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50,000 JEWS IN JERUSALEM GATHER AT HERZL'S GRAVE; TAKE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO CITY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Fifty thousand Jews of Jerusalem gathered today at the burial place of Dr. Theodor Herzl here and repeated the ancient oath of allegiance to Jerusalem, "If I Forget Thee Oh Jerusalem." Heading the five-mile-long procession which proceeded from the new city to Mt. Herzl were the Israel Chief Rabbis, officials of the Jewish Agency, municipality leaders and other prominent Jerusalemites.

Thousands of children in the demonstration carried banners expressing opposition to internationalization of the Holy City. The flags of Israel and of the Histadrut were carried by large numbers of workers taking part in the procession. The recitation of the Biblical oath took seven minutes, after which the entire assemblage sang Hatikvah. Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog recited the ancient oath and, with their right hands held aloft, the 50,000 Jews in the group repeated it after him.

A cable sent today by the Jewish Agency, the Chief Rabbinate, the Jerusalem municipality and the central committee of the world Mizrahi organization to President Truman and U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie declared: "The Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization announce in behalf of world Jewry their opposition to the decision (adopted by a U.N. subcommittee and calling for internationalization of Jerusalem) and pledge their eternal allegiance to Israel's external capital, Jerusalem."

"No power in the world is able to sever the Jewish people's natural historic ties with Jerusalem," the message said. "Any decision to cut off Jerusalem from Israel will not be realized. The Jerusalemites' war and Israel's Army of Defense strengthened those ties. We demand that the General Assembly do not approve the fatal resolution which will disturb the peace and the city's development."

Yesterday, a demonstration was led by Chief Rabbi Herzog, S.Z. Shragai, member of the Jewish Agency executive, and Mordecai Lohanon, president of the Jeshurun Congregation. The procession wound from the Synagogue and proceeded through the city's main streets to the United States Consulate.

Rabbi Herzog said the "world cannot rob Israel of its holiest place" and fervently appealed to the U.N. General Assembly not to adopt the internationalization plan. The plan, he said, would be "disastrous for the city, for the state, for Judaism and for the U.N." Messrs. Shragai and Lohanon spoke in the same vein, adding that the people of Jerusalem would not accept internationalization and would go underground, adding that they would personally lead the underground.

The procession to the U.S. Consulate was composed of about 1,500 worshippers of the congregation, wrapped in their prayer shawls, with the addition of crowds waiting outside the synagogue. They marched in silence through the streets to appeal to the U.S. Government to exercise its influence to assure that Jerusalem remain Jewish.

At the same time, Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel, Mayor Daniel Auster, and M. Baran, Histadrut leader, addressed a huge meeting which passed a resolution

reading: "We knew how to defend with our blood our city from destruction. We shall continue its defense."

### "Serious Disturbances" Reported Among Arabs in Jenin Area

Serious disturbances broke out over the week-end in Jenin, part of the Arab-Legion-held triangle of Jenin-Tulkarem-Nablus, according to reports from the Old City.

Details were not disclosed but it was indicated that the principals were Palestine Arab refugees and Arab adherents of the exiled Mufti of Jerusalem. The refugees were said to be complaining over the shortage of food, while the Mufti's followers were understood to be demonstrating against the proposal of King Abdullah to annex the Arab parts of Palestine.

### U.N. POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL RESUME ITS DISCUSSIONS TODAY ON FUTURE OF JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The U.N. subcommittee of the Special Political Committee is expected to submit a report tomorrow on a resolution it adopted Thursday recommending U.N. internationalization of the Jerusalem area. The vote was 9-6, with two abstentions. The subcommittee's report, it was predicted here today, is not expected to find favor in the 59-member Special Political Committee.

The subcommittee urged the Trusteeship Council to draft a Statute for Jerusalem, "according to the fundamental principles of an international regime" as set forth in the Nov. 29, 1947, partition resolution and recommended that the Council proceed "immediately with implementation."

