Knesset Proclaims Jerusalem as Israel's Capital; Mapam and Herut Abstain from Voting

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24. (JTA) — A proclamation declaring that Jerusalem became the capital of Israel with the establishment of the Jewish state was adopted last night in the parliament by a vote of 61-2. The opposition votes were cast by Communist deputies, while the Mapam and Herut representatives abstained.

Earlier, the parliament voted down an amendment by the Herut which would have extended the scope of the proclamation to the entire city of Jerusalem, rather than the new city as intended by the government. Menahem Beigi, Herut leader, asserted that the government's proclamation actually meant acceptance of Jordan rule of the Old City, and demanded that government spokesmen reveal the extent and content of the current secret negotiations between Israel and Jordan.

In its final form, the proclamation welcomes the return of the parliament to Jerusalem and asks the government to speed up the construction of the government seat in Jerusalem. Another Herut amendment, demanding the immediate transfer of the President's Office and the Foreign Ministry which are temporarily scheduled to remain in Tel Aviv, was defeated. The proclamation, as adopted, reads in part:

"Whereas with establishment of the state of Israel, Jerusalem once more becomes the capital; Whereas practical difficulties which caused the Knesset and government institutions to be temporarily housed elsewhere have now for the most part been removed and the government is carrying out the transfer of its institutions to Jerusalem; The Knesset expresses the wish that construction of the seat of the government and Knesset in Jerusalem proceed speedily on the site allotted by the government for this purpose."

Communists Demonstrate Against Morgenthau in Parliament; Call Him "American Spy"

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, was attacked in the parliament last night and called "an American agent and spy" by Communist deputies. The demonstration was checked by a call for order by Speaker Jozef Sprinzak.

The Communist deputies announced today that they intend to submit a written question in the Knesset asking why "a representative of international capitalism, undoubtedly engaging in espionage," was received by the Israel Government. Although the Speaker of the Knesset objects to the introduction of this query, he is unable to prevent it under Knesset regulations. Leaders of the Mapai, General Zionists, and the Religious Bloc today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they will vote for rejection of the query.

Meanwhile, Mr. Morgenthau was today presented with an emblem of one of the first Israeli fighting squadrons by Col. Aharon Remez, Commander of the Israel Air Force. Brig. Yigal Yadin, Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, later gave a reception for Mr. Morgenthau at a military base where the general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal was introduced to top-ranking officers of all branches of the Israeli fighting forces.
U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL EXPECTS TO START DISCUSSION ON JERUSALEM ISSUE NEXT MONDAY

GENEVA, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A new plan for the internationalization of only the Holy Places in Jerusalem has been submitted to Israel and the various Arab governments by the chairman of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, Ambassador Roger Garreau, it was learned here today. To enable the governments concerned to reply before the discussions on the status of Jerusalem are resumed, the chairman has informed members of the Trusteeship Council that he proposes to adjourn the consideration of the Jerusalem question until next Monday.

It is believed in U.N. circles here that Israel and Jordan may find the new Garreau plan generally acceptable, but that other Arab states will reject it out of hand. If, however, Israel also refuses to consider this new plan, then it appears to be the intention of Mr. Garreau to proceed forthwith with the drafting of a Jerusalem statute in accordance with the U.N. General Assembly resolution without further reference to either Israel or Jordan. This would then be passed to the General Assembly for further action.

It appears to be the view of the French, British and American delegations that if this last effort at mediation fails, the work of the Council will become largely academic. The onus of settlement will then fall on Israel and Jordan which would be asked to submit their own proposals to the Assembly.

The Palestine Conciliation Commission, which has resumed meeting here, may consider a plan to proceed from conciliation to mediation. Last night it heard a restatement of the familiar Arab demand for the repatriation of all refugees to Israel. Israeli delegate Gideon Raphael is expected to arrive here today.

ISRAEL AND SYRIA AGREE TO CONDUCT JOINT DRIVE AGAINST MARAUDERS IN BORDER AREA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The mixed Israel-Syrian armistice commission has reached an agreement whereby security forces of both nations will combat jointly thefts and marauding sorties in the border region and will restore property stolen from each other's nationals, it was announced here today.

