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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ADOPTS PROGRAM FOR 1950 ACTIVITIES; BLAUSTEIN REELECTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A three-point program sharply defining the activities of the American Jewish Committee at home and abroad for the coming years was adopted today at the concluding session of the three-day 43rd annual meeting of the organization. Jacob Blaustein was reelected president for 1950.

On the national scene, the A.J.C. decided to lay the major emphasis on the establishment of permanent long-range programs for bettering group relations, while at the same time continuing to exercise vigilance against all overt anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice.

Overseas, the A.J.C. decided to concentrate on helping the foreign Jewish communities to rebuild their communal, social and economic structures and to strengthen their basic security. The existence of Israel was taken into consideration in formulating this decision.

On the Jewish community level in the United States, the conference voted to concentrate on building up attitudes of confidence in the permanence and security of Jewish living, "justified by the realities and social potentialities of American democracy."

Blaustein Ridicules Charges of "Double Loyalty"

The 700 delegates at the parley, representing the Jewish leadership of 50 major cities throughout the country, heard Mr. Blaustein reaffirm, in his presidential address, the principle that U.S. Jews will always help Israel, but will consider themselves Americans. He ridiculed charges of "double loyalty" advanced by some elements in America in connection with the interest which American Jews have taken in Israel.

Declaring that Jews "have a particularly vital stake in the continued progress of a vigorous democracy," Mr. Blaustein said: "We have this stake as human beings in an insecure world which is interdependent; we have this stake as Americans, seeking to protect and advance the free institutions of our country; we have it as Jews, who know the future of Jews in the United States and in every other country in the world, depends upon the soundness of American democracy."

Dr. John Slawson, who was reelected executive vice-president, urged participation in the human relations programs carried on by groups other than the Jewish community as a vital factor in furthering A.J.C. objectives. "Jews and other Americans must combine in the work of helping to produce the kind of American we want," he said.

Indicating that discrimination in employment, higher education and housing are the major problems of concern to the Committee, Dr. Slawson said: "It is useless to debate which is more important in the advance of civil rights: law or education, because all civil rights progress in the past has been achieved through a combination of moral purpose, education and law enforcement. That is why we are interested not only in new legislation, but also in the enforcement of laws already on the books and in court decisions which influence this law enforcement."

DETAILS REVEALED OF TRANSFER OF ISRAEL GOVERNMENT OFFICES FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- An official announcement issued by the Israel Government said today that the transfer of government offices from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is continuing systematically and that so far several ministries have already been fully transferred.

The transfer of the Premier's office, the Ministries of Communications, Justice and Education is nearing completion, the announcement said. It added that next week the transfer of the Ministries of Interior, Immigration, Police and Labor will begin. The Comptroller's Office will also be moved next week to Jerusalem, as will the government broadcasting studios.

Remaining in Tel Aviv for the present will be the President's Office, Foreign Office, Defense Ministry, Tourist Bureau, Planning Department and the Foreign Currency Control Department, the announcement said. The first buildings to be constructed in Jerusalem as the seat of the government will be the President's Office, the Premier's Office and the Parliament building, it added.

A committee of architects and engineers met today to consider plans to speed up the building of the government seat in Jerusalem on a plot where preparations for the erection of government buildings have already begun.

ITALY EXTENDS DE JURE RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL; CATHOLIC ORGAN SCORES BELGIAN ACTION

ROME, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Italian Government this week-end extended de jure recognition to Israel, an official announcement issued by the Foreign Office said.

The extension last week of de jure recognition to Israel by Belgium and Holland is deplored in Quotidiano, Catholic Organ in Rome. The newspaper argues that such recognition conflicts with the U.N. plan to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship. The paper also criticizes the modifications in the Jerusalem internationalization plan suggested by Roger Carrsan, president of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, now meeting in Geneva.

FIRST ARAB JUDGE APPOINTED IN ISRAEL; ARAB MARAUDERS CLASH WITH ISRAEL BORDER GUARDS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Sheikh Taher Tabari was today appointed magistrate for the Nazareth district by Israel authorities. This is the first appointment of its kind since the Jewish state was established.

Several Arab marauders were wounded today in an exchange of fire between them and Israel border guards in the Negev. One of them was captured. The Arabs infiltrated into Israel territory but were spotted near one of the Jewish settlements. All of them, including the wounded, retreated into Arab territory after the clash.

Israel police units yesterday cordoned off the Arab quarter of Haifa and searched it for infiltrators from surrounding Arab states. During the search every Arab was requested to produce his Israel identification card and those who could not were arrested. A number of Israel Arab political leaders, including Toufik Toubi, Arab Communist deputy in the Parliament, observed the operation.

ISRAEL CABINET, JEWISH AGENCY MEET JOINTLY ON IMMIGRATION AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet and the Jewish Agency met jointly here today to discuss problems concerning immigration, absorption of immigrants and financial relationships between the two bodies.