During the week-end, the Political Committee approved a \$54,900,000 program of both direct relief and works projects for the Palestine Arab refugees. Aubrey S. Eban, Israel's delegate to the U.N., pointed out during the discussions that direct negotiations between Israel and each Arab state are necessary for the political settlement of the Middle East.

Declaring that Israel was ready for peace, Mr. Eban said. "We hope the bitterness of war will recede and will become partners in the economic development of the vast territory." At the same time, striking back at Arab attacks on Israel which had even brought rebuke from the Moslem chairman of the Committee, Masroollah Entezam, of Iran, Mr. Eban emphasized that a nation's right to survival took precedence over all other considerations.

"Surrounded by hostile states which show no sign of peaceful intentions and are continuing menacing propaganda for a military second round," he said, "Israel knows that the mass repatriation of refugees would constitute a grave danger to the nation's security."

### BEN GURION, TOP GOVERNMENT LEADERS RETURN FROM NOREV TOUR; VISITED REMOTE COLONY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, accompanied by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, Chief of Staff Brig. Yigal Yadin, and Navy, Air Force, Agriculture Ministry and other officials, returned today from a tour of the Norveg. They paid particular attention to the settlement of Elath on the Gulf of Aqaba. Later, an official spokesman denied reports that Mr. Ben Gurion met King Abdullah during his visit to the southern desert.

ISRAEL WILL NOT COMPEL CITIZENS TO DECLARE THEIR GOLD HOLDINGS, OFFICIAL SAYS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, director-general of the Israel Finance Ministry, denied during the week-end that the government was planning to compel citizens to declare their gold holdings.

He announced that restrictions hitherto imposed on the issuance of exit permits, which deterred prospective investors from settling in Israel, would be lifted under the government's new "liberalization" policy.

HISTADRUT EXECUTIVE DECIDES TO FREEZE WAGES; ESTABLISHES BONUS SYSTEM IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- By a vote of 23 to 17, the Histadrut executive last night adopted a resolution freezing wages for 1950 at their present levels and introducing production goals with bonus payments for greater output.

In introducing the wage-freezing resolution, Sharon Becker, Histadrut official, announced that the freezing action would also affect various conditions of employment, not involving wage payments, annual pay boosts and the question of vacations and promotions.

Mapam representatives opposed the freezing measure and announced that they would appeal to the forthcoming session of the Histadrut council next month.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF RELIGION DENIES HE WENT TO EUROPE TO CONSULT ON SANHEDRIN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Press reports claiming that his recent visit to Europe was for the purpose of discussing the formation of a Sanhedrin with rabbis overseas were denied here by Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Minister of Religion.

Minister Maimon emphasized that only rabbis in Israel were competent to decide on establishment of a Sanhedrin, adding that they required neither consultation with or approval of any rabbis overseas. He cited a thesis by Maimonides to support his contention.

ISRAEL NAVAL UNIT COMPLETES 3,750-MILE MEDITERRANEAN PATROL DURING MANEUVERS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- An Israel naval squadron returned to its base today after a 3,750-mile patrol in Mediterranean waters as part of winter maneuvers. The patrol required a fortnight and covered the entire coastline of Cyrenaica, Crete, Greece, Italy, Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica, Southern France, Spain, Algeria and Tunisia, being the most extensive training cruise since the Israel naval force was organized two years ago.

ISRAEL MINISTER RETURNS TO MOSCOW; WILL CONFER WITH GROMYKO TO IMPROVE RELATIONS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Mordecai Namir, Israel Minister to the Soviet Union, was scheduled to leave here this week-end for Moscow. It was reported that as soon as he arrives in the Soviet capital, Mr. Namir will contact Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in an attempt to weld Israel-Soviet relations more closely than previously.

Jews in Poland Told How Their Institutions Will Function Under Govt. Supervision

WARSAW, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- An outline of the manner in which Jewish institutions will function in Poland after the government takes them over on Jan. 1, 1950, was presented in a report to a meeting of the Council of the Jewish Central Committee of Poland by its secretary-general, J. Lazebnik.

