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## STORMY SCENES BREAK OUT IN KNESSET AS OPPOSITION PARTIES CRITICIZE GOVT. IN DEBATE

JERUSALEM, Jan 4. (JTA) -- Stormy scenes were witnessed upon the floor of the Knesset last night as the Parliament's foreign policy debate, begun Monday night, continued with more of the opposition parties joining in the attack on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and the coalition government for the setback which Israel suffered at the late United Nations session and for the reported peace treaty negotiations with Transjordan.

In the midst of an attack on Mr. Sharett by Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party and former commander of the underground Irgun Zvai Leumi, Premier David Ben Gurion jumped out of his chair, shouting: "This is the Cabinet's collective responsibility. You should address the entire Cabinet, not only Sharett." Beigin's reply was: "Then you must all resign." Speaker Josef Sprinzak had great difficulty in restoring order after this exchange.

Earlier, Nathan Friedman-Yellin, head of the Fighters Party, warned that a peace guaranteeing the partition of Jerusalem will lead to a series of foreign capitulations. "The Bible set the borders of Israel, which are, simultaneously, its historical, geographical and economic frontiers and which cannot be changed," he declared. He insisted that the U.N. vote on the internationalization of Jerusalem was not unexpected. "Alarm bells rang in the Foreign Office many times, but Sharett paid no attention," he said.

Mapam deputy Moshe Erem warned the government against placing too much faith in the friendship of the western nations. "U.S.-British support of Israel's demands in relation to Jerusalem is only an outward show of friendship," he stated.

After the Knesset session most of the members of the Parliament and the Cabinet attended a reception in honor of Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America. Present at the reception, which was tendered by the Jewish Agency, were representatives of all shades of political opinion from the Mapam, on the left, to the Herut, on the right.

Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, held a reception this morning in honor of a British Labor party six-man delegation, now visiting Jerusalem during its three-week tour of Israel. Mr. Sprinzak voiced the hope that the delegation would convey to the British people its impressions of Israel's life, development and progress. In reply, Sam Watson, head of the group and British Labor Party chairman, said, "I trust existing misunderstandings between Israel and the British Labor movement will soon be overcome."

## TWO ARABS KILLED IN CLASH WITH ISRAEL SECURITY POLICE; ATTEMPTED TO ENTER ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Two Arabs were killed last night in an exchange of fire between Israel security forces and infiltrating Arabs. The clash took place near Kalkilia, in the "triangle" area.

ISRAEL CABINET GETS REPORT ON COUNTRY'S SECURITY; SETS MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Reports on the security situation in Israel were submitted to a Cabinet meeting today by David Ben Gurion in his capacity as Minister of Defense, and by Brig. Yigal Yadin, Chief of Staff of the Israel Army. Several amendments to the present national service bill were approved.

The Cabinet decided to submit to the Knesset a bill which would fix the minimum age for marriage for girls at 17. No such law exists at present. The measure is intended to discourage the marriages of girls under 17, which are common among recent arrivals from Oriental countries as well as among the Arab population here.

The Cabinet today appointed a ministerial subcommittee, consisting in part of Eliezer Kaplan, the Minister of Finance, and Moshe Shapira, Minister of Immigration, to draft a bill on Dead Sea concessions, which will later be submitted to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Knesset.

The Knesset Finance Committee decided today to reorganize the Amidar Housing Company, concentrating all activities connected with the shelter of immigrants in its hands. The company will consist of two shareholding partners--the Government and the national institutions. Each participant will invest \$7,000,000.

The Ministries of Finance and Labor confirmed today a plan for the erection of 2,000 housing units in the kibbutzim, with \$1,120 allocated for each unit. At present 2,100 units are being built in the kibbutzim, in accord with a plan adopted last July.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PILGRIMS FROM ROME

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The Finance Ministry put \$20,000 in foreign currency at the disposal of the Israel shipping company, Patria, today, for the transport of the first thousand pilgrims from Rome to Israel.

The Protestant cemetery on Mount Zion, Jerusalem, will be returned to the Anglican Church after repairs are completed, it was announced today. The cemetery was damaged during the Palestine war when the Arab Legion attempted to advance beyond it. The Ministry of Religion said the decision to repair the cemetery was not an admission of responsibility for the damage.

