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## U.N. COMMISSION SKEEPS DETAILS FROM ISRAEL ON PROPOSED DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission today delivered its reply to Israel's demand for direct negotiations with the Arab states on the Palestine question. The Commission said that it had asked the Tel Aviv Government for clarification of the demand. Meanwhile, the Commission indicated it will "pursue its task in collaboration with both sides."

The Commission also turned over to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie today the first report of the Middle East Economic Survey Mission to the Commission. It is expected that the report will be made public shortly. At the same time, the Commission handed to Mr. Lie a declaration on the protection of the Holy Places in Palestine, outside of Jerusalem.

Israel's representative to the U.N., Aubrey S. Eban, declared in a broadcast today that if the big power resolutions in the Political Committee condemning aggression are adopted they will be binding upon the Arab states with respect to Israel.

Asked if Israel is demobilizing its forces, Mr. Eban replied that there has been some reduction of forces thanks to the armistice agreements. He warned, however, that the armies of both sides are still facing each other, with Arab propaganda still talking of a "second round." As long as this condition exists, Mr. Eban added, Israel would be "unrealistic" to relax its vigilance.

## ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES POLICY AT UNITED NATIONS; SHARETT CONFERES WITH SOVIET MINISTERS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The general policy of the Israel delegation at the United Nations session was discussed here last night at a regular Cabinet meeting. The Israel Ministers also considered the problem of immigration of Jews to Israel from Rumania and Hungary.

Shortly after the Cabinet meeting, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett took off for Paris, enroute to New York where he will assume the leadership of the Israel delegation at Lake Success. Before he took off, the Foreign Minister received Pavel Yershov, Soviet Minister to Tel Aviv. It was learned that they discussed the problem of Jerusalem.

(A cable from Paris this afternoon said that Mr. Sharett had arrived there. On the same plane with Mr. Sharett was Gershon Agron, chief of the government Information Department who will attend the U.J.A. national conference in Atlantic City November 25-27.)

A group of four agricultural experts assigned to the U.N. Middle East Economic Survey Mission today arrived here and immediately met with Israel officials. The U.N. group expects to remain in the country over this coming week-end. The Israel experts who met with them were headed by David Horowitz, director-general of the Treasury, and included Gershon Meron and Zalman Liff.

The cost-of-living index for Israel for the month of October dropped five units below that of September, government officials announced today.

VATICAN DID NOT CHANGE ITS POLICY ON JERUSALEM; STILL DEMANDS INTERNATIONALIZATION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Neither the Vatican nor the French Government has changed its attitude over the issue of the future control of Jerusalem, authoritative Catholic sources stated today. Both, it was added, still fully support the original United Nations recommendation for the internationalization of the city.

CLEAR-CUT POLICY BETWEEN ZIONIST MOVEMENT AND ISRAEL GOVERNMENT DEMANDED IN KNESSET

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- A clearly defined relationship between the Israel Government and the world Zionist movement was demanded here last night as the Knesset resumed its debate on Premier David Ben Gurion's two-day presentation of his eight-month-old government's achievements and its future domestic and foreign policy.

The demand for a clarification came from Abraham Granot, leading member of the Progressive Party -- a centrist group. He asserted that the confused relationship is responsible for an uneven absorption of the immigrants. The situation, he said, is also responsible for the decreasing influence of the Zionist movement and a resultant unfavorable economic situation in Israel.

A clear-cut relationship, he predicted, would enable the Zionist movement to recover its high position among the Jews of the world and would permit the movement to contribute its share to the absorption of the mass of immigrants now in the country.

Jacob Chazan, Mapam deputy, repeated his party's charges that the government lacked a clearly defined economic policy which, he said, was leading the country into a severe economic crisis. He stated that he could not visualize how the government would solve the immigration absorption problem nor how it would bridge the enormous gap between the supply and demand of its economic system. In the absence of a government economic plan, he continued, it remains unexplained how the country's small industrial capacity can meet its needs.

Israel Authorities Criticized on Handling of Case of Arab Sternist

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The actions of the Israel authorities in handling the case of Youssef Abu Gosh, Arab sheikh who served with the Sternists during the underground war against the British Mandatory Administration, were today criticized by the Knesset Domestic Affairs Committee.

