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U.N. SURVEY MISSION RECOMMENDS ECONOMIC AID TO ARAB LANDS; AVOIDS PROPOSALS ON ISRAEL

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The final report of the U.N. Economic Survey Commission on the Middle East, covering Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Transjordan, was made public here today by the U.N. Secretariat and will be transmitted to all member states of the United Nations.

The report proposes four river development projects for large-scale and long-range economic development of Lebanon, Syria, Transjordan and the Arab part of Palestine. No project is recommended with regard to the development of Israel.

Analyzing the economic situation in Israel, the report says that a certain degree of industrial development has helped somewhat to reduce exchange requirements. But there seems little possibility of further extensive industrial development that would pay for itself by major import savings or improvements in exchange earnings. Moreover, commercial as distinct from sentimental investment in Israel is further discouraged by the existing high cost of labor in terms of dollars and sterling, the report states.

Another difficulty described by the report is the inseparability of political and engineering planning of a major water resource. Thus, the mission found that for the development of the Jordan river at most 15 percent of the work contemplated could go forward without taking water from neighboring countries. In the absence, says the report, of a peace settlement between Israel and adjoining countries on outstanding issues involving repatriation and compensation of Arab refugees and territorial boundaries, it is unrealistic to suppose that agreement on the complex question of international water rights could be negotiated among the parties.

Praises Israel Agricultural System; Calls It "Striking"

Dealing with the financial situation in Israel, the report says that "the basic problem now confronting Israel, is whether it can safely absorb immigration at the rate currently contemplated," because of the heavy drain on both domestic output and foreign exchange resources. It notes in Israel's favor, however, the high level of education and craftsmanship among the immigrants, the large proportion of government expenditures for education and public health, and "a spirit of national-racial solidarity, a willingness to sacrifice in the common interest, a faith in Israel's ability to overcome all obstacles, the like of which it would be hard to find elsewhere."

While presenting a gloomy picture of the agricultural situation in the Arab territories under review by the Mission, the report emphasizes that the agricultural aspect of Israel is "striking." It pays tribute to the "well-organized" Agriculture Department of the Israel Government and its facilities for research, to the communal and co-operative system of land settlement, which it analyzes at some length and to the "effort being made to bring about a change-over from extensive to intensive farming." It calls the system of land irrigation in Israel "an object lesson in the economical use of water supplies and in securing the utmost benefit from the limited

supplies available." And it lauds the intensity of citrus cultivation, which, it says, "once seen, will always be remembered as something exceptional in the Middle East."

Comparing the situation in Israel with that of the Arab countries, the report declares: "There, in Israel, one finds a western civilization of the most modern type which is making prodigious efforts to draw life from the barren soil of Palestine. On the financial side Israel possesses a reasonably well-equipped and excellently managed banking system, a remarkably high rate of savings and a smoothly operating budgetary mechanism, which has so far succeeded in financing very substantial outlays for development purposes, as well as current operating expenses."

Head of U.N. Mission Explains Why Israel Was Omitted from Economic Plans

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Israel was not included in the pilot project program outlined in the U.N. Economic Survey Mission report released today because the Jewish state did not need such a program, Gordon R. Clapp, chairman of the mission, explained at a press conference here today.

Discussing this aspect of the report, Mr. Clapp told newsmen that Israel already had many pilot projects of its own and that the country possessed "a very large number of technical people and has a call on many more." The purpose of the pilot project, he said, was to teach and demonstrate, while Israel was already learning extensively the methods and techniques of economic development.

In the course of his discussion of the report, Mr. Clapp declared that the absorption of Arab refugees by Israel presents the same great economic difficulties as absorption of Jewish refugees and implied that repatriation of Arab refugees to Israel would enhance rather than solve the Middle East's economic problems of the present.

Mr. Clapp said that he had not met in the Arab countries an eagerness for immediate peace with Israel. He did not get the impression, he said, that the Arab states consider peace at any price.

EGYPT DENIES CONDUCTING SECRET TALKS WITH ISRAEL: U.N. DELEGATION ISSUES STATEMENT

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The Egyptian delegate to the U.N. today described as "devoid of any foundation" a report that Egypt is conducting secret peace negotiations with Israel. The Egyptian delegation said it had been authorized to make the denial from the Cairo Government.