A group of 40 Arabs who had infiltrated into Israel were deported to Arab-held territory here today. Several truckloads of Jordan Arab Legionnaires were waiting for the infiltrates.

Two Arab marauders were killed last night when Israeli police opened fire on a gang which had infiltrated Israeli territory in the vicinity of Hodera. Arab cattle rustlers were responsible for the loss of some $196,000 worth of cattle during 1949, it was announced here today. A part of the cattle was recovered by Israeli police action. Four hundred and thirty-two successful raids on Jewish cattle pens were recorded last year.

TRIAL OF FRENCH YOUTHS WHO JOINED ANTI-SEMITIC HITLER MOVEMENT OPENS IN PARIS

PARIS, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The trial of 19 members of the "Mouvement Socialiste Unite Francaise"-anti-Semitic and fascist organization which recruited French youths into Nazi legions during the war--opened here today. The organization is still in existence in France.

One of the youthful defendants declared at the opening of the trial: "Racism means defending the interests of my country. Since the liberation, France has been governed by Jewish gauzeots, beginning with Minister Jules Moch." Juilo M. Gruffy replied to the defendant: "While you were wearing the German uniform, the Jews did their duty for France."
BERLIN MAYOR INFORMS JEWISH COMMUNITY OF INDEMNIFICATION; PLEDGES CREDITS TO JEWS

BERLIN, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Mayor Ernest Reuter of West Berlin today informed the Jewish community of Berlin that the city administration is ready to submit draft legislation to indemnify victims of Nazism for their sufferings under the Hitler regime.

In his letter to the Jewish community, the Mayor pledged full compensation to the victims, and the extension of credit to Jewish businessmen who remain in Berlin. It was also announced that the draft measure would be considered at forthcoming sessions of the municipal council.

AUSTRIAN MINISTER OPPOSES CHANGE IN RESTITUTION LAW RETURNING HOMES TO NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The Austrian Minister of Justice, Dr. Franz Tschedek, today expressed opposition to amendment of the so-called Third Restitution Law, which pertains to the return of apartments and other housing to victims of Nazism who were ousted from them between 1938 and 1945.

The statement was occasioned by agitation for changing the law and by recent court decisions evicting Nazi victims to whom the apartments were restored. Court action was brought by Nazis who were ousted after the liberation under the authority of the Third Restitution Law. Minister Tschedek stated that to change the law at this time would result in confusion because about 75 percent of all claims presented under the measure have already been settled.

TWO RUMANIAN GENERALS, JEWISH OFFICIAL GET LIFE TERMS FOR MURDER OF JEWS IN UKRAINE

BUCHAREST, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Two former Rumanian generals and a Jewish community council official in a Ukrainian town during the war have been sentenced to life imprisonment following their conviction on charges of responsibility for the extermination of "tens of thousands of Jewish deportees and Soviet civilians" in the Berezovca-Mostovoi area of the Ukraine, which was occupied by the Rumanian army.

The generals were Mihai Iliescu and Nicolae Vladescu and the Jew was Bruno Gross, president of the community council. Seven other Rumanian army officers received life terms, while 12 others received terms varying from eight to 20 years at hard labor. During the trial, the prosecution stated that the victims of the massacre "were so numerous and the bodies were dispersed over so large an area" that no reliable estimate of the number has yet been made.

ILSE KOCH ORDERED TO HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL EXAMINATION BEFORE HER TRIAL BEGINS

MUNICH, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Ilse Koch, notorious war criminal who was released by the American authorities last year and immediately rearrested by Bavarian police, will be transferred from her prison cell to a hospital to undergo mental observation, it was reported today. The examination was ordered by the court which will begin trying her at Augsburg in March.

