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JERUSALEM IS CAPITAL NOT ONLY OF ISRAEL BUT OF JEWISH NATION, BEN GURION DECLARES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Jerusalem is not only the capital of Israel but of the Jewish nation, Premier Ben Gurion declared today. He expressed the hope that Jerusalem would soon become Jewry's world center for peace, justice, art and science.

Speaking at a ceremony at which leading members of the government and the Jewish Agency signed a scroll to be laid under the cornerstone of the future World Zionist Congress building, the Israel Premier said: "This building symbolizes the eternal ties between Jerusalem and the Jewish nation." The cost of the building, which will have an auditorium with a seating capacity of 10,000, was estimated at about \$3,000,000 by Rabbi Z. Gold, member of the Jewish Agency executive.

The Israel Government will spend more than \$1,000,000 by April 1 on the transfer of the Parliament and government offices from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, it was learned today. The Cabinet met this morning and heard a report on the national budget for the fiscal year of 1950.

U.N. JERUSALEM RESOLUTION IS MERELY DISCUSSION BASIS, TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HEAD SAYS

GENEVA, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- An appeal to all parties--Israel, Jordan and the religious world--to accept the U.N. General Assembly resolution on the internationalization of Jerusalem merely as a basis for discussion of the future of that city and nothing more was made today by Roger Garreau, president of the U.N. Trusteeship Council, in a formal statement issued here.

Mr. Garreau stressed particularly that the Assembly resolution had been drawn up in such a way as to allow the Trusteeship Council, which is now meeting here, a great deal of freedom in interpreting its terms. The resolution, he said, could be interpreted either in restricted or in liberal terms. A close reading of the resolution will leave room for a very wide range for interpretation.

The president of the Trusteeship Council stated that he is preparing a working paper on the Jerusalem question as requested. This paper will be presented to the Trusteeship Council on Monday, he said. In this working paper, he aims to apply loyally the terms of the Assembly resolution in the widest and most liberal sense possible so that Israel and Jordan could agree to participate in the work of the Trusteeship Council, Mr. Garreau emphasized.

Expressing the belief that the very wide powers of the Trusteeship Council will make it possible to find a solution which would be acceptable to Israel as well as to Jordan, Mr. Garreau said that while there were different views with regard to Jerusalem, he was of the opinion that the city should not be entirely in the hands of one power. At the same time, he recalled the sufferings of the Jewish population in Jerusalem during the siege and said that the desire of the Jews in the city not to be cut off again from Israel is understandable. He concluded by declaring he would seek a reasonable adjustment of the different interpretations that can be given to the Assembly internationalization resolution.

COMMUNIST DEPUTY WILL FACE PARLIAMENTARY TRIAL FOR ATTACKS ON BEN GURION, MORGENTHAU

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Meir Wilner, one of three Communist deputies in the Knesset, will stand trial before a Parliamentary committee as a result of statements attacking Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Premier David Ben Gurion, Speaker Joseph Sprinzak announced in the Knesset.

The announcement climaxed two days of attack on Mr. Morgenthau by Communist deputies and a sharp interchange between Premier Ben Gurion and Mr. Wilner. During the exchange, the Premier accused the Communists of "trying to promote a war of Jews against Jews," of having collaborated with Hitler and the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and with having fomented anti-Jewish riots in Palestine. The Communist shouted that Mr. Ben Gurion's statement was a "lie."

At this point, the Premier appealed to the Speaker against the deputy. Mr. Sprinzak called for order and informed the Communist that he would be tried. Immediately afterwards, the Premier stated: "We have freedom of speech, but if that freedom is turned into incitement this state will know how to stop it."

MAPAM AND MAPAI PARTIES MEET ON REORGANIZATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A decisive meeting between top-ranking representatives of the Mapai and the Mapam parties is scheduled to take place here tonight. At that time the left-wing Mapam party is expected to reply to Premier David Ben Gurion's latest offer outlining the basis on which he would be willing to dissolve the present coalition and reorganize the Cabinet with leftist participation.

