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U.S. SEES NEED FOR MINIMUM INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY IN JERUSALEM BACKS COMMISSION PLAN

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- In order to ensure demilitarization of the Jerusalem area and provide protection for the Holy Places there, a minimum of international machinery is essential in the city, the representative of the United States told the United Nations Special Political Committee today in opening debate on the Palestine case.

Declaring that the United Nations cannot impose control on Jerusalem, John C. Ross, for the American delegation, nevertheless gave strong support to the plan for an international regime drawn up by the U.N. Conciliation Commission, describing it as a "golden mean" between two extremes. He said the plan was "consistent with the middle-of-the-road course to which we adhere."

Following this 40-minute plan for adoption of the Commission's plan by the General Assembly, the delegate of France, Ambassador Jean Chauvel, also referred to the plan as a compromise deserving the attentive examination of the Committee, although he added that it could not be considered free of defects and said France would criticize portions of it later. Expressing surprise at what he called Israel's questioning attitude towards the powers of the U.N. Assembly in the matter, M. Chauvel agreed with the American delegate that "the region of Jerusalem must be neutralized to protect the Holy Places from political and military conflict."

The Palestine debate began this morning with a plea to the 59 delegates from the Committee chairman, Ambassador Nasserollah Entezam of Iran, to stick to the present issue and refrain from "opening old wounds." The Committee then heard a defense of the Commission's plan as "workable, effective and appropriate" by the Commission's acting chairman, Hussein Yalchian, of Turkey.

Before debate began, a representative of Transjordan, Fawzi Mulki, was seated in the Committee when there was no objection to his request to participate in the debate without vote. Transjordan is not a member of the United Nations.

U.S. Rejects Israel, Australian Views on City

In supporting the plan, Mr. Ross specifically rejected what he called two other "extreme" courses--on the one hand, the assumption that the Assembly was wrong last year when it approved a resolution that Jerusalem should have a permanent international regime, and on the other, the assumption that the Assembly was wrong in departing from the 1947 concept of an international city as a separate entity. The first is essentially the Israel view, although Mr. Ross did not mention the Jewish state by name, and the second is embodied in an Australian resolution to be presented to the Committee.

Mr. Ross defended the plan in much the same terms as the Commission itself did in a recent statement of clarification. Recognizing that the state of Israel owes special obligations to the Jewish population of Jerusalem, he said the plan neither imposed any political regime nor deprives the people of Jerusalem of their inherent right to self-government. He also declared that the 14-member council proposed in the Commission plan would not be a super-government, but merely a forum for con-

sideration of joint Arab-Jewish matters and that the international court outlined in the plan would not substitute for local courts.

Although he emphasized throughout his address the "fundamental considerations" of preserving full local autonomy, Mr. Ross stated that the U.S. believes that demilitarization of the area is necessary and that only the kind of control regime envisaged in the Commission plan could be regarded as fully adequate protection for the Holy Places.

Turkey supported the Commission's plan as a compromise between the wishes of the Assembly and the "realities" which the Commission found in Palestine. Australia's representative, John Hood, rejected Israel's claim to sovereignty in Jerusalem and called for the establishment of a real U.N. commission on a more representative basis to implement the original Assembly decision. He called on Israel to abide with what he described as the overwhelming sentiment of the United Nations and world opinion. Mr. Hood said it would be "dangerous" to make a final decision now apart from the overall territorial settlement of the Palestine problem. The Committee adjourned until tomorrow when it will hear a statement by the International Red Cross on the question of refugees. The Syrian delegate said he has a long statement to make in the debate. The Israel delegation announced Aubrey S. Eban may also speak tomorrow.

(In Washington, 17 prominent Protestants, including university presidents, religious leaders, and well-known anti-Zionists, yesterday petitioned President Truman and United Nations Secretary-General Trygve Lie to establish "a true, complete and effective international regime for the entire city (of Jerusalem) and its environs and the elimination of the sovereignty of any particular state." They urged that "the necessary means" be provided to overcome resistance to internationalization. They added that they felt compelled to speak for "all Christians.")

