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ISRAEL PREMIER AND PARLIAMENT TO MOVE TO JERUSALEM; BEN GURION READS DECLARATION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The office of the Premier of Israel will be moved to Jerusalem and the Israel parliament will convene in the Holy City in about 10 days, it was authoritatively learned here today following a session of the Knesset at which Mr. Ben Gurion in a statement deplored the decision of the U.N. General Assembly to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship. The Ministry of Defense, headed by Mr. Ben Gurion, will remain in Tel Aviv.

The Israel Premier emphasized that Jerusalem always has been and always will be the capital of Israel. He said that there is nothing to prevent the Israel parliament from holding its sessions in Jerusalem, that the government will continue to transfer its offices to Jerusalem and that he hopes to complete the transfer as soon as possible.

"From the very first days of our provisional government," the Premier said, in a declaration, "we made peace, security and economic consolidation of Jerusalem our principal care. Amidst the stress of war, when Jerusalem was under siege, we were compelled to establish the seat of the government in Hazyria, near Tel Aviv. For the state of Israel there always has been and always will be one capital only -- Jerusalem, the eternal. So it was 3,000 years ago and so it will be, we believe, until the end of time.

"As soon as the fighting stopped, we began to transfer government offices to Jerusalem and to create conditions for a normal life in the capital. We are continuing with the transfer of the government to Jerusalem and we hope to complete it as soon as possible.

"When the first Knesset opened in Jerusalem on February 14, 1949, no adequate facilities existed for its normal functioning in the capital, and it was necessary to transfer its sessions temporarily to Tel Aviv. The required arrangements in Jerusalem are on the verge of completion and there is nothing now to prevent the Knesset from returning to Jerusalem. We propose to take a decision to this effect.

"In all these arrangements there is nothing altering in the slightest degree any existing rights to the Holy Places which the Israel Government will fully respect, or our consent to effective supervision of these Holy Places by the United Nations as our delegation declared at the General Assembly."

U.N. Decision Is "Utterly Incapable of Implementation," Ben Gurion Says

In a tense atmosphere, with the galleries of the Knesset filled to capacity, Premier Ben Gurion made it clear that the Israel Government did not change its attitude with regard to Jerusalem even after the decision of the U.N. General Assembly to internationalize the city. "One week ago on this day in the name of the Israel Government I made a statement with regard to Jerusalem at the Knesset," he said. "I need hardly say to you that this statement retains its full force. No change in our attitude has occurred or can possibly occur.

"As you know, the U.N. General Assembly, meanwhile, by a large majority, decided to place Jerusalem under an international regime, as a separate entity. This decision is utterly incapable of implementation if only for the determined unalterable opposition of the Jerusalem inhabitants themselves. It is to be hoped that the General Assembly will in the course of time correct this mistake which its majority made and will make no attempt whatsoever to impose a regime on the Holy City against the will of its people.

"We respect and shall continue to respect the wishes of all those states which are concerned with the freedom of worship and free access to the Holy Places and which seek to safeguard the existing rights of the Holy Places and of the religious buildings in Jerusalem. Our undertaking to preserve these rights remains in force. We will gladly and willingly carry this out even though we cannot lend ourselves to partake in an enforced separation of Jerusalem which violates without need or reason the historic and natural right of the people dwelling in Zion," Ben Gurion concluded.

Mapai Pledges Support to Government In Stand Against Internationalization

The Premier advised the parliament to postpone a general debate on his statement. Such a debate was requested by the General Zionists. However, Mr. Ben Gurion pointed out that an immediate debate was untimely. He suggested that a broad discussion should be held at a later stage. By a vote of 59-27, the parliament decided to postpone the holding of an immediate debate, but permitted one representative of each party to state the views of his group.

A leader of the Mapai, Yitzchak Ben Aharon, requested that the government pledge it would reject the present partitioning of Jerusalem. He also demanded that the government give assurances of non-cooperation with any United Nations bodies which may attempt to implement the U.N. Assembly decision placing Jerusalem under international trusteeship. He said that his party will fully back the government against internationalization or any other plans for the separation of Jerusalem.