Mr. Lazebnik, who expressed appreciation for the role of the Joint Distribution Committee in Poland since the liberation, insisted that with the government assuming full financial responsibility for the Jewish organizations, the latter would be freed of "foreign and unstable factors." He said that the Committee itself has been assigned 224 paid workers by the government, and that these workers will form the nucleus of social, educational and cultural groups in Jewish communities throughout the country.

Mr. Lazebnik attacked the Zionists who, he said, had hindered the integration of the Jewish people in Poland with the rest of the population. He pointed to the recent government decision to permit mass emigration of Israel-bound Jews as a sign that the government wants "absolute harmony" among all the people of the country.

It was also reported that beginning next year the association of Jewish co-operatives, which employs 8,000 Jews among some 15,000 workers, will merge with the general federation of Polish co-operatives. It was emphasized that this did not mean the end of Jewish co-operatives as such, and that the fact that such a merger is possible at this time proves that anti-Semitism no longer exists in this country.

NAZIS IN AUSTRIA BOLDER AFTER NATIONAL ELECTIONS; VOICE ANTI-SEMITIC THREATS OPENLY

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Vienna correspondent of the Manchester Guardian reported what he described as a disturbing incident at Braunau, birthplace of Hitler, during a public discussion between Austrian Socialists and neo-Nazi Independents, who won 16 seats in the national elections on Oct. 9.

When a Socialist party member recalled Nazi atrocities in the Jewish concentration camps, one member of the audience shouted, "We'll make lampshades of your skin, too!" The correspondent commented that the fact that one of the Nazis "could voice his sentiment, shows that some people in Austria think that they can now do-act a change in the political atmosphere."

U.S. AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRIA WILL NO LONGER INTERFERE IN ARRESTS OF REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Arrests of displaced persons by Austrian police will no longer be referred to U.S. authorities for investigation, it was learned today.

The U.S. High Commissioner for Austria has approved relaxation of regulations imposed to protect the rights of displaced persons. However, the number of displaced Jews remaining in Austria is thought to be negligible.

MORE DESPOILMENTS OF JEWISH CEMETERIES REPORTED IN GERMANY; PERPETRATORS SOUGHT

FRANKFURT, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Local German police today discovered additional acts of desecration in a Jewish cemetery at Ohm, in upper Bavaria, where 13 tombstones were overturned and two destroyed. Vincent Hurst, American district official, is cooperating with German provincial authorities in seeking the perpetrators.

DR. SCHWARTZ REPORTS ON SITUATION OF JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA; J.D.C. SENDS REPRESENTATIVE

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- "Encouraging progress" in meeting the needs of the Jews of North Africa--both transients crowding into the port cities from the hinterland en route to Israel and resident populations--was reported today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the European Executive Council of the J.D.C., at a meeting of the J.D.C. executive committee.

The last four months have seen "good gains along a broad front in the fight against Jewish poverty and sickness in North Africa," he said. He pointed out that newly-opened J.D.C. offices in Casablanca, Algiers and Tangiers are directing an enlarged assistance program covering shelter, child-care and medical services.

To meet the emergency problem of Jews trekking from the villages and cities of Morocco to the city of Algiers, from which point they hope to emigrate to Israel, the J.D.C. has opened in the last three months three transient centers in the city which provide shelter for nearly 3,000 men, women and children, Dr. Schwartz disclosed. At these shelters, Jewish transients receive food, clothing and complete physical examinations, the latter serving to screen out the sick from the well. Prompt diagnosis and treatment are provided for those persons found too weak or ill to continue on to Marseilles, chief European embarkation point for Israel.

Several permanent health centers have also been opened in the major cities of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, in order to help overcome the "appalling" health conditions prevailing among the 500,000 Jews of North Africa. "In these centers, an expanded campaign is being waged against trachoma, fava, tuberculosis and other diseases which afflict the Jews of North Africa," Dr. Schwartz reported.

Morris Leub, veteran welfare worker who supervised the J.D.C. assistance programs in behalf of 53,000 Jewish refugees on Cyprus for almost three years, has been appointed J.D.C. director for Morocco and Algeria, it was announced by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the agency.

