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U.N. ASSEMBLY TO VOTE TOMORROW ON JERUSALEM RESOLUTION; ISRAEL WARNS AGAINST ADOPTION

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Last-minute efforts were made here today by the Israel delegation to influence the final vote on Jerusalem when the resolution to place the Jerusalem area under international trusteeship comes up for voting in the plenary session of the U.N. General Assembly, probably on Saturday.

Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the "United Nations is facing the greatest crisis in its history in regard to the workability of its decisions." An Israel spokesman, commenting on the resolution adopted yesterday by the Special Political Committee providing for the internationalization of Jerusalem, said:

"Proud of its membership in the United Nations and hopeful that the international organization's authority and effectiveness will grow, Israel appeals to international statesmanship to abandon a paper proposal plunging the United Nations into a sterile conflict with the peoples whose rights and aspirations it denies and which is foredoomed to futility."

The spokesman's statement reiterated the Israel Government's offer, which he called unprecedented in history, to enter into an agreement with the United Nations for "effective international supervision of the Holy Places in Jerusalem."

Most delegates were convinced that the major burden for preventing a two-thirds majority vote at the Assembly for the Jerusalem resolution adopted by the Political Committee lay with the American delegation, whose influence, it was thought, could possibly switch the necessary number of votes. It was impossible to tell, however, how active the U.S. delegation would be in this respect.

Without debate or a dissenting vote, the plenary session today approved a resolution setting up a \$54,900,000 program for Arab refugee work relief to run until June, 1951. The Assembly then adjourned until tomorrow, reportedly delayed by the financial consideration involved in the Jerusalem issue.

U.N. Committee Approves \$8,150,000 Budget for Internationalized Jerusalem

It will cost the United Nations at least \$18,000,000 annually to run the city of Jerusalem, Israel representative Gideon Raphael told the Budgetary Committee of the U.N. today. An advisory committee of the Budgetary Committee, however, estimated the immediate cost at about \$4,000,000, a figure that was supported by Arab and Soviet delegates who led the fight for passage of the internationalization plan of Jerusalem.

The advisory group admitted in its report that its estimate of an \$8,000,000 budget, with only half of that necessary immediately, was based on three assumptions: that there would be full cooperation on the part of the population of Jerusalem in implementing the internationalization plan; that there would be no abnormal security requirements; and that municipal expenditures could be reasonably based on 1946 figures. These assumptions were questioned by the U.S., British and Israel delegates.

Late in the evening the budgetary committee approved a budget of \$8,150,000 to cover the 1950 expenditures of an internationalized Jerusalem. The vote was 25 in favor of the budget, four against, 15 abstentions and 15 absent. To the surprise of all delegates, the U.S. cast its ballot for adoption of the budget. Only Israel, Guatemala, Yugoslavia and Uruguay voted in the negative.

U.N. DECISION ON INTERNATIONAL RULE FOR JERUSALEM CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED, ISRAEL SAYS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Government emphasized today that the resolution adopted yesterday by the U.N. Special Political Committee placing Jerusalem under international trusteeship is "unrealistic and not implementable." A spokesman for the government said:

"We, of course, regret the vote and we hope that the resolution will not secure the required two-thirds majority in the U.N. General Assembly when it comes up for a vote. It may be all very well for countries remote from Jerusalem to vote as they did yesterday. But those of us who are close to Jerusalem can see the utter lack of reality in the resolution. It is simply incapable of implementation.

"The United Nations will be letting itself in for an absolutely certain fiasco if the resolution is passed at the General Assembly. Not only is the scheme expressed in the resolution objectively unworkable, but it runs directly counter to the united will of the people of Jerusalem. No system of government can succeed which is not based on the consent of those governed. Jews of Jerusalem will tolerate no outside regime.

"Schemes, plans and programs can be devised and resolutions voted upon, but neither Jews nor Arabs can be forced to use law courts, post offices or any other governmental function which they do not recognize. Nor can the United Nations use force to prevent Jews in Jerusalem from paying taxes to the government they wish and do recognize. Should this resolution be passed by the Assembly, the only feature about it which is certain is that one year from today the General Assembly will once again have the problem of Jerusalem on its agenda," the Israel Government spokesman pointed out.