Approving the findings of a subcommittee which investigated the case, the body reported that Abu Gosh had not been kidnapped as charged, but had left the country voluntarily and was now safe and sound beyond its borders. The committee also disclosed that the former Sternist's wife and children had infiltrated the country during the time the Sheikh was imprisoned and that they had been expelled by the authorities.

The committee called the authorities' action discriminatory, particularly in view of Abu Gosh's friendship toward the Jewish cause. It also asked the authorities to explain whether this situation could be corrected.

SPOKESMAN DENIES ISRAEL PLANS TO TERMINATE ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS WHEN THEY EXPIRE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- A government spokesman denied today a newspaper report that Israel plans to inform those Arab states with which it has concluded armistice agreements that it will terminate the pacts when they expire. The spokesman pointed out that none of the armistice pacts contain "termination notices."

JEWISH ASSETS MAY BE USED BY BRITAIN TO REPAY GERMAN DEBTS TO BRITISH CREDITORS

LONDON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- A substantial sum in German Jewish assets, now administered by the British Custodian of Enemy Property, will be used to repay British prewar creditors of Germany unless a bill providing for the distribution of German enemy property, which passed a second reading in the House of Commons last night, is amended during forthcoming committee discussions.

The bill provides for the use of German assets blocked in Britain for the benefit of British prewar creditors. The Custodian of Enemy Property issued a circular letter two years ago stating that the assets of victims of racial and religious persecution of former enemy (German) nationality could be released under certain conditions, chief of which was the condition that the victim had been deprived of his liberty.

Sydney Silverman, Laborite, the first speaker in the Commons debate yesterday, declared that the current practice of the Custodian was highly unsatisfactory. He cited the instance of a Jewish woman of Hamburg, whose husband had been sent to a concentration camp and who herself committed suicide on receiving a deportation order to the East. Mr. Silverman said that the claim of her heirs to jewelry deposited in England was rejected on the grounds that the owner had "not been deprived of her liberty."

Another case he cited concerned a Rumanian who had been imprisoned by the Iron Guard to compel him to surrender his assets. Inmates of that prison were executed by firing squads after eight days unless they signed the document of property surrender. This victim signed under compulsion after three days. His claim was rejected by the Custodian of Enemy Property, who argued that three days arrest did not add up to confiscation of property. In addition, Mr. Silverman said, many claims of Hungarian and Rumanian Jews, who were sent to concentration camps -- including the infamous extermination center in Transnistria -- were rejected because the camps were called "labor" and not concentration camps.

Mr. Silverman was supported by Barnett Janner, Laborite, and many others, including Brig. John G. Foster, Conservative, who stressed the additional point that even the assets of German victims, admitted to Britain after the outbreak of war, would be considered confiscatable under the stipulations of the measure.

At the conclusion of the debate, A.G. Dottomley, secretary of the Ministry for Overseas Trade, promised on behalf of the government that the most generous consideration would be given to cases described as falling within the framework of international agreement. Meanwhile, several members of Parliament are drafting amendments to the bill which would protect the assets of victims of Nazi racial and religious persecution and permit their release and distribution to those victims, or their survivors, on a large scale.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEW ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN TRANSVAAL BY-ELECTION; IS MEMBER LABOR PARTY

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Leo Lovell, a leading member of the Jewish community of Benoni, Transvaal, has won the Benoni seat in the Union Parliament. Mr. Lovell, a Labor Party member, defeated his opponent by better than 2-1 in a by-election.

POLISH GOVERNMENT APPOINTS TRUSTEES FOR FUNDS OF LIQUIDATED ZIONIST INSTITUTIONS

WARSAW, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The Polish Government today appointed administrative authorities as trustees for the closed-down Jewish National Fund and Keren Hayesod offices in Poland. Negotiations are now proceeding for transferring the funds -- some 30,000,000 zlotys -- to Israel. The funds are being held by a Polish bank.

ISRAEL'S CHANCES FOR NEW U.S. LOAN CONSIDERED SLIM; WILL FLOAT BOND ISSUE IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Israel stands as much chance of getting further United States Government loans "as the proverbial snowball in Hades," Robert R. Nathan, economic adviser to the Jewish Agency, said here today. He spoke at a luncheon of the American Veterans Committee.

