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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT, JEWISH AGENCY DISCUS COOPERATION PROPOSALS; COMMITTEE NAMED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A committee to work out practical proposals for closer cooperation between the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency was appointed here today at a joint meeting of leaders of the two bodies. The proposals will be submitted to the next joint meeting, on Wednesday.

At today's plenary session of the Agency, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of its American section, said that "many in the United States feel that there is an urgent necessity for closer contact between Israel's envoy in Washington and the Jewish Agency and for closer cooperation between the two in the field of political activities." He outlined a number of proposals which he said would improve relations between the Israel Government and the Agency in the Jewish state and abroad.

Dr. Goldmann emphasized that cooperation between the two is necessary, and urged that the government grant the Agency special status in the field of absorbing immigrants and colonization. Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett participated in the Agency session.

The Agency also discussed the dates for the convocation of the World Zionist Congress and the Zionist Actions Committee. It was decided to convene the Actions Committee on April 16, while the Congress session was set for either October or December of this year.

KNESSET GETS BILL ON GERMAN PROPERTY IN ISRAEL; APPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIAN PROPOSED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Estimating the value of German property in Israel at approximately \$9,000,000, Israel's Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan today introduced a "German Property Bill" in Parliament proposing the appointment of a custodian for all the German property in the state, with the exception of that owned by the Catholic Church.

Part of the German property in Israel was sold by the British Government, as the Mandatory Power during the World War. Disposition of the proceeds of the sale is now under discussion between Britain and Israel, with the latter claiming the proceeds from Britain.

Addressing the Parliament today, Minister Kaplan said: "The Jews' account with Germany does not start on the first of September, 1939, when the World War broke out, but on the fifteenth of September, 1935, when Germany adopted the Nuremberg laws and introduced legalized racial hatred and persecution.

"The first German settlers might have come to Palestine with a feeling of tolerance toward the Jews, but their descendants, with a few exceptions, joined the Nazi camp," the Israel Minister said. "Many went to Germany, joined Hitler's army and took part in the persecution of Jews," he pointed out.

JEWISH AGENCY LEADERS APPEAL TO U.S. JEWS AGAINST AGITATION OVER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- An appeal to American Jews, especially to religious groups, regarding the agitation which is now going on in the United States about religious education for children in immigrant camps in Israel was issued here today by Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Agency.

The two leaders emphasized that the entire problem has been dealt with by the Israel Cabinet and that this resulted in the appointment of two Cabinet committees. One committee is now investigating the truth of allegations by religious groups in Israel and the U.S., while the other committee will make recommendations on religious education.

Only after these two committees make their reports will the government be able to act, the appeal said. The Agency leaders asked for an end to the agitation which, they said, is aggravating the situation and which can only cause harm. They urged that all interested groups await the decision of the government, in which the Religious Bloc is represented.

STATE DEPT. DENIES IT "WARNED" ISRAEL NOT TO INTERVENE IN SYRIAN-IRAQI MERGER TALKS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A denial that the State Department "warned" Israel not to intervene in Syrian affairs was made here today by Michael J. McDermott, Department press officer. However, he admitted that the United States Government had made known its desire for a "hands-off policy" on Syria.

The American view, Mr. McDermott said, was made known merely as a measure of "guidance." He said that about a week ago American diplomatic representatives throughout the Near East were advised that the U.S. desired other Near Eastern countries, including Israel, to keep their hands off in the event of a merger of Syria and Iraq.

The American view was not presented directly to Israel or other Near Eastern states, but was issued to U.S. Near Eastern diplomatic representatives to inform them of the American attitude on the issue. The stand taken by this government was that outside parties should leave it to the people of Syria and Iraq to decide their own fate.

ISRAEL OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR PRAGUE TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS FOR TRADE AGREEMENT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. I. Kinori, of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, left today for Czechoslovakia, to continue negotiations with the Prague authorities on a trade agreement between Israel and Czechoslovakia.