Israel Supports U.S.-British Resolution on International Disputes

Israel yesterday gave its support to a joint United States and British resolution calling on all U.N. members to settle international disputes by peaceful means, and upon the five great powers to broaden the area of cooperation among them. The resolution is in opposition to a Soviet proposal condemning United States and Great Britain as warmongers and suggesting a five-power peace pact. Aubrey S. Eban of Israel made clear to the 59-nation Political Committee that it was the denunciatory aspect of the Soviet resolution that his nation could not support.

He also warned the great powers against the resurgence of German military power. Out of the rivalry among the powers, Mr. Eban said, "we see emerging the clear danger of competition in an effort to win German sympathies. The result may well be the disastrous resurgence of German military power which has twice in our generation inflicted untold suffering on mankind."

ARABS REJECT ISRAEL OFFER OF AID IN FIGHTING FIRE IN CHRISTIAN SHRINE IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- An Israel offer of assistance in fighting a disastrous fire which broke out last night in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of the Christian shrines in this city, was rejected by Arab authorities, in whose area the Church is situated. A major portion of the building's dome was destroyed before the blaze was brought under control this morning.

The Israel equipment which was offered to the Arabs included chemical extinguishers which the Arabs did not possess. It was authoritatively stated that the fire was started accidentally by an open blow torch used by workmen repairing the structure.

GERMAN RESTITUTION CLAIMS SEEN AS MORE IMPORTANT FOR JEWS THAN FUND DRIVES

LONDON, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The restitution of heirless and communal property in Germany is far more important for Jewish public projects than the combined value of all Jewish fund-raising campaigns throughout the world plus the \$100,000,000 American loan to Israel, Dr. George Landauer, former director of the Youth Aliyah movement in Israel, declared today at a press conference here. He estimated that the restitution claims in the western zones of Germany alone total three to four billion marks.

He revealed that the first restitution claims have already been paid in the American zone because of the efforts of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization. He stressed that the Jews who have been paid face an additional problem in transferring their money to Israel or other countries.

The most favorable solution of the problem, he suggested, would be a lump sum settlement by the German Government, instead of lengthy court proceedings. He revealed that two German states have already agreed in principle to enter into negotiations for a lump sum settlement. Such a settlement might ultimately have to be concluded with the Bonn government, he maintained.

SLOWDOWN OF RESTITUTION PAYMENTS IN GERMANY RESPONSIBLE FOR DECREASE IN EMIGRATION

MUNICH, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The slowdown of payment of indemnification claims to Jewish victims of the Nazis by the various provincial German governments in the United States zone is responsible for a decrease in the number of Jews immigrating to Israel from Germany, Dr. Eliahu Livneh-Liebstein, Israel consul here, declared today in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Pointing out that many Jews are waiting in Germany in the hope of obtaining some part of the 3,000-mark sum to which the General Claims Law entitles them, Dr. Liebstein said that in all provinces, particularly in Bavaria in which most of the Nazi victims are located, the payment of claims is slow or only the relatively small sum of 500 marks is paid. He stated that the Jews are waiting for their money so that they may have a stake when they arrive in Israel.

Twenty-one application forms are currently required by the Munich authorities before they begin processing requests for indemnification. A special commission has recently been formed to study these applications but it is estimated that they will not be able to process more than 20 per day.

Dr. Liebstein laid particular emphasis for the delay in Bavaria on the provincial Restitution Office, headed by Dr. Philip Auerbach. The Israel consul said that Dr. Auerbach had told the DP's that he will use restitution funds, particularly those available from heirless Jewish property, to obtain German-made prefabricated houses for Israel. Dr. Liebstein stated flatly that Dr. Auerbach had never consulted the Israel Government nor received its approval for such a scheme.

2,000 VIENNA JEWS PROTEST RISE OF NEW NAZISM IN AUSTRIA; DEMANDING ASKS GOVT. ACTION

VIENNA, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Two thousand Vienna Jews, at a mass meeting here, have called on the Austrian Government for "action" against the neo-Nazi government.

The meeting is the result of a recent decision by the Vienna Jewish Community to initiate action against the new Nazi manifestations. Within the Community all political factions are united on the need for more drastic action, and a special "Actions Committee" has been formed. The body is charged with demanding that the government do something about the Nazis, and with whipping up public sentiment against the fascists.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL LED TO ANTI-JEWISH LINE IN SOVIET PRESS, EX-U.S. ENVOY SAYS

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Former U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, declared in an article appearing in the New York Times yesterday that the "anti-Jewish" line now being pursued in the Soviet press resulted from the establishment of Israel which, he added, has "revived the attraction of Zionism for Jews in the Soviet Union."