ISRAEL EXTENDS RECOGNITION TO CHINESE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT AND INDONESIAN REPUBLIC

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Full recognition of the Chinese Communist Government at Peking, as well as the new Indonesian Republic, was extended today by Israel, a spokesman of the Foreign Ministry announced.

ISRAEL REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES PARLEY SPONSORED BY INDIA GOVERNMENT IN NEW DELHI

BOMBAY, India, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- For the first time in Israel-Indian relations, an official Israel observer has addressed a conference sponsored by the Indian Government. He is Haim Yassot, director of the Social Service Department of the Israel Ministry of Social Welfare, who spoke at the Indian Social Conference in New Delhi.

Addressing the delegates in the English language, Mr. Yassot described Israel's experiences in social welfare and received, during and after the conference, many requests for help from Israel. Indians attending the meeting included Dr. John Matthai, Minister of Finance, and A.V. Gadgil, Minister of Public Works, as well as representatives of the Ministries of Health, Education and Agriculture.

300 FACTORIES TO BENEFIT FROM AMERICAN LOAN TO ISRAEL; \$25,000,000 ALREADY GRANTED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- One-fifth of the \$100,000,000 Export-Import Bank loan to Israel has already been distributed by the Ministry of Trade to 140 plants and factories while additional allocations will be made shortly to another 160 factories, it was announced here today.

At the same time it was disclosed that 14,000 new workers secured employment in industry during 1949, bringing the total number of industrial workers at the present time to 80,000. Plans are now being mapped by the Ministry of Trade for the expansion of industrial employment during the next four years providing 100,000 new jobs to recently-arrived immigrants.

Earlier it was announced that Israel will soon sign two new trade agreements--with Argentina and Czechoslovakia--bringing the total number of commercial agreements in force to eight. The six trade pacts already in existence will assure Israel of a market in 1950 for 3,500,000 pounds of exports, it was noted.

NEW PRICE CUTS TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT IN ISRAEL'S BATTLE AGAINST COST OF LIVING

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A "fourth round" in the Israel Government's war on the cost of living is expected to be put into effect shortly, it was announced here today. This action will take the form of price cuts for clothing, footwear, paper, medical supplies, leather goods and metal products.

The cuts are expected to bring down the cost of living index, which dropped another two points in November. The index at the end of November stood at 322 points as compared to last April's high of 371. The new cuts, it is estimated, will reduce the average family's monthly budget by one pound. The new price of some foodstuffs will be lower than in 1947.

The projected cuts have been welcomed in the Hebrew press, some sections of which have suggested that the items effected by the price cuts be rationed in order to prevent overbuying because of lower prices. The press also views the greater sums of money in circulation as evidence that the purchasing power of some sections of the population has increased in recent months.

YOUTH ALIYAH PLANS TO ABSORB 100,000 YOUTHS IN NEXT FIVE YEARS; 15-YEAR REPORT MADE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The Youth Aliyah movement has blueprinted schedules for absorbing 100,000 children and youths in the next five years, Moshe Kol, member of the Jewish Agency executive and chief of its Youth Aliyah department, said today in reporting on the movement's achievements and plans on completion of 15 years of existence.

About 40,000 youngsters have passed through Youth Aliyah institutions, Mr. Kol said, adding that 15,000 were still being trained in 220 absorption centers in all parts of Israel. These centers receive 1,000 newcomers monthly for study under 2,000 permanently mobilized teachers and counsellors.

Mr. Kol stressed that the next most important task confronting his department is the rescue of Middle East youth, as only a very small number are left in Europe. One thousand youths are still cared for by the Central Jewish Committee in Poland, he said, which is raising difficulties about their transfer to Israel, while 2,000 others are spread among Christian families and organizations in Poland.

TWO JEWS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN; TENSION MOUNTING AMONG JEWISH POPULATION IN KABUL

LONDON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Tension is mounting among Jews in Kabul, Afghanistan, as a result of the murder of two Jews in the city, it was reported today in the London Times, in a dispatch from Peshawar, Pakistan.