The demands which the Mapam has listed as the price of entering the government included: a public pledge that Israel will not join the North Atlantic Pact or the Marshall Plan; opposition to Jordan's incorporation of the Arab part of Palestine in the Hashemite kingdom; and, support in the United Nations of all peace plans, including curtailment of the use of atomic weapons.

On domestic issues, the Mapam wants reduction in indirect taxes; nationalization of essential imports and of existing concessions, particularly the Dead Sea potash works; adoption of a national constitution ensuring the establishment of a secular state, with full guarantees of religious rights; and, development of a popular army, with strengthening of bonds between the armed forces and the agricultural population.

The executive committee of the centrist General Zionist Party is meeting today to consider Premier Ben Gurion's offer to enter the government. It has been learned that the party will refuse unless it is assigned two portfolios in the Cabinet.

HAIFA LABOR COUNCIL APPROVES DECISION BY REFINERIES WORKERS TO CALL GENERAL STRIKE

HAIFA, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Haifa Labor Council today approved a decision taken by workers in the oil refineries here to proclaim a general strike on Sunday following the management's refusal to accept government mediation in a labor dispute involving the issue of seniority. Only essential services will be maintained at the oil plants.

HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES CLOSE DOWN ORT OFFICES; ORGANIZATION LIQUIDATES ITS WORK

BUDAPEST, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Hungarian authorities have closed down the offices of the ORT here and, as a result, the organization has ceased its activities, it was revealed today. All ORT training courses are being discontinued.

The activities of the Joint Distribution Committee in Hungary continue normally notwithstanding the recent expulsion of Israel Jacobson, J.D.C. director in this country. Food parcels are being distributed in exchange for J.D.C. vouchers by the nationalized food distribution stores under an arrangement made by Mr. Jacobson prior to his expulsion.

19 MEMBERS OF FRENCH ANTI-SEMITIC ORGANIZATION GET VARYING JAIL TERMS AND FINES

PARIS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Nineteen members of the anti-Semitic Mouvemente Socialiste Unite were sentenced today to prison terms ranging from six months to two years and were fined between 3,000 and 12,000 francs. The defendants were charged with joining Nazi legions during the war.

18 MEMBERS NAMED TO JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRAL BODY IN TURKEY; SEATS WERE VACANT 15 YEARS

ISTANBUL, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate here announced today the appointment of 18 members to the General Assembly of the Istanbul Jewish Community. The 18 seats had been vacant for 15 years.

The appointments were made following approval of the candidates by the Turkish authorities. The General Assembly is an 80-member body composed of representatives of both lay and religious groups.

The Turkish Government has authorized the Chief Rabbinate to send 50 Scrolls of the Law to Israel, it was announced today. The Torahs will be placed aboard a vessel leaving for Haifa this week. The Scrolls were taken from synagogues which closed recently, particularly in suburban areas of Istanbul.

U.N. BODY RECOMMENDS RIGHT OF PETITION FOR INDIVIDUALS ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Completing the work of its present session, the U.N. Subcommittee on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities voted today to suggest to the Commission on Human Rights that individuals and groups be given the right to petition the United Nations to enforce human rights guarantees.

In this it took a position that had been urged on it by various non-governmental organizations. The question at issue has been whether only states which accept the Covenant on Human Rights should have the right to initiate complaints or whether this right should also be granted to individuals and groups. The Subcommittee expressed the view that if the right were limited to contracting states, dissatisfied minorities might be impelled to seek the support of a foreign state in getting a hearing.

Speaking before the Subcommittee on behalf of the World Jewish Congress, Rabbi Maurice L. Perlmutter urged the United Nations to give a "significant place" to non-governmental organizations in any system of implementation of the International Covenant on Human Rights. He declared that "to leave the sole initiative to governments will jeopardize the whole system of implementation."

