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JEWISH AGENCY SESSION OPENS IN JERUSALEM; OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK PLAN INDICATED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Opposition on the part of some members of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem to the program prepared by the Agency's office in New York on the future of the world Zionist movement was indicated here today at the opening session of the Jewish Agency executive.

The session, which is expected to last two weeks, was opened by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the executive. He pointed out that the present session will not only face the task of deciding the future of the World Zionist Organization and its relations to the Israel Government, but also the fate of the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod as well as of the "shekel."

The distribution of portfolios among the members of the executive in Jerusalem and in New York will be another of the major problems to be settled in the present session, Dr. Goldmann said. The parley will also have to decide on practical problems concerning Zionist and rescue work in Europe and elsewhere, he stated.

Dr. Goldmann reported that the American members of the Jewish Agency executive came to the session with a unified program and with a single opinion regarding the future work and development of the World Zionist Organization. Such a unified program, he said, indicates that American Zionism has been strengthened. The unity evidenced in formulating the program also guarantees a healthy development in the near future, he added.

The chairman of the American section of the Agency reported that internal peace now reigns in the ranks of American Zionists, following the election of Daniel Frisch as Z.O.A. president. The entire American section of the Agency executive, he stated, is now working along general, non-party lines and is also increasing the prestige of organized Zionism among non-Jews in the United States.

Abolition of Shekel and Structural Changes in Zionist Organization Predicted

Mrs. Rose Halprin, president of the Hadassah, who is a member of the American section of the Agency executive, today told a press conference here that she foresees the necessity for certain structural changes in the present World Zionist Organization set-up, including the abolition of the "shekel."

The Zionist Organization must inevitably remain a living bridge between Israel and the Jewish communities in countries outside of Israel, Mrs. Halprin said. Referring to the question of emigration of Jews from the United States to Israel, she said that the bulk of American Jewry will remain in the United States, but "certain idealistic youths" will undoubtedly want to help Israel with their skill and experience.

Pointing out that the establishment of the Jewish state inevitably led Zionist groups to abandon independent political action, Mrs. Halprin said that American Jewry has nevertheless been very active in defending the right of Jerusalem to remain an integral part of Israel and in trying to persuade the United States Government to oppose the U.N. decision to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship.

CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT ORDERS LIQUIDATION OF JDC OFFICE IN PRAGUE; DEPORTS DIRECTOR

PRAGUE, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Government last night ordered the Joint Distribution Committee to close its offices here by the end of January. The government, at the same time, requested the departure by January 31 of Henry Levy, the J.D.C. director in Prague who is an American citizen. Mr. Levy was notified that the entire foreign staff of the J.D.C. must also leave the country by January 31.

It was learned today that Mr. Levy intends to ask for a one-month extension to liquidate the local staff of 32 Czech Jews employed in the J.D.C. office. The International Refugee Organization was also ordered yesterday to close its offices in Czechoslovakia by January 15. In ordering the liquidation of the J.D.C., the Czechoslovak Government intimated that it considers that the American Jewish relief organization has completed its functions--aiding in Jewish emigration and relief for destitute and aged Jews.

U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR GERMANY REJECTS REQUEST FOR AMNESTY FOR NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

FRANKFURT, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- John J. McCloy, United States High Commissioner for Germany, yesterday refused to consider requests for amnesty for former high Nazis sentenced as war criminals. "I do not believe that world opinion is prepared to accept that there has been sufficient atonement for the war crimes or that the Germans themselves should be allowed to forget them," the High Commissioner wrote to Bishop Muench, Papal envoy to Germany who appealed for clemency.

Commissioner McCloy added that he has been disturbed by what appears to be a "persistent tendency" to question the legal basis for the war crimes' prosecutions and the soundness of the verdicts. "I do not think that any German who sincerely believes in the future of Germany as a responsible and peaceful member of the community of nations can reasonably doubt the enormity of those crimes or the principle of international justice under which the defendants were tried," the High Commissioner stated.

