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ISRAEL TO IGNORE U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL'S ORDER WILL NOT MOVE OFFICES FROM JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today emphatically declared that Israel will not cooperate in any attempt to implement the resolution of the U.N. Trusteeship Council asking the Israel Government to "revoke" the transfer of its offices from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. There is a question whether the Council is entitled to address such a request to any government, Mr. Sharett said.

The Foreign Minister made his statement prior to returning by plane to Israel. Asked whether the Jewish state will oppose the request of the Trusteeship Council, he replied: "It is a self-contradicting proposition. They just cannot do anything about it. They must eject the government and they cannot carry that through. The opening stages of the discussion in the Council indicated quite clearly how little faith and enthusiasm exist in the Council itself for this idea. The delegations in the Assembly which had been foremost in urging this course were remarkably tacit in their silence later."

Emphasizing that the Trusteeship Council would need an army to enforce its decision and pointing out that the Council does not have such an army, Mr. Sharett said that the resolution adopted by the Council last night was the work of "an irresponsible majority." He added: "It is a remarkable exhibition of the lack of responsibility on the part of those who voted for this resolution in the full knowledge and realization of the fact that it cannot be carried through."

Asked whether he foresees any trouble between Arabs and Jews, Mr. Sharett declared: "No. I foresee no trouble at all. Both Israel and Transjordan were united in their opposition to the idea of placing Jerusalem under international trusteeship."

Israel Government Studying Legality of Trusteeship Council's Order

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is now studying the legality of the resolution adopted last night by the U.N. Trusteeship Council requesting that Israel "revoke" the transfer of its government offices from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and abstain from any action liable to hinder implementation of the decision taken by the General Assembly to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship.

A statement to this effect was made here today by a spokesman of the Israel delegation. "Israel," he said, "is studying whether the Trusteeship Council, whose authority is derived only from trust agreements with governments, has the right to interfere in a sovereign area not yet placed under a trust agreement."

Meanwhile, the Trusteeship Council today began a month's vacation hopelessly divided on the Jerusalem issue. The fact that only five of the 12 members of the Council voted last night for the resolution asking Israel to remove its government offices from Jerusalem was considered here today as indicative of the growing skepticism among the United Nations delegates regarding implementation of the decision to internationalize Jerusalem.

Some of the members of the Trusteeship Council who abstained from voting last night were today reported to have withheld their votes in the belief that the Trusteeship Council was not empowered to issue its directive to Israel. Others were of the opinion that regardless of the Council's decision, the Israel Government would continue to move its offices to Jerusalem.

ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES TO ESTABLISH A MANPOWER COUNCIL FOR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC NEEDS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A central manpower council to direct the allocation of manpower in Israel according to the country's military and economic needs will be established, it was officially announced here today. A decision to this effect was adopted at a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday, held in the office of Premier David Ben Gurion here.

The council will be attached to the Premier's office, the announcement said. It revealed that the Cabinet discussed at its meeting yesterday--the first regular Cabinet meeting held in Jerusalem--a number of questions concerning Israel's foreign policy. Technical aspects of the transfer of government offices to Jerusalem, including the erection of permanent buildings for these offices, were also discussed by the Cabinet.

Some members of the Cabinet, including the Premier, remained in Jerusalem. They will participate in a torchlight rally which will take place tonight on Herzl Hill. The rally will be attended by 4,000 members of Israel youth battalions.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ben Gurion today sent a letter to the Jewish Agency thanking it for assisting the government in moving to Jerusalem. "We trust that the Yishuv and the World Zionist Organization will appreciate your deed," the letter said.

ISRAEL GOES TO COURT TO COUNTERACT BRITISH CLAIMS TO \$5,000,000 IN FORMER GERMAN ASSETS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- In a move to counteract the British suit against the Anglo-Palestine Bank for about \$5,000,000 in former German assets, the Israel Government has applied to the courts to establish the legal status of the funds, it was officially announced here today. The sum represents monies paid by the Jewish National Fund for former German properties at Sarcna and which are now blocked in the Anglo-Palestine Bank.

