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SOVIET DELEGATION EXPECTED TO SUPPORT STRONG UNITED NATIONS REGIME IN JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Soviet delegation at the United Nations will support a strong U.N. regime in Jerusalem at the forthcoming discussions here on the future status of the Holy City, it was learned today. Poland is expected to go along with the Soviet delegation on this issue.

Reports that delegations of the Arab states are preparing to submit their own proposals for a U.N. regime patterned along Russian lines persisted here over the week-end. Soviet policy, it was stated here, is based on the Russians' consistent support of the original Palestine partition plan of Nov. 29, 1947, and on Moscow policy to bolster independent Arab states against the re-entry of colonial powers and the U.S. into the Near East.

Meanwhile, the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission revealed yesterday that Israel and four of its Arab neighbors--Egypt, Transjordan, Syria and Lebanon--have agreed in principle to guarantee protection and free access to the Holy Places. The disclosure was made in a Commission report submitted to the U.N. General Assembly and was based on replies received by the Commission to a communication sent to the five nations on Sept. 2.

The five governments involved, however, stipulated that they consider it premature for the setting up by the United Nations of supervisory machinery for the protection of the Holy Places. Israel and the four Arab states were asked by the Conciliation Commission to support a formal Commission declaration on the protection of religious sites and buildings in Palestine in accordance with existing rights and historical practice.

Commission Omits Mention of Jerusalem's Holy Places

The Commission's communication specifically excluded mention of Jerusalem's Holy Places because the question of that city's proposed internationalization is now under consideration by the United Nations.

Members of the Conciliation Commission, however, recalled in their letter to the five states that the General Assembly had resolved last December to establish effective United Nations supervision to back up any formal guarantees that might be made by the political authorities of the Arab and Jewish areas.

In a letter dated Nov. 8, Arthur Lourie, Israel Consul-General in New York and a member of the Jewish state's delegation to the U.N., declared: "The Government of Israel herewith reiterates its readiness solemnly to give formal guarantees for the free exercise in Israel of all forms of worship; for the preservation of Holy Places, religious buildings and sites in Israel, and for the associated amenities; for the granting of rights of visit, access and non-disturbance; and for appropriate measures in regard to taxation."

Mr. Lourie said, however, that actual formulation of a declaration should be deferred until the General Assembly deals with the whole Palestine issue, and noted

that the character of U.N. representation and the method of settling disputes were still up in the air. He promised Israel would submit early "specific, positive and helpful proposals" on these issues.

Similar support for the general principles contained in the Commission's plan for protection of the Holy Places was given by the four Arab countries concerned in a joint reply. While pledging sanctity for the Holy Places under their control, the Arab nations proposed their own draft declaration in place of that suggested by the Commission. Under the Arab version, which in general principles echoed the Commission's draft, there would be no mention of United Nations supervision.

(Eliahu Sassoon, newly-named Israel Minister to Turkey and Israel's leading authority on Arab affairs, was quoted in a Tel Aviv dispatch appearing in the New York Herald Tribune today as stating that prospects of a peace settlement with the Jewish state and the Arab nations are worse now than at any time since the war last year. Mr. Sassoon added that it was useless for Israel to continue pressing for a treaty as long as present conditions of disunity and instability prevail in the Arab world.)

U.S. Catholic Leaders Urge Territorial Internationalization of Jerusalem

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The text of a statement issued here over the week-end by the Cardinals, Bishops and Archbishops of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the U.S., criticizing the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission's proposals for Jerusalem now before the United Nations and calling for real and effective internationalization of the Holy City, emphasized that the "only effective guarantee for the safety of Jerusalem" and the Holy Places is a "territorial internationalization of Jerusalem and its area under the sovereignty and effective control of the family of nations."

Noting that Pope Pius XII "time and time again made it clear that the only effective guarantee" for the safety of Jerusalem and its Holy Places was a territorial internationalization of the city, the statement said: "There can be no question as to the meaning of internationalization in the Papal letters. It is the concept originally expressed by the General Assembly itself in Nov. 1947. It is a truly international regime and not a mere control or curatorship. Therefore, only such a real internationalization can establish peace in the area and effectively safeguard the Holy Places for future generations."

ISRAELI RABBINATE ORDERS THREE DAYS OF PRAYER TO SAVE JERUSALEM FROM INTERNATIONALIZATION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Chief Rabbinate today decreed three days devoted to special prayers to "save Jerusalem from internationalization" on the eve of United Nations discussions on the future status of the Holy City. The prayers listed for recitation include Psalm 148.

1,391 IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; 500 COME BY AIR FROM BRITISH PROTECTORATE OF ADEN

HAIFA, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A total of 1,391 Jewish immigrants arrived here today, 891 of them aboard the Israel transport *Negba* and the remaining 500 by a number of planes from Aden, British protectorate on the Arabian peninsula.

