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KNESSET VOTES CONFIDENCE IN ISRAEL GOVERNMENT; DEFEATS MOTION FOR CABINET RESIGNATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A vote of non-confidence on the foreign policy of the Israel Government, proposed by Mapam members in the Knesset, was rejected by a vote of 63-28 last night at a Knesset session which lasted until midnight. Voting against the government were members of the Mapam, Herut, Fighters Party and the Communists.

A motion introduced by the Herut demanding the resignation of the entire Cabinet was defeated by a vote of 63-11, with the Mapam deputies abstaining. The General Zionists cast their ballots both times for the government. However, they demanded that the proclamation of Jerusalem as the eternal and actual capital of Israel be embodied in the Israel Constitution as the first paragraph of that document. Their request was referred to a special parliamentary committee which is now studying the Jerusalem problem.

Replying to speakers who criticized the foreign policy of the government, Premier David Ben Gurion said that "Jerusalem is today Israel's de facto and de jure capital." He declared that the decision of the United Nations to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship is no disaster. "The Jewish right to Jerusalem is bigger and stronger than any such decision," he said. At the same time, he emphasized that Israel, more than anybody else, respects and obeys the United Nations.

Addressing himself to the Christian world, Mr. Ben Gurion declared that the Jewish people will never bow its head before anti-Semitism insofar as it exists in the Christian world, but will always honor its obligations to Christianity by assuring the absolute protection of the Holy Places and unrestricted religious freedom for all religious communities in the Jewish state.

The Israel Premier emphasized that no new law was necessary to proclaim Jerusalem the capital of the Jewish state. This proclamation, he said, was made by King Solomon 3,000 years ago. Only if Israel would change its capital would such a law be necessary, he pointed out.

No Power Can Move Israel Out of Jerusalem, Sharett States

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett told the Knesset: "There is no power in the world which can move us out of Jerusalem, because the United Nations has no such power. However, we are not satisfied with this situation. We want the United Nations to approve Jerusalem as Israel's capital. We do not want any quarrel with the United Nations. We want a peaceful and honorable settlement of the issue."

Reviewing the attitude of the Israel Government with regard to peace with the Arab countries, Mr. Sharett said: "Our stand with regard to peace with our neighbors is clear. We want peace and are ready for direct negotiations with any of these countries without exception." He emphasized that Palestine's borders were not always the same in various periods of history.

Analyzing the political line taken by the Israel Government with regard to its foreign policy, the Foreign Minister said that "Israel's only political orientation is Israel itself and putting Israel's interest above any other consideration."

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He reviewed the struggle for Jerusalem conducted by the Israel delegation at the United Nations General Assembly last month and concluded by saying that the Jewish state does not want to see the United Nations weak, but that the United Nations must be careful to avoid repetition of failures such as its decision to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship.

Although voting approval of the present foreign policy of the Israel Cabinet, the General Zionist members of the Knesset expressed regret that Mr. Sharett failed to cooperate with American Zionists during the fight at the U.N. against internationalization of Jerusalem.

The Herut faction introduced a motion for the establishment of a committee to investigate why the Old City of Jerusalem was not captured by Jewish forces during the war with the Arabs. The motion was referred to the Foreign Affairs and Security Committees.

U.N. ARMISTICE COMMISSION EXPECTS PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND TRANSJORDAN THIS YEAR

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Brig. Gen. William E. Riley, who heads the U.N. Armistice Commission in Palestine, said here today that the military status quo was being maintained with a minimum of friction and declared that the armistice commission itself had little to do because the parties involved met daily around the conference table to discuss their own problems.

He cited the fact that his staff of observers had been reduced from 525 to only 60 in a year's time. Gen. Riley, who made his comments at a press conference on the eve of his return to Palestine, said that the Commission was not bound by the demilitarization clauses in the General Assembly resolution on the internationalization of Jerusalem since the Commission had entirely different terms of reference.

He thought it possible that a peace settlement would be negotiated between Israel and Transjordan this year and added that "certainly this is what we are working for." He returns to Palestine tomorrow, via Damascus.