The announcement explained that Israel had attempted a settlement of the issue within the framework of many other problems between the two nations--some of which have already been ironed out. However, the British action in bringing suit against the Anglo-Palestine Bank, depository of the funds, has forced Israel also to ask the courts to settle the question.

The announcement recalled that the funds were turned over to the Israel Custodian of Enemy Property shortly after the termination of the British Mandate. The Custodian instructed the bank to transfer the funds to London to be credited to the British Government, but the transfer was never carried out because of the complete isolation of Jerusalem, which was then under siege.

Later, when the country was at peace, it was legally impossible to transfer the money because the Israel Government Foreign Exchange Controller would not give permission. At this point, Israel claims, the funds should remain with the Custodian of Enemy Property, who continues to function. When the government asked Britain to delay its claim pending the outcome of the current financial negotiations between the two states, the latter refused and began its suit.

BEN GURION CONGRATULATES STALIN IN HEBREW; SENDS MESSAGE ON STALIN'S BIRTHDAY

MOSCOW, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A congratulatory message in Hebrew from Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion was delivered today to Premier Josef Stalin on the occasion of the Soviet leader's 70th birthday. The message was transmitted to the Kremlin by the Israel legation here and was accompanied by a French translation.

ISRAEL COMMUNISTS REVERSE STAND; NOW FAVOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Communist Party has reversed its stand on Jerusalem and now favors the internationalization of the city, Kol Ham, Communist organ, announced today.

The newspaper published a resolution adopted by the party admitting that it committed an "opportunistic mistake" when it failed to realize that rejection of a part of the United Nations partition decision of 1947 required rejection of the whole plan. An attempt to solve a single aspect of the problem without appreciation of the party's role in the fight against imperialism has practically led the Communists to oppose the Soviet Union's backing of internationalization of Jerusalem, it was pointed out.

Sources here attribute the party's action to the reported arrival here of a Cominform member who is said to be investigating the actions of Shmuel Mikunis and other leaders of the party.

DOWNGOUR HALTS HANUKKAH MARCH OF 4,000 ISRAEL YOUTHS IN JERUSALEM; DANCE IN RAIN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Four thousand members of the Gadna youth battalions arrived here today from all parts of the country to welcome the traditional Hanukkah torch runners who, for the first time in Jewish history, carried torches to Jerusalem from Eilat in the south and Dan in the north by air, sea and land.

Heavy rains poured and strong winds blew this evening as the youths danced and sang near Herzl Hill, but they were prevented from proceeding to Herzl's tomb by the torrential downpour. Among those who participated in the ceremonies were Premier David Ben Gurion and Chief of Staff Brig. Yigal Yadin.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA TO TOUR U.S. AND CANADA; WILL VISIT 30 COMMUNITIES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The 96-member Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will tour the United States for ten weeks beginning in January, it was revealed here today. Guest conductors will include Serge Koussevitzky, Leonard Bernstein and Paul Paray. The orchestra will visit 30 cities in the United States and Canada.

Israel's first electric bulb factory was formally opened in Haifa yesterday and it is expected that the plant will be able to satisfy all domestic demands. The factory can produce 1,000 bulbs hourly and will market its products under the name, "Or-in." Most of the manufacturing equipment and raw materials were imported from the United States.

The 29th Negev settlement was established yesterday by immigrants from Rumania, Hungary and Poland affiliated with the Near Zioni movement. The new colony, named "Tzur Maon," is located in the western Negev and is made up of youths who were detained on Cyprus and later served in the Israel Army.

JACQUES STERN, FORMER FRENCH CABINET MEMBER, PLUNGES TO DEATH IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Jacques Stern, a former Minister in several French Cabinets who was a member of the Chamber of Deputies for 22 years, committed suicide today. M. Stern, 67, who had been living in the U.S. for eight years, jumped to his death from his ninth-floor apartment here.

