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UNITED NATIONS PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION RESUMES SESSIONS TODAY IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, which adjourned its last session in New York on Dec. 9, 1949, will reconvene here tomorrow. Among the subjects on the Commission's agenda are the question of compensation for Palestine Arab displaced persons and an Arab proposal that the Commission should begin "active mediation."

(The London Daily Telegraph reported during the week-end that Sir Desmond Morton, British member of the U.N. Economic Survey Mission, addressing a meeting of the Royal Central Asian Society, declared that a "strong, unpopular odor surrounds the United Nations in the Middle East. The Conciliation Commission is regarded as a body which betrayed both the Arabs and Jews," he was reported to have added.)

ORDER REDUCING CUSTOMS DUTIES IN ISRAEL SIGNED; MILITARY SERVICE LAW TO BE AMENDED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- An order effecting reductions in customs tariffs to exempt from customs duties raw materials required in industry and agriculture in Israel was signed here by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan. Materials included are galvanized iron sheets, glycerine, medical supplies and surgical instruments for hospitals.

An Israel treasury spokesman denied the allegation in the United Nations report on economic development possibilities in the Middle East, made public last week at Lake Success, that the Israel Government had not applied for economic aid in any over-all assistance projects for the Middle East.

Young women in Israel now liable for one year's national service under the military service act will have to serve two years if the Knesset approves an amendment to be proposed tomorrow by Premier David Ben Gurion. Other amendments which the Israel Premier--who also occupies the post of Minister of Defense--will introduce include a proposal providing that youths who reached their twentieth birthday on Oct. 19, 1949, may be required in the course of the present year to serve for two years in the regular army.

ELIMINATION OF "NO-MAN'S LAND" IN JERUSALEM DISCUSSED BY ISRAEL AND TRANSJORDAN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Discussion on the elimination of the "no-man's land" areas in Jerusalem continued here today when a special Israel-Transjordan committee resumed discussions. It was agreed earlier that in return for the opening of traffic through Latrun and Mount Scopus to Israel, the Transjordanians would have access to the road to Bethlehem and electricity will be provided to the Old City.

An Israel Government spokesman today denied an American press report claiming that Israel was prepared to consider a modified version of the plan for Jerusalem proposed by Roger Garreau, president of the U.N. Trusteeship Council, calling for territorial bargaining with Transjordan whereby the Amman government would receive certain areas south of Jewish Jerusalem in compensation for Mount Scopus.

U.N. IS PRESSURED TO REVIVE JERUSALEM ISSUE AT SPECIAL ASSEMBLY, TRYGVE LIE SAYS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Pressure is being exerted by some governments in the United Nations for the calling of a special session of the General Assembly to deal with Jerusalem, Secretary-General Trygve Lie indicated during the week-end.

In response to a question on the subject at his weekly press conference, Mr. Lie said he had received no formal request for a special session but admitted that the subject came up in informal talks with some delegates. When asked if the talks revolved around the Jerusalem issue, he replied that several questions including Jerusalem were mentioned.

Z.O.A. HOUSE OPENED IN TEL AVIV; BEN GURION TERMS IT LINK BETWEEN ISRAEL, U.S. JEWRY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The cornerstone of the Zionist Organization of America House was laid in the presence of Premier David Ben Gurion, Cabinet Ministers, members of the Jewish Agency and representatives of many organizations.

Premier Ben Gurion delivered an address stressing that the Z.O.A. House would strengthen the ties between Israel and United States Jewry. He said the establishment of Israel was not a fulfillment of Zionist aims only. It was an additional step toward gathering in the dispersed Jews.

The Z.O.A. House, Mr. Ben Gurion said, would be a symbol of the link between American Jewry and Israel. He urged that the Jews of the United States raise the required funds and scientific manpower for fulfilling many tasks facing Israel in absorbing the second million Jews as soon as possible. This is the test, he added, for American Jewry. Other speakers included Daniel Frisch, president of the Z.O.A.; U.S. Ambassador James G. McDonald; Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset; and Dr. Abraham Granot, world head of the Jewish National Fund.

ACHESON SAYS IT IS "DESIRABLE" FOR ARAB STATES TO RECEIVE ARMS FOR THEIR SECURITY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Acheson has revealed "it is desirable" for Arab states to "obtain from friendly and reliable sources such arms as they may need for their legitimate security requirements." Mr. Acheson's statement was in reply to a letter from Rep. Jacob K. Javits.