PRESIDENT OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL DISCUSSES NEW PLAN FOR JERUSALEM WITH WASHINGTON

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Roger Garreau, president of the U.N. Trusteeship Council, revealed today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he discussed this week a proposal of his own regarding the status of Jerusalem with the State Department in Washington and that he also transmitted this proposal to "interested parties," including Israel.

The reactions of these parties would determine whether or not his proposal would be embodied in a working paper which he has to present to the Council when it meets in Geneva this month to discuss implementation of the U.N. decision to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship. The State Department, Mr. Garreau said, expressed a desire to wait and see what the other responses would be.

Mr. Garreau described his proposal as establishing a "corpus separatum" along the lines required by the General Assembly resolution, but including within it a "third zone" which would be under the full collective sovereignty of the United Nations. This zone would include the Old City and a small sector of the new City and the remaining parts of the corpus separatum would continue to be governed by Israel and Transjordan, even to the extent of permitting those states to establish national capitals there. The two governments would, however, be bound to demilitarize the area under their jurisdiction, to establish it as a free economic zone and to permit free circulation of the population.

PRESIDENT OF VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY WARNS OF DANGERS IN RESTITUTION LAW AMENDMENTS

VIENNA, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The proposed amendment of the Third Restitution Law in Austria endangers the right of Jews to be given back the property of which they were robbed by the Nazis, Dr. Emil Maurrer, newly-elected president of the Vienna Jewish Community, told a plenary session of the Community council today. The meeting elected David Brill, a Communist, and Wolf Hertzberg, Austrian Zionist leader, as vice-presidents.

Before the war, Dr. Maurrer declared, Austrian Jews owned some 60,000 apartment units. Of the Jewish survivors today, about 1,000 are compelled to live in hostels and barracks. The Vienna Community, he added, will fight for the creation of a restitution fund of heirless property. He added that Vienna Jews would also support the struggle of Israel to make Jerusalem the capital of the new state.

GERMAN COURT SENTENCES FRAU LUDENDORFF TO LABOR TERM FOR ANTI-SEMITIC AID TO NAZIS

MUNICH, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Mathilde Ludendorff, 72-year-old widow of former Field Marshal Erich Ludendorff, was today sentenced to two years' "special labor" by a German denazification court here. The court ordered the confiscation of all her property above 5,000 Deutsche marks (about \$1,300).

Frau Ludendorff, who was charged with having supported the Nazi regime in anti-Semitic and anti-religious publications, will also lose all her titles and pension rights. The court ordered that for the rest of her life she could do only "common labor" and that she must be subject to residential restrictions.

Frau Ludendorff had attacks of illness during her trial but in evidence given in November she told the tribunal she was glad she could prove "how right" she was in attacking Jews, Freemasons and Jesuits as "supernatural powers."

U.N. EXPERTS TO OPEN THREE-WEEK SESSION ON DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITY GROUPS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Twelve members of the United Nations Subcommittee on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities--all of them specialists in the field of minority problems--will meet here Monday at the first of a three-week series of sessions on the causes of discrimination and methods available for preventing such prejudice.

Forming the basis of the talks will be a 57-page memorandum submitted to the Subcommittee by U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie on the "main types and causes of discrimination." The memorandum summarized the studies made in the field of discrimination against minority groups by psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists, historians, jurists and other experts.

While agreeing that legislation can "greatly lessen" the effects of discrimination, the report emphasizes the need for the "widest possible program of adult education."

WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, FORMER HEAD OF SILVER SHIRTS, LOSES NEW APPEAL FOR PAROLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- William Dudley Pelley, former leader of the anti-Semitic Silver Shirts movement who was convicted of wartime sedition, has lost a new appeal for release from the Federal Penitentiary, it was reported today. Federal Judge Matthew McGuire rejected Pelley's request for a review of a parole board decision declining his release. Pelley has served five years of a 15-year prison term.