NAZI COMMISSIONER WHO DIRECTED MASS SLAUGHTER OF JEWS EXTRADITED TO POLAND FOR TRIAL

HAMBURG, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Erich Koch, former Nazi Commissioner for the Ukraine who directed the mass annihilation of Jews in a number of Ukrainian cities during the Nazi occupation, was today handed over by British guards to Polish authorities to face trial in Poland as a war criminal.

In response to a Polish Government demand for his extradition, a British court on December 30 ordered that he be sent to Poland. Koch has been on a hunger strike since that date. He was arrested in Hamburg last May by British police, following a report that he was living as a farmhand under a false name.

MILITANT ACTION BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY IS URGED

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Reporting on his experiences as advisor on Jewish affairs to the United States High Commissioners in Germany and Austria, Harry Greenstein, in an address today before a meeting of the American Jewish Committee's New York Chapter, made several proposals for the democratization of Germany.

He suggested that the occupying powers recognize anti-Semitism as a rejection of democracy and an unmistakable sign of the resurgence of German nationalism. He asked that the authorities in Germany be vigilant against manifestations of anti-Semitism and that they deal with it in a vigorous and militant fashion.

HERUT LEADER ASKS BEN GURION FOR STATEMENT ON UNCLAIMED ISLAND IN GULF OF AQABA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Jacob Meridor, leader of the Herut Party, today queried Premier David Ben Gurion, in the Israel Parliament, asking whether the government was acquainted with the status of the small and deserted island of Tiran, in the Gulf of Aqaba, near Elath, where no country's flag has been raised.

Mr. Meridor also asked how the government would meet the danger of some power suddenly occupying the island and converting it into an "anti-Israel springboard." Premier Ben Gurion replied that the island was not in the possession of the Israel Army and that, accordingly, the government saw no reason to discuss the matter.

DATA ON JEWS WHO LEFT RUMANIA FOR ISRAEL IN 1949 ISSUED IN BUCHAREST; 6,272 EMIGRATED

BUCHAREST, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A total of 6,272 Jews left Rumania for Israel during the year just concluded, figures issued today by the Israel legation here established. This is less than two percent of the entire Jewish population in the country.

In January of 1949, a total of 1,324 Rumanian Jews sailed for Israel aboard the Israel transport Galila under terms of an old agreement between the Israel Government and the Jewish Democratic Committee of Rumania. The remaining 4,948 Jews proceeded to the Jewish state on an individual basis after securing passports and exit visas from the Rumanian authorities and purchasing travel tickets on the Rumanian liner, Transylvania.

From February through October, only 1,360 Jews were able to go to Israel and of these about 40 percent were not Rumanian nationals. The majority of these immigrants were older persons and many of them were invalids. Only 15 percent of the 1,360 Jews who left Rumania during this nine-month period were between the ages of 19 and 45 while the remainder were over 45. There was actually no migration movement to Israel during all of October.

When immigration to Israel resumed in November of last year, it appeared that the Rumanian Government had eased up on the restrictions for certain would-be emigrants, particularly parents and children of Israel citizens. From Nov. 9-Dec. 24, a total of 3,588 Jews were able to leave for Israel.

OVER 17,000 JEWISH REFUGEES LEFT ITALY FOR ISRAEL DURING SECOND HALF OF 1949

ROME, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- More than 17,000 Jewish refugees, mostly from Austria and Poland, left Italy for Israel in the second half of 1949, it was announced today. About 1,050 refugees--from Poland, Egypt, Germany, China, Tripoli, Hungary, Austria and Czechoslovakia--left for Israel in the last two weeks of December.

1,000 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS LAND IN HAIFA FROM POLAND, TURKEY AND BULGARIA

HAIFA, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Nearly 1,000 Jewish immigrants arrived here today in three ships from Poland, Turkey and Bulgaria. The Israel transport Galila landed 831 Jews from Poland while 135 immigrants arrived from Turkey.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ANGLO-ISRAEL TRADE COMPANY URGED IN LONDON BY LEGATION OFFICIAL

LONDON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The establishment of an Anglo-Israel trade company to promote commercial relations between the two countries was proposed today by Dr. E.F. Shinnar, economic counsellor of the Israel Legation here, addressing a luncheon meeting of the Joint Palestine Appeal.