Menachem Beigin, leader of the Ezerut Party, severely criticized the government for giving up the Old City two years ago. He also criticized Premier Ben Gurion for renewing the acceptance of international supervision of the Holy Places. This, he said, meant that the Israel Government, even by having its seat in Jerusalem, would agree to govern under the shade of foreign rule.

Joseph Saphir, leader of the General Zionists, demanded a proclamation of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel under Article I of the provisional constitution. He also held that the statement made by Mr. Ben Gurion was unacceptable since it endorsed the principle of foreign rule in a part of Jerusalem. Nathan Friedman-Yellin urged the reunion of the separated parts of Jerusalem and appealed for "united, closed ranks" in the face of anticipated United Nations sanctions.

The session of the Knesset concluded with an announcement by Joseph Sprinzak, speaker of the parliament, declaring that the seat of the Knesset will be transferred from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem after the eight-day Hanukkah festival which begins Thursday at sundown.

STATE DEPARTMENT SURPRISED AT BEN GURION'S DECLARATION; AWAITS OFFICIAL TEXT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The State Department was taken by surprise today by the declaration on Jerusalem made by Israel's Premier at a session of the Knesset. Government sources indicated that the quickness of the Israel move was totally unexpected. State Department spokesman Michael J. McDermott said the Department has not yet received the official text of Ben Gurion's statement.

ISRAEL ASKS INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO RECOGNIZE RED MOGEN DOVID AS OFFICIAL EMBLEM

GENEVA, May 20. (JTA) -- Israel is asking the International Red Cross, which is meeting here now, to accept the Red Mogen Dovid as another of the official Red Cross emblems, Menahem Kahany, Israeli delegate to the 60-nation parley, revealed today.

In pressing Israel's suit, Kahany pointed out that the Red Cross already recognizes three emblems--the Red Cross, the Red Crescent and the Lion and Sun of Iran--and that the Israelis should not be asked to sacrifice their emblem. A request for recognition of the Mogen Dovid has already been turned down by the Committee on Prisoners of War, but Kahany believes that the parley will find a compromise. At present the Dutch have submitted a proposal for one overall emblem--a red heart on a white background.

BRITISH JEWISH LEADERS HONOR MEMBERS OF ISRAELI FINANCIAL DELEGATION AT LONDON DINNER

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- British Jewish leaders last night honored the members of the Israeli financial delegation now in London to negotiate with the British Government over blocked Israeli sterling balances, at a dinner at the Anglo-Palestine Club here.

David Horowitz, Israeli Undersecretary of Finance, told the gathering of Israel's "uphill" struggle from the period of partition, at the end of 1947, to the present. He added that the economic battle is still on. Other members of the delegation spoke of the need for capital investment to develop industry and trade in the Jewish state, and thanked the British Jewish leaders for their assistance to the Israeli cause.

In its current issue, the New Statesman and Nation attacks the Palestine policy of British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and appeals for a share by this country in trade with Israel. "It would pay us," the pro-labor weekly asserts, "to be generous in order that British firms would be enabled to obtain a fair share of this important and expanding market. A Treasury agreement with Israel, with which financial talks are now under way, should be followed by a trade treaty."

Stating that this depends upon Bevin, the periodical asserts that the Foreign Secretary's present policy of "confining the Jewish state has continued unabated, although methods have changed from military threats to economic constraint."

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT APPLIES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

LAKE SUCCESS, May 20. (JTA) -- The government of Israel has applied for membership in the World Health Organization. Its application will be subject to ratification by the W.H.O. assembly which meets in June. This information was disclosed by W.H.O. director-general Dr. Brock Chisholm at a press conference here today. Dr. Chisholm stated that the Arab states which are already members of the organization apparently welcome the Israeli application.

ISRAELIS WILL OPPOSE CURBING OF IMMIGRATION, JERUSALEM EDITOR TELLS AGUDAH CONVENTION

HURLEYVILLE, N.Y., May 20. (JTA) -- Rabbi Menachem Porush, one of the editors of the Orthodox Jerusalem daily "Hayoman," told the Agudas Israel convention here last night that the people of Israel will resist any moves to limit Jewish immigration to the new state. The convention, which is being attended by more than 500 delegates, will continue through Monday.

