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## U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL STARTS DISCUSSIONS TODAY IN GENEVA ON JERUSALEM ISSUE

GENEVA, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Members of the U.N. Trusteeship Council will start their deliberations here tomorrow on the implementation of the General Assembly's decision to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship.

Meanwhile a conference of non-governmental bodies on migration concluded here today after adopting a resolution urging non-discrimination in migration and appealing to all governments and international agencies to cease discriminatory practices and conform to the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights. The parley was sponsored by the United Nations and the International Labor Office.

Among the major organizations represented at the conference were the following Jewish groups: Joint Distribution Committee; Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations; Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations; HIAS; Agudas Israel; and, United Service for New Americans.

The conference welcomed a U.N. General Assembly resolution of last December providing for the appointment of a High Commissioner for Refugees, and urged that the High Commissioner's office should operate in various countries through representatives whose nationalities are other than that of the countries in which they work. Another resolution recommended that children of stateless persons should automatically acquire the nationality of the country in which they are born.

## ISRAEL PARLIAMENT TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM AS STATE'S CAPITAL ON MONDAY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- A resolution declaring that Jerusalem become the capital of Israel with the proclamation of the Jewish state will be introduced into Parliament on Monday. It is expected that the resolution will be approved unanimously. A decision to this effect was adopted tonight at a joint meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Legal Committees, at which Premier David Ben Gurion was present. (See earlier story on page 2.)

The resolution, which was passed at the joint committee session, also urges that a new seat of government be erected in Jerusalem as speedily as possible. It also points out that practical obstacles hindering the establishment of the seat of government in Jerusalem and forcing the establishment of a temporary capital, have been removed.

## RUMANIAN MINISTER TO TEL AVIV RECALLED; MOVE CAUSES SURPRISE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Rumanian Minister to Tel Aviv Ciocoiu last night left for Bucharest, together with his family, aboard the S.S. Transylvania.

Mr. Ciocoiu's recall surprised Foreign Ministry circles, particularly in view of the Israel decision, reached a fortnight ago, to replace the Israel Minister to Bucharest, Reuven Rubin, who resigned two months ago after one year's service. Authoritative quarters here consider the Rumanian Minister's recall unwarranted since Israel never indicated reluctance to replace Mr. Rubin.

ISRAEL CABINET ADOPTS PROPOSAL ON JERUSALEM; SENDS IT TO PARLIAMENT FOR APPROVAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today confirmed "a government motion concerning Jerusalem" and referred the measure to the legislative committee of the Parliament. The nature of the measure was not made public.

The Cabinet also decided today to hold a joint meeting with the Jewish Agency executive for the purpose of clarifying the relations between the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency.

All political parties in Israel, except the Communists and the Herut, have been approached unofficially by Premier David Ben Gurion on their entering a coalition Cabinet on a basis similar to the one which existed during the administration of the Provisional Government, it was learned here today.

It is understood that the central committees of the various parties approached are now discussing terms. The Premier is especially interested in bringing the Mapam into the Cabinet.

While diplomats of other countries stationed in Tel Aviv are openly abstaining from visiting the Israel Parliament since it moved to Jerusalem, the Argentine charge d'affaires, George Kamundia Silva, today arrived in Jerusalem and met with Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in the Parliament building.

It is understood that the Argentine diplomat discussed the Jerusalem issue with Minister Sharett. Senor Kamundia Silva is permanently stationed in Damascus. He arrived in Israel a few weeks ago when the Argentine Minister to Israel, Pablo Manguel, left for a visit to Buenos Aires.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS EDICTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The government today appointed a committee of five Cabinet members to investigate complaints of religious groups in the country that religious edicts are being violated in the immigrant camps. The committee is to report its findings to a Cabinet meeting here next Wednesday.

(The United Religious Bloc of America, representing various rabbinical organizations and Orthodox congregations, today sent a cable to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem requesting that children of religious immigrants in Israel should receive religious education in the camps and that parents should not be forced to send their children to non-religious schools.)

KNESSET EXTENDS TERM OF SERVICE IN ISRAEL'S ARMED FORCES TO TWO YEARS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The enlistment term for members of Israel's armed services has been extended to two years under amendments to the national service law adopted in Parliament last night. Another feature of the amended bill is that women 18 years of age may be drafted for a nine-month period of agricultural training.

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT EXTENDS DE JURE RECOGNITION TO JEWISH STATE

BRUSSELS, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The Belgian Government has extended full de jure recognition to Israel, it was officially announced here today by the Foreign Office.

TEL AVIV FINANCE MINISTRY HEAD LEAVES FOR ANGLI-ISRAEL TRADE TALKS IN LONDON

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, director-general of the Israel Finance Ministry, left today for London where he will head the Israel delegation to the trade and finance talks with British Treasury officials.

The talks, which are scheduled to begin within the next week or so, are expected to last until sometime after the coming British general election on Feb. 23. The Israel delegation will be split into two parties, one discussing disposition of Israel sterling balances frozen in London banks, and the other settling financial problems remaining from the British Mandatory regime in Palestine.