It was decided that wider political issues should not be discussed now, but postponed until a plan--drafted by the American section of the Agency--on the future role of the Zionist movement in the light of the establishment of Israel has been discussed by Zionist leaders throughout the world. Earlier this week-end, the Agency decided to circulate this plan among world-wide Zionist leaders rather than act on it at this session. The discussions will serve as a prelude for the next meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee and the 23rd World Zionist Congress.

The Agency's agricultural department has worked out a plan for the erection of 133 new settlements, it was announced today. Of the total 35 will be peopled exclusively by immigrants and 21 will concentrate on the production of olives under the Agency's plan to revitalize the olive growing industry. Forty-two of the settlements will be established by chalutzim and veterans, while 55 settlements will be composed of persons who will support themselves partly on the land and partly by industrial labor.

A special investigating committee composed of ranking officials of the Israel Education Ministry has reached the conclusion that reports that immigration camp personnel are interfering with the religious life and education of Orthodox children in the camps are unfounded, it was revealed here today. Education Minister S.Z. Shazar, who is taking a keen interest in the situation, ordered the investigation.

ANGLO-ISRAEL TRADE AND FINANCE NEGOTIATIONS TO OPEN IN LONDON THURSDAY

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Israel finance talks will open here next Thursday, it was announced this week-end.

Treasury sources today discounted possibilities that the British Government will agree to sterling releases on a more liberal basis than last year. The unyielding attitude of the British delegation at similar talks with the Egyptians in Cairo was seen here as reinforcing pessimistic estimates of the situation.

RECALL OF ROMANIAN MINISTER TO TEL AVIV BRINGS CRITICISM OF ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government's recall of its Minister to Tel Aviv this week-end evoked criticism of Israel's Foreign Office by the Mapam.

The Al Hamishmar, party organ, published an article blaming the Israel Government for "deterioration of Israel-Rumanian relations." It criticized the Foreign Office for appointing Reuven Rubin, a painter, as Israel's first minister to Rumania and by its failure to appoint a successor after he resigned.

The Israel Foreign Office today received an official note from the Rumanian legation here explaining that the Rumanian Minister to Tel Aviv, Nicola Ciuricu, returned to Bucharest under instructions from his government, and that the legation's councillor, M. Davidovici, has been appointed charge d'affaires.

JEWISH AGENCY APPOINTS BODY TO STUDY TRANSFER OF HEIRLESS PROPERTY FROM GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive today appointed a five-man committee to investigate the possibility of transferring Jewish heirless and communal property from Germany and other European countries to Israel. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Agency, will head the body.

Jewish heirless property in Germany alone is estimated at about \$2,000,000,-000. The estimate is somewhat less for Poland and other countries in Europe.

Advocates in Israel of the transfer of heirless property to Israel claim that the Jewish state can be built even if only a part of this property is obtained. Their opponents argue that the transfer means helping Germany through receiving German goods. The newly appointed committee will seek to find a solution acceptable to both camps.

At the same time, the committee will investigate what part of the property can be utilized here and how it will affect Israel's economy. A full report by the group is expected to be submitted to the Agency plenary session next week.

At a press conference here Dr. Israel Goldstein, former treasurer of the Jewish Agency, revealed that 25,000 claims for Jewish heirless and communal property have already been filed in the American zone of Germany. The Agency, he said, may receive "many millions of pounds from these sources in the form of prefabricated houses and other items needed in Israel, but it will take time."

BARON ROTHSCHILD TELLS JEWS TO PREPARE FOR REVIVAL OF ANTI-SEMITIC FORCES IN EUROPE

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The need to "prepare for an emergency" in view of the revival of anti-Semitic forces in Europe was stressed here this week-end by Baron Guy De Rothschild, president of the Jewish Consistory of France, addressing a meeting here which was called for the purpose of establishing a British group to support the Jewish Documentation Center in Paris.

The French prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials relied entirely on material collected by the Jewish Documentation Center, Baron Rothschild said. He pointed out that a systematic campaign is now under way to whitewash the Nazis and to present the horrors they committed--even the existence of death camps--as "Jewish atrocity propaganda."

SALONIKA JEWS MUST STILL VOTE AT SEPARATE POLLING PLACES; LEADERS COMPLAIN TO GOVT.

ATHENS, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here, upon studying more carefully the text of the new Greek electoral law, established that the new legislation does not actually abolish the so-called "electoral ghetto" for Salonika Jews but merely reaffirms the abolition of a clause in that law which stipulates that the Jews in Salonika must have separate constituencies. The clause was originally repealed in 1935.

The "electoral ghetto" clause, which provides that the Jews in Salonika must vote at separate polling places, still remains under the new law. Leaders of the Jewish community today emphasized that they will make strong representations to the government and will insist that the discriminatory measure be repealed.

JEWISH AGENCY APPEALS TO AMERICAN JEWS TO CONTRIBUTE ONLY TO AUTHORIZED AGENCIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today appealed to American Jews to make their contributions only to those 10 fund-raising drives for Israel which--in addition to the United Jewish Appeal--have been approved by the Agency. The list was published in New York several days ago.

A spokesman for the Agency also announced that negotiations are now going on for the establishment of a central fund for the Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Haifa Technion.