Israel Cabinet Meets on Jerusalem; Sends Instructions to U.N. Delegation

The Israel Cabinet today held a special meeting at which instructions were formulated for the Israel delegation at Lake Success with regard to the Jerusalem resolution expected to be voted on tomorrow at the General Assembly.

Premier David Ben Gurion today made an unexpected appearance at a meeting of the Legal Committee of the Knesset when the Committee started examining a motion introduced several days ago by Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, urging the proclamation of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Mr. Ben Gurion asked the Committee to postpone discussions on this motion for one week. His suggestion was accepted by all members of the Committee with the exception of the Herut representative.

Meanwhile it was announced today that recruiting offices for the Israel Army will be opened throughout the country beginning Sunday. Men and women, including discharged soldiers and individuals over 30--exempted from military service--may volunteer. It was stressed in the announcement that pay in the Army approximates that of other government workers, and that special facilities will be extended to the families of volunteers.

DEADLOCK IN ANGLO-ISRAEL FINANCIAL TALKS BROKEN; PARLEYS RESUME IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Israel financial and economic negotiations, interrupted for several months, were resumed here today, after representatives of both sides examined British proposals concerning unfreezing of the \$70,000,000 in Israel sterling balances remaining in London.

U.S. ARMY PROHIBITS SHOWING OF FILMS DEPICTING PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Army has prohibited the showing of films depicting Nazi persecution of Jews to American soldiers bound for duty in Germany, it was admitted today by Army authorities here.

An Army spokesman said the films "might create ill-will" against the Germans and that the Signal Corps Film Service was operating "under entirely different instructions at the present time." One film banned was "Concentration Camp Atrocities." The Army described this documentary as the "most spectacular coverage of atrocities in various German concentration camps." The orientation film, "Death Mills," was listed as "limited to specific audiences." The Pentagon defined "specific audiences" as troops not destined for duty in Germany.

PRESIDENT OF WEST GERMAN REPUBLIC TELLS OFFICIALS TO REMEMBER NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS

WEISBADEN, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- German policy toward the Jews henceforth must be based on the highest ideals of humanity, Dr. Theodor Heuss, President of the West German Federal Republic, declared last night at a meeting here arranged by the Conference of Christians and Jews.

"We must never forget," he said, "the Nuremberg laws and the compulsory carrying of the Jewish star. Nor should we forget the firing of synagogues and the deportations. Even if we deny and reject collective guilt, because that is an unjustified simplification, we should feel shame collectively. In the future, Germany will go the way of tolerance and humanity in order to create the best relationship among all human beings."

The address, which was heard by several hundred high government and local officials, was broadcast throughout Western Germany.

JEWS MEMBER OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT ASKS ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- David Weitzman, Laborite Member of the House of Commons, last night raised the issue of unrest in North London as a result of what he described as scurrilous statements by British Fascists against Jews and the Jewish faith which, he declared, had led in some instances to violence. The member urged that "this violent and poisonous propaganda be brought to an end" in strict application of the Public Order Act.

Major Kenneth Younger, Undersecretary of the Home Office, replied that the Public Order Act did not refer to "insults" but only to disturbances of the peace. He said, however, that he had instructed the police to intervene when utterances were "likely" to lead to disorders and not to wait until disorders actually occur.

JEW SENTENCED IN BRITISH ZONE OF BERLIN FOR TORTURING INMATES IN NAZI CAMPS

BERLIN, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- A criminal court in the British sector of the city, after a two-day trial, today condemned a Jewish clothier named Leibush Bosak, 34, to eight years penal servitude, and ten years deprivation of his civil rights, for having beaten to death a number of Jews and others in the Silesian wartime concentration camps of Waldenburg and Marstede by order of the camp authorities to obtain better conditions for himself.

He was recently recognized by one of his victims, a Polish Jew, at the headquarters of the Berlin Jewish community, and immediately arrested. The prosecutor had demanded 15 years penal servitude, but the court considered as a mitigating circumstance the "psychosis from which any camp inmate suffered."

ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS OPENS TODAY; WILL DISCUSS 1950 COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS

CINCINNATI, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- National and local problems of American Jewish community life will be discussed at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which opens here tomorrow at the Netherlands-Plaza Hotel with the participation of leaders of the organized Jewish communities of the United States and Canada.

The Assembly, scheduled to last three days, will seek to evolve guideposts to meet American Jewry's 1950 responsibilities. Recommendations concerning unified and stable national fund-raising, multiple appeals and national-local relationships will be acted upon by the Assembly.

The Assembly will define the tasks facing the Jewish communities in America and Canada next year, both at home and abroad, whereby emphasis will be on combining factual analysis with clarification of community objectives, it was stressed here today. Local community needs and developments will be discussed at section meetings, with communities grouped according to population. Each section will deal with problems it considers most pressing. Subjects to be discussed at these meetings include problems of health, Jewish education and community organization structure.

The several hundred Jewish community leaders who gathered here to attend the General Assembly tonight honored Dr. Kurt Feiser, of Philadelphia, at a testimonial dinner prior to his assumption of new duties as Director of Development at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Feiser has for the past 12 years been executive vice-president of both the Allied Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish Charities of Philadelphia.

AGUDAH WORLD PARLEY CONCLUDES IN NEW YORK; ADOPTS DECISIONS ON ISRAEL AND RELIEF WORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The plenary session of the world executive of the Agudas Israel concluded its nine-day deliberations in camera here and issued a communique today making public a series of resolutions adopted at the parley.

One of the major resolutions provides for the calling of a world Agudah congress in Jerusalem to open July 28, 1950. This will be the first such congress since 1937. For the interim period, present Agudah policies were confirmed.

After considering a report from Rabbi I.M. Lewin, Agudah member in the Israel Cabinet, concerning his work and that of members of the Agudah in the Israel parliament, it was unanimously decided to adopt this report although some differences of opinion developed during the debate which preceded the report's adoption.

Expressing appreciation to Rabbi Lewin for his work, the session called upon him to continue his participation in the Israel Cabinet "according to the constant guidance of the Council of Torah Authorities in Eretz Israel." At the same time the session called upon the Agudah representatives in the Israel Government and in the parliament to intensify their efforts "for the rule of the Torah in Eretz Israel."

A Central Rescue Commission was established to coordinate the rescue and relief activities of the various branches of the Agudas Israel in Europe and in North Africa. The Agudah in Israel was instructed to expand its work for the new immigrants. Special stress was also laid in the resolutions adopted at the session for the creation and support of religious institutions in Israel as well as in all other countries.

The session dealt with the position of the Poalei Agudas Israel, the labor wing of the Agudah, especially with the fact that in some matters this group acted

independently without the consent of the highest Agudah bodies. Confidence was expressed that in the future, the Agudah laborites would desist from taking political steps independently of the Agudas Israel organization.

The conference established a Central Propaganda and Organization Commission to strengthen the Agudah movement in all parts of the world. It issued an appeal to world Jewry to give "its full loyalty to the Torah, the sacred heritage of the Jewish people," and called for the mobilization of all resources for the building of Israel and for the strengthening of the religious activities there.

The achievements of the Agudas Israel world organization were outlined at a reception tendered to the delegates from overseas attended by about 3,000 people and addressed by Jacob Rosenheim, president of the organization, Rabbi I.M. Lewin, Israel Minister of Welfare, H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the organization, and others.

U.P.A. AGENCIES IN ISRAEL SPENT \$150,000,000 IN 1949, JUDGE ROTHENBERG REPORTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- United Palestine Appeal agencies in Israel spent \$150,106,580 during 1949, the major portion of which was contributed by American Jews for an over-all program of immigration, rehabilitation and resettlement, Judge Morris Rothenberg, U.P.A. acting national chairman, disclosed here last night in a year's end report to the U.P.A. board of directors.

