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U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION IS PLANNING TO ACT ON PALESTINE BOUNDARIES

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission announced today that it will put forth its own plan for the future boundaries of Palestine. The Commission said it had a right to do this in submitting its fifth progress report to the Security Council. It emphasized that the resolution of the General Assembly session in Paris last year empowered members of the Commission to act in this direction.

The Commission indicated it will embark on this course to break the deadlock between Arabs and Israel on the territorial problems of Palestine. It added that it "hopes to undertake this task with the interested parties and thereby bring to a successful conclusion the mission entrusted to it by the Assembly." The Commission will reconvene in Geneva January 16 to continue these negotiations and to study the final report of the Economic Survey Mission.

The second and final report of the Economic Survey Mission for the Middle East recommending long-range work projects for Syria, Lebanon and Transjordan, was signed in Paris yesterday by the mission chief, Gordon R. Clapp. The projects are designed to help employ 650,000 Palestine Arab refugees on Middle East public works programs. Mr. Clapp made it clear that the mission planned no projects for Israel, saying that the Jewish state had foreign sources for capital and technical knowledge.

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL POSTPONES ACTION ON JERUSALEM STATUTE UNTIL JANUARY MEETING

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Trusteeship Council, by a vote of 11-0, with the Soviet delegation abstaining, decided to postpone consideration of the draft statute for Jerusalem until the Jan. 19 meeting of the Council in Geneva. The decision marks a victory for the U.S., which sponsored postponement from the start.

Various motions of censure of Israel for transferring some of its government offices to Jerusalem were then taken up for discussion during the day, under pressure of the Arab states. However, the Trusteeship Council adjourned its session this evening when a United States amendment attempting to block the censure motions snarled the meeting. Discussions on the proposed censure move will continue at the next meeting of the Council.

The Council entrusted Roger Garreau, its president, with the task of preparing a working paper on the statute for Jerusalem, after inviting written suggestions from Council members as well as from the three Arab states now participating in the Council deliberations. M. Garreau was also authorized to receive views of other interested governments--presumably Israel and Transjordan--and institutions and organizations. This working paper must be submitted not later than January 5.

The Council then heard a report by Dr. Ralph Bunche, representing the U.N. Secretariat, who confirmed Israel's intention to make Jerusalem the capital of the new state. Reports from U.N. observers, he said, note that new Israel Government offices are moving into Jerusalem.

BRITAIN CLAIMS FROM ANGLO-PALESTINE BANK IN ISRAEL \$5,000,000 OF FORMER GERMAN ASSETS

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The British Government has issued a writ against the Anglo-Palestine Bank claiming \$5,020,400 in former German assets, the Tel Aviv correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reported today. The dispatch stated that before the termination of the British Mandate over Palestine, Britain and Australia had agreed that the assets of Germans, to be resettled in Australia, should be handed over by the bank to British agents, who would then transfer them to the Commonwealth Government.

The Anglo-Palestine Bank has refused the transfer because the Israel Government claims the same amount from the bank on the grounds that all former assets of Palestine accrue to Israel as reparations from Germany.

ISRAEL MARKS "INGATHERING OF EXILES DAY": ARRIVAL OF SECOND MILLION JEWS ANTICIPATED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- "Yom Kibbutz Galuyoth"--"Day of the Ingathering of the Exiles"--was celebrated today throughout Israel on the occasion of the Jewish population of this country passing the 1,000,000 mark. The theme of the celebration emphasized the need for preparing for the arrival here of the second million Jews.

President Chaim Weizmann, in a special message, declared that with the start of the ingathering of the second million Jews, the history of Jewish immigration to Israel has reached a new chapter. Dr. Weizmann said that Jews throughout the world must realize that this wave of immigration to Israel is not a transitory but a progressive development, "since not one but many millions are imperative for the survival of our state."

In an appeal directed to Jewish communities overseas, President Weizmann declared that the problem of aiding the immigration of Israel-bound Jews must be given priority over all other problems. The road for the second million Jews proceeding to Israel, he said, must be shorter than previous immigration paths because "no foundation exists for the security of the state with only 1,000,000 Jews."