JEWISH MASS MEETING IN VIENNA PLEDGES TO FIGHT JERUSALEM INTERNATIONALIZATION

VIENNA, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A Jewish mass meeting here adopted a resolution declaring that "Vienna Jews join Israel in the fight against the internationalization of Jerusalem." The meeting was arranged by the executive of the Vienna Jewish Community.

LEADER OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN LUXEMBOURG APPOINTED HONORARY ISRAEL CONSUL

LUXEMBOURG, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Edmond Marx, chairman of the Jewish Community in this country, has been named honorary Israel consul here, it was announced today.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER DEcriES PREJUDICE AGAINST JEWS IN PLEA FOR INCREASED IMMIGRATION

CANBERRA, Australia, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Premier Robert Menzies told a citizenship convention here last night that large-scale immigration to Australia was vital.

"People who said silly things about a man because he was a Jew should remember that the greatest Australian general of all time--General Monash--was a Jew," the Premier said. (Sir John Monash, who died in 1931, was the first Australian to command his country's army corps in France in World War I, and was also the first Jew to attain general rank in England.)

Australian resources, Premier Menzies pointed out, were more than adequate for her population. He added that "every Australian must learn to regard every immigrant as a friend." Prejudice about the race or origin of immigrants is not a sign of pride, but only of stupidity, he declared.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS DROP ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA LINE, JEWISH LEADER SAYS

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Nationalist Party of South Africa began soft-pedalling its anti-Semitic propaganda as early as the end of 1947 and has since dropped the entire line, B.A. Etlinger, president of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, declared here last night at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

"The Nationalists have done nothing about which we, as Jews, can complain," he asserted, adding that Nationalist Premier Daniel F. Malan never was an anti-Semite. The Premier, he reported, called in Jewish leaders after his election to office and said that there would be no discrimination "among Europeans." Mr. Etlinger, however, stressed that the Jews must be watchful, particularly in the event of the development of an economic crisis in South Africa.

STATE DEPARTMENT ASKS SENATE RATIFICATION OF UNITED NATIONS GENOCIDE CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Dean Rusk, Deputy Under Secretary of State, today asked the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to ratify the United Nations Convention on Genocide. "The worst atrocities of Nero against the Christians failed to reach the level of those perpetrated by Hitler against the Jews," Mr. Rusk told the Senators. "No one can yet have forgotten the organized butchery of racial groups by the Nazis, our enemies in World War II, which has resulted in the extermination of some 6,000,000 Jews."

Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, also testifying on genocide, said Senate ratification was important "not only because 6,000,000 Jews were recently murdered, but to give this convention the official approval of the United States so that, by our example, other nations may be encouraged to speed ratification and at last bring the scourge of genocide within the control of international law."

Shad Polier, chairman of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, and Rabbi Joachim Prinz, Congress vice-president, also testified.

U.N. BODY ASKS GUARANTEES OF MINORITY RIGHTS TO OWN CULTURE, RELIGION, LANGUAGE

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A resolution recommending that the U.N. Commission on Human Rights include a provision in the International Covenant on Human Rights insuring minority group members against the denial of the right "to enjoy their own culture, to profess and practice their own religion or to use their own language," was adopted today by the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Another resolution asked the General Assembly to provide facilities for minorities to fully exercise their rights.

NEED FOR NEW APPROACH TO PROGRAMS FOR JEWISH LIFE STRESSED AT A.J.C. CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The need of the American Jewish Committee to consider afresh its present approach to and program for Jewish life was emphasized here last night by Alan M. Stroock, vice-president of the organization, in addressing the closing session of the annual meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Stroock said that this need resulted from the fact that Jews have entered a new era in which their former centers of cultural and spiritual life, scattered over two continents, have been replaced by two dominant communities--the United States and Israel.

"The future program of the American Jewish Committee," Mr. Stroock said, "must embrace a developed philosophy of Jewish life which expressed the innermost aspirations of the Jewish community and which is able to convert these aspirations into convictions, and a guide for living for American Jews. It must provide a positive approach for making this philosophy known to the Jewish community in contrast with self-defeating philosophies of one type or another."