The office of John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner in Germany, this weekend ordered the extradition to Poland of two Ukrainians charged with torturing and murdering Jews during the Nazi occupation of Poland. The case against the Ukrainians, Roman Switczko and his son, Vladimir, was compiled partly by the Jewish Central Committee of Poland.
COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM DENIES RAISING "DUAL LOYALTY" ISSUE; SAYS ZIONISM CREATED IT

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- "Zionism's Jewish nationalism and its spokes-
men" and not the American Council for Judaism have created the issue of "dual loyal-
ties" it was asserted today in an American Council for Judaism statement released by
Lassing J. Rosenwald, president. The statement was a reply to recent charges by the
National Community Relations Advisory Council.

The Council challenged the NORAC's claims to representing "the overwhelming
majority of American Jews." It questioned the NORAC's right "to establish itself as
supreme arbiter and censor, sitting in judgment on American Jews" and it declared
that it had been condemned by the NORAC without a hearing.

Charging the NORAC with confusing the issue, the Council denied that either
philanthropic support of Jews in Israel or objective recognition of Israel's accom-
plishments are involved. "The issues are whether American Jews may give such phi-
lanthropy needed by our fellow Jews in Israel and elsewhere, without being corralled
as a nationality-minority bloc in the United States." The Council's statement
acknowledged "the worthy accomplishments of the state of Israel during the brief
period of its statehood."

The NORAC charge that the Council has cast doubts on the loyalty of American
Jews "is manufactured out of whole cloth," the Council's statement said. "No-
where and at no time has the American Council for Judaism created the issue of 'dual
loyalties.' It is Zionism's Jewish nationalism and its spokesmen in the United
States and Israel who follow the Zionist mandate 'to strengthen and foster Jewish
national sentiment and consciousness,'" the statement emphasized.

The Council ascribed the NORAC's action to "Zionist efforts to involve leaders
of so-called non-Zionist organizations." The debate will not end with the
NORAC's resolution, the statement asserted. "The American Council for Judaism will
meet the challenge of Jewish nationalism in the American way, in the spirit of demo-
cracy, with open discussion and free debate," it added, pointing out that the Coun-
cil is willing to meet with the NORAC "at any time that the NORAC is prepared to
discuss the problem impartially and objectively."

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE SIGNS AGREEMENT TO GIVE CRT $1,300,000 IN 1950

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Announcement of the signing of an agreement
under which $1,300,000 will be provided by the Joint Distribution Committee in 1950
to CRT, principal agency offering vocational training to Jews overseas, was made to-
day. The agreement provides that $200,000 of the sum will be furnished by the J.D.C.
in local currency to CRT in Poland for its work in that country.

The agreement was signed yesterday by George Backer, Dr. David Lyovitch and
Dr. Aron Syngalowski, representing CRT, and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman
of the Joint Distribution Committee at J.D.C. headquarters here. Mr. Backer is
president of the American CRT Federation, and Drs. Lyovitch and Syngalowski are co-
chairmen of the executive committee of the World CRT Union.

Under the terms of the agreement, CRT will not conduct an independent fund-
raising campaign in the United States. The J.D.C. will provide CRT with the prin-
cipal finances required for that organization's overseas programs in Europe and North
Africa, from funds it will receive from the campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.
Similar agreements between the J.D.C. and the CRT were reached in 1947, 1948 and 1949.
OFFICIAL OF U.S. DP COMMISSION, CHARGED WITH ANTI-SEMITISM, APPEALS FOR HEARING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- John W. Cutler, an employee of the Displaced Persons Commission, who was recently branded as anti-Semitic by the Commission, today appealed to Ugo Carusi, chairman of the Commission, for a hearing. Mr. Cutler had supplied Sen. Pat McCarran with "facts" attacking DP's.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT TESTIFIES AT SENATE HEARING; URGES GENOCIDE PACT RATIFICATION


Failure on the part of the United States to ratify the genocide convention might lead to a rebirth of isolationism, he said. The failure would also be considered by the rest of the world as a retreat from traditional American principles, he declared.

BRITAIN TELLS AGUDAH LEADER IT WILL SOON SIGN U.N. CONVENTION OUTLAWING GENOCIDE

LONDON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Assurances that Britain will soon ratify the United Nations Convention on Outlawing the Crime of Genocide have been received from the Foreign Office, H.A. Goodman, political secretary of Agudas Israel, reported last night at a meeting of the European executive of the Agudah.