A group of 130 Moroccan Jewish children who had been receiving convalescent care in Norway arrived at Lydd airport from Oslo over the week-end. The two transport planes in which they arrived will be used to carry Jewish children in need of medical care from North Africa to Norway prior to their permanent transfer to Israel.

SYRIA DRAFTING LAW MAKING COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH ISRAEL PUNISHABLE BY DEATH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Syrian Government is drafting a law which will make commercial transactions with Israel punishable by death, an intercepted Damascus broadcast said today.

The report stated that those found to be trading in any way with "so-called Israel" will be put to death and that Syria hopes to have this law uniformly adopted by all member-states of the Arab League.

REQUEST OF ISRAEL ENVOY IN BUCHAREST TO BE RELIEVED OF POST IS GRANTED BY TEL AVIV

BUCHAREST, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry, in a cable from Tel Aviv, today notified Reuben Rubin, Israel Minister to Rumania, that his request to be relieved of his post has been granted. The Ministry's communication stressed that Mr. Rubin's appointment to the Bucharest post had been for one year only. The Israel Minister will return to Israel next month. First Secretary of the legation Eliezer Baluy will become the Israel charge d'affaires here.

FIRST ISRAEL MERCHANT VESSEL TO ENTER ENGLISH WATERS RETURNS TO HAIFA FROM LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The S.S. Dromit, the first Israel merchant vessel to enter English waters, sailed from here today for Haifa carrying a diversified cargo. Owned by the Shoham Shipping Corporation, the vessel is manned by a crew of 36 and flies the colors of the Israel merchant marine--a white circle enclosing the Shield of David against a dark blue background.

(In Haifa it was reported during the week-end that the Israel port and marine police have acquired the 15-ton motorship "Zatliath," which was used by the British Navy during the Mandate period to patrol Palestine's coastal waters against "illegal" Jewish immigration. The ship will be used for coastal patrolling.)

FORMER ITALIAN STEAMSHIP HANDED OVER TO ISRAEL MERCHANT MARINE; VESSEL RENAMED "ARZEH"

ROME, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The 3,200-ton Italian steamship Mare Ligure, which had been purchased by the Israel Shipping Company, was this week-end handed over at Bari to the Israel merchant marine. Arie Oron, Israel Consul in Rome, signed the ownership certificate and the document changing the vessel's name to "Arzeh."

Italian naval and civilian authorities and the new Israel crew were present at the ceremony. The Italians, in brief addresses to the visiting seamen, emphasized Italy's friendship for Israel, especially in nautical matters. They underlined that in the future, Israel itself would be able to provide travel facilities for immigrants coming to its shores. Hoisting of the Israel flag and singing of the Hatikvah concluded the ceremony.

Only 760 Jewish refugees sailed from Italy for Israel in the second half of October, it was announced here. The refugees came from Poland, Egypt, Tripoli, Austria and Germany. Under current schedules, it was reported, two refugee vessels a month will sail from Italian ports for the Jewish state.

850 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS SAIL FROM RUMANIA FOR ISRAEL; NEXT TRANSPORT SET FOR NEXT MONTH

BUCHAREST, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The S.S. Transylvania was scheduled to sail from the port of Constanza today with 850 Israel-bound Jewish immigrants, all of whom have close relatives now residing in the Jewish state. Enough passports have already been issued by the Israel Consulate here for the vessel's next trip to Haifa early in December, it was announced.

VICHYTE OFFICIAL WHO HANDED OVER 400 FRENCH JEWS TO GESTAPO RECEIVES DEATH SENTENCE

PARIS, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- George Dehan, former official of the Vichyte Commissariat on Jewish Questions who was found guilty by a Bordeaux court of turning over 400 French Jews to the Gestapo during the war, was sentenced to death, it was reported here yesterday. Most of the 400 Jews seized by the Nazis on Dehan's initiative were either executed by the Vichy militia or deported to Nazi death camps in Poland.

ANTI-SEMITIC MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN BRAZIL MAY BE BANNED IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

LONDON, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Authorities in the British zone of Germany are studying action to ban dissemination of an anti-Semitic German magazine published in Brazil, a Foreign Office spokesman said today. The magazine, "Die Brucke," is described as outspokenly anti-Semitic and claims that "Brazilians know Germany only through the eyes of such Jews as Emil Ludwig and Stephan Zweig." It is said to be "indistinguishable from the old-type Goebbels publication."

J.D.C. WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELIEF AND WELFARE PROGRAM IN GREECE ON DEC. 1

ATHENS, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will assume responsibility for a relief and welfare program in Greece, Harold Goldfarb, J.D.C. director in this country, announced in a letter to the Central Board of Jewish Communities, which was made public today. As of Dec. 1, the J.D.C. will channel through the Central Board its cash gifts to Jewish communities and institutions in Greece, as well as to the tuberculosis relief program.