7,000 ISRAEL FAMILIES OPEN DOORS TO IMMIGRANT CHILDREN DURING RAINY SEASON

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Over 7,000 families in various parts of Israel have volunteered to receive immigrant children from the transit camps for the duration of the rainy season, it was announced here today. About 1,500 children have already been evacuated from camps to private homes.

Sixty water pipes which were recently stolen by Egyptians near Yad Mordechai were returned to Israel Army officers by Egyptian officers at a special meeting near the border Tuesday, it was announced today. The Egyptians reported that they had arrested the thieves and confiscated the pipes, but owing to the heavy rainfall they were unable to settle the matter earlier.

PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JERUSALEM PRESENTED BY MAYOR AUSTER TO PRESIDENT WEIZMANN

REHOVOT, Israel, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Plans regarding the industrial development of Jerusalem were discussed today by President Chaim Weizmann and Mayor Daniel Auster at the former's residence here.

Spurred by the Israel Government's decision to start shifting its seat from Tel Aviv, plans being drawn up by various departments foresee a doubling of Jerusalem's population within three years. This would give the new city a population of nearly 200,000 by 1953.

Those concerned with planning the future of Jerusalem are anxious to provide an economic base other than government departments, so that the city may eventually come into its own economically and not be "a city living on its officials." Fulfillment of such a plan will require the establishment of new industries and the adjustment of the former great disproportion of officials and white-collar workers so as to spread the population's sources of income more widely.

ISRAEL SEEKING CAPITAL IN MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES FOR LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is negotiating with groups in various countries, including some in the Middle East, for capital investment in large-scale development projects in various parts of Israel, it was learned here today.

The Knesset Economic Committee, meanwhile, has been discussing the proposed "Development Authority." The Parliamentary Finance Committee is also considering increasing the 55,000,000 pound budget tentatively set for the Development Authority to 70,000,000 pounds.

The successful negotiation of six new trade pacts for small-scale exchanges with countries in Europe, was confirmed today by the Trade Ministry. Belgium will accept Israel citrus products for artificial silk and scrap iron, while Italy will exchange artificial silk for cotton waste.

From Switzerland will come aniline paints and artificial silk for citrus products. Finland will receive flannel goods for cardboard, paper, pulp and timber, while Sweden will accept nylon hose in exchange for knitting machinery.

Israel to Erect Sugar Factory with Aid of U.S. Loan; Turkey Buys Refrigerators

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- A sum of \$600,000 from the \$100,000,000 Export-Import Bank loan to Israel has been allocated for the purchase of machinery and other equipment for the erection of a sugar refining factory in the southern part of the Jewish state, it was reported today. Large tracts of land in the immediate vicinity of the factory site will be used for the growing of sugar beets.

Turkey has placed its first order for Israel-made Philco refrigerators, which are scheduled to be produced in a factory now under construction here, it was learned today. A consignment of 250 refrigerators has been promised to Turkey for delivery this spring.

"Operation Afforestation," involving hundreds of thousands of dunams of land and providing employment for many new immigrants, began this week in Galilee. The plan provides for the planting of 500,000 trees in Eastern Galilee and 116,000 in Western Galilee. Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 seedlings are now being raised in nurseries throughout Israel and will be ready for planting next year.

HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT LIFTS BAN ON EMIGRATION OF JEWS; PERMITS 3,000 TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Temporarily lifting its total ban on emigration, the Hungarian Government has granted permission to 3,000 Jews, including forty leaders of the dissolved Hungarian Zionist movement, to leave for Israel within the next few months, it was announced today by the Jewish Agency here.

The government action will permit the first departures of Jews from Hungary in more than six months. The bulk of the emigrants will be children whose parents are already in Israel, or parents seeking to rejoin children now living in the Jewish state. The Zionist leaders given permission to leave will be chosen by a special committee from lists of Zionist officials registered with the Hungarian Minister of the Interior. They will be accompanied by their families.

BRITISH COMMISSIONER GUARANTEES INCLUSION OF JEWISH INSCRIPTION IN BELSEN MEMORIAL

LONDON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- A written assurance that "no final arrangements will be made for dedication of the proposed Belsen memorial until such time as a Jewish inscription has been included on the monument and appropriate discussions concerning the future care and maintenance of this site have been held with all those concerned" was handed to Joseph Rosensaft, chairman of the Central Jewish Committee in the British zone of Germany, by Brig. J. Lingham, British Commissioner for Lower Saxony, it was learned here today.