Present Arab fulminations set out in detail in Mr. Javits' letter--quoting the Arab press and statements of Arab Ministers and Ambassadors--were dismissed by Mr. Acheson. He replied: "There have most certainly been inflammatory and bellicose statements made in both the Arab and Israeli press concerning a renewal of the fighting. Some of the warlike pronouncements of officials of Near Eastern governments may well have been made for the purpose of domestic consumption. The Department does not believe that in this case the remarks of individual radio and press commentators should be taken as a reliable indication of any serious or immediate intent on the part of the respective government to resume hostilities."

Mr. Acheson said the U.S. has been carefully watching "developments affecting Palestine" and "our analysis does not lead to the conclusion that serious measures are being taken in preparation for a renewal of hostilities. Should such information be received, the U.S. Government would be quick to use all its influence in an attempt to prevent such a tragic eventuality, both within the United Nations and outside," he added.

"Great Britain faithfully observed the arms embargo imposed by the Security Council on the shipment of arms to the Palestine area, and now that the embargo has been lifted it has resumed shipment of arms in accordance with its treaty obligations to the countries concerned. With regard to the shipment of planes and light naval vessels to Egypt, it should be recalled that Egypt is an important and strategically located nation of 20,000,000 people," the letter concluded.

U.N. MEMBER STATES URGED TO ELIMINATE ALL DISCRIMINATION FROM THEIR SCHOOLS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The United Nations this week-end took the first decisive step to combat prejudice when its Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and for Protection of Minorities adopted a resolution calling upon U.N. member states to take all necessary measures to eliminate every form of discrimination from their schools.

The decision was taken by a 10-2 vote, with Soviet Russia and Poland opposing the measure as unnecessary in view of the U.N. Charter guarantee against discrimination. The resolution must be approved by the Human Rights Commission and the Economic and Social Council.

The resolution calls for the use of education to abolish all forms of social discrimination and all prejudices leading to the commission of unlawful acts of discrimination. It further invites the UNESCO to join in this campaign by giving financial priority to a program for the improvement of textbooks, the conducting of educational seminars and the publication and distribution of information--all to combat the forces of prejudice and discrimination. The resolution also "urgently" asks the UNESCO to complete current studies on the race question.

NEW AMERICAN RESTITUTION APPEALS COURT IN GERMANY EXPEDITES CLAIMS OF NAZI VICTIMS

LONDON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The newly-created American Court of Restitution Appeals in Nuremberg has speeded up the process of restoring property seized by the Nazis from racial, religious or political victims, Reuters reported today from Germany.

Chief Justice William Clark, of the United States courts of the Allied High Commission for Germany, said that the Court had disposed of 16 appeals in restitution claims while sitting three successive days. A total of 36 appeals accumulated from the German courts in the past six months.

Dr. Gertrude Luckner, head of the German branch of the Roman Catholic Charity Federation, said today on her arrival here that a special committee has been set up in Germany to support the restitution claims of Nazi victims. Dr. Luckner is here at the invitation of Dr. Leo Baeck, president of the World Union of Progressive Judaism.

EDITOR OF FRENCH ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER DURING WAR IS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN ABSENTIA

PARIS, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Claude Oltramare, a wartime Nazi collaborator when he was editor of the violently anti-Semitic "Le Piliori," was condemned to death yesterday in absentia, by the Seine High Tribunal. Oltramare, a Swiss citizen, is now living in his native land.

The executive of the Union of Jewish Societies of France today unanimously approved a resolution protesting against the "injury done to hundreds of thousands of Jews deported from France by the setting free of the sinister Xavier Vallat."

ROMANIAN LINER SAILS FOR ISRAEL WITH CONTINGENT OF 280 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS

BUCHAREST, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Rumanian liner S.S. Transylvania sailed today from the port of Constanza carrying 280 Jews bound for Israel.

58 JEWS LISTED AS CANDIDATES IN BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION; 33 BACKED BY LABOR PARTY

LONDON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The list of candidates of the various parties for the British general election, scheduled for Feb. 23, was published this week-end and contains the names of 58 Jews, of whom 33 were nominated by the Labor Party, ten by the Liberals, nine by the Communists and five by the Conservatives, while David L. Lipson will run for reelection as an independent.