"The central theme of our program, which American Jews are helping to make possible," Judge Rothenberg said, "is the return to full-fledged social and economic stature of tens of thousands of ill-fed, ill-clad, ill-housed Jews who have led a marginal existence for more than a decade." Of the total sum spent this year, Judge Rothenberg reported that \$58,460,941 went for the initial care and rehabilitation of immigrants including provision of clothing and medical care and their maintenance in camps.

For housing of immigrants, U.P.A. agencies spent \$11,128,076 during 1949, with over 11,000 units completed. By the end of this month an additional 24,000 units, each housing an average of three immigrants, will be under construction. The continued influx into Israel, however, Judge Rothenberg declared, still makes it necessary for more than 90,000 immigrants to live in reception camps awaiting permanent resettlement. Agricultural development, including the establishment of new settlements and the expansion of those already in existence to increase the country's absorptive potential, cost U.P.A. agencies \$29,065,747.

BURMA RECOGNIZES ISRAEL; IS 58TH NATION TO ACKNOWLEDGE JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The Government of the Union of Burma today granted recognition to the state of Israel, it was announced here. Burma is the 58th nation to have accorded recognition to the new state.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND RENAMES ISRAEL COLONY "Kfar HANASSI" IN HONOR OF DR. WEIZMANN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Keren Kayemeth headquarters here announced today that the settlement known as Kvutzat Hahonim, located in the Huleh valley, has been renamed Kfar Hanassi--"Settlement of the President"--in honor of President Chaim Weizmann's 75th birthday.

GASTON KOCH IS REELECTED PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH OF FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Gaston Koch has been reelected president of the B'nai B'rith of France, the organization announced here today.

ANTI-SEMITISM WAS CHIEF CAUSE OF PEESKILL RIOTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION CHARGES

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The American Civil Liberties Union said in a report issued yesterday that an abnormal growth of anti-Semitism in Peekskill, N.Y., prodded into a mood of violence by the local press, was the basic cause for the riots which broke out there last summer during a concert at which Paul Robeson appeared.

The report, whose signatories included Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared: "The unprovoked rioting was fostered largely by anti-Semitism, growing out of local resentment against the increasing influx of Jewish summer residents from New York. It was heightened by the area's tradition of political violence."

MASADA CONVENTION BACKS TRUMAN'S CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM; JEWISH EDUCATION ALSO ENDORSED

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Masada, youth affiliate of the Zionist Organization of America, today reported that among the resolutions adopted at its recently-concluded annual convention in Sharon, Mass., was an endorsement of President Truman's civil rights program which won the unanimous approval of the 200 delegates attending the parley.

The Masada meeting also decided to "increase Zionist activity and build a creative Jewish life in America." Fostering of Jewish educational programs in the United States, with particular emphasis on history, the rise of Zionism and Israel today, was also advocated by the delegates, who represented branches in 12 states.

ISRAEL ORDERS MORE THAN 4,000 MOTOR VEHICLES IN U.S.; LARGE TRUCKS, BUSES INCLUDED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Israel has placed orders in the U.S. for 4,172 motor vehicles, the office of International Trade of the Department of Commerce announced today. The orders include: 310 buses, 1,208 pick-up trucks, 81 panel trucks, 1,380 three-ton trucks, 257 five-ton trucks, 416 seven-and-one-half-ton trucks, 115 truck-tractors, 108 semi-trailers, 45 special vehicles and 252 passenger cars.

ARGENTINE CITY GETS BILL TO RENAME STREET IN HONOR OF STATE OF ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Varela Silveira, president of the municipal council of Rosario, second largest city in Argentina, today introduced a resolution in the council asking that one of the streets in the city be renamed "Street of the State of Israel."

FRIESH ACCEPTS INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE PLENARY SESSION

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, has accepted an invitation from the executive of the Jewish Agency to participate in its plenary session which will open Jan. 12 in Jerusalem, it was announced here today.

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH SOCIAL WELFARE TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTIC CITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (JTA) -- The National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare announced today that its 51st annual meeting will be held in Atlantic City, June 4-9, at the Hotel Chelsea. George W. Rabinoff of New York is president of the Conference.

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