(In London, it was learned that the British Foreign Office, which is in charge of the British end of the financial talks with Israel, has approved proposals by the Treasury to bring about a settlement of Britain's claim against the successor of the Palestine Government, and Israel's counterclaims. Both Treasury and Foreign Office sources today expressed themselves as optimistic concerning the possibility of concluding a satisfactory agreement.)

ISRAEL SUBMITS PROPOSAL ON IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PACT TO UNITED NATIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The establishment of a new specialized agency by the United Nations to be responsible for the implementation of the draft international covenant on human rights was proposed today by the Government of Israel in response to a questionnaire circulated by U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

The Israel Government took the view that in addition to national implementation, some form of international implementation of human rights is necessary. Its proposal was submitted to the Secretary-General by Aubrey S. Eban, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations.

The new specialized human rights agency would consist of an assembly composed of the representatives of states entering into the human rights covenant. The Assembly would elect a body of persons chosen in their independent capacity. It would be empowered with conciliation of disputes and all other functions necessary for implementation of the covenant, including the appointment of ad hoc fact finding committees.

The agency would have its own secretariat headed by a secretary-general. The ad hoc fact finding bodies would be composed of one member appointed by each of the litigating states and a number of persons appointed by the body created by the Assembly. Action could be initiated on the basis of complaints of states, or by petitions of non-governmental organizations given the right of petition by the agency. The agency could be authorized to request advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice on legal questions arising within the scope of its activities.

The Israel Government does not believe it necessary to create a special court of human rights or a special chamber of the existing International Court of Justice for this purpose. Insofar as disputes over human rights are justifiable disputes within the terms of the statute of the International Court, states may refer them to the Court.

MORGENTHAU REPORTS TO JEWISH AGENCY SESSION ON PROGRESS OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, attended today's session of the Jewish Agency at which he reported on the progress of the U.J.A. drive and on his talks with Premier David Ben Gurion.

SOVIET PRESS SAYS ISRAEL GOVERNMENT FOLLOWS AMERICA IN TRIAL OF COMMUNISTS

MOSCOW, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The Soviet newspapers, including Izvestia, the official organ of the Soviet Government, today carry a Tass report from Tel Aviv comparing the trial there of the Communist newspaper Kol Haam to the recent trial in New York of the eleven leaders of the Communist Party of the United States.

The trial against the Israel Communist newspaper, charged with libeling Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, opened in Tel Aviv on Monday but was postponed because of the transfer of the Ministry of Justice from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Reporting that Kol Haam is charged with insulting the head of the government, the Tass correspondent says that "local journalistic circles" consider that "the Ben Gurion government, in its persecution of individual Communists, has gone over to a red hunt of the Communist Party as a whole and against all progressives in Israel."

"The government of Israel," the correspondent says, "follows the path of the American reactionaries who staged the notorious trial of the leaders of the Communist Party of the United States." The presiding Tel Aviv judge, A. Raohardt, who is "distinguished for his reactionary views, intends to play the role of American Judge Harold Medina," the dispatch added.

MCCLOY SUGGESTS ESTABLISHMENT OF BODY TO REPRESENT DISPLACED AND GERMAN JEWS

MUNICH, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The establishment of a body representing Jews in Germany was suggested today by American High Commissioner John J. McCloy during an audience with representatives of the Jews in the United States zone. The Commissioner made his suggestion because of the imminent closing of the office of Jewish advisor to the High Commissioner.

It was also recommended that the body should consist of eight representatives of displaced and German Jews, with representatives of foreign Jewish organizations joining the body only as observers. Commissioner McCloy asked the Jews to fill in on his suggestions with a more detailed plan, including making provision for cooperation with Jewish bodies in the British zone.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Maj. Abraham Hyman, the current Jewish advisor to the Commissioner, is preparing his final report on the status of Jews in Germany.

FRENCH JEWISH LEADER WARNS NATION AGAINST FORGETTING SUFFERINGS UNDER NAZIS

PARIS, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The danger of French public opinion becoming forgetful of this country's sufferings under the Nazis was emphasized by Georges Wormser in his inaugural speech before the Paris Jewish Consistory, following his reelection as president.

In an obvious reference to the release last week of Xavier Vallat, wartime official of the Vichy Commissariat for Jewish Affairs, M. Wormser stated: "We witness too many pardons without justification, too many debatable acquittals not to be perturbed. I doubt whether our contemporaries remember the deliberate exterminations."

Dr. A. Steinberg, representative of the World Jewish Congress here, was re-elected last night for the fourth consecutive term to the standing committee of "TICER"--the Temporary International Council for Educational Reconstruction. The organization is comprised of 30 non-governmental bodies participating in UNESCO's reconstruction programs.

U.N. BODY ADOPTS RESOLUTION DEFINING NATIONAL MINORITY; JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE DISSENTS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The U.N. Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities today adopted unanimously a British resolution defining the term minority as "only those in non-dominant groups in a population which possessed and wished to preserve the traditions and characteristics markedly different from those of the rest of the population."