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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS LEADERS MEET IN LONDON; DISCUSS SITUATION IN GERMANY

LONDON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Members of the European executive committee of the World Jewish Congress started deliberations here today on a number of urgent problems, chiefly concerned with the situation in Germany.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, acting president of the Congress, met today with Hector McNeill, British Minister of State, in connection with the release of German assets in Switzerland for the rehabilitation of Nazi victims in accordance with the decisions adopted at the Reparations Conference in Paris.

At a press conference held earlier, Dr. Goldmann predicted that U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie will report--next month or in March--that the decision to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship cannot be implemented. Dr. Goldmann said that the United States would then help to find a solution on the Jerusalem issue which would be acceptable to Israel and Transjordan without defying the United Nations authority.

VIENNA JEWISH SPORT CLUBS SIGN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN ISRAEL MACCABEE GAMES

VIENNA, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- An agreement has been concluded between the "Hakoah" sports club here and the Maccabee athletic association of Israel for the Vienna club's participation in the forthcoming Maccabee Games, which will be held in Israel this year, David Scharf, Maccabee representative now touring Europe, reported today.

Jewish athletic groups in Italy have already been invited to participate in the Maccabiad. Mr. Scharf will visit Salzburg, Austria, as well as Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland to arrange for the participation of Jewish sports clubs from those countries in the world athletic competition.

ISRAEL EXPRESSES READINESS TO COOPERATE WITH U.N. IN WORLD SURVEY ON FORCED LABOR

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- An Israel delegation spokesman declared here last night that the Jewish state would cooperate fully with United Nations plans for a world survey of forced labor. A letter to this effect has been sent to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, the spokesman said.

Emphasizing that "there is of course no forced labor" in the new state, the spokesman declared that the Israel Government was ready to communicate to the United Nations all the laws and regulations on forced labor and all statistical material on the subject available in Tel Aviv.

J.D.C. MARKS ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY; TWO-DAY SESSION TO DISCUSS 1950 PROJECTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will mark this week-end the completion of 35 years of humanitarian service with a conclave here attended by 2,000 delegates from all parts of the country. This will be the 35th annual meeting of the organization.

A review of the plans for J.D.C. operations in 1950 will be presented at a dinner meeting of the agency's board of directors, which will take place Saturday evening at the Hotel Commodore. On Sunday morning and afternoon, reports will be given on J.D.C. activities in 24 countries during the year just concluded. The afternoon session, which will be open to the public, will be addressed by Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, Edward M.M. Warburg, J.D.C. chairman, and Moses A. Leavitt, J.D.C. executive vice-chairman.

ISRAEL'S "FREEDOM TORCH" PRESENTED TO MORGENTHAU; WILL TOUR MAJOR U.S. CITIES FOR U.T.A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Israel's "Freedom Torch," sent by Premier David Ben Gurion to Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, was presented today to Mr. Morgenthau by Israel Consul-General Arthur Lourie, acting for Mr. Ben Gurion. The ceremony took place at the Israel Consulate here.

The torch, which was flown to New York from Israel for the presentation ceremony, last week lit beacons throughout the Jewish state to signal the attainment by Israel of its 1,000,000th Jewish citizen. The "Freedom Torch" was carried from one end of the country to the other by relays of several hundred runners.

Accepting the torch from Mr. Lourie, Mr. Morgenthau announced that it would tour major cities throughout the country, where it will be kindled to mark the opening of local campaigns on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. The torch was first lit at Modi'in, in Israel, which tradition says is the tomb of the Maccabees, who led the people of Judea to victory against the Greek-Syrian forces in 165 B.C. From there it was carried to Jerusalem.

The Freedom Torch is made of bronze, mounted on a carved wooden staff. It has a menorah in bronze bas-relief on one side. Below is the insignia of the Israel Army. Consul-General Lourie, in making the presentation at the Israel Consulate, said: "It is particularly fitting that Israel's Freedom Torch should be sent to Mr. Morgenthau. He typifies the great contributions to our victory and freedom that were made by the people of America. This torch is Israel's tribute to him as a great Jew and a great American."

ACCESS TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY MAY BE AGREED UPON BY TRANSJORDAN, BRODETSKY REPORTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The hope that access to Hebrew University buildings on Mount Scopus, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, may be agreed upon by Transjordan was expressed by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the University, at a press conference here.