Gen. Smith asserted that the "Kremlin undoubtedly considers it necessary to warn them periodically that only unbound devotion to the Soviet state can bring them acceptance and salvation." He added that the "current offensive, which transcends similar campaigns that have taken place in the Soviet Union, has deep roots in Russian chauvinism, with its traditional anti-Semitism as well as anti-foreignism."

Concerning anti-Jewish violence in Russia, the former U.S. envoy wrote: "During my stay in the Soviet Union, the only reported violence against Jews was in the Ukraine, where latent anti-Semitism had been inflamed by the racial theories of the Germans during the war. This, however, was the work of anti-Soviet Ukrainian nationalists, and the government acted promptly, employing stern measures in an effort to suppress these illegal acts."

"However, many Jews were killed in the Ukraine in small-scale pogroms, and others felt unsafe in leaving their homes at night. There were reports, which I consider reliable, that this campaign became so widespread that the government has not been able to suppress it completely, and, as a result, many Ukrainian Jews migrated to the Asiatic Autonomous Jewish Oblast of Birobigan."

EMERGENCE OF ISRAEL HAILED BY EX-PREMIER SMUTS AT LONDON DINNER HONORING WEIZMANN

LONDON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Jan Christian Smuts, former Premier of South Africa, hailed the emergence of Israel as "one of the most amazing developments in all human history." He spoke at a dinner honoring Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, on the occasion of his 75th birthday. More than 400 prominent persons, including Lord Chancellor Viscount Jovitt and Anthony Eden, attended the dinner which was presided over by Sir Herbert Samuel, the first British High Commissioner for Palestine.

"Hitler and everything he stood for has gone under and the state of Israel has become an answer to Hitler," Gen. Smuts said. "It is an incredible reversal and almost an incredible ending for one of the most terrible crime stories in the whole of history."

Gen. Smuts cited the importance of the Balfour Declaration and the history of the Palestine Mandate as stages in the process of Jewish national revival. He compared Dr. Weizmann with Moses and David and urged Israel never to forget that "it was Britain that first took Dr. Weizmann by the hand and that grip should never relax."

"He also pleaded that the "smaller differences" which developed between Israel and Britain prior to establishment of the Jewish state be forgotten. "The historic comradeship between Israel and Britain should continue unbroken for the fruitful service of mankind," he added.

(From Tel Aviv it was reported that Premier David Ben Gurion, accompanied by members of the Cabinet and the Knesset, together with other high government officials, will pay a call at the President's home at Rehovot Sunday to congratulate him and express best wishes. Regular classes in the schools will be interrupted so that pupils may hear their teachers lecture on the highlights of Dr. Weizmann's career.)

U.J.A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENS IN ATLANTIC CITY TODAY; 1,200 DELEGATES ATTEND

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- The scope of American Jewry's responsibility in 1950 for immigration and upbuilding in Israel, for relief and reconstruction among the Jews of Europe and for continuing aid to refugees reaching the U.S. will be determined this week-end at a national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, which opens here tomorrow morning. Twelve hundred delegates from all parts of the country will participate.

The delegates will receive a comprehensive picture of the situation in Israel, Europe and North Africa and among former refugees in the U.S. from a distinguished group of leaders. Among the principal speakers will be Dr. Albert Einstein, who will speak from his home in Princeton, N.J., over a coast-to-coast network on Sunday.

Other leading speakers will include Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett; Leon Keyserling, noted economist and acting chairman of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers; Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and Berl Locker, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A., will report on the results of this year's campaign. Members of a special mission which last month visited Israel to confer with leaders of the government and the Jewish Agency and to survey the needs which must be met in 1950 through the U.J.A. will also report to the conference.

\$78,000,000 Needed to Settle 60,000 Immigrants on Land, U.J.A. Told By Agency

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- A program for the settlement of 60,000 new immigrants in Israel on farms and in rural settlements at an estimated cost of 28,000,000 pounds (\$78,400,000) was outlined here last night by Levi Eshkol, Jewish Agency treasurer, in a cable to Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal. The message will be embodied in an overall plan to be placed before the U.J.A. conference in Atlantic City this week-end to help it decide the U.J.A. quotas for next year.