Dr. Weizmann paid high tribute to the Israel Government and to the Jewish Agency for their activities in implementing the "ingathering of the exiles." He also lauded the world Zionist movement for its efforts and urged that the utmost efforts be exerted to eliminate the hardships now facing "thousands of immigrants tightly-packed in reception camps."

ISRAEL AIRLINE INAUGURATES WEEKLY SERVICE TO PARIS, LONDON, ZURICH AND ROME

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The El Al airline, a government-subsidized company, today officially inaugurated a regular weekly schedule from Lydda to Paris, London, Zurich and Rome.

The Lydda-Paris run has been in operation for some time. The Israel company has already concluded pacts with foreign airlines which make it possible for passengers reserving passage through El Al to obtain tickets through to New York, Vienna, Munich and Prague.

At a formal ceremony, presided over by Minister of Communications David Remez, the government yesterday celebrated its first year of operation of the Lydda airfield. During that year 1,600 planes, carrying 80,000 passengers, made use of its facilities, against the 27,000 passengers who landed or took off there during 1947, the peak year of the Palestine Mandate's administration. Minister Remez revealed that 100,000 pounds had been spent in improving the airport last year.

VON MANNSTEIN GETS 18 YEARS FOR WAR CRIMES; GUILTY OF FAILING TO PROTECT JEWS

HAMBURG, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A British military court here today sentenced Nazi Field Marshal Erich von Mannstein to 18 years imprisonment following his conviction on nine war crimes charges including failure to protect Jews and other Soviet citizens who were shot, hanged, gassed and drowned by Gestapo troops operating in his command area during the war.

Von Mannstein was acquitted of eight other counts, including charges that he authorized and permitted the mass killing of Jews and other racial groups and that he authorized and permitted the transfer of Jews to Gestapo installations knowing that the Jews would be exterminated. The Nazi Field Marshal refused to plead for mercy. The British have announced that von Mannstein's trial, the 938th of a German war criminal by a British military court, ends the war crimes prosecution in this zone.

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH BUSINESSMEN IN WESTERN GERMANY FORMED; PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

MUNICH, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- An association of Jewish businessmen in Western Germany was organized here today at a meeting called by the Jewish Merchants Association of Bavaria. Representative businessmen from all three Western zones attended the conference.

Complaints of "hostility" toward Jewish businessmen in German government offices were voiced at the session. One delegate stated that Jewish businessmen have been denied import and export licenses by German officials because the latter were officially giving preference to "established" merchants. Since the Jews spent the war years in hiding or in concentration camps they are not considered as operating "established" firms. The same delegate said that the only Jews who occasionally are granted a request by an official are those who were in business before 1938.

Other speakers at the parley deplored "the lack of credit" available to Jewish merchants. However, they expressed opposition to dealing with the Jewish Restitution Bank where, as one speaker put it, "no Jewish merchants but two non-Jews became members of the board."

NINE GERMANS AND POLES SENTENCED TO DEATH IN POLAND FOR WAR CRIMES AGAINST JEWS

WARSAW, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Nine Poles charged with war crimes were sentenced to death this past week, and a tenth to 15 years imprisonment, by various Polish courts. The specific charge was turning Jews over to the occupying Nazi authorities, who murdered them, or committing the executions themselves.

Two of the nine were sentenced by a court at Rzeszow, the remainder were condemned in Warsaw. One was a former Gestapo member and guard at the Oswiecim concentration camp. Among the condemned men was a former chief of the German military police at Siedlice and Gora Kalwaria, seat of the famous Gora Rabbis of the Chasidic sect.

Tombstones and memorial tablets have been erected in Jewish cemeteries in Czestochowa and Plock over the mass graves of thousands of victims of the Nazis.

In Plock, the first city in Poland in which Jews settled, in 1,237 C.E., the monument marked the grave of 9,000 Jews. In Czestochowa, three tombstones were placed over a mass grave of 4,000 men, women and children murdered in the liquidation of the local ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

EMIGRATION OF ENTIRE JEWISH POPULATION OF POLAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES PREDICTED IN 1950

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The entire Jewish populations of Poland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Tripolitania and Yemen will emigrate from those countries in 1950, I. Shai, director-general of the Israel Ministry of Immigration, predicted here at a press conference.