Irving M. Engel, who was reelected chairman of the A.J.C. executive committee, told the delegates that the American Jewish Committee succeeded in securing the postponement of the expulsion of 2,000 Iraqi Jews from Iran. "We have hopes that the expulsion order will be rescinded," he said. He reported that the dangers to Jews in Egypt, Lebanon and Syria have now subsided. Reviewing the Jewish situation in Germany, Mr. Engel declared that while the American Jewish Committee is concerned with the security and citizenship rights of the 20,000 Jews who are likely to remain in Germany after the displaced persons camps are closed there, it is even more vitally concerned about the problem of democratizing Germany. "Without some change in the American occupation program," he said, "Germany may again become a threat to peace and a source of totalitarian and anti-Semitic propaganda."

In addition to reelecting Jacob Blaustein as president, the conference elected the following as vice-presidents: Albert H. Lieberman, Philadelphia; Charles W. Morris, Louisville; Nathan M. Orlbach, New York; Harold Riegelman, New York; Ralph E. Samuel, New York; David Sher, New York; Jesse H. Steinbart, San Francisco; Alan M. Stroock, New York; Frank L. Sulzberger, Chicago; and Dr. John Slawson, New York. Justice Joseph M. Proskauer was reelected honorary president, Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Samuel D. Leidesdorf, honorary vice-presidents, and Herbert B. Ehrmann, of Boston, was elected chairman of the administrative committee.

U.A.H.C. PRESIDENT WARNS AGAINST NEGLECTING CULTURAL NEEDS OF AMERICAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- "Continued insistence on meeting overseas needs to the virtual exclusion of religious and cultural needs at home will result in spiritual bankruptcy of American Jewish life," Dr. Maurice W. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, declared in an open letter today to Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

Dr. Eisendrath took strong exception to reported remarks made by Mr. Morgenthau at a recent meeting of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations in New York. "Mr. Morgenthau's continued demands that urgent home needs be postponed until overseas problems are solved imperil the whole structure of American Judaism," he said.

"Whereas the leaders of the American synagogue have given unstintingly of their means and of their time to the cause which you have so heroically headed," Dr. Eisendrath stated, "almost invariably of late we have discovered that the leaders in the herculean works of philanthropy and physical restoration have denied even the most infinitesimal splinters of their time or of their means to religious or cultural pursuits in America."

REORGANIZATION OF WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT URGED AT CANADIAN ZIONIST CONVENTION

MONTREAL, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Calling for a change in the set-up and organization of the World Zionist Organization along non-political lines, Samuel J. Zacks, retiring president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, last night warned delegates to the 30th national convention of imminent peril unless Zionist party lines in countries outside of Israel are wiped out.

In his address before 1,000 delegates, Mr. Zacks said: "The Zionist Organization of Canada resents active interference by the Jewish Agency in the autonomy of elected bodies. We believe the time has come for a reorganization of the World Zionist Organization and the basis of its constitution, that all parties outside of Israel be abolished, that there be but one federation which shall include all Zionists who wish to work together for Israel, and that the people of Israel take cognizance of this."

Justice I.C. Rand of the Supreme Court of Canada told the delegates that "over centuries Jews have shown greater survival powers than any people on earth." He spoke of his visit to Palestine as a member of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine and said that no man more impressed him "with substance and strength of a great personality than Dr. Chaim Weizmann."

In a review of the past 50 years of Canadian Zionism, Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said that the solidarity of Canadian Jewry is an example to Jewish communities throughout the world. Mr. Bronfman reminded delegates that realization of Israel statehood does not complete the task of world Jewry. "Israel must prove to the world that she is worthy of the confidence placed in her by the United Nations," he said, "and we must help Israel with everything in our power."