Born in Paris he graduated from the Sorbonne in 1902 and was elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 1914. He served in the French Army during World War I. From 1928-1935 he was Undersecretary of the French Navy and served as Minister for Colonies the next year.

JEWISH LEADER CONFERS WITH AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES ON MOVE THREATENING RESTITUTION LAW

VIENNA, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Rudolf Bienenfeld, member of the executive of the World Jewish Congress, conferred here with Austrian Minister of Justice Dr. Franz Tschadek and other government authorities in connection with a bill now before the Austrian Parliament which would undermine the existing restitution laws for Jews and other victims of the Nazis whose property was confiscated during the Hitler regime.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. Bienenfeld said that he gained the impression that the Austrian authorities are not closing their eyes to the effect which the bill may have on the restitution laws. He emphasized that his talks with the Austrian authorities were undertaken in consultation with the American Jewish Committee and the Joint Distribution Committee.

U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER ASKED TO CANCEL ORDER AFFECTING JEWISH DP'S IN AUSTRIA

MUNICH, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Henry Ortner, IAS director for Germany and Austria, has protested to John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner for Germany, against a recent ruling of the Austrian Government that all DP's in that country will be required to register with the Austrian police; it was reported here today. The protest was submitted through Major Abraham Hyman, adviser on Jewish affairs to the High Commissioner.

Mr. Ortner's protest pointed out that the Austrian ruling would place the Jews under the jurisdiction of the same forces which had once oppressed them. Mr. Ortner asked Commissioner McCloy's intervention to have the order rescinded, asserting that it gave the civil police in Austria powers which were too wide--the right to enter DP camps without the prior permission of any other authorities and the right to arrest inmates of DP camps.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS URGES GERMANS "TO EXPRESS IN DEEDS" REPUDIATION OF NAZISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today issued a statement calling upon the German people "to express in deeds" their repudiation of Nazism and anti-Semitism instead of issuing verbal assurances to Jews.

"The world generally and the Jewish people particularly will not believe that the German people have begun to discharge their responsibility for the cold and calculated destruction of the Jewish people until they solemnly and collectively affirm their guilt through their parliamentary institutions and later through a peace settlement or comparable international instrument unequivocally accepted by the German people," the statement said.

The Congress statement was issued in reply to recent conciliatory remarks by President Theodor Heuss and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of the West German Republic, in which tribute was paid to the contributions made by Jews to Germany in the arts, sciences and literature. President Heuss also referred to the "collective shame" of the Germans for the extermination of the Jews, but has never accepted the charge of collective guilt.

GERMANY TO PROPOSE THAT ISRAEL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OLYMPIC GAMES

BERN, Germany, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Germany will introduce a motion at the International Olympic Games Committee calling for the state of Israel to be invited to participate in the Games, it was announced here today by Walter Funder, an official of the German National Olympic Committee.

JEWISH COOPERATIVES IN POLAND MERGE WITH POLISH GROUPS; EARNINGS OF JEWS HIGHER

WARSAW, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Union of Jewish Cooperatives today voted to merge with the Union of Polish Cooperatives. President I. Zelikski of the Jewish organization said the reason for the move was that "we had to fight the Jewish nationalists who have tried to separate the Jewish working-class from the Polish nation and preached a reactionary conception of the reputed necessity of a separate economy for the Jews."

Members of the Jewish cooperatives have been earning, on the average, more than Polish artisans, chiefly because the Jewish cooperatives are better equipped with machines and because earnings are based on the individual's output. Since the Jewish artisans will be permitted to retain their machines under the new set-up it is expected that their income will remain on the same level it is now.

The Union of Jewish Cooperatives has 15,000 members, only 8,000 of whom are Jews. Non-Jewish membership has increased greatly in the last six months because there have been very few Jewish applicants.

ISRAEL AGREES TO RETURN OF GREEK CITIZENS WHO FLED HOMES WHEN ARABS INVADED PALESTINE

ATHENS, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Israel has agreed in principle to the return of Greek nationals to homes they fled in Israel when the Arab armies invaded Palestine, the Israel consul here today notified the Greek Foreign Ministry.