Mr. Eshkol informed the U.J.A. leader that the 60,000 immigrants, in 17,000 family units, must be settled on the land in 1950 in order to provide a minimum agricultural base for the resettlement and economic absorption of 200,000 immigrants throughout the Jewish state next year. The Agency treasurer said that at least 12,000,000 pounds must be provided by the Jewish National Fund and the Ezer Hayesod, while the government will contribute 10,000,000 pounds and another 6,000,000 pounds will be provided from the \$100,000,000 Export-Import Bank loan.

Mr. Eshkol labelled the plan the most ambitious yet undertaken by the Agency, but asserted that with ten percent of the country's population idle in immigrant camps there is no other possible solution. He said that the Israel people must sacrifice more through greater taxation and American Jews must be more generous in order to solve the problem.

U.P.A. Received \$258,000,000 in Past 24 Years, Rothenberg Announces

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- American Jewry contributed \$258,000,000 to the program of the United Palestine Appeal and its constituent agencies during the past 24 years and through this sum has done much to make possible the "creation and development of a welfare community geared to the planned improvement and assured security of its members," Judge Morris Rothenberg, U.P.A. acting national chairman, announced last night at a dinner honoring Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem.

ISRAEL ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Israel was elected to membership in the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization last night over the protests of five Arab states. Indonesia and Eorea were also admitted to the F.A.O., raising the total number of member states to 61.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR LABOR ISRAEL CONVENTION OPENS TODAY; 5,000 DELEGATES ATTEND

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- More than 5,000 delegates from 250 communities in the U.S., Canada and Latin America were scheduled to arrive here tomorrow to attend the 26th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel, which will continue through the week-end. The delegates are expected to bring with them \$1,000,-000 in cash gifts for transmission to the Histadrut in Israel.

Reuben Shreibman, Deputy mayor of Jerusalem, declared here yesterday that any United Nations plan to internationalize Jerusalem would be "unworkable" and would mean "trouble instead of peace." Mr. Shreibman is in this country for a three-month visit to study American municipal administration and to aid the Histadrut drive. He added that the Israelis would resist with all the force at their disposal any proposal to internationalize the Holy City.

DAVID LILIENTHAL RESIGNS AS ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION HEAD; TRUMAN HAILS HIS RECORD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- David E. Lilienthal, former chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, resigned yesterday as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. President Truman said he had accepted Mr. Lilienthal's resignation "with the utmost regret" and commented that he had served long in "tough pioneering jobs--always under tremendous pressure and often under destructive criticism."

RABBI I.M. LEWIN, ISRAEL WELFARE MINISTER, ARRIVES IN NEW YORK TO ATTEND AGUDAH PARLEY

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Rabbi I.M. Lewin, Israel Minister of Welfare, arrived here yesterday to attend a five-day meeting of the world executive of Agudas Israel, of which he is a member. Rabbi Lewin expects to remain in the United States two weeks. The Agudah conference opens on Monday.

REFUGEE BIOLOGIST DISCOVERS PHENOMENON OF "THIRD SEX" IN REPRODUCTION OF PROTOZOA

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Paul B. Weiss, a 28-year-old refugee from Austria now serving as assistant professor of biology at Brown University, Providence, R.I., has discovered what may roughly be termed a third sex--protozoa in which three cells take part simultaneously in the fusion of nuclei, it was disclosed yesterday by the University.

Simultaneously, it was learned here that Peter B. Kenon, 17-year-old son of Isaiah L. Kenon, Director of Information for Israel in this country, and Michael Hollander, 15-year-old son of Dr. Franklin Hollander of Mt. Sinai Hospital, made the same discovery almost a year ago but did not realize its significance. The discovery was termed by Brown University officials as of fundamental importance.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR DR. NATHAN KRASS, RABBI EMERITUS OF TEMPLE EMMANUEL IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. (JTA) -- Funeral services for Dr. Nathan Krass, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emmanu-El here, were held yesterday. Rabbi Krass was spiritual leader of the Temple from 1923 to 1933, when he retired. A native of Russia, he came to this country at the age of two. He died at the age of 69.