Mr. Shai, who just returned from a tour of Europe and the United States, reported that 300 Jews are leaving France for Israel every month. These Jews, he said, together with some 6,000 from North Africa are now waiting at Marseilles for passage to the Jewish state.

This coming year, he added, will see the arrival in Israel of 20,000 of the 45,000 Jews remaining in Germany. It will also witness the migration of 30,000 to Israel of Poland's remaining 60,000 Jews. They will pour into the new state at the rate of 2,500 a month, Mr. Shai estimated.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES, JEWISH VETERANS PREPARE TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM IN BRITISH ELECTIONS

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Jewish war veterans and the Board of Deputies of British Jews are making preparations to cope with anti-Semitic propaganda which is expected to play an important part in the nationwide general elections next spring, it was learned here today.

The veterans' decision was taken at the conclusion of a recent meeting of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen. Speakers at that parley voiced concern that fascist activity, which had fallen off following Britain's withdrawal from Palestine, was again on the increase in London and other cities throughout the country. It is anticipated that fascist candidates, with no hope of election to Parliament, will use their candidacies as vehicles for anti-Jewish campaigns.

The Board of Deputies yesterday formed a special subcommittee to formulate policy for the forthcoming election insofar as Jewish matters are concerned. This development is not viewed as the formation of a "Jewish bloc." Among other functions, this group will send observers to election meetings in constituencies where fascists are contesting the Parliamentary seat or where anti-Semitism is made an issue by the candidate of any party.

CLOSER TIES BETWEEN TURKISH JEWS AND OVERSEAS COMMUNITIES REPORTED BY RABBINATE

ISTANBUL, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate of Istanbul today reported that ties between the Jewish community in this country and Jewish communities and organizations abroad since the end of World War II have become much closer. The report noted that during this period links have also been formed among the various Jewish communities in all parts of Turkey.

Plans to send students interested in studying for the rabbinate to training seminaries overseas were also disclosed. The report added that during recent years the observance of religious traditions in Turkey has diminished.

DANISH RED CROSS RAISES FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SANATORIUM FOR CHILDREN IN ISRAEL

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Danish Red Cross and the Save the Children Fund, together with Jewish organizations in this country, today launched a campaign to raise 500,000 crowns--about \$125,000--for the establishment of a tuberculosis home for children in Israel. The Danish Government has undertaken to double the amount raised by voluntary subscriptions.

LOS ANGELES GIVES \$3,000,000 CHECK TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL AS ADVANCE ON 1950 DRIVE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A check for \$3,000,000 was presented yesterday to Berl Locker, of Jerusalem, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, as an advance contribution of the Jewish community of Los Angeles to the 1950 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, which is seeking to meet needs in Israel, Europe and elsewhere totalling \$272,455,800 in the coming year.

The presentation of this check climaxed a special conference at the Ambassador Hotel here during which more than 1,600 community leaders joined to celebrate "Ingathering of the Exiles" Day, which was observed throughout the state of Israel to signify the fact that Israel's Jewish population has reached the one million mark. The check was presented by Charles Brown, conference chairman.

Accepting the contribution on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, Mr. Locker said: "It took Israel sixty years to develop into a nation of 1,000,000 Jews. With the help of American Jews, we shall gather in and absorb another million people in the next five or six years."

PHILADELPHIA ALLIED JEWISH APPEAL ANNOUNCES \$5,041,796 ALLOCATIONS FOR VARIOUS NEEDS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Allocations totalling \$5,041,796 from the funds raised during the 1949 spring campaign of the Philadelphia Allied Jewish Appeal were announced today by Samuel H. Daroff, president. The Appeal's board of directors unanimously approved the distribution of funds to 46 local, national and overseas beneficiary agencies, following the report submitted by Edward N. Polisher, chairman of the 1949 Allocations Committee for 1950 needs.

Included in the allocations which went to 46 member agencies serving Jewish needs throughout the world was a sum of \$1,605,296 for local organizations serving Philadelphia needs; \$3,154,000 for overseas work; and \$271,500 for national agencies. The United Jewish Appeal received the largest appropriation. A total of \$2,900,000 was granted to the U.J.A.

