ISRAEL CONSUL GENERAL IN ATHENS NAMED TO HEAD GREEK JEWISH HEIRLESS PROPERTY FUND

ATHENS, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Asher Moissis, Israel consul-general in Greece, was this week-end elected chairman of the recently formed Jewish Foundation of Heirless Properties.

Meanwhile, Jewish leaders said that the once-flourishing but small Jewish community of Florina, near the Greek-Yugoslav frontier, is gradually disappearing. Before the war, the community numbered 400 Jews, most of them merchants, but only 88 survived the Nazi persecutions and half of that number have since settled in Israel. The remaining half are also expected to emigrate to the new nation.

BURMESE JEWISH COMMUNITIES DISSOLVING AS MEMBERS GATHER IN RANGOON EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in Burma are rapidly disappearing, according to an article in the current issue of the Jewish Chronicle here. Most of the Jews in that country have left for overseas or are gathered in Rangoon, awaiting transportation to Israel.

BRITISH SYNAGOGUES PRESENT TORAHS FOR ISRAEL TO DR. MAIMON AT SPECIAL SERVICES

LONDON, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Some 25 to 35 Torahs, donated by British synagogues for distribution to Israel congregations, were presented today to Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Israel Minister for Religion, at special services at the Sephardic Synagogue here, it was announced by the Mizrahi Federation. Previously, 30 scrolls had been sent by the British Mizrahi Organization to Israel.

U.S. JEWS MUST PROMOTE BETTER INTER-COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING, BLAUSTEIN TELLS J.D.A.

DETROIT, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, told 400 delegates to the Joint Defense Appeal meeting here this week-end that Jewish communities in this country have the "permanent obligation" of promoting better human relations among all groups in American life. The J.D.A. is the fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League.

The Jewish leaders, representing 41 states, were told by Mr. Blaustein that this "permanent obligation" must enjoy the same measure of support that the Jewish people give to local, national and overseas philanthropies. "For it should be obvious," he declared, "that the continued stability of American Jewry is essential if we are to maintain our communal life in all its institutional forms, and to assist Jews abroad and in Israel to achieve security for themselves."

Mr. Blaustein maintained it is no longer sufficient for American Jews to concern themselves exclusively with philanthropic activities "as essential as they are," but must take a widespread and active interest in civil, political, economic and religious positions concerning themselves and their fellow Americans.

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, told the conference that America cannot maintain its international "leadership for peace" if discrimination against minorities discredits the United States in the eyes of world opinion. Terming the need for America's "150 odd religious sects and 60 national region groups to learn to live together in amity and dignity" the "number one problem," Dr. Slawson declared the key to the solution lay in the shift from "philanthropy for the needy to healthy inter-sectarian and intergroup relations among our people." He urged Jews, as members of a religious group who have "suffered more than any other people from discrimination," to lend vigorous support to programs designed to foster intergroup amity.

"Great Strides" Made In Combatting Discrimination, ADL Director Says

Speaking before the panel on community services, Benjamin H. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said "great strides" in the field of combatting prejudice and discrimination have been made on a regional basis. The so-called Springfield Plan, the Montclair Audit, the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, New York State's Commission Against Discrimination, and Mayor's Committees for Unity are some of the most effective programs that have been tested in local communities and then adopted for national promotion, he said. He asserted that regional groups, familiar with their local problems are in the best position to "devise appropriate remedial action programs" which affect not only the laws but the morals of their community.

While there is a feeling of "direct and immediate responsibility" for the relief and rehabilitation of Jews throughout the world, there is almost no realization of equally urgent responsibility for the protection of their civil and economic rights, Simon Segal, A.J.C. foreign affairs director, declared at the panel on foreign affairs. Segal pointed out that not even immigration could permanently solve the problem of Jewish communities overseas unless "we create conditions under which Jews can develop as self-respecting citizens" of the countries where they now reside.

"American Jews have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in Europe for relief and rehabilitation. We have spent very little or practically nothing for the rehabilitation of Jewish cultural and communal life. It is up to the agencies like the A.J.C. and A.D.L. to help organize Jewish communities overseas in a way which would enable them to fight effectively for equality of rights."

NEWLY-APPOINTED SECRETARY OF INTERIOR KEYNOTES 35TH ANNUAL HADASSAH CONVENTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Promise of further American aid to Israel was held out in the keynote address to the 35th annual convention of the Hadassah here today by newly-appointed Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman. Secretary Chapman also read a message from President Truman to the 3,500 delegates and guests assembled in the San Francisco Opera House in the first Hadassah convention held on the West Coast. The President's message stated in part:

"It is reassuring to know that in addition to fulfilling their responsibilities as citizens, members of Hadassah are carrying forward the ideals of American democracy through the institutions they built and are supporting. I hope it will not be long before the international problems which confront the state of Israel in which they are so deeply interested will be solved peacefully and satisfactorily for all parties interested. I hope too that the internal problems which inevitably confront a new born nation will also be solved quickly and amicably.