Speaking of the operation of the University in more than 20 improvised buildings in various parts of Jerusalem, Dr. Brodetsky said that the University has begun its 1949-50 academic year with a record enrollment of 1,300 students, most of them Israelis. There are also a large number of Americans in the group.

A number of innovations have been made in the curriculum of the University, Dr. Brodetsky said, listing among these the opening of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School last May and the Law School in November, and the institution of language courses in Spanish, Russian and Italian. He also reported expansion of the social science departments.

The University has set a minimum operating budget of \$2,800,000 for the academic year 1949-50, Dr. Brodetsky said, adding that much of the cost results from the necessity of renting temporary buildings in Jerusalem and purchasing additional equipment while access to the installations on Mount Scopus is denied. The University, he said, looks to American Jewry for a large share of this sum.

Prof. Brodetsky, who arrived in New York on Dec. 26, will visit chapters of the American Friends of the Hebrew University in various cities for a period of one month. His tour will include visits to San Francisco, Berkeley, Los Angeles and Pasadena, on the West Coast, as well as Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Detroit.

33,000 STUDENTS RECEIVED TRAINING IN ORT INSTITUTIONS LAST YEAR; 10,200 GRADUATED

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- More than 33,000 students received training at ORT institutions in Europe, North Africa, Israel, Latin America and the United States during 1949, it was reported today by George Backer, president of the American ORT. Approximately 10,200 completed their training and graduated and 12,300 received partial training before leaving.

Of these partially trained, 6,800 DP's discontinued training because of migration opportunities. Many went to Israel and continued their training there, although none have graduated as yet because of the emphasis on long-term courses in that country. For the past three years the American ORT Federation has received its funds through special agreement with the Joint Distribution Committee. In 1949 the American ORT received \$1,500,000, representing about two-thirds of the total subventions paid out by the World ORT Union for the support of its worldwide installations.

PITTSBURGH BUSINESS LEADERS DRAFT PLANS TO SECURE JOBS FOR JEWISH DP'S IN CITY

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- More than 100 local Jewish business leaders gathered here tonight to draft plans for securing employment for newly-arrived Jewish displaced persons who have been resettled in this city. It is expected that a special drive will be undertaken throughout the Jewish community to obtain employment for the newcomers. During 1949, the Jewish community here, through the United Jewish Fund of Pittsburgh, expended \$189,000 to aid the new arrivals resettled in Pittsburgh.

MINNESOTA JEWISH FEDERATION STUDIES PROPOSALS FOR WIDER DEMOCRATIZATION OF BOARD

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Proposals for "greater democratization" in the structure of the Minnesota Federation for Jewish Service were referred this week to the Federation's executive committee for further study. The proposals, drafted by a committee on constitutional revision appointed four years ago, call for a board of directors made up of members elected by the community at large and other members delegated by community organizations.

BENJAMIN BROWDY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF KEREN HAYESOD; SUCCEEDS CHARLES RESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Benjamin G. Browdy, acting president of the Zionist Organization of America, has been elected president of the Keren Hayesod this week, succeeding Charles Ress, it was disclosed last night. During 1949 the Keren Hayesod, a beneficiary of the United Palestine Appeal, spent \$26,500,000 for colonization and resettlement in Israel. Jacob Lukashok was elected chairman of the board of the Keren Hayesod.

URUGUAY-PALESTINE BANK TO OPEN IN MONTEVIDEO; GOVERNMENT PERMITS SALE OF SHARES

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A Uruguay-Palestine Bank will be opened here on Feb. 15, it was announced today. The announcement said that the Government of Uruguay has authorized a group of Jewish businessmen here to sell shares of the bank to the extent of 1,500,000 pesos.

MILITARY GOVERNOR OF JAFFA VISITS HAVANA; RECEIVED BY DEFENSE MINISTER OF CUBA

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Major Meir Laniado, military governor of Jaffa, was received here today by Defense Minister Segundo Curti and by the Chief of Staff of the Cuban Army, Gen. Ruperto Cabrera. He is here en route from Argentina where he helped to establish the Israel legation in Buenos Aires.

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