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JEWISH AGENCY CLOSES YEAR WITH \$30,000,000 DEFICIT; EXECUTIVE SESSION TO STUDY PROBLEM

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency will close its books at the end of 1949 with a deficit of \$30,000,000, Dr. Nehum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Agency, revealed here today at a press conference. He said the problem of covering this deficit will be one of the major questions to be discussed at the forthcoming session of the Jewish Agency executive which opens in Jerusalem on January 12.

Dr. Goldmann, who will proceed to Israel within a few days to attend the Agency executive meeting, said that the money raised by the United Jewish Appeal in 1949 was only 10 percent below the total raised during the preceding year. He attributed this decrease not to any increasing apathy toward the causes supported by the U.J.A., nor to any deterioration in Zionist morale, but to the fact that the Silver-Morgenthau dispute resulted in a three-months delay in the launching of the U.J.A. drive.

As far as Israel is concerned, the U.J.A. campaign of 1949 had a less happy side as a result of the increased allocations which local Jewish federations and welfare funds deducted for their local needs, Dr. Goldmann stated. He claimed that some federations and welfare funds allocated for local purposes as much as 50 percent of the amounts raised by their campaigns.

Dr. Goldmann estimated that between 130,000 and 150,000 Jewish immigrants will enter Israel in 1950. This number, he said, will be increased in the event that agreement is reached with any of the Arab governments on permitting the emigration of Israel-bound Jews from their countries. He added that little further immigration is expected from the DP camps in Europe. The Jews remaining there, he stated, would likely emigrate to other countries. The Jewish Agency is closing its offices in these camps, he revealed.

The session of the Jewish Agency executive, Dr. Goldmann reported, will also devote much of its deliberations to the problem of the future of Zionism and the need for remodeling the program of the Zionist movement. The relationship between the Jewish Agency and the Government of Israel will occupy a special place in the discussions, he emphasized.

United Palestine Appeal Board Reconstituted; Communities Represented

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Reconstruction of the United Palestine Appeal board of directors to include representatives from 24 major communities and eight regions throughout the U.S. was announced today by Judge Morris Rothenberg, U.P.A. acting national chairman. The U.P.A. will now be directed by a board of 48 Jewish community representatives and 72 delegates of its constituent bodies--the Palestine Foundation Fund and the Jewish National Fund--totalling 120.

Judge Rothenberg reported that cities with a Jewish population of 20,000 or more selected one representative each, except for Chicago, Philadelphia and Los Angeles, to be represented by two members each. New York City has ten representatives on the board. For communities having less than 20,000 Jewish population, their representation has been secured through a regional system in which eight regions will have a total of 12 representatives. The formula for determining representation was submitted by the Council for Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and approved by the board. The first meeting of the reorganized board is planned for January 21,

ISRAEL STILL FACING DIFFICULTIES, BEN GURION SAYS; URGES WRITERS TO ENCOURAGE NATION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Israel is still facing numerous difficulties, Premier David Ben Gurion emphasized today in a message to the fourteenth annual conference of the Authors Guild here. He appealed to Israel's writers "to encourage the nation to endure with serenity our transient hardships."

Addressing the opening session of the conference last night, Yaacov Cohen, well-known Hebrew poet, said that the U.N. decision to internationalize Jerusalem was "a fraud not intended for the purpose of protecting the Holy Places since both sides did not need an internationalized regime to safeguard them."

Emphasizing that Israel is as able as Turkey or Britain to protect the Holy Places, Mr. Cohen asked: "Would anyone think of internationalizing Rome because its Holy Places offer interest to other nations?"

A group of 104 Arab women and children entered Israel today after crossing the Lebanon border. They will rejoin their families in Western Galilee. Israel customs authorities examined the party before allowing the Arabs to proceed to their destinations.

TURKISH DIPLOMAT SAYS U.N. DECISION ON JERUSALEM IS "WRONG AND INAPPLICABLE"

ISTANBUL, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Husseyin Djahid Yaltchin, the Turkish member of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, today told representatives of the press here that he considers the United Nations decision to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship "wrong and inapplicable."

The Turkish diplomat said that the U.N. will have to modify its decision on Jerusalem in the very near future. Recent events have already proven that the decision could not be carried out, he added.

The opinion of Mr. Yaltchin with regard to the Jerusalem issue is generally shared by political circles here as well as by the press. Articles appearing in Turkish newspapers emphasize that internationalization of Jerusalem against the will of Israel and Transjordan can never materialize. Most papers favor an agreement on Jerusalem's status between Israel and Transjordan, with an international administration to safeguard the Holy Places.