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AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT READY TO DISCUSS RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY WITH ALL JEWISH AGENCIES

VIENNA May 20. (JTA) -- The Austrian Foreign Ministry is prepared to discuss the question of restitution, including the disposition of heirless Jewish property, with all recognized Jewish agencies, M. Leitmayr, chief of the political section of the Austrian Foreign Ministry, has assured Harry Goodman, political secretary of the Agudas Israel.

Meanwhile, Oskar Helmer, Austrian Minister of Interior, stated that all refugees who succeed in making their way here from Eastern Europe would be promptly transferred to the western zones of the country.

CONGRESSMAN URGES U.N. BODY TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN SOVIET UNION

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA) -- Rep. Abraham J. Multer, Democrat of New York, today urged the United Nations to investigate charges of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

In a letter to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, he said a series of articles in the Scripps-Howard newspapers indicate "that the Soviet Government has apparently opened up a drive against Jews." He suggested that the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, of which Mrs. Roosevelt is a member, look into the matter.

J.D.C. CHARTERS BOAT TO EVACUATE 250 JEWS FROM TIENTSIN, IN CHINA, TO HONG KONG

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee's director in Shanghai, Adolph C. Glassgold, has chartered a boat to evacuate a group of 250 Jews from Communist-held Tientsin in North China to Hong Kong, from where they will proceed to Israel by air, it was announced here today by Moses A. Leavitt, J.D.C. executive vice-chairman. All of the Tientsin Jews hold Israeli visas.

The Tientsin group includes displaced persons from Europe and permanent residents. Communist authorities in the city have granted permission to the 250 Jews to leave the city, the J.D.C. said. The International Refugee Organization is sharing in the cost of moving the Jews to Hong Kong.

SHANGHAI JEWS EN ROUTE TO CANADA DUE TO LAND IN SEATTLE; WILL PROCEED TO VANCOUVER

SEATTLE, May 20. (JTA) -- A group of 92 Shanghai Jewish refugees en route to Canada is expected to land at Everett Field here tomorrow. The DP's are scheduled to continue on to British Vancouver by bus.

An unconfirmed report reaching here today said that units of the U.S. Navy evacuated a group of 172 Shanghai Jews from the beleaguered Chinese city to Tokyo. Present estimates place the number of Jews still in Shanghai at 1,500.

"COMMITTEE FOR FORGOTTEN MILLION" ANNOUNCES ITS DISSOLUTION FOLLOWING J.D.C. AGREEMENT

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- An agreement between the Joint Distribution Committee and Ozar Hatorah, providing for increased J.D.C. support to Ozar Hatorah's religious education programs in North Africa and the dissolution of the latter's fund-raising body, the Committee for the Forgotten Million, was announced today.

Under the terms of the agreement, J.D.C. will this year assume 60 percent of the budget of Ozar Hatorah for its religious education activities in French Morocco, which now reach 5,000 to 6,000 Jewish children. The J.D.C. will also provide supplementary food and welfare aid for Jewish students in Ozar Hatorah schools in Morocco and other areas in North Africa and the Near East. While Ozar Hatorah may continue to receive individual contributions for its overseas programs, the organization has agreed not to conduct any public fund-raising campaigns in competition with the U.J.A.

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DP IMMIGRANTS BECOMING FULL-FLEDGED AMERICANS, THREE-FAITH CONFERENCE FINDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Displaced persons already admitted to the United States are well on their way to becoming full-fledged Americans; and the selection and screening system worked out abroad by U.S. government agencies and representatives of the three faiths virtually assures that only those DP's who would be acceptable American citizens are being admitted to the U.S.

This was the conclusion drawn by representatives of Jewish, Catholic and Protestant organizations which to date have sponsored 87 percent of the some 110,000 displaced persons of Europe who have entered under the U.S. Displaced Persons Act, as they met today to discuss their resettlement programs, the overseas aspects as well as the effect on the U.S. Representing Jewish organizations at the parley were: Rabbi Bernard J. Bamberger, president of the Synagogue Council of America; William Rosenwald, honorary president of the United Service for New Americans; and Arthur Greenleigh, associate director of U.S.N.A.

DR. BERG DONATES FUND TO BUILD HEADQUARTERS FOR UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A national center of Reform Judaism will be constructed in New York City as the result of a gift made by Dr. Albert A. Berg, noted surgeon, scientist and philanthropist, to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, it was announced today by Mr. Jacob Aronson, chairman of the Union executive board.