Pressure on Israel to readmit Arab refugees and to agree to internationalization of Jerusalem precluded any possibility of "further large-scale inter-governmental loans," Nathan stated. He intimated that when the present \$100,000,000 Export-Import Bank loan is exhausted, there would be no further extension of credit from that source.

However, Mr. Nathan forecast that Israel would succeed economically and predicted that Israel would float a "big bond issue" in the United States. He said he thought the bond issue would prove "quite successful." He predicted also that Israel will succeed in absorbing the Jewish immigrants and that the new state will lead the Near East as a force for economic progress and democracy.

HADASSAH CONVENTION ADOPTS \$6,535,000 BUDGET FOR 1950; MRS. HALPRIN REELECTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The 35th annual convention of Hadassah today voted a budget of at least \$6,535,000 for 1950 for the maintenance of Hadassah programs in Israel. The delegates also reelected Mrs. Rose Halprin president for a third term.

A resolution called on the U.S. Government to use its influence in the United Nations to support a solution of the Jerusalem issue which would safeguard the Holy Places and at the same time incorporate Jewish Jerusalem within Israel. In a resolution on genocide, the delegates recommended U.S. ratification and asked the organization's 270,000 members to write to their Senators urging approval of the treaty. The parley also expressed itself in favor of the Declaration of Human Rights and urged that it be completed in the U.N. and presented to the member nations so that it could be adopted universally.

DARTMOUTH FRATERNITY BODY CALLS FOR ELIMINATION OF BIAS IN COLLEGE SOCIETIES

HANOVER, New Hampshire, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The Dartmouth College Interfraternity Council today called on twelve colleges and universities in New England to outlaw racial and religious discrimination in fraternities.

In a letter to the Northeastern Interfraternity Conference, the Dartmouth body called on the member schools to support the elimination of discriminatory restrictions in fraternity charters at the forthcoming national conference of fraternity groups. The member colleges of the New England body to which Dartmouth appealed for action are: Amherst, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cornell, Middlebury, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Union, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Maine State, New Hampshire State and Vermont State.

U.N. COMMITTEE VOTES FOR NEW REFUGEE PROGRAM TO SUCCEED I.R.O. AID

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The United Nations Social Committee last night passed a new U.N. program to aid refugees to replace the I.R.O. which ends in 1951. The vote -- 24 to 12, with 10 abstentions -- was carried over the objections of the United States and the Soviet Union. The measure must still be approved by a two-thirds vote in the General Assembly.

One of the major provisions of the resolution is that international aid would be given to any person defined as a refugee by the General Assembly. To this provision, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt objected most strenuously. This, she asserted, might provide for relief to additional millions of persons throughout the world, half of the expense of which must be borne by the United States.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN U.S. TO SET 1950 POLICIES AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF C.J.F.W.F.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Major problems facing Jewish communities in the United States in 1950 will be discussed at the 18th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, it was announced here today by Stanley C. Myers, president of the Council. The General Assembly is scheduled to open in Cincinnati on December 9.

Community leaders, representing 800 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada, will come to grips with these problems, Mr. Myers said in his call for the General Assembly. They will outline plans for meeting the communities' total responsibilities, including Israel, overseas and home front needs, he stated. He emphasized the importance of collective planning and action in mobilizing American Jewry's energies and resources for the "tremendous philanthropic task" in 1950.

"We are faced with problems of immense magnitude in surveying our world-wide responsibilities in 1950," Mr. Myers declared. "At the Assembly we will seek to marshal community consensus into a meaningful perspective, allowing us to set all Jewish needs within a fair framework. The Assembly will be the climax of our eight Regional Conferences. The will of the communities, expressed in action taken at these conferences, will be reflected in national action on the major problems facing American Jewry in 1950."