Uruguayan Senate Hears Criticism of Jerusalem Decision

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Severe criticism of the decision of the U.N. General Assembly to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship was voiced in the Uruguayan Senate here today by Senator Dr. Paise Rezses.

The Senator said that the decision of the Israel Government to transfer its offices to Jerusalem is fully justified. He expressed satisfaction with the attitude taken by the Uruguayan delegation to the U.N., which strongly opposed the resolution to internationalize the Holy City.

Swedish Government Thanked for Its Stand on Jerusalem at U.N.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A mass meeting held here last night under the auspices of the Zionist Federation of Sweden voiced its thanks to the Swedish Government for this country's "just and dignified" stand on the Jerusalem issue at the United Nations. The meeting also voiced its solidarity with world Jewry in the fight for Jerusalem, "which is inseparable from Israel."

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT SIMPLIFIES PROCEDURE FOR JEWS TO CORRECT OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Rumanian Jews whose birth, marriage or identity records are incomplete, inaccurate or lost as a result of the war or anti-Semitic activities on the part of officials of the Rumanian Government before and during the war, will be able to rectify the errors and replace missing documents under a new, simple procedure announced here today by the government.

The new procedure, which entails no payment of fees, will permit Jews and other Rumanian citizens to make documentary changes and corrections merely by stating the facts. This includes even name changes, the announcement in the Official Gazette said. The establishment of legal death certificates will undoubtedly facilitate many problems facing the Jewish population.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO PROMULGATE LAW OUTLINING JEWISH COMMUNITY ELECTION PROCEDURE

ISTANBUL, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A new government bill outlining the procedure to be followed in elections in the Jewish and other minority communities in Turkey is due to be promulgated soon, it was reported here today.

Some months ago the government did away with the old system, under which the elections could not be held without the express permission of the governor of the city or district in which the elections were to be held. Under that system Jewish community elections in this city were not held for nearly two decades. It is expected that Jewish community elections will be held almost immediately after promulgation of the new law.

TEACHERS IN YIDDISH SCHOOLS IN RUMANIA URGED TO DISCARD "NATIONALIST EDUCATION"

BUCHAREST, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A complaint that there are certain teachers in the Yiddish state schools who "have not yet thrown off the mentality of the bourgeois school and still have serious reminiscences of the nationalist education which they received when they were students themselves" was made today in an article published in Unirea, organ of the Jewish Democratic Committee.

Pölia Barash, author of the article and inspector-general for Yiddish education in the Ministry of Education, cited the case of a Yiddish teacher employed in a state school who instructed his students in Hebrew, "not in order to increase the knowledge of his pupils, but in order to be able to carry on an activity of nationalist, Zionist propaganda."

J.D.C. SPARES SHANGHAI JEWS FROM DP CAMPS IN ITALY; WILL TRANSPORT THEM TO ISRAEL

GENEVA, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee office here announced last night that it will finance the voyage of the vessel Worcester Victory--due in Naples today--from the Italian port to Israel. The action was taken in response to a telegraphed appeal from some 375 passengers aboard the vessel bringing them from Shanghai which stated that they do not wish to be put in International Refugee Organization displaced persons camps in Italy.

The vessel, chartered by the International Refugee Organization, carries close to 900 refugees. She sailed from Shanghai and was routed around the Cape of Good Hope to avoid possible incidents by sailing through the Suez Canal. The I.R.O. said it could not undertake to finance the voyage of the ship to Israel since only 375 of the passengers wish to proceed to the Jewish state.

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GERMAN STUDENTS PROTEST SHOWING OF FILM DEPICTING NAZI ATROCITIES IN WARSAW GHETTO

MUNICH, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- German students today protested the showing of a Polish film dealing with Nazi atrocities in Poland during the war, including the tragedy of the Warsaw ghetto. The film is sponsored jointly by Jewish and Christian liberal groups in Germany who are attempting to reeducate the German people. The students walked out in the middle of the film jeering at it.

FORMER GERMAN BISHOP CONVICTED AS NAZI; PROSECUTION LISTS HIS ANTI-JEWISH WRITINGS

BREMEN, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. H.B. Weidemann, a former bishop and one of the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Germany, has been convicted by a Bremen denazification court of having been a major Nazi. Among the various exhibits by the prosecution were a number of Dr. Weidemann's writings, some of which were considered anti-Semitic. The former bishop was tried in absentia. He is presently in the Soviet zone where he is mayor of a town and is a representative of the Socialist Unity Party.

Two of the defendants in the trial of a number of Nazis who were convicted of desecrating the only synagogue in the Bavarian town of Marktredwitz several months ago have been released in 1,500 marks bail pending a review of their case. Bail--which amounts to about \$350 each--was granted by an American district court at Bayreuth.