Jewish circles today expressed surprise at the total failure to date of the Fascist Union movement to nominate candidates for the general election. Only one candidate--F.B. Price-Heywood--has been nominated by the Mosleyite party in the Westmorland rural district. Several weeks ago fascist street corner orators announced that at least 50 candidates will be nominated on the Mosley ticket.

VICE-PRESIDENT BARKLEY PREDICTS SENATE WILL APPROVE DP AMENDMENTS AT CURRENT SESSION

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Vice-President Alben Barkley, addressing the national conference of the United Service for New Americans here, today predicted that the U.S. Senate would approve legislation intended to liberalize the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 at its current session. He expressed confidence that removal of the discriminatory provisions would enable "additional refugees to come to America." He lauded the U.S.N.A. and other voluntary agencies aiding DP immigrants reaching the United States.

Harry Rosenfield, member of the Displaced Persons Commission, assailed the foes of liberalized D.P. legislation and denounced efforts to "besmirch the displaced persons program." He stated that such efforts constitute one of three crises threatening the success of the "resettlement job started by the American people when the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 was passed."

The "vicious and cruel" effects of the present Displaced Persons Act on "innocent and helpless displaced persons caught by the law's spiderweb of arbitrary and capricious restrictions constitute another crisis in the resettlement program," he said. The third crisis, Mr. Rosenfield added, was the "callous disregard exhibited by some people" toward the 250,000 displaced persons "who will be left in D.P. camps and areas on June 30, 1950, if the present law is not liberalized and extended."

Walter H. Bioringer, of Newton, Mass., was elected president of the U.S.N.A., succeeding Edwin Rosenberg, who was elected honorary president. William Rosenwald and Mrs. Joseph M. Wolt were reelected honorary president. Albert H. Lieberman of Philadelphia, was elected chairman of the board of directors, succeeding Mrs. David Sher.

Edwin Rosenberg, outgoing president of the U.S.N.A., disclosed last night that 100,000 homeless European Jews were brought to the United States and resettled here since 1945 by the U.S.N.A. at a cost exceeding \$37,000,000. He said this sum was only a portion of the amount spent by American Jews during the five-year period, since it does not include sums spent by local Jewish communities for the care of displaced persons in their midst.

President Truman, in a message to the conference, said: "The plight of the many thousands of people still homeless in Europe is a matter of great concern to all freedom-loving men and women. We may indeed take pride in the fact that the United States has kept its gates open to rescue many of these displaced persons from the want and misery that has been their lot for years."

"The program carried on by United Service for New Americans in behalf of the American Jewish community for the welfare of their fellow human beings is an impressive demonstration of democracy functioning at its best. Such a program is deserving of the support and respect of all Americans," the message said.

ONLY TEN ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT SEPARATE DRIVES FOR ISRAEL IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Ten organizations have been granted authority to conduct campaigns in behalf of Israel during 1950, it was announced today by the Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns of the Jewish Agency.

The committee was set up at the request of the Israel Government to assume priority of the United Jewish Appeal as the major source of funds for the absorption and colonization program in Israel and to reduce duplication in the fund-raising field. Its work has received the endorsement of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, representing the overwhelming majority of Jewish communities in this country.

The committee authorized the following: Hadassah, including Junior Hadassah; National Committee for Labor Israel (Histadrut campaign); Jewish National Fund (traditional collections only); Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America; Mizrahi Women's Organization of America including Junior Mizrahi Women; American Fund for Israel Institutions; American Red Mogen David for Israel, (membership campaign only); Federated Council of Palestine Institutions; Material for Israel, (materials only); Women's League for Israel, (New York area only.)

A spokesman for the Jewish Agency explained that authorization was granted in each case after submission of formal application together with necessary financial data. He emphasized that the authorizations do not imply endorsement, and that all organizations whose applications were approved have agreed to run their campaigns so as to assure priority to the United Jewish Appeal drive.

The spokesman added that negotiations are now under way for the establishment of a united fund in behalf of the Weizmann Institute of Science, the Hebrew University and the Haifa Technion. It was explained that, if negotiations are successfully completed, the united fund will be added to the authorized list on the same terms as the other authorized organizations. Should negotiations fail, the three institutions will be granted authorization separately under similar conditions.