The only condition set by the Jews is that the person claiming Greek citizenship must have achieved it prior to May 15, 1948. Greek citizens will have their homes in Israel returned to them, except where Jewish refugees are now dwelling in them. In this event, the Greek owner will receive rent from the house and the Israel Government will find him alternative accommodations.

FIRST OFFICIAL JEWISH FUND DRIVE SINCE HITLER REGIME OPENED IN GERMANY FOR J.N.F.

MUNICH, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The first official fund drive to be conducted in the Jewish community in Germany since the introduction of the Nuremberg Laws by Hitler has been opened here by 28 leading German Jews.

The beneficiary of the drive is the Jewish National Fund and the goal is 1,000,000 marks (\$250,000). The drive, launched in honor of the 75th birthday of Israel President Chaim Weizmann, was opened in the Munich synagogue by Bavarian Chief Rabbi Aaron Ohrenstein.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT POLICY BASED ON FREE IMMIGRATION. DIPLOMAT SAYS IN BUCHAREST

BUCHAREST, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- One of the basic principles on which Israel's domestic and foreign policy is based is freedom of immigration, Eliezer Halevi, Israel charge d'affaires here, declared today at a press conference. Israel will now concentrate on bringing the majority of the Jews of the world into the country.

After the press conference, which was called on the occasion of "Ingathering of the Exiles Day," the consulate arranged a concert of Jewish music for Rumanian and foreign correspondents stationed here and for the press attaches of the various embassies and legations maintained in the Rumanian capital.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY ADOPTS RESOLUTION BANNING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The student council of Harvard University adopted a resolution banning discrimination for "race, color or nationality" in all organizations at the University. The resolution was approved at a joint council-faculty committee meeting by a 7-6 vote, with three members absent.

NEW YORK IS HALLED AS FIRST CITY IN U.S. TO BAN RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Algernon D. Black, chairman of the New York State Committee on Discrimination, today issued a statement hailing the passage last week by the New York City Council of an anti-bias housing ordinance. He pointed out that the ordinance makes New York the first city to ban discrimination both in public and private housing aided by the municipality.

JEWISH FESTIVAL MONTH SET FOR FEBRUARY; WILL BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The sixth annual National Jewish Music Festival Month will be observed throughout the United States from February 4 to March 3, it was announced here today by Mrs. Frank Cohen, chairman of the Jewish Music Council, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Jewish community centers affiliated with the J.W.B., as well as synagogues, schools, fraternal organizations and Zionist groups, are among the more than 1,000 Jewish organizations planning the Festival programs. In addition, large numbers of symphonic, university and church orchestras and choral groups are scheduling special Jewish music events to mark the Festival.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL SAYS RABBIS WILL APPEAL TO WORLD CONSCIENCE ON JERUSALEM ISSUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A statement asserting that hundreds of U.S. and Canadian rabbis will "appeal to the enlightened conscience of mankind to support the citizens of Jerusalem in their determination to remain an integral part of Israel" was issued today by Dr. Israel Tabak, president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

"Jerusalem has always been the symbol of the faith of Israel which has united the Jewish people throughout the world. It has been the core and the very heart of our religion," the statement pointed out.

ACTING MAYOR OF NEW YORK PROCLAIMS "HADASSAH WEEK"; HALTS HADASSAH WORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Hailing the work of Hadassah in Israel, Acting Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri today issued a proclamation officially designating the week of Jan. 8-15 as Hadassah Week. An intensified membership drive by the organization was launched here today following the issuance of the proclamation by Mr. Impellitteri.

DELEGATION OF COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York arrived today in Israel. The Council raised this year a separate emergency fund of \$4,500,000 within the U.J.A. framework.

Next year the Council proposes to launch another campaign for funds to erect new housing here, and the chief reason for the visit of the Council members is to make arrangements for these dwelling units.