146,000 JEWS WILL NEED J.D.C. EMIGRATION AID IN 1950, LEAVITT REPORTS UPON RETURN

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Despite the mass emigration of some 240,000 Jewish survivors from the D.P. countries and other distressed areas during 1949, an additional 146,000 will require resettlement aid to Israel and other lands from the Joint Distribution Committee during 1950, it was reported today by Moses A. Leavitt, J.D.C. executive vice-chairman, upon his arrival in New York aboard the Ile de France.

To help these thousands of men, women and children find new homes in Israel, the United States and other lands, and to continue its large-scale reconstruction programs and provide essential relief and rehabilitation aid for other thousands in Europe and North Africa who are still largely dependent upon J.D.C., the agency will require some \$44,500,000 during 1950, Mr. Leavitt declared.

The J.D.C. vice-chairman, who returned to this country from a two-month survey of J.D.C. activities in Europe and Israel, will present a picture of Jewish needs overseas at the forthcoming national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, to be held in Atlantic City, November 25-27. During his travels in Europe, Mr. Leavitt reported that he had seen at first hand "dozens of reminders that J.D.C. aid will continue to be essential to Jewish recovery overseas during 1950."

PROF. EINSTEIN WILL ADDRESS NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OVER RADIO

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Albert Einstein will deliver one of the principal addresses at the National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal which will meet in Atlantic City at the end of this month, it was announced today. He will speak to the 1,200 Jewish communal leaders assembled at the U.J.A. conference by means of the radio which will also broadcast his address to the entire country over a coast-to-coast hook-up.

The Conference, which will open on Friday, Nov. 25, has been called to draw up plans for the 1950 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, through which the Jewish communities of the United States will aid in the immigration, settlement and development of Israel, in the relief and reconstruction of Jewish communities in Europe and North Africa, and in the absorption and adjustment of refugees reaching the United States.

DR. GOLDMANN CORRECTS FRISCH'S VERSION OF THE JEWISH AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH Z.O.A.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, today issued a statement clarifying the recent announcement made by Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, regarding the agreement concerning the allocation of funds by the Jewish Agency for Z.O.A. projects.

Mr. Frisch reported that the agreement provides for the allocation by the Jewish Agency executive and the World Confederation of General Zionists of a total of \$1,250,000 to the Zionist Organization of America for constructive undertakings by the Z.O.A. in Israel and for financing the establishment of the first two Z.O.A. colonies there. Dr. Goldmann, in his statement today, said:

"The announcement made by Mr. Frisch needs certain clarification. The arrangement between the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the Z.O.A. concerns two points. The first concerns an allocation by the Constructive Fund of the Confederation of General Zionists of \$500,000 for Z.O.A. projects in Israel for 1950 which was made possible by a decision of the executive of the Jewish Agency to increase next year's allocation to the Constructive Fund by \$350,000.

"The second point concerns two colonies to be established in Israel for American chaltzim. The decision of the Jewish Agency executive was to finance these two colonies within the Agency's 1950 colonization budget. The colonies will be based on plans drawn up by the Z.O.A. in consultation with the Colonization Department of the Jewish Agency.

"No budget has yet been fixed for the two colonies. The amount of \$750,000 mentioned in the statement by the Z.O.A. is based only on a personal estimate by Mr. Frisch. The budget for the two colonies will be worked out after more details about the project are available. The implementation of the project will naturally remain in the hands of the Colonization Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine."

SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER MALAN RECEIVES ISRAEL CONSUL GENERAL GOITEIN

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan has received Edward D. Goitein and Y. Gaulan, Israel consul general and consul to South Africa, respectively, it was announced today.

U.N. FOOD ORGANIZATION TO CONSIDER ISRAEL MEMBERSHIP BID AT MEETING NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, which will hold a general conference here beginning Monday, will consider an application for membership submitted by Israel, it was reported today. Two members of the Israel Embassy will attend the parley as observers. They are Dr. Ludwig Samuel, agricultural counsellor, and Arthur Liverhant, first secretary.

PROCEEDS OF CANADIAN SOCCER GAME GO TO ISRAEL AID FUND; ISRAEL CONSUL STARTS GAME

MONTREAL, Nov. 16. (JTA) -- The United Israel Appeal of Canada today announced the receipt of a check for \$1,087, the proceeds of a soccer game in this city. The game was started by a kick-off by Arie Ben Tovim, Israel consul here.