In his letter, Mr. Goldfarb pointed out that the funds to be given to the Central Board must be used only in accordance with a budget approved by the J.D.C. It is also stipulated that as of Jan. 1, 1950, the Jews of Greece will have to contribute to the tuberculosis program, at least to the extent of 20,000,000 drachmas monthly (\$1,350) for the first quarter of 1950.

Greek Jews Thank American Jewish Committee for Restitution Aid

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Resolutions thanking the American Jewish Committee for aid which resulted in enactment by the Greek Government of a Jewish property restitution law and establishment of the Jewish Rehabilitation Fund were adopted by the first Congress of the Jewish communities of Greece on the problems of the Jewish Rehabilitation Fund, the A.J.C. revealed here today.

ALL REQUESTS FROM JEWISH COMMUNITY WILL BE STUDIED BY ISTANBUL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

ISTANBUL, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Istanbul has been informed by Dr. Fahrettin Kerim Gokay, newly-appointed mayor of this city, that municipal authorities are ready to consider any request emanating from the Istanbul Jewish community, it was reported here. This information was conveyed to the Jews here through the office of the Istanbul Chief Rabbinate.

For the first time in the history of Turkish Jewry, a newspaper devoted to Jewish news printed in Turkish has begun to appear here. Jewish newspapers were previously published in Ladino, which is spoken by Sephardic Jews and which has been steadily declining in this country. The new paper, "Turkiyenin Sesi," is published weekly.

TOTAL OF 2,700 PUPILS NOW STUDYING IN 19 JEWISH NATIONALIZED SCHOOLS IN POLAND

WARSAW, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A statistical report released by the Central Committee of Polish Jews disclosed today that there are a total of 2,700 students in 19 Jewish schools, all of which are nationalized. A total of 2,139 children are attending 35 kindergartens, it was revealed, while the number of Jews living in homes for the aged is 326.

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE OPENS SCHOOL IN CASABLANCA FOR CHILDREN AFFLICTED WITH TRACHOMA

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The American Friends of the Alliance Israelite Universelle announced today that it has opened a special school for children afflicted with trachoma in Casablanca, French Morocco. A total of 667 boys and girls are enrolled in the school, the announcement said.

The teaching methods to be applied will be suited to the special requirements of the institution. The Alliance decided to embark on this program in view of the high incidence of trachoma among Jewish children in North Africa, the announcement added.

U.S.N.A. MIDWEST PARLEY HEARS PLEA FOR DETERMINED ACTION ON DP'S ON PART OF U.S. JEWRY

CHICAGO, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A warning that unless Jewish communities in the U.S. "acted with the greatest haste and determination, tens of thousands of Jews now in DP camps in Europe who are eligible for admission to the United States in 1950 would miss the opportunity to enter this country" was made here today by William Rosenwald, honorary president of the United Service for New Americans, addressing the midwest conference of the organization.

Over 150 delegates from Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana heard reports on the present situation of DP's delivered by Dr. William Haber, former advisor on Jewish affairs to A.M.G. in Germany, and James McTigue, general counsel for the U.S. Displaced Persons Commission.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE EMANUEL IN DENVER MARKED; SYNAGOGUE IS NOW LARGEST IN AREA

DENVER, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The 75th anniversary of Temple Emanuel here, founded by Jewish settlers in this community following the gold rush period of the 1850's and 1860's, was marked here today. An announcement from the Temple said that in "1859 the first Jewish services in what was yet to be the state of Colorado were held by the men who braved the rigors of unblazed trails and hostile Indian country to open a new territory." Temple Emanuel is now the oldest and largest synagogue between Kansas City and the West Coast.

COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL OF CHICAGO SENT OVER \$13,000,000 TO U.J.A. SINCE JAN. 1, 1948

CHICAGO, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A sum exceeding \$13,000,000 was forwarded to the United Jewish Appeal from Jan. 1, 1948, through Nov. 10 of this year, a report released by the Combined Jewish Appeal here disclosed today. A total of \$7,252,592 was sent to the U.J.A. last year while \$5,789,266 was forwarded to the U.J.A. from Jan. 1 to Nov. 10, 1949. The report to contributors revealed that the United Jewish Building Fund, a partner in the Combined Jewish Appeal, received no cash remittances during this period.

ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT REVERSES DECISION IN LIBEL JUDGMENT AGAINST CHICAGO "SENTINEL"

CHICAGO, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- An appeal by the "Sentinel," Chicago Anglo-Jewish weekly, to reverse a \$24,100 libel judgment against it, was unanimously upheld by the Illinois Appellate Court, it was disclosed during the week-end.

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