LIBERALIZED DP IMMIGRATION BILL, PASSED BY COMMITTEE, FACES DELAY ON SENATE FLOOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- It may be weeks before the Senate acts on a bill to liberalize the present DP immigration act, it was indicated here today following Senate Judiciary Committee passage last night of a bill to admit 320,000 DP's into this country by June 30, 1950. This total would include 124,000 DP's who have entered since the middle of 1948.

The measure which was approved by the Judiciary Committee yesterday is an amended form of the Celler Bill, approved by the House last year. Although the total number to be admitted was cut by 19,000 from the House-approved version, the bill as it now stands will keep the Jan. 1, 1949, cut-off date--by which DP's must have entered a camp to be eligible for admission to the U.S.--proposed by Rep. Emanuel Celler.

Son. Pat McCarran, Committee chairman, said late yesterday that the bill as approved by his group does not discriminate against anyone. The measure strengthens the present law's insistence upon setting aside 30 percent of the quota for DP farmers, a measure which has admittedly hindered the administration of the law.

PROPOSALS FOR SAFEGUARDING STATELESS PERSONS SUBMITTED TO U.N. BY WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A series of proposals for the protection of refugees and stateless persons and the elimination of statelessness has been submitted by the World Jewish Congress to the United Nations, it was announced here today.

The proposals provide that the U.N. Ad Hoc Committee on Statelessness draft a convention which would establish two categories of refugees and stateless persons: those permanently established in the country of their residence; and, those living there temporarily. The first category would receive all rights as citizens, while a special status would be established for the second category. A stateless person who has resided for a certain period in the country of his reception would be granted the right of naturalization, according to the W.J.C. proposals.

FRISCH TO CALL PARLEY OF U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS TO CONSIDER SUBMERGENCE OF DIFFERENCES

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who has just returned from a visit to Israel where he participated in the current session of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, disclosed at a press conference today that he plans to convoke a conference of leaders of all sections of American Zionism for the purpose of considering a plan whereby differences among the Zionist parties would be submerged.

"Our efforts in the direction of the consolidation of all parties in a united front for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress are bearing fruit," he said. "As a result we may expect a much higher degree of intra-party peace and harmony in the Zionist movement than we anticipated before."

The Z.O.A. president added that "American Zionism, in the opinion of the leaders of Israel, has a historic role to play not only in developing the American Jewish community which, together with the state of Israel, represents the greatest hope of the Jewish people, but also in aiding in the in-gathering of the remnants of the once populous and powerful centers throughout the world."

CONFERENCE OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN BRITISH EMPIRE TO BE CONVOKED IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A conference of representatives of Jewish communities in all nations in the British Commonwealth will be convened in London at the end of July, 1950, it was decided today by the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The parley will discuss Israel, the protection of Jewish communities abroad, methods to counter anti-Semitism, extension of relief and rehabilitation assistance to Jews abroad and the charting of programs for Jewish education. Simultaneously, a meeting of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations--the British and South African Boards of Deputies and the B'nai B'rith--will be held here.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION COMPLETE MERGER; JOINT BOARD MEETS

CINCINNATI, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The complete merger of the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati and the Jewish Institute of Religion of New York, which was initiated on June 16, 1948, became an accomplished fact today at the first meeting of the consolidated board of governors at the College here.

Lester A. Jaffe of Cincinnati, formerly chairman of the College's board of governors, was elected chairman of the new board at today's meeting. Judge Joseph M. Levine of New York, formerly chairman of the board of trustees of the Institute, Frank L. Weil of New York, formerly vice-chairman of the College's board, and Herbert R. Bloch of Cincinnati, were elected vice-chairmen.

Dr. Nelson Glueck, who was named president of the Hebrew Union College in 1947 and president of the Jewish Institute of Religion in the fall of 1948 upon the retirement of the late Dr. Stephen S. Wise, officially became president of the united College-Institute.