Brig. Lingham explained that a "Jewish inscription" meant inscriptions both in Hebrew and Yiddish. The British official promised that no Germans would witness the dedication of the memorial. As regards international supervision of the mass graves in Belsen, where scores of thousands of Jews and other Nazi victims were put to death during the war, Brig. Lingham stated that this problem would have to be settled either by an international commission or in a peace treaty. He indicated British assent to the principle of international supervision of the mass graves.

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION CLOSURES ITS OFFICES IN ISRAEL; MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization closed its offices in Haifa today and thereby ended its operations in Israel.

The I.R.O. office in Haifa dealt with the repatriation of displaced persons from Palestine to their countries of origin. The majority of those repatriated were Czech and Polish citizens. It also arranged for the repatriation to Israel of several hundred Jews from Europe.

DEATH SENTENCES IMPOSED ON UKRAINIAN AND GESTAPO MURDERERS OF JEWS IN POLAND

WARSAW, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Wiktor Dyrko, a Ukrainian policeman who during the war tortured and murdered hundreds of Jews in Baranowice and later served as commandant of the Kladysawo concentration camp, was sentenced to death here. Former Gestapo official Erwin Betzenhert was found guilty of murdering Jews in Lukow and was sentenced to be hanged.

TRUMAN URGES CONGRESS TO ACT ON CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION; ASKS LIBERALIZATION OF DP LAW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- President Truman urged action on civil rights legislation and the liberalization of the Displaced Persons Act in his State of the Union address today. Rep. John Lesinski, of Michigan, said that he would bring the civil rights issue before the House by Jan. 23.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE REJECTS \$140,000 BEQUEST BECAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The trustees of Lafayette College at Easton, Pa., yesterday rejected a \$140,000 bequest because the donor specified that if any of the income from the fund were used for scholarship purposes Jews and Catholics must be barred from receiving such grants. The action of the board of trustees reversed an earlier decision of the college authorities to accept the legacy.

The money was left by Frederick F.T. Dumont, an alumnus of the college and a former member of the United States diplomatic service, who died ten years ago. The terms of his will became known last week when a court in Lancaster, Pa., home of the late Mr. Dumont, distributed the first income from the bequest to the college.

At that time, David Skillman, attorney for the college, said that Lafayette would accept the gift although it did not like "strings that smack of religious discrimination." He said that refusal to accept the money "would be depriving other boys of the benefits." Later, college president Ralph C. Hitchison said that the money would not be used for scholarships but would be placed in the school's general endowment fund.

The trustees' statement rejecting the \$140,000 dismissed the fact that the money was to have been assigned to the endowment fund and emphasized that the legacy contained "an inoperative clause discriminating against Jews and Catholics." Such discrimination, the statement pointed out, is "contrary to the history, practice and ideals of Lafayette College."

Jews and Christians to attend religious services under mutual "baby-sitting" plan

LEVITTOWN, L.I., Jan. 4. (JTA) -- A plan whereby Jewish and Christian families living in this veteran housing development will be able to attend Friday night and Sunday morning religious services, respectively, was made known by officials of the Israel Community Center here.

Under the plan, which will be initiated shortly, a Christian family will "baby-sit" on Friday evening for a Jewish family wishing to attend synagogue services while the Jewish family will watch the Christian children on Sunday morning so that the parents may attend church services. More than 100 families of both faiths have already indicated their readiness to participate in the plan.

GELBER TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF CANADA; ZACKS DECLINES REELECTION

MONTREAL, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Edward E. Gelber, honorary vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and long active in Jewish communal affairs in this country, has agreed to accept the nomination for president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, it was announced here today.

The 30th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada, with over 500 delegates from all sections of the country in attendance, will be held here on Jan. 21. S.J. Zacks, of Toronto, present president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, indicated that he will not be a candidate for reelection.

PALESTINE BREAKS GROUND FOR FIRST JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN THREE-DAY FESTIVITIES

PALESTINE, Calif., Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish community in this winter resort started the new year with ground-breaking ceremonies for its first Jewish community center. A three-day program marked the event. The center will also serve as a synagogue.

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