POLAND HANGS ONE, CONDEMNS FOUR OTHERS FOR MURDER OF JEWS DURING NAZI OCCUPATION

WARSAW, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- One Pole was hanged this week and four others have been condemned to death for the murder of Jews during the Nazi occupation of Poland.

A Gestapo informer, Josef Dlubak, was executed in Czestochowa, while Stanislaw Paprotny, a murderer, was condemned by a court in the same city. In this city Alfons Grajewski and Antoni Paskudzki were sentenced to death for participating in the murder of Jews while the Kielce district court condemned former Gestapo Major Otto Busyng, who ordered the execution of over 1,000 Jews during the liquidation of the Kielce ghetto.

The Jewish Central Committee sent a delegation of architects, painters, sculptors and writers to Oswiecim to plan the Jewish part of the museum which the Polish Government is building on the site of the former concentration camp. The museum will embrace 28 blocks, 15 for the Polish section, nine for the international section and four devoted to the history of other German concentration camps.

RUMANIAN OFFICIALS ATTEND UNWELLING CEREMONY OF MONUMENT FOR ANNIHILATED JEWS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A monument to the victims of the German extermination camp of Oswiecim was unveiled today in the Jewish cemetery of the town of Sigsore, Transylvania. In 1944, when the town was under Hungarian fascist rule, the whole Jewish population was deported to Oswiecim.

Today's ceremony was attended by representatives of the local civil and military authorities, the Rumanian Workers Party, the Jewish Democratic Committee and the German Anti-Fascist Committee. The latter organization is a board representing the German national minority in Rumania.

ISRAEL SENDS HANUKKAH TORCH TO MORGENTHAU; THANKS U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR AID

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- In a simple ceremony this afternoon, one of the torches borne by Hanukkah marathon runners to Herzl's Hill in Jerusalem yesterday and presented to Premier David Ben Gurion, was handed over to a United Jewish Appeal representative here for presentation to Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A. Mr. Morgenthau will accept the torch at a special ceremony in New York.

It. Col. A. Yishai, who turned the torch over to the U.J.A. representative, said the torch was a symbol of Israel's appreciation for the outstanding efforts of the American Jewish community in behalf of its establishment, its independence and in the program of large-scale absorption of immigrants.

DEPUTY MAYOR OF JERUSALEM ADDRESSES "SAVE JERUSALEM" HANUKKAH RALLY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Declaring that Jerusalem is "the capital of our people and the state of Israel," Reuven Schreiberman, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, tonight pledged, in the name of the citizens of Jerusalem: "We will not yield to a decision, which lacks all moral basis and will not accept any government except that of Israel."

Mr. Schreiberman, who is in this country on a mission for the Histadrut, spoke before an overflow audience of 2,000 persons who attended a "Save Jerusalem" Hanukkah festival held here under the auspices of the American Jewish Congress. Others scheduled to speak were Aubrey Eban, chief of the Israel U.N. delegation, and Dr. David W. Petegorsky, executive director of the A.J.C.

FIRST ISRAEL PLANE LANDS IN ENGLAND; MET BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT

LONDON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Impressive scenes marked the arrival today of the first plane of the Israel airline El Al at Heath Row, the London airport. The landing of the Skymaster was witnessed by a group of more than 100 guests and government officials, including Air Marshal Sir John Dalbiac, representing Lord Pakenham, Minister of Civil Aviation; Major Rowse of the British Foreign Office; H.K. Higgins, Undersecretary of the Overseas Department of the Board of Trade, and A.G. Watson, the Israel charge d'affaires.

BRITISH OIL REFINERIES IN HAIFA SUSPEND WORK; LACK DOLLARS TO IMPORT CRUDE OIL

LONDON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Haifa refineries will suspend all work tomorrow morning and 400 workers are to be discharged, Reuters reported from Israel. The decision was due to the impossibility of getting supplies of crude oil which had to come from South America and be paid for with dollars, the report said. The refineries, owned by Consolidated Refineries of London, closed down originally when the British Army evacuated Palestine. Two months later they were taken over by Israel authorities who returned them to British management last March.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN ISRAEL INTRODUCE STUDY OF HEBREW; TEACHING NOT OBLIGATORY

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Some 15 Catholic schools in Jaffa, Ramle, Haifa and Nazareth, as well as Jerusalem, have introduced the teaching of Hebrew in their curriculum in order to give their pupils an opportunity to learn the language of the majority of Israel's citizens, Benjamin G. Browdy, acting president of the Zionist Organization of America, reported today. Some of the teachers of Hebrew in the Catholic schools are priests or nuns while others are Jews. The teaching of Hebrew, however, is not being made obligatory.