ISRAEL SHIPPING COMPANY BUYS TWO U.S. VESSELS; WILL OPERATE U.S.-ISRAEL-CANADA RUNS

BALTIMORE, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Two freighters owned by the Isthmian Steamship Company will be transferred from the American to the Israel flag here tomorrow and will be operated by the newly-formed steamship line--M. Dizengoff & Co. (Shipping), Ltd.--which will offer service between United States Canadian and Israel ports.

One of the vessels--the former Atlanta City--will be named in honor of Meir Dizengoff, first mayor of Tel Aviv and founder of the shipping concern bearing his name. The vessels will be manned principally by Israel seamen, 33 of whom were scheduled to arrive in New York by air during the week-end.

WASHINGTON COURT DISMISSES LIBEL SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- District Court Judge Matthew McQuire today dismissed a libel suit brought against the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League by Robert H. Williams, an anti-Semitic pamphleteer. Williams is author of "The Anti-Defamation League and Its Use in the World Communist Offensive."

Williams charged that the A.D.L. libeled him in a book that described him as expressing "unfriendly sentiments" in his publication. In refusing to accept this complaint, the court stated that the Supreme Court has sanctioned an organization's defense of itself, provided there is no malice.

NEW YORK FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES ANNOUNCES IT RAISED OVER \$20,000,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- More than \$20,000,000 has been raised in the current \$50,500,000 Building Fund and Maintenance Campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, it was announced today by Ralph E. Samuel, president of the Federation, as the Federation's record campaign entered its climactic phase with the start of an 18-day period of solicitation of the general public. Ten thousand workers are participating in this special drive.

Plas for community support of the \$50,500,000 campaign of the Federation were made by more than 300 rabbis affiliated with the New York Board of Rabbis from their pulpits yesterday, which had been designated as "Federation Sabbath."

DETROIT JEWS MARK 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIZED COMMUNITY

DETROIT, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary of the establishment of an organized Jewish community in Detroit will be marked by the Jews here this year, the Jewish News of Detroit, reported. The first "minyan" of ten males over the age of 13 was achieved in 1850, although historical documents record the existence of Jews in the Detroit region as early as 1763, when two Jewish traders were captured by Indians on the warpath.

In the first city directory published in Detroit, no name which can be recognized with certainty as Jewish is listed. This directory was published in 1837 and listed 1,100 persons. The second, which appeared in 1845, named two, while the 1850 listing carried three Jewish-owned firms and five other individuals.

The first organized religious services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cozens early in 1850 and until September 22, 1850, when the Beth El Society was organized and Michigan's first congregation, Temple Beth El, was formed. In 1861, because of the Reform tendencies within Beth El, a section of the congregation withdrew and formed the Congregation Sharrey Zedek, today one of America's leading Conservative synagogues.

AMERICANS WHO FOUGHT FOR ISRAEL IN WAR LAST YEAR ARE FORMING NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A national organization to be known as the American Veterans of Israel is being formed by American men and women who fought in the Arab-Israel war last year, it was announced over the week-end by Abraham Sharaby, chairman of the New York group. Local groups are already operating in New York, Boston and Detroit, while a California chapter is being formed, Mr. Sharaby said.

MAYOR O'DWYER PROCLAIMS Z.O.A. MOBILIZATION DAY; DRIVE FOR 50,000 MEMBERS STARTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Mayor William O'Dwyer of this city proclaimed today as Mobilization Day for the Zionist Organization of America. The Mayor called on the Jews of New York "to affiliate themselves with the Z.O.A. from the date hereof until Feb. 15, 1950." The Z.O.A. announced the launching of a month-long drive for 50,000 new members.

J.W.B. PARLEY PLANS EXPANDED RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AMERICAN AND ISRAEL MUSIC LEADERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Plans for the mapping of a "sound, creative and effective working relationship between American composers and performers of Jewish music and composers and publishers of Jewish music in Israel" were drafted at a conference held here under the auspices of the National Jewish Music Council, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board. The meeting was attended by a representative of the Israel Association of Composers and American composers, performers and arrangers concerned with Jewish music.

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