Aubrey S. Eban, permanent delegate of Israel to the United Nations, said that "no power can separate Jerusalem from Israel, they are two living organisms which have grown together. It is a firm and indissoluble union." He added that Jerusalem cannot be religiously serene unless it is politically peaceful.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, stated that the Zionist movement was undergoing a serious crisis. Declaring that "it is a fantastic paradox that the moment of Zionism's greatest triumph should mark the beginning of its decline as a movement," Dr. Neumann said: "If the Government of Israel disregards the danger signals and fails to invest the World Zionist Organization with the necessary powers and authority, it will hasten the process of decline and disintegration of the movement to the serious detriment of Israel."

U.N. HAS NO RIGHT TO INTERNATIONALIZE JERUSALEM, DEPUTY MAYOR SHREIFMAN SAYS IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- "The United Nations has as much right to internationalize Jerusalem as it has to internationalize London or Washington or Moscow," Deputy Mayor Reuben Shreifman of Jerusalem declared here last night in an address to 1,500 persons attending an emergency conference called by the National Committee for Labor Israel.

The conference was summoned to raise an immediate \$1,000,000 in behalf of the Histadrut in Israel for the erection of factories to provide employment for new immigrants in the Jewish state. Rep. Jacob Javits, addressing the gathering, urged the formation of an "Organization of Near East States," which would include Israel. He said such a body would "eliminate the Jerusalem controversy, nullify the possible effects of the present race for rearming in the Near East and provide for the introduction of President Truman's Point Four program."

PERON PROMISES JEWISH DP'S WILL BE ADMITTED TO ARGENTINA WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- President Juan Peron has promised that Jewish DP immigrants will be admitted to Argentina without quota restrictions if they have a guarantee provided by the Organizacion Israelita Argentina, a spokesman for the pro-Peronist O.I.A. announced here. The announcement followed a two-hour audience granted by Peron to a six-man O.I.A. delegation.

The delegation spokesman said that the President reiterated that his government will not tolerate racial discrimination, and that the President expressed his sympathy for the state of Israel. The delegation informed the Chief Executive that it had translated the new Argentine Constitution and the Peronist program into Yiddish.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF REFUGEE SETTLEMENT IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MARKED

SOSUA, Dominican Republic, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The tenth anniversary of the establishment here of a settlement for Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi persecution in Germany was marked during the week-end at ceremonies attended by high United States and Dominican officials. The refugee settlement was set up under the auspices of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association (DORSA), a branch of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Occupying a 26,000-acre site on the northern coast of the Republic, the settlement during the past decade served as a transient haven for hundreds of displaced persons throughout the war years. At present there are 350 persons residing in the settlement. Exhibitions of prize cattle, industrial and agricultural products, paintings and photographs were shown during the week-end.

17,165 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ENTERED UNITED STATES LAST YEAR THROUGH HIAS, REPORT SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A total of 17,165 Jewish immigrants arrived in the United States during 1949 under the auspices of HIAS, it was announced today by the organization. They were distributed to 633 communities of 37 states and the District of Columbia.

NEW ORLEANS RELIGIOUS LEADERS APPEAL TO VOTERS TO IGNORE BIAS ISSUES IN PRIMARY

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A plea to citizens of this city to ignore the issues of racial prejudice injected into the mayoralty primary campaign was issued over the week-end by a group of religious leaders, including a rabbi, a Catholic layman and three Protestant clergymen.

The appeal pointed up the "moral erosion that master-racism causes in the souls of those infected with it." Rabbi Emil Leisziger, president of the New Orleans Rabbinic Council, was among the signatories of the appeal.

CINCINNATI TEMPLE FOUNDED BY RABBI ISAAC MAYER WISE IN 1866 IS REDEDICATED

CINCINNATI, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Rededication of Plum Street Temple here took place yesterday in ceremonies recalling the erection of the Reform synagogue in 1866 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, founder of the American Reform movement. The Plum Street Temple is the downtown edifice of the Isaac Mayer Wise Temple Congregation.