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MORGENTHAU ASKS U.S. JEWS TO POSTPONE COMMUNAL EXPANSION IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL AID

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, last night called on American Jewish philanthropy to postpone for one year some of the proposed communal expansion programs in order to give more assistance to the immigrants in Israel, 90,000 of whom still live in tents. He spoke before 2,000 members of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations at the group's 30th annual convention, prior to his leaving tomorrow for Israel.

Mr. Morgenthau specifically requested that communities in which the United Jewish Appeal is making a drive allocate to the U.J.A. three-quarters of all amounts raised, rather than one-fourth as suggested by some communities. He also stated that the manner in which American Jews have responded to the call from Israel has raised them in the eyes of their fellow Americans and has helped them rise somewhat from the social "ghetto" in which the majority of the Jews still live in this country. If American Jews fail Israel now, he cautioned, they may slip back to the position they held two years ago.

Ralph E. Samuels, president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, pleaded for "home front" support. He added that American bounty is sufficient to take care of both its American and foreign responsibilities.

The 2,000 delegates also adopted resolutions urging the Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Genocide and calling on Congress to adopt the Celler DP Bill, which would extend the present DP Act by another year and would admit more than 100,000 additional DP immigrants.

CHICAGO JEWISH LEADERS AND UJA NEGOTIATE RE ALLOCATIONS; SEEK TO AVERT SEPARATE DRIVES

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The headquarters of the national United Jewish Appeal in New York and the office of the Combined Jewish Appeal in Chicago today refused to comment on a report that the organization of an independent U.J.A. drive in Chicago is being considered in place of the Combined Jewish Appeal there, as a result of differences between the Chicago Welfare Fund and the national U.J.A. with regard to allocations for 1950.

The report appeared in the Sentinel, an English-Jewish weekly published in Chicago. It said that a luncheon meeting of Jewish leaders interested in averting two separate drives in Chicago was held last Thursday at the Covenant Club there. The meeting was addressed by Henry Montor, national campaign director of the U.J.A.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency understands that negotiations are now being conducted between the Chicago Jewish Welfare Fund and the national office of the United Jewish Appeal concerning the allotment of funds for 1950 in a manner which may avert a split in fund-raising in Chicago. The combined Jewish Appeal of Chicago is the fund-raising arm of the U.J.A. and the local charities.

PHILADELPHIA EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES STILL FILL DISCRIMINATORY REQUESTS FOR WORKERS

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Ninety-three percent of the employment agencies in Philadelphia are willing to fill an employer's order for a "white Protestant stenographer," in violation of the Fair Employment Practice Commission Ordinance, it was disclosed here in a survey made public by the American Jewish Congress.

FORMER HEAD OF VICHY COMMISSARIAT FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS FREED; SERVED FIVE YEARS IN JAIL

PARIS, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Xavier Vallat, former head of the Vichyite Commissariat for Jewish Affairs, was released today after serving five years of a ten-year prison term which he received for collaborating with the Germans during the war. His release was made conditional on his refraining from any political activities.

WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT IN CRISIS, NEUMANN WARNS; CALLS FOR END OF PARTY SYSTEM

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A warning that the World Zionist Movement is undergoing a serious crisis because of a lack of definition of function between the Zionist movement outside Israel and the Israel Government was sounded here tonight by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, former president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Speaking at a gathering at the Statler Hotel arranged by the five Metropolitan Regions of the Z.O.A., Dr. Neumann also called for unity within the movement by elimination of the present party system in all countries outside of Israel. He asserted that the "interplay of party interests" has also complicated to a tragic degree the relations between the Government of Israel and the Zionist movement.