The structure, to be erected as a memorial to the benefactor's parents, will serve as the national home of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. An announcement of the site will be forthcoming soon. Although the amount of the gift has not been disclosed, Dr. Maurice W. Eisendrath, president of the Union, called it "the largest single contribution to any Jewish religious body in our generation."

RABBI WEINBERG APPOINTED NATIONAL CHAPLAIN OF AMERICAN VETERANS ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- National Commander Harold Russell of Amvets today announced the appointment of Rabbi Dudley Weinberg of Temple Chabei Shalom, Brookline, Mass., as national chaplain for the World War II veterans organization.

Rabbi Weinberg served as a major in the Army Chaplain corps in the South Pacific. He is the first clergyman of Jewish faith to be appointed national chaplain of Amvets. He succeeds a Catholic priest, the Rev. Francis Wallace, of La Crosse, Wis.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CONFERS HONORARY DEGREE ON FOREIGN MINISTER SHARETT

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today received the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters at a special convocation called by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Speakers at the convocation included Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Seminary.

SAMUEL GOMPERS TO BE HONORED BY U.S.; POST OFFICE TO ISSUE STAMP WITH HIS PICTURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Samuel Gompers, the late pioneer labor leader who was born to a London Jewish family, will be honored by the United States Government on the 100th anniversary of his birth. A three-cent stamp, bearing a picture of Mr. Gompers, will be placed on sale by the U.S. Post Office Department January 27, 1950.

J.D.C. ARRANGES HANUKKAH FESTIVITIES FOR 70,000 JEWISH CHILDREN IN EUROPE, NO. AFRICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee today announced that approximately 70,000 Jewish children in Europe and North Africa will celebrate the eight-day Hanukkah festival--which begins Thursday at sundown--thanks to aid sent through the J.D.C. A special allocation of holiday toys, plus extra rations of milk and other foods, has been completed in 22 countries, the announcement said.

The National Jewish Welfare Board reported that thousands of Jewish servicemen as well as hospitalized veterans will mark Hanukkah in some 500 military installations and V.A. hospitals. Numerous holiday gifts have been prepared by women's groups affiliated with the J.W.B. for shipment to Jewish members of the armed forces.

The Synagogue Council of America, in a Hanukkah message issued today, said: "As we kindle the Hanukkah lights, we must bear in mind the continuing obligation to champion freedom of conscience for ourselves and for all mankind. With the right to freedom of worship must go likewise the sense of the duty of worship."

ISRAEL NEEDS JEWISH NATIONAL FUND AS NEVER BEFORE, ELATH TELLS LOS ANGELES JEWS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- More than 1,500 Los Angeles Jews turned out last night to welcome Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath at the 15th annual Hanukkah banquet of the Jewish National Fund here. The dinner marked the formal launching of an effort to redeem a tract of land in the Negev in honor of Theodore Strimling, veteran Los Angeles Zionist leader.

Paying tribute to the achievements of the J.N.F., Ambassador Elath emphasized the strategic importance of the organization in the establishment of Israel and in the agricultural development program for immigrant absorption. He stressed that the Jewish state "needs the Jewish National Fund as never before."

PERMISSION SOUGHT TO SELL 500,000 SHARES OF STOCK IN PROJECTED ISRAEL TEXTILE PLANT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Moller-Dee Textile Corporation has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, seeking registration of 500,000 shares of capital stock, at \$5 par value, to construct a modern textile plant in Israel. The plant will manufacture cotton yarns and fabrics.

NEARLY \$17,000 RAISED IN LONDON FOR STEPHEN S. WISE MEMORIAL FUND

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Nearly \$17,000 was raised here for the Stephen S. Wise Memorial Appeal at a reception arranged by the World Jewish Congress, of which the late Dr. Wise was president, tendered in honor of Mrs. Archibald Silverman, of the United States. Speakers at the function included Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, W.J.C. leader, and Levi Allon, Israel consul here.

DR. DUBROVSKY REELECTED PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE BODY IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Members of the assembly of DATA, the central Jewish representative body of Argentina, today reelected Dr. Ricardo Dubrovsky as president of the organization.