VICE-PRESIDENT BARKLEY CALLS ISRAEL A FREE NATION ESSENTIAL TO U.S. SECURITY

MIAMI, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Paying tribute to the Jewish state as an "outpost of democracy," Vice-President Alben W. Barkley called yesterday for maximum support to Israel as a "free nation that is so essential to the security of our own liberty and ideals." Addressing an all-day conference, the Vice-President told more than 1,000 Jewish leaders assembled at the Westview Country Club that aid to Israel through the United Jewish Appeal "is more than a Jewish problem--it is a humanitarian problem."

The Miami conference heard Mr. Barkley declare that he was proud as an American that the United States was instrumental in the birth of Israel as an independent nation and that our government recommended the admission of the Jewish state into the United Nations.

In his address the Vice-President emphasized that the United Jewish Appeal was a vital factor in the future development of Israel. "Israel is not financially strong enough to provide for the newcomers who are coming in at the rate of some 200,000 a year. It is not strong enough to take care of the immigrants alone, to provide housing, hospitals, to care for the children and to reclaim the land and prepare it for settlement. We must help the Jewish state because Israel is not economically strong enough at the present time to meet these needs," Mr. Barkley declared.

HADASSAH DISPATCHES \$1,000,000 TO ISRAEL TO MARK ARRIVAL OF MILLIONTH JEW IN STATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Marking the entry of the 1,000,000th Jew into Israel, Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America, today cabled the sum of \$1,000,000 to the Jewish state.

The funds transmitted today bring to a total of \$2,000,000 the amount of money dispatched by Hadassah to Israel since October 1 of this year. The current campaign goal of the organization is \$6,535,000.

327,000 JEWS LIVING IN ARGENTINA; RESIDE IN 3,402 CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- There are some 327,000 Jews living in 3,402 Argentinian cities, towns and villages, it was estimated by Yedidio Efron, noted Zionist educational leader, in an article published here in "Di Yiddische Zeitung."

Mr. Efron bases his estimate on statistical material compiled by the Jewish Colonization Society and other sources in the country, as well as a 1946 census of Jews which revealed that there were about 320,000 Jews in Argentina at that time. At that time, Mr. Efron points out in his article, the Jews composed 2.2 of the population of the country, and the 207,000 Jews living in Buenos Aires made up 7.1 percent of the city's total.

FIVE JEWISH WRITERS RECEIVE LITERARY PRIZES FOR BEST WORKS PUBLISHED THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Five prizes of \$500 each were awarded this week-end to three Yiddish and two Hebrew writers whose works were selected as the best literary works in Yiddish and Hebrew published in the U.S. this year. The Yiddish winners were: Joseph Rolinch and H. Rosenthal for their books of poetry; and Bezalel Sherman for his study "Jews and Other Ethnic Groups in the United States." The Hebrew winners were Harry Sackler, for a volume of short stories, "Rainbow in the Clouds"; and Daniel Persky, for a book of essays.

The presentation ceremony, which was held in the auditorium of the New School for Social Research, was attended by several hundred people and presided over by S. Niger, noted Jewish critic. Speakers included Mr. Louis Lamed, the sponsor of the foundation which awarded the prizes; Menachem Ribalow, editor of the Hebrew weekly HaCoar; B.I. Byalostopsky, Jewish poet; Moses Feinstein, educator, and others.

N.Y. STATE EXECUTIVE OF A.L.P. SUPPORTS ISRAEL'S POSITION ON STATUS OF JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The state executive committee of the American Labor Party has adopted a resolution declaring that Jerusalem belongs to Israel and calling on the U.N. Security Council to reopen the question of the Holy City's status with a view to recognizing Israel administration of the new city of Jerusalem, it was announced here yesterday.

PRAYERS FOR JERUSALEM HELD IN SYNAGOGUES OF SOUTH AFRICA; BOND WITH ISRAEL EMPHASIZED

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Special prayers for Jerusalem were held in the synagogues of South Africa over the week-end. Rabbis preached to large congregations on the eternal bond between Israel and Jerusalem. Consul General Edward Goitein of Israel attended the service at the Berea Hebrew Congregation.

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