MORGENTHAU FINDS CONDITIONS IN IMMIGRANT CAMPS "BAD BEYOND DESCRIPTION"

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Declaring that American Jews have failed to do their part in helping the Jewish newcomers to Israel who are now in immigrant camps, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal who is now on a visit here, last night issued a statement in which he characterized the situation in the immigrant camps as "bad beyond description."

"Conditions in these camps are terrible because American Jews do not contribute enough to enable proper care for the new immigrants," Mr. Morgenthau said, following his return from a visit to a number of camps. "Today's conditions in the camps are far worse than 14 months ago when I visited them," he said. "The only reason that tens of thousands of immigrants must stay in the camps for months to come is because American Jews are unaware of the plight of the women and children huddled in cold camps, flimsy tents and unheated wooden huts."

"The answer to this situation," Mr. Morgenthau continued, "is not a reduction in immigration but an enormous increase of American support to the United Jewish Appeal. It is unthinkable to suggest the limitation of immigration when almost a million North African Jews clamor for admission to Israel and when several thousand Jews in Iran, who are Iraqi citizens, must be taken out because the Iranian Government wants to send them back to Iraq, which is tantamount to a death sentence."

Pointing out that when Hitler massacred 6,000,000 Jews, civilization did little to save the Jews in Europe, Mr. Morgenthau said that today, when the lives of another million Jews are imperilled, and when the people of Israel want to take the responsibility of giving them shelter, the least American Jews could do is to give "dollars for rescue."

As an example of the present situation in the camps resulting from the shortage of funds, Mr. Morgenthau cited the fact that the daily food ration for the immigrants was recently reduced from 2,500 to 2,250 calories. "Much needless suffering could be avoided if we act promptly," Mr. Morgenthau said. "However, if Israel is called upon to meet these needs it would mean that funds desperately needed for defense would have to be diverted to cover the neglect of American Jewry."

Yesterday at Herzlia, Mr. Morgenthau advocated a Middle East alliance similar to the North Atlantic Pact. He called such a move "a coalition against aggression by Russia." Mr. Morgenthau added that he felt such a pact would end the current arms race, in the Middle East, which he said, amounts to a "cold war," and would cause all concerned "to forget their family squabble" and provide a basis for general economic development.

LIBEL SUIT AGAINST NEW BRUNSWICK U.J.A. WITHDRAWN IN INTERESTS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A \$100,000 libel suit against the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New Brunswick, the local Jewish Federation and 13 business and professional men was withdrawn this week-end by the plaintiff, John Fuchs.

After the court session the plaintiff stated, "an amicable settlement had been reached and suit was withdrawn in the interests of the Jewish community." His suit was based on the report of the 1948 U.J.A. campaign which, distributed to 2,600 contributors, listed the names of 17 individuals, including Mr. Fuchs, alleged to have refused to contribute to the drive.

STEPHEN WISE FREE SYNAGOGUE DEDICATED IN SPECIAL EXERCISES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Stephen Wise Free Synagogue here was dedicated anew this week-end in three services held from Friday to Sunday. In special dedicatory sermons the role of Rabbi Wise in establishing the Free Synagogue and the Jewish Institute of Religion were recalled and eulogized.

CONSTRUCTION OF "ISRAEL HOLLYWOOD" PLANNED; BUILDING OF LARGE STADIUM PROPOSED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Plans for the construction of an "Israel Hollywood" on the Biblical site of Ascalon, south of Tel Aviv, were revealed here this week-end.

"Barnaea," a new motion picture company with \$3,000,000 capitalization, plans to cooperate with major Hollywood studios interested in producing films on the 750-acre site at Ascalon. Daniel Auster, Mayor of Jerusalem, is the principal stockholder of the company.

Plans for the erection of the largest stadium in the Middle East were made public by the municipal authorities of Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv. The stadium will have seats for 30,000 spectators and standing room for another 50,000. The stadium will be constructed at a cost of approximately \$2,800,000. Work is expected to begin in September.

WIFE OF ISRAEL AMBASSADOR PRESENTS BIBLE FROM "WOMEN OF ISRAEL" TO MRS. TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eliahu Klath, wife of the Israel Ambassador here, this week-end presented a Hebrew Bible, bound in silver, to Mrs. Harry S. Truman. The binding of the Bible, which was presented in the name of the women of Israel, was made by the Bezalel School of Art in Jerusalem and is adorned with engravings showing Moses with the Tablets of the Law, and other Biblical material. Mrs. Truman's monogram is engraved on the back and the fly-leaf bears the inscription, "To Mrs. Harry S. Truman from the Women of Israel."

YEHUDA GRAZOWSKI GUR, NOTED HEBREW LEXICOGRAPHER AND AUTHOR, DIES AT 87

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Yehuda Grazowski Gur, noted Hebrew lexicographer, scholar and author, died here this week-end at the age of 87.

His most famous work was the authoritative Hebrew Dictionary. Born in Minsk, Russia, Gur came to Palestine a half century ago. He was among the founders of the present Hebrew education system in Palestine.

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