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U.N. COMMISSION DEFENDS ITS PROPOSALS ON CONTROL OF JERUSALEM; CLARIFIES ITS VIEWS

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- In an unusual move, the U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine today released a statement defending its plan to establish a U.N. control organ for Jerusalem and seeking to allay fears, frequently expressed by Israel, that the plan would separate the city from the political life and authority of the "adjoining states."

The statement, forecast last week by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, admittedly resulted from the pressure of growing dissatisfaction with the Commission's blueprint of Jerusalem's future and was seen as a last-minute effort to mollify the critics before debate on the measure is launched shortly in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee.

The Commission's proposals, the statement says, have "given rise to a considerable number of critical comments and observations apparently based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the spirit and letter of the plan. The Commission, therefore, believes it desirable at this time to point out some of these misconceptions" and to outline the character of the proposals made.

Taking special pains to point out that the plan does not impose any overall political regime or denies the right of self-government, the statement declares that the purpose of the plan is "to bridge the gap between what in fact will be two separate jurisdictions in an otherwise geographically unified area."

Inhabitants of Jewish Part of Jerusalem to Retain Their Israel Rights

But the plan, says the Commission statement, "leaves to the governments of the adjoining states virtually all normal powers of government within the Arab and Jewish parts of Jerusalem." According to the plan, it is stated, the inhabitants of the area retain their present nationality and continue to enjoy all the rights and duties entailed in such nationality--their right to vote and hold public office and their duty to conform to national laws and to submit to the jurisdiction of national courts.

The proposals for the establishment of a general council in the plan "do not provide for a legislative body or for a U.N. substitute for the municipal government of the area," the statement asserts, but contemplate "only the establishment of an organ of coordination for matters of common interest to the two parts of the city which would in practice have only advisory and consultative functions with the Arab and Jewish authorities."

The proposed International Tribunal would have a similar status, the statement adds, and it is emphasized that these organs are the only machinery for international control suggested in the Commission's plans.

The statement also declares that replies to a Commission questionnaire by Israel and Arab delegations during the deliberations at Lausanne last summer were "largely the basis for the plan as finally submitted."

U.S. ARMY CONSIDERS REQUEST TO TRAIN ISRAEL OFFICERS IN AMERICAN MILITARY SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A U.S. Army spokesman revealed today that the Army has "under consideration" a request by the Israel Army for permission to send Israel Ground, Air Force and General Staff officers to U.S. military schools.

In response to a query on American Army policy toward the Israel Army, the Pentagon today made public the text of a letter from Col. Francis J. Graling, Army foreign liaison officer, to Col. Efraim Ben Arzi, military attache of the Israel Embassy here. The letter, which acknowledged Israel's request, reads:

"Your letter of 20th July 1949 which included a list of courses requested by the Defense Army of Israel has been received. Your request for vacancies at U.S. Army schools will be taken under consideration and as soon as I have an answer I will communicate further with you. In the meantime, for your information, the entire matter of training foreign nationals at U.S. Army service schools is under consideration. We have had numerous requests worldwide and at the present time are reviewing the entire situation in the light of our capacity to provide such training."

ENVOYS OF SEVEN ARAB COUNTRIES SUBMIT NOTE ON ISRAEL TO STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- An Arab League note, which Arab diplomats said was prompted by the imminence of renewed hostilities with Israel, was today handed to Acting Secretary of State James E. Webb by envoys of seven Moslem countries.

Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Kamil Abdul Rahim said the note was delivered because "we see actually that prospects of peace are dim." He acted as spokesman for the Ambassadors and Ministers of Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Transjordan and Lebanon, as well as for his own country. The Arabs called on Mr. Webb in a body to present the collective note.

Mr. Rahim said Israel, instead of implementing U.N. decisions, "has confronted the whole world with a fait accompli." He charged that a few months ago Israel "transferred its government administration" to Jerusalem "which was considered by the United Nations resolution of 1948 an international area." He accused Israel of deciding to "incorporate Jaffa, an Arab city, into Tel Aviv."