REFORM MOVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA ESTABLISHES ITS OWN COUNCIL OF JEWISH EDUCATION

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A decision to establish its own council of Jewish education was taken by the Reform Movement in South Africa at the third biennial conference of the South African Union for Progressive Judaism here, which was attended by representatives of Reform congregations from all parts of the country.

Rabbi Dr. M.C. Weiler, president of the Union, and Chief Minister of the Johannesburg United Jewish Reform Congregation, said he had hoped that the organization of Jewish education in South Africa would proceed on an all-inclusive basis, with the South African Board of Jewish Education providing for Jewish education as a whole, and meeting the needs of Reform as well as Orthodox congregations. This, he said, had not occurred because the Board catered only to the Orthodox groups.

Detailed proposals were considered by the conference and it was unanimously decided to establish the South African Council for Progressive Jewish Education. The parley also endorsed an agreement recently reached between the governing body of the Reform movement and the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, for the participation of Reform congregations in the United Communal Fund for South African Jewry, the first united campaign to meet domestic needs. Rabbi Weiler was reelected president of the Union of Progressive Judaism for the fourth term.

AMERICAN JEWISH WOMEN CONTRIBUTED \$13,830,000 TO U.J.A. IN 1949, PARLEY HEARS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- American Jewish women contributed \$13,830,000 to the United Jewish Appeal last year through local community campaigns, Mrs. S. Alexander Brailove, chairman of the U.J.A.'s women's division, announced last night at the opening session of a three-day national conference of the women's division. The conference formally launched 40 local drives throughout the United States.

Aubrey S. Eban, Israel delegate to the United Nations, told the conference that unless American Jewry affords aid to Israel, not only will the new state's future be difficult, but many advances already achieved may be canceled out. "Israel could not stop immigration because it would be psychologically disastrous," he added.

ROOM IN ISRAEL MILITARY HOSPITAL DEDICATED TO TRUMAN'S MOTHER; WEIZMANN AT CEREMONY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Israel President Weizmann and American Ambassador John G. McDonald participated in the dedication of two recreation rooms at the Tel Litwinsky military hospital, near here. Constructed with funds donated by the B'nai B'rith, the two rooms were dedicated to the late mother of President Truman and to Eddie Jacobson, former business partner of the President.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal who is currently visiting Israel, toured Israel coastal installations at Eilat, on the Gulf of Aqaba, and other points in the southern Negev. He was accompanied by Col. Moshe Dayan, former commander of Israel forces in the Jerusalem area.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN U.S. DEMAND CESSATION OF "IRRELIGIOUS EDUCATION" IN ISRAEL CAMPS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Several thousand persons affiliated with religious and rabbinical organizations in this country, which support the policies of the Religious Bloc in Israel, held a mass meeting here at which resolutions were adopted demanding that "an immediate end be put to all pressures forcing irreligious education on immigrant children" in the Jewish state.

NEW YORK UNION MEMBERS RAISE \$100,000 FOR ERECTION OF HOMES IN ISRAEL SETTLEMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A street of homes for residents of a new labor settlement in Israel will be erected with \$100,000 raised by six New York locals of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, it was announced last night by the National Committee for Labor Israel, which accepted the money in behalf of the Histadrut. Union members contributed a day's pay to the fund.

TWO U.S. ZIONIST YOUTH GROUPS ANNOUNCE MERGER; TO BE KNOWN AS "BNEI AKIVA OF AMERICA"

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Bnei Akiva and Hashomer Hadati, two religious Zionist youth organizations in the United States, will merge into one group this week, it was announced today. The merger has been worked out after an extended period of discussions. The name of the united organization will be "Bnei Akiva of America."

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS OPENS FIRST SCHOOL TO TRAIN LEADERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The first "Sisterhood School for Leaders" has been opened here for 40 members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, it was announced today. The course is an experimental project designed to train potential leaders and speakers.