"I am also hopeful that our country may be able to extend constructive assistance to the peoples of Israel and neighboring lands through the effectuation of our program on behalf of the peoples of the underdeveloped areas. Hadassah is taking the leadership in this field and making a great contribution to the welfare of people, not alone in Israel but in the Middle East. I wish them continued strength in their work."

Mr. Chapman declared that Israel's progress was so great that it was spreading to the adjoining Arab communities. He singled out for praise the gains of the new state in infant welfare, housing, health, sanitation, and the development and application of technical skills." He warned, however, that development of Israel's underdeveloped areas could be stalemated without "Point-Four" assistance from the U.S.

WOMEN'S DIVISION OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS CONVENTION OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Federal and state legislation which would insure "full and equal opportunity for all citizens" must be implemented by community interest in its enforcement, Justice Justice Wise Polier of Domestic Relations Court of this city declared last night at the opening of the convention of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress here.

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, former Jewish advisor to the U.S. Army in Germany, addressing the biennial national convention of the A.J.C., called for the rejection of Communism and its ideology by Jews in this country. He said that the A.J.C. should back a positive program for American Jews reflecting both American democratic institutions and aspirations and positive Jewish values. A.J.C. vice-president Shad Polier declared that the Congress, disassociating itself from totalitarianism whether of the right or left, recognized one as physically destructive of the Jewish people and the other as threatening the survival of Jews.

AMERICAN JEWS MUST ABSORB 60,000 DP'S BY JUNE, 1950, FAR WEST USNA-JDC PARLEY HEARS

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The American Jewish community must absorb 60,000 DP's before June 30, 1950, the out-off date of the present DP immigration act, because "either we get people out now or never," Joseph E. Beck, United Service for New Americans director, this week-end told an eight-state joint conference of the USNA and Joint Distribution Committee.

TEL AVIV MAYOR THANES COOPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN REMITTANCES TO EUROPE FOR PARCELS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A shipment of 300 CARE food packages, donated by Americans for Israel families in need of aid, has been received with "grateful thanks" by Israel Rokach, Mayor of Tel Aviv.

Although CARE has already delivered over 4,000 parcels sent by Americans to friends and relatives in Israel, this was the first distribution of "undesigned" packages. They were presented to Mayor Rokach, in a ceremony at his office, by Emanuel Borenstein, CARE mission chief in Tel Aviv.

N.Y. FEDERATION OF REFORM SYNAGOGUES ADOPTS "BIG BROTHER" PLAN FOR NEW CONGREGATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The New York Federation of Reform Synagogues today inaugurated a "Big Brother" plan for new congregations. The plan, approved by delegates at a meeting here representing 52 Reform synagogues in the metropolitan area, calls for the "adoption" by established congregations affiliated with the Federation of fledgling congregations for the purpose of guiding and assisting them in the initial stages of their development.

Herman M. Stein, President of Temple Israel of Lawrence, reported to the meeting that some 40 new synagogues had been organized in the last two years with the aid of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and that another 20 congregations are in the process of formation.

ALL JEWS OPPOSED TO CALENDAR REFORM PROPOSAL RAISED AT U.N., SABBATH LEAGUE SAYS

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The League for Safeguarding the Fixity of the Sabbath, representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewish groups in this country, as well as numerous lay Jewish organizations, pointed out in a statement issued this week-end that "practically all elements in Jewry are opposed" to the calendar reform proposals raised before the U.N. by the Panamanian delegation.

The League statement also noted that the "dislocation of the Sabbath from the seventh day is the only thing that is of grave concern to the Jews of the world."

LAZARUS AND ROSENSTIEL NAMED CHAIRMAN AND HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF RED MOGEN DOVID DINNER

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Lewis S. Rosenstiel, chairman of the board of Schenley Industries, and S. Ralph Lazarus, president of the Benrus Watch Company, have been named honorary chairman and chairman, respectively of the Red Mogen Dovid Dinner Committee, it was announced over the week-end by Congressman Emanuel Celler, chairman of the board of national sponsors of the American-Red Mogen Dovid for Israel. Herbert Bayard Swope will be toastmaster at the dinner which will be held Tuesday, December 6, at the Hotel Astor here.

ADOLPH HIRSCH, FOUNDER OF ARGENTINE HILFSVEREIN, J.D.C. WORKER, DIES AT AGE 66

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Adolf Hirsch, 66, died here this week-end after a long illness. Born in Mergentheim, Germany, Mr. Hirsch founded at Buenos Aires in 1933 the Hilfsverein for German Jews to help immigrants to be absorbed into Argentine life. An outstanding businessman and philanthropist, he was at the time of his death honorary president of the Hilfsverein, and was active in the local work of the Joint Distribution Committee.