He declined to divulge the contents of the formal note delivered by his delegation to the Acting Secretary of State. Asked by newsmen if he expected a resumption of open warfare in the very near future, Mr. Rahim replied: "One cannot tell, but prospects are not pleasing." The note was prepared in accordance with a decision of the meeting of the Arab League in Cairo last month, Mr. Rahim said. It was also emphasized that the envoys were all acting on specific instructions of their governments.

Israel's Ambassador Calls Arab Note "Provocative"; Visits State Dept.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath called today's statement by the Ambassadors of the seven Arab states "provocative" and charged that its "bellicose tone" was calculated "to stir up emotions and impede conciliation."

Mr. Elath called at the State Department late today because of the earlier Arab visit. He conferred with Burton Y. Berry, director of the Office of Near Eastern Affairs, for more than a half-hour. He emphatically denied the Arab's allegations that Israel has withdrawn cooperation from the U.N. Conciliation Commission. He said the sole responsibility for the lack of peace lies with the Arabs who constantly rejected Israel's offer of direct negotiations.

NEW SITUATION IN AUSTRIA SPURS JEWS TO LEAVE COUNTRY; 1,160 EMIGRATE IN THREE WEEKS

VIENNA, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Jewish refugees taking temporary shelter in Austria have finally been galvanized into speeding up emigration to Israel or other countries. Leaders of the Jewish community in this country have been urging this course without avail for months. It took the October election, with its signs of rising neo-Nazism, to end the hesitations of the refugees.

A transport of 360 Jewish refugees left Vienna the first week of November and another 400 departed last week. Four hundred more are planning to leave this week. Most of these emigrants are refugees who had been in Austria for many months, without making up their minds about departing. Two Viennese camps for Jewish refugees--the Rothschild Hospital and the Arzberg School--are now reserved for newcomers and for sick and elderly persons who await rehabilitation. These two camps formerly housed a total of 4,000, but the present population is only 1,600. The Arzberg School will soon be closed as a camp.

60,000 APPLICANTS ASK 1,000,000,000 MARKS RESTITUTION IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

MUNICH, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Special restitution offices have been opened in 19 cities in the British zone of Germany since the promulgation of a restitution law in the zone, it was reported here today. Sixty thousand applications, asking 1,000,000,000 Deutschemarks, have already been filed with these offices.

The eleventh anniversary of the Nazi pogrom of Nov. 10, 1938, was marked in a number of churches and synagogues this week-end with the reading from the pulpit of a special message from the German Societies for Christians and Jews. The message called on the German people to "conquer" all kinds of race hatred and prejudice.

BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT TO CONSIDER INDEMNIFICATION FOR PRISONERS STERILIZED BY NAZIS

FRANKFURT, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- In order to complete the indemnification of Nazi persecutees, the Social Democrats yesterday introduced a measure in the Bavarian legislature to indemnify former religious, racial and political prisoners of the Nazis who were sterilized. The measure will be taken up in the forthcoming parliamentary session.

BRITISH PROSECUTOR FAVORS EXTRADITION TO USSR OF GERMAN WAR CRIMINAL WHO MURDERED JEWS

HAMBURG, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A British prosecutor here today told a court in this city that he favored the extradition to the U.S.S.R. or Poland of Erich Koch, former Gauleiter of East Prussia and Reichscommissar for the Ukraine during the war. Both countries have asked that Koch be released to stand trial for war crimes.

The prosecutor, M. Skinner, said that the requests for extradition are "fair" and that Koch was responsible for the shooting and hanging of tens of thousands of Jews and Russians in the town of Rovno. He revealed that at Koch's orders, Jews and Russians were executed twice a month and their bodies were piled up in the open, five deep, until the stench of decaying bodies hung over the entire city. Although the defendant admitted responsibility for the crimes, he said he never knew of the extent of the murders.

ISRAEL CONSULATE AND OFFICES OF JEWISH AGENCY WILL BE LIQUIDATED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Consulate here and the offices of the Jewish Agency are to be closed on Dec. 1, according to a statement today by Consul General Livneh. The consulate at Munich will continue its activities, he added, even after the imminent liquidation of the Jewish Agency office there.

WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL FOR WAR DAMAGE COMPENSATION

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A number of West European nations will shortly begin negotiations with Israel for compensation for damage suffered by their nationals or institutions in Israel during the Palestine war, Gershon Abner, head of the West European Division of the Foreign Ministry, told a press conference here today during a review of Israel's relations with the nations of Western Europe.

Referring to Israel's policy vis-a-vis France, he stated that except for the Jerusalem issue, both nations wanted to see a maintenance of the status quo. He expressed the hope that in relation to Jerusalem France will modify its position when it realizes the prevailing conditions in Jerusalem.

Alluding to the recent developments between the Western powers and Germany, the Foreign Ministry official said that a decision on the Israel policy toward that nation is imminent. He expressed the opinion that as Germany becomes a sovereign nation Israel will sever all relations with it and close up its consulates there. The relations between the Jewish state and Austria are somewhat different, he added, pointing to recent trade talks between the two.

Mr. Abner sounded a rather bitter note when he discussed relations with Greece. Despite Israel's willingness to forget Greece's attitude in the past, he said, no improvement is currently discernable in the attitude of the Greek authorities.

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMS EXPECTED TO GO VIA BEIRUT INSTEAD OF ISRAEL, U.N. OFFICIALS SAY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Refusal by Transjordan to permit Holy Year pilgrims to enter Transjordan-occupied territory from Israel will mean that the majority of the visitors will pass through Beirut, U.N. officials here said today. It was reported today that Amman authorities have already begun talks to set up an air shuttle service linking the Kalandia airfield near here with Cairo and Damascus.

In Tel Aviv an official communique revealed that facilities have been set aside to accommodate Holy Year pilgrims who may wish to visit Israel in 1950. Christians desiring to cross the Jewish state's frontiers at Christmas time will be allowed to do so, the government said.

The Israel Ministry of Religion today ordered that the job of cleaning up and repairing the damaged Dormition Church on Mt. Zion be started immediately.

HADASSAH RAISED TOTAL OF \$9,443,186 DURING PAST YEAR, CONVENTION DELEGATES TOLD

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A total of \$9,443,186 was raised by Hadassah during the past year, it was revealed today at the 35th annual convention of the women's Zionist organization of America by Mrs. Abraham Tulin, national treasurer. The sum represents an increase of more than \$500,000 over the sum obtained during the previous year.

Israel Consul-General for the West Coast Reuven Dafni, addressing the delegates, said: "With the aid of Jewish communities in all parts of the world in the absorption of newly-arrived immigrants, we can be on our feet in record time and will become a living example for all mankind of what can be done in the way of progress when modern technology and the prophetic belief of the possibility of achieving justice and peace in our time join hands."

JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL TO SEEK \$5,500,000 IN 1950; NATIONWIDE PARLEY IN DETROIT CLOSING

DETROIT, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The national council of the Joint Defense Appeal, fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League, decided at the closing session of its fourth annual meeting here last night to seek \$5,561,215 in 1950 to conduct the A.J.C.'s and A.D.L.'s nationwide operations to combat bigotry. Charles W. Morris, of Louisville, was reelected chairman of the J.D.A. national council.

Earlier, George W. Craig, national commander of the American Legion, warned the 400 delegates attending the parley that subversive groups in the U.S. are attempting to destroy national unity "through large-scale cunning campaigns to aggravate racial, religious and ethnic bigotry and tensions." He asserted that it was the Legion's desire to cooperate closely with the A.J.C. and A.D.L.

Z.O.A. STAND ON AMERICAN CHALUTZIM CLARIFIED; ISRAEL CORPORATION MERGES WITH P.E.C.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Clarification of the Zionist Organization of America's stand on the sending of pioneers from the United States to Israel was given here last night at the Z.O.A. National Administrative Committee meeting by Daniel Frisch, Z.O.A. president. Stressing the need for a concrete, constructive plan for selecting pioneers rather than the promotion of sentiment for pioneering, Mr. Frisch declared that "we have always regarded chalutzim as one of the great contributions which American Jewry can make to the upbuilding of the Jewish homeland, and this is precisely our position today."