The report said that the victims were attacked at night and stabbed. Their bodies were recovered later from a well. The Times correspondent adds that Afghan Jews have been pressing their government in recent weeks for permission to emigrate to Israel.

LATIN AMERICAN STATES, CANADA, AUSTRALIA CHARGED WITH HAMPERING JEWISH IMMIGRATION

GENEVA, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A memorandum charging that Brazil, Chile, Venezuela and other Latin American countries are practicing discrimination against Jewish immigration was submitted today to the Conference on Migration which opens here tomorrow under the auspices of the United Nations and the International Labor Office.

The memorandum, presented by the World Jewish Congress, also points out that the Canadian commission selecting displaced persons for admission to Canada rejects Jewish applications from the Polish refugee camp Arusha. It also draws the attention of the Conference to the fact that Australian selective teams visiting DP areas have issued 1,400 immigration certificates to Balts and Poles, but not a single one to a Jewish displaced person.

The World Jewish Congress proposes in its memorandum, first, the exchange of information on immigration facilities through a clearing house for international organizations; and, second, the creation of advisory bodies within the appropriate U.N. agencies, such as the International Refugee Organization, for consultation with non-governmental bodies on immediate and long-range aspects of the migration problem.

J.D.C. ACTIVITIES IN HUNGARY CONTINUE; NOT AFFECTED BY DEPORTATION OF BUDAPEST CHIEF

PARIS, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Activities in Hungary of the Joint Distribution Committee are continuing despite the arrest and deportation of its director, Israel Jacobson, it was announced here today by Moses Beckelman, J.D.C. European vice-chairman.

"Because the needs are so great," Mr. Beckelman said, "the J.D.C. helps more Jewish people in Hungary than in any one of 25 countries in the world where it operates." At present J.D.C. relief work in Hungary is directed by Aaron Berkowitz, with the aim of first assisting hard-core cases, and second, "economically displaced" persons, such as small merchants who have lost their livelihood because of nationalization. The second task is being met by the formation of 50 work cooperatives which employ 2,000 breadwinners.

THREE-WEEK SESSION ON PROTECTION OF MINORITIES OPENED BY U.N. BODY AT LAKE SUCCESS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The three-week session of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities opened here today. Election of officers and adoption of an agenda were postponed until tomorrow.

A proposal to have the U.N. Human Rights Commission make an on-the-spot survey of complaints on discrimination against minorities was put forth today by the Iran representative at the Subcommittee's meeting. In a second proposal Iran's envoy called for a check on the status of all minorities created by the postwar period.

TREASURE STOLEN BY NAZIS FROM VICTIMS GOES ON EXHIBIT IN NEW YORK; OWNERS SOUGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Treasure stolen by the Nazis from Jews and other victims and subsequently captured by the Allies today went on exhibition at the United Nations Galleries here in the beginning of a nationwide search for surviving victims who might claim objects looted from them or their relatives.

The treasure, which was turned over to the International Refugee Organization to aid in the rehabilitation of DP's, was subsequently sold. In a statement issued here the United Nations Galleries declared that it hopes that identifying marks will enable survivors or relatives to claim the items and receive them as gifts before public purchasers buy them in the sale which is being carried on simultaneously with the exhibition.

Containing one of the largest collections of silverware, the exhibit includes scores of heirlooms bearing family inscriptions which the Nazis took from their victims. Some of the objects still bear the pasted receipts issued by the Nazis to the original owners. Among the pieces are candlesticks, religious wine cups, candle-bras, bowls, baskets, snuff boxes, wine and cordial sets, coffee and tea sets, urns and vases.

Among the engraved objects are some that are inscribed as follows: "Moshe Polichek"; "Fischel the Writer"; and "Dr. Albonyl Yosef." One wine cup bears the initials "M.J." and a marking "ghetto." An Essrig silver box is inscribed as coming from "proud parents" to "Moshe, Mendel Eisler" or "Isler."