The American Zionist leader declared that despite all attempts at clarification, "there is growing confusion regarding the present status of organized Zionism and its future role, both here and in other countries." This condition, he continued, "is having a depressing effect on all phases of Jewish effort in aid of Israel, notably in the field of fund-raising and the mobilization of investment capital and in the field of public relations and political support."

The central problem of Zionism today is its relationship with the "sovereign state of Israel," Dr. Neumann insisted. The partnership between Zionism outside of Israel and the people of Israel "seems to be weakening if not actually dissolving" despite official announcements to the contrary, he said. He called on the Jews of Israel to "clarify their own thought" on the future relationships between their country and the Jews of the remainder of the world.

PRESIDENT OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY HONORED BY EDUCATORS AT DINNER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- A plea for academic responsibility as well as for academic freedom so that a university will be equipped to resist invasions of freedom from any quarter was voiced here tonight by Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Hebrew University. He spoke at a dinner in his honor, sponsored by the American Friends of the University, which was attended by more than 500 educators and civic leaders.

In support of his plea, Prof. Brodetsky cited the German universities which, he said, excelled in scholarship and research, but lacked the "ethical basis" which would have caused them to "protest and, if necessary, to rebel" when the Nazis seized power in Germany.

He also announced that the needs of the expanding Hebrew University had caused the Board of Governors to set their sights above the day-to-day fiscal policy and launch a campaign for \$2,800,000 in order to best serve the Jewish state. He reported that the University had begun its academic year with a record enrollment of 1,300 students and over 200 faculty members.

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U.N. BODY ON DISCRIMINATION SEEKS EXAMPLES OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION ON PROBLEM

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities today adopted an American resolution calling for U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie to "make arrangements" with member governments to furnish him with examples of legislation and other measures found useful in preventing discrimination.

The resolution, which was introduced by Jonathan Daniels, American delegation member, and which was carried by a vote of 9-0, with three abstentions, asked that the arrangements be made as soon as practicable, but no later than Dec. 31, 1950. Mr. Lie was also asked to distribute among members of the Sub-Commission a brief summary of the material thus gathered.

FCC SETS HEARING DATE ON CHARGES OF INJECTION OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN NEWSCASTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- The Federal Communications Commission today ordered a hearing on March 13 at Los Angeles for G.A. Richards, radio station owner who has been accused of ordering anti-Semitism injected into newscasts on his stations. The hearing, which has long been delayed, will decide on whether or not to grant a renewal of licenses for KMPC, Los Angeles; WGAR, Cleveland; and WJR, Detroit.

CANADIAN LABOR LEADER SUPPORTS ISRAEL'S POSITION ON JERUSALEM; URGES AID TO NEW STATE

MONTREAL, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- Pat Conroy, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Congress of Labor, who recently returned here from a visit to Israel, declared today that "the Jews have a strong case for insisting on keeping the new city of Jerusalem." He said the Jewish sector of the Holy City was a "fairy land built high on a mountain and modern in every respect in contrast to the squalor of the Old City."

Mr. Conroy asserted that the Jews fought for Jerusalem and lost several thousands of their best youths. "It is hardly fair to ask them to put the 100,000 Jews who now live in the city under a regime which would deprive them of their basic democratic rights," the Canadian labor leader said. He added that the Jerusalem issue was not a Jewish problem "since the most sacredly-revered places of all three faiths are located in the Old City, occupied by Transjordan."

The new state is building a "social order which comes closer to the desires of human nature than any other ever attempted by any other country," he declared. Mr. Conroy lauded the programs of the Histadrut in Israel and said it was the duty of all nations to aid Israel to absorb the new immigrants pouring into the Jewish state.

ARGENTINE-ISRAEL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED TODAY IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 12. (JTA) -- An Argentina-Israel commercial treaty will be signed here tomorrow, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has learned from reliable Argentine sources. Pablo Manguel, Argentine Minister to Israel who is now on a visit here, and Foreign Minister Hipolito Paz paid a call on President Juan Peron today--the third time Mr. Manguel has been received by Mr. Peron since his return a month ago.