AGUDATH ISRAEL OF AMERICA OPENS ANNUAL CONVENTION; GREETED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN

HURLEYVILLE, N.Y., May 18. (JTA) -- The eighth annual convention of Agudath Israel of America was opened here tonight with the reading of a message of greetings from President Truman, recalling his recent meeting with Chief Rabbi Herzog of Israel.

The convention, attended by 500 delegates, will deliberate on the religious problems facing Jews in the United States, Israel, and Europe. Principal speakers will include Dr. Jacob Rosenheim, president of the Agudath Israel World Organization and Rabbi Menahem Porush, of Israel. The full text of President Truman's message, which was addressed to Michael G. Tress, president of Agudath Israel of America, reads:

"Please extend my cordial greetings to all those who are attending the eighth annual convention of Agudath Israel of America. I was recently visited by Dr. Isaac Halevi Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Israel, and had the pleasure of exchanging with him passages from the Bible. Rabbi Herzog read Psalm 126 to me and I read to him from the Book of Isaiah: 'And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plow-shares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' This passage expresses a feeling which I have stated publicly many times: I would rather have lasting peace than be President."

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND C.I.O. WILL AID IN \$15,000,000 PLAN FOR ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 18. (JTA) -- Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America who is now visiting Israel, revealed today that both the C.I.O. and A.F.L. will aid in a project announced yesterday calling for the construction of housing for new immigrants to be financed by low-interest, long-term bonds floated in the United States, largely among labor union members sympathetic to Israel.

The Mapai evening newspaper HaDor today reported that the new housing company to be established under terms of Potofsky's project will seek to raise \$15,000,000.

AMERICAN JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE DELEGATION LEAVES FRANCE FOR ISRAEL

PARIS, May 18. (JTA) -- A Jewish Labor Committee delegation, headed by Adolph Held of New York, left tonight by air for Israel after a stay of several days here during which it was received by Premier Henri Queuille, Minister of Labor Daniel Mayer, other members of the government, and former Premier Leon Blum.

The delegation also inspected a number of Jewish organizations and institutions here. Earlier, in Brussels, its members were received by Premier Paul-Henri Spaak.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ASKS AMERICAN PRESS NOT TO DESCRIBE ISRAELI CITIZENS AS "JEWS"

WASHINGTON, May 18. (JTA) -- Editors of major press associations in Washington have been asked to refrain from describing citizens of Israel as "Jews" in a letter addressed to them by Joseph D. Kaufman, chairman of the Washington chapter of the American Council for Judaism. The letter points out that "careless use of the words 'Jew' and 'Jewish' to describe aspects of the sovereign state of Israel can lead only to confusion."

EIRE JEWS MARK FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL; WILL PLANT 3,500 TREES ON J.N.F. LAND

DUBLIN, May 18. (JTA) -- The first anniversary of Israel was celebrated by the Jewish community of Eire at a youth jamboree and a Jewish National Fund banquet addressed by Irish Chief Rabbi Dr. Emanuel Jacobovitz Aaron Wright, president of the J.N.F. of Great Britain and Ireland, and S. Silverman, Laborite M.P.

Guests at the banquet pledged to plant 3,500 trees on Keron Kayemeth land. The celebrations of the Jewish state's anniversary will be climaxed tonight at a function to be held at the official residence of the mayor of Dublin.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE TO CONFER HONORARY DEGREES ON AUBREY EBAN AND DR. RALPH BUNCHE

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting United Nations mediator for Palestine, and Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli representative to the U.N., will be awarded the honorary degrees of Doctor of Hebrew Letters at the commencement exercises of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, it was announced here today by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of H.U.C. The commencement exercises will be held June 11.

DENVER NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL NAMES PHILIP HOUTZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Philip Houtz of New York has been named executive director of the National Jewish Hospital at Denver and secretary of its board of trustees, it was announced here yesterday by Milton Anfenger, the hospital's president. For eleven years director of the hospital's local office, Houtz will assume his new posts in Denver on July 1.