The Z.O.A. president also revealed that the Israel Corporation of America and the Palestine Economic Corporation have merged. He announced that the Z.O.A. has undertaken a campaign to supply machinery to the Jewish state in view of "the crying need for machines of all sorts."

Mr. Frisch assailed persons in the Zionist movement who urge a small but compact organization. Asserting that the advocates of this position are "lacking in vision," he stated his belief that the Z.O.A. must grow in numbers and would do so this year. He also attacked persons who, because of "their displeasure at some of the activities of the present Z.O.A. administration, withhold their support of the organization and predict catastrophic decline in membership."

RABBI IRVING MILLER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS; SUCCEEDS DR. WISE

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller was elected last night president of the American Jewish Congress to succeed the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise. Rabbi Miller is a vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, and a member of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization and of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress.

Earlier, the biennial convention of the A.J.C., which concluded last night, adopted a resolution calling on the U.S.S.R. and countries in the Soviet orbit to "lift their bans on all emigration of Jews from those countries to Israel." The resolution said that the Jewish state is "in dire need of manpower to assure its security," adding that one of the major manpower reservoirs of the Zionist movement has "always been East European Jewry."

The convention also called on the United States to "withdraw its support from the unrealistic recommendations of the Palestine Conciliation Commission for the internationalization of Jerusalem." In a resolution described as the first "unequivocal endorsement by an American Jewish organization of the movement among some young Americans of the Jewish faith to settle in Palestine," the convention declared that charges of dual loyalty made against such Jews were fraudulent.

CANADIAN ANTI-SEMITIC MAGAZINE ATTACKS LABOR FEDERATION'S FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

MONTREAL, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The recent adoption of a resolution attacking discrimination in employment by the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress is criticized in the current issue of "Social Credit," a notoriously anti-Semitic magazine. The publication carries a sharp article against the Jews and the labor federation.

12,000 JEWISH VETERANS FROM ALL PARTS OF BRITAIN HONOR MEMORY OF WAR DEAD

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Twelve thousand Jewish veterans of the late war from all parts of the British Isles yesterday participated in the annual ceremonies and services honoring the memory of the Jewish men and women who died while in the British services during the war.

The Remembrance Parade was reviewed by Field Marshal. Montgomery, highest ranking British officer and head of the West European military council. Among the participants in the parade, which marched to music played by the band of the famed Coldstream Guards, was a contingent of 500 veterans from Glasgow, complete with kilts and bagpipes. The services for the dead were recited by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie.

Last night, at a reunion meeting of veterans of the Jewish Brigade, former Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden paid tribute to the wartime feats of the Brigade in Italy. He also spoke of the emergence of the Jewish state as the most memorable event in the recent history of the world.

He expressed the hope, which he said many Britons shared, that harmony and prosperity would reign in Israel and the whole Middle East. Everything that could be done by Britain to bring this about should be done "earnestly and eagerly," Mr. Eden continued, and appealed to the Jewish state to contribute to the harmony and prosperity of the Middle East. Both Mr. Eden and Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney General, condemned fascist and anti-Semitic propaganda.

BRAZILIAN JEWS CELEBRATE WEIZMANN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY AT COMMUNITY-WIDE MEETING

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Israel President Weizmann's 75th birthday was celebrated here at a community-wide meeting. Vittorio Camerini, local Zionist leader, presided at the meeting while Prof. A. Lachman of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Rifka Katznelson, Mapai women's leader, were the featured speakers.

LOUIS OUNGRE RESIGNS ACTIVE SERVICE WITH JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Louis Oungre today relinquished his duties as director-general of the Jewish Colonization Association, a post which he held for many years. In recognition of his long service, he was given the post of honorary director-general by the organization and made its adviser. The future administration of the association will be entrusted to V. Girmounsky and G. Aronstein, serving as joint directors-general.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE PLEDGES TO RAISE \$350,000 FOR HISTADRUT; 1,000 DELEGATES ATTEND

BOSTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A pledge to raise at least \$350,000 for the national Histadrut campaign was made here late yesterday at a New England regional conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel. More than 1,000 delegates, representing 105 organizations and 28 communities, attended the parley.