PROGRESS ON ANTI-BIAS LEGISLATION REPORTED IN 32 STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Listing 32 states and municipalities in the United States which have made the greatest progress in enacting anti-bias legislation, Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, last night chided the Federal Government for its record on this issue. Rabbi Miller made his statement at the first 1950 meeting of the A.J.C. national executive committee.

Expressing the solidarity of the American Jewish Congress behind the recent action of the state of Israel in moving additional government offices in Jerusalem, Rabbi Miller praised the sympathy and understanding shown by the American press for Israel's position. Discussing the overwhelming problems confronting Israel this year as a consequence of "this new, brave state's determination to solve the problem of Jewish homelessness wherever it exists by maintaining the policy of unlimited immigration," he called on chapters of the Congress throughout the U.S. to go "all-out" in support of the 1950 United Jewish Appeal campaign.

JEWISH AGENCY GROUP IN NEW YORK FORMULATES PLAN FOR STRUCTURE OF WORLD ZIONIST BODIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein left today for Israel with proposals on the future structure and function of the World Zionist Organization to be submitted to the executive of the Jewish Agency which meets in Jerusalem beginning Wednesday, January 12.

As chairman of a special committee of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Goldstein and his colleagues have spent several months in arriving at a formula for the future activities of the World Zionist Organization and its component bodies. Final action on the recommendations of this committee will be taken at the 23rd World Zionist Congress scheduled to meet in Jerusalem this summer.

Charles Resa, chairman of the United States Central Sheskel and Election Board, left for Israel, to confer with the executive of the World Zionist Organization on the course of the current Sheskel registration drive and to determine plans for the meeting of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

WEIZMANN RECEIVES DELEGATION OF AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE TOURING ISRAEL

REHOVOT, Israel, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A six-member delegation of the American Christian Palestine Committee visiting Israel was received here today by President Chaim Weizmann. The visiting delegates inspected Nazareth, Galilee and a number of collective settlements and immigrant reception camps.

The deputation is composed of Samuel Guy Inman, of New York, former State Department adviser for Latin American affairs; Dorothy Tilly, of Atlanta, a member of President Truman's Civil Rights Committee; John Bradbury, editor of the Watchman-Examiner, a national Baptist weekly; Charles Turck, president of McAllister College, St. Paul, Minn.; R.W. Riley, of Nashville, president of the American Baptist Seminary; Prof. Victor Obenhaus, of the School of Divinity of the University of Chicago.

JEWISH AGENCY OPENS OFFICES IN TUNIS; SEES TO POPULARIZE ZIONISM IN NORTH AFRICA

TUNIS, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Jewish Agency headquarters for Tunisia were opened here today, with the participation of Elie Pelig, director of the Oriental Department of the Jewish Agency's Paris bureau.

Mr. Pelig declared that Zionism must become a popular movement in North Africa, applying its emancipatory principles to backward, patriarchal conditions which to a large extent caused difficulties for Israel in absorbing immigrants from those regions. Mr. Pelig denounced the indifference of some wealthy North African Jews toward their less fortunate brethren.

NATIONAL JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE PROCLAIMS "JEWISH YOUTH WEEK"; TO BE HELD IN MARCH

DETROIT, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The third annual Jewish Youth Week, held under the auspices of the National Jewish Youth Conference, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, will be observed throughout the country from March 24 to 31. This was announced by Arnulf Pins, chairman, at the close of the quarterly meeting of the Conference executive committee held here.

A nationwide body, the Conference is composed of delegates from some 300 local and regional Jewish youth and young adult councils and from most of the national Jewish youth organizations.

THIRTIETH SETTLEMENT IS FOUNDED IN NEGEV; SETTLERS SAW ARMY SERVICE IN DESERT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The 30th settlement in the Negev was founded yesterday. Its members, who have spent several years in the Negev, part of the time in Army service, were trained at Herzlia, and plan to move soon to their new home. The settlement already has several thousand dunams under cultivation.

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN NAMED RABBI FOR LIFE OF CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein was yesterday elected rabbi for life of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun here at the 124th annual meeting of the synagogue. Dr. Goldstein has served as spiritual leader of the congregation since 1918.