The British Foreign Office explained that the delay in ratifying the convention resulted from the fact that the question of whether special legislation was required for ratifying the U.N. convention was now under study. Should this prove unnecessary, Mr. Goodman said he was told, then the convention will be signed in the near future.

COLGATE UNIVERSITY HEAD DENIES CHARGES OF BIAS IN NEW YORK STATE COLLEGES

ALBANY, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- The President of Colgate University, Dr. Everett Case, yesterday denied that there is discrimination in the colleges of New York State.

Dr. Case's statement came during a hearing on a state master plan for higher education. He followed a spokesman for the American Labor Party, Arthur Schutzer, who charged that there is discrimination in the colleges and universities against Jewish, Negro, Italian and Puerto Rican applicants.

The university head labelled Mr. Schutzer's charges "irresponsible" and "inflammatory" and invited him to place evidence of bias before the State Commission to Prevent Discrimination in Education. The A.L.P. representative said that the matter had not been presented to the Commission because "it is a dusty, token commission with only a law on the books. There has been no attempt to enforce that law," he said.

J.W.V. COMMANDER IS RECEIVED BY TRUMAN; PLEDGES SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Jackson J. Holtz, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, was received today by President Truman. Mr. Holtz pledged the full support of the J.W.V. to the President on civil rights legislation and on legislation designed to liberalize the present Displaced Persons Act.
LOAN FUND FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY SET UP BY U.S. FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- A revolving loan fund for American students at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem has been set up by the BSCC Foundation for Palestine, it was announced here today by Dr. Israel S. Wechsler, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The BSCC Foundation, which was established in 1940 by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cohen of New York, financed a study of vocational education for youth several years ago, which was carried through by Dr. Eliaser Rieger, chairman of the University's Department of Education. The Foundation has also given assistance to agricultural projects in Israel, with emphasis on the instruction of young immigrants in mechanized agriculture.

CANADIAN ZIONIST CONVENTION CLOSES; SCHWISBERG ELECTED PRESIDENT; GELBER CO-PRESIDENT

MONTREAL, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Samuel E. Schwisberg, of this city, was elected president of the Zionist Organization of Canada at the closing session of the 30th annual convention of the organization last night. He promptly suggested that his opponent, E.E. Gelber, of Toronto, be named co-president, a suggestion that was unanimously approved by the 1,000 delegates attending the parley.

Canadian Finance Minister Douglas Abbott, addressing the convention's final session, declared: "We, in Canada have watched with great interest the development of Israel and have extended such support as we could to the emergence of that state as it assumed the responsibilities of helping to maintain international peace and security." Mayer Weisgal, executive chairman of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, called for a "combination of the content and merit of classical Zionism with the needs of the state of Israel."

YOUTH SETTLEMENT NAMED FOR AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADER OPENED IN JERUSALEM SUBURB

JERUSALEM, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- "The United Nations conspiracy to take Jerusalem away from Israel drew Jerusalem and Israel even closer together and made world Jewry even more fervently its spiritual attachment to the city," Dr. Israel Goldstein declared here today at ceremonies opening a new General Zionist youth village in the Katamon suburb here, which is named for him.

The new settlement founded in Katamon is a former Arab quarter which was seized by the Israelis in the first phase of the fighting last year. A total of 250 youngsters will be settled in the colony, which occupies a site of 250 acres. Youngsters in the settlement will attend school half-days and will receive agricultural training during the remainder of the day.

MRS. ROOSEVELT PRESENTED WITH TORAH BY CONFERENCE OF JEWISH WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was presented here with a Torah by the Conference of Jewish Women. The Scroll was given to her as an award to the "Woman of the Year." The Torah was brought to the U.S. from a DP camp in Germany and is said to have been transcribed by scribes in the days of Frederick the Great. In accepting the Scroll, Mrs. Roosevelt emphasized that the struggle for equality must become a matter of concern for every American.