The Subcommittee heard a dissenting opinion on the resolution from Dr. Isaac Lewin, representing the Agudas Israel World Organization, who stated the view that the proposal had loopholes that might compromise its purpose. By excluding those who "seek complete identity" with the dominant population, he said, the "age-old formula of divide-and-rule" could be used through the utilization of differences within the minority groups themselves. Dr. Lewin thought it would be enough to accept the fact of a minority and treat such a minority on a level of complete identity with the majority group.

Moses Moskowitz of the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations told the Subcommittee that any attempt to formulate the rights of minorities in terms which go beyond the scope of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the draft Covenant of Human Rights was bound to "frustrate" the purposes of the Subcommittee. He recommended separate, supplementary or multilateral agreements to cover rights and privileges which go beyond the scope of the Declaration.

MERGER OF J.N.F. WITH KEREN HAYESOD IS "PREMATURE AND HARMFUL," Z.O.A. PRESIDENT SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- "Any discussion regarding the continuance of the Jewish National Fund and its merger with the Keren Hayesod is premature and harmful," Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, told the Jewish Agency executive today, according to a cable from Jerusalem released by headquarters of the Z.O.A. here.

The Z.O.A. president called for a united Zionist movement outside of Israel. "Even a discussion of the future of the Jewish National Fund is premature and may affect adversely the interests of Zionist fund-raising throughout the world," he said. "Such a discussion is not in the interest of a revitalized World Zionist movement," he said.

Mr. Frisch urged that management of the world fund-raising of the Zionist movement, as well as of the organization department of the world Zionist movement, be entrusted to General Zionists, "which would be conducive to more successful work." He strongly urged an increase in the tempo of traditional Jewish National Fund collections.

DESTINY OF MIDDLE EAST DEPENDS ON ISRAEL'S ECONOMY, VICE-PRESIDENT BARKLEY SAYS

MONTREAL, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The destiny of the Middle East depends on the ability of the citizens of Israel to make their country economically sound. Any sacrifice on the part of the democratic nations to ensure this end is worthwhile, said Vice-President Alben W. Barkley last night, addressing the opening dinner of the local Histadrut campaign.

"Israel is not financially strong," he declared, "she cannot do what she needs by herself. She needs all the help that can be given to her. If we are to make Israel a land of milk and honey of the Bible we must help her now." The Vice-President spoke glowingly about the work of the Jewish pioneers through the Histadrut. More than \$100,000 was collected at the dinner.

NO MORE DP'S ADMITTED TO I.R.O. CAMPS IN ITALY; MOST JEWS WAIT FOR ISRAEL PASSAGE

ROME, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- No displaced persons have been admitted to International Refugee Organization camps in Italy since the first of the year, except for those who enter special camps from which they embark almost immediately for overseas resettlement. This new situation will have little effect on Jews since there are few displaced Jews in Italy except those awaiting transfer to Israel.

N.Y. ART MUSEUM EXHIBITS MODEL MONUMENT TO 6,000,000 JEWS ANNIHILATED BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The opening yesterday of a month-long exhibit of a model for a memorial to the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis in Europe publicly revealed a controversy concerning the erection of the monument.

The model, which is on exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art here, was executed by Percival Goodman, a professor of architecture at Columbia University. It was rejected by the Park Department and, subsequently, by the judging committee appointed by the American Memorial to 6,000,000 Jews of Europe. The same committee accepted it, at first.

Prof. Goodman's model provides for a large flagstone area terminating at a wall 120 feet long, twenty-five feet high. In front of the wall is a platform on which an altar can be erected, while at one side is a Menorah, twenty feet across and twelve feet high, mounted on a forty-foot-high granite pedestal. A Museum spokesman has praised the memorial as "probably one of the best monuments of this kind developed in this country in recent years."

WEIZMANN PLEDGES SUPPORT TO J.N.F.; RECEIVES SPECIAL VOLUME OF FUND'S GOLDEN BOOK

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Israel President Chaim Weizmann today emphasized the importance of the Jewish National Fund and pledged to do everything in his power to help the J.N.F. in its current programs. Dr. Weizmann made these remarks at a ceremony in his office at Hakiryah where he was presented with a special volume of the J.N.F. Golden Book.

The volume contains 2,084 inscriptions from Jews in Israel and 22 other countries, each of which was entered on the basis of a \$100 contribution. Proceeds from the drive as reflected in the special volume will be used for the construction of housing quarters at the Weizmann Institute, in Rehovot.

SIX U.S. NURSES LEAVE FOR YEAR'S SERVICE IN ISRAEL; NEW YORK CONTRIBUTES VACCINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- A gift of smallpox vaccine, sufficient to immunize 500 persons, was presented last night to a group of six American Jewish nurses leaving for a year's service in Israel's immigrant reception camps, under the auspices of Hadassah, by New York City's Commissioner of Health Dr. Robert F. Mahoney. Two of the nurses are members of the city Health Department.

LATIN AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS HEAR REPORT ON ROLE OF WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The role which the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot is playing both in Israel and outside the country was outlined here today at a luncheon tendered to Jewish leaders of a number of Latin American countries. The principal speaker was Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Institute. The luncheon was given by Dr. S. Tocker, director of the Latin American Department of the Institute.