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ISRAEL PREMIER REPORTS TO CABINET ON HIS PLAN TO WIDEN COMPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A report on his invitation to the General Zionists and to the Mapam, left-wing Socialist Party, to join the coalition government was made today by Premier David Ben Gurion to a meeting of the Cabinet.

The Cabinet also discussed a number of questions concerning Israel foreign policy. An extensive report on these questions was given by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. Representatives of the government also met today for a third time with leaders of the Jewish Agency to work out ways and means of achieving closer cooperation between the two bodies, particularly in the political field. A subcommittee was appointed to work out the details of a plan for closer cooperation.

Other problems considered at the joint meeting included immigration, absorption of immigrants and agricultural expansion. Premier David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan participated in today's parley with the Jewish Agency and it is understood that the Cabinet members are inclined to agree on the need for closer liaison with the Agency in the political and financial fields.

Communist Anti-Morgenthau Demonstration Dispersed; Morgenthau Returns to U.S.

A Communist demonstration here against Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, was dispersed today by local police. Six demonstrators were arrested but were later released on bail. The demonstration, in which about 40 Communists participated, took place in front of the Eden Hotel where the Government was giving a send-off party for Mr. Morgenthau, prior to his leaving later in the day for the United States.

Before boarding a plane, Mr. Morgenthau stated: "Israel needs three things-- firstly, peace for the Israel people to devote more of their resources to economical and cultural growth; secondly, American Jewry's aid through the United Jewish Appeal for the immigration and settlement program; thirdly, larger foreign capital investments for developing the country's potential."

ISRAEL AND JORDAN REACH AGREEMENT ON LIMITATION OF ARMS IN JERUSALEM AREA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- An agreement limiting weapons in the Jerusalem area was today reached by representatives of Israel and Jordan. It is subject to confirmation by the full mixed Israel-Jordan armistice commission.

The agreement deals specifically with arms permissible for a squadron of light armored cars--one two-pound cannon and one machinegun on each vehicle. This leaves outstanding the following problems which were not settled in the Rhodes armistice pact: strength of artillery permitted in the respective defensive zones; opening of the Jerusalem-Latron road; and, freedom of access to Mt. Scopus, Bethlehem and the Holy Places in the Old City.

ISRAEL'S SECURITY PROBLEMS DISCUSSED BY PARLIAMENTARY BODIES; CHIEF OF STAFF PRESENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Questions concerning the security of Israel were discussed here today for several hours at a joint meeting of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committees of Parliament. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Army Chief of Staff Yigal Yadin participated in the discussion.

The Israel Government is aware of the extent of rearming among the neighboring Arab countries, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared in the Knesset last night. He added that the government was "drawing its conclusions" about the situation.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER ACHESON'S STAND ON SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO ARABS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Government's concern over a statement made several days ago in Washington by Secretary of State Dean Acheson defending Britain's shipment of arms to the Arab states was expressed in a statement issued last night by an authoritative spokesman. (See page 5 for other developments.)

Emphasizing that the situation created by Mr. Acheson's attitude "is very unfortunate," the Israel statement said that "heavy rearmament of the Arabs will clearly leave Israel no choice but to increase its defensive capacity to the maximum of its ability." The statement expressed the hope that the U.S. Secretary of State was not fully aware "of all facts and implications" and that further consideration may lead him to revise his attitude in order to prevent a "calamitous arms race."

"Mr. Acheson," the statement says, "defends the shipment of British arms to the Arab states on the ground that they are being supplied under treaty obligation and intended merely for the maintenance of internal law and order in these states and for meeting reasonable requirements of self-defense. This explanation is hardly borne out by the type of arms recently supplied to the Arab states. It is difficult to assert that for the purpose of maintaining internal law and order the Egyptian Government requires destroyers, submarines, dozens of Vampire and Meteor jet planes, large quantities of the heaviest types of tanks and artillery as well as many tens of thousands of automatic rifles, much of this from American war surplus in Europe.

"Nor can the establishment of a highly mobile striking power, or the purchase of large armaments plants from Germany, France, Sweden and Italy be motivated by considerations of internal law and security. These heavy armaments can clearly be intended only for the use of external war. It is equally evident, on the other hand, in case of any attack by a major power these arms will be entirely inadequate to defend Egypt. Thus, they are ruled out by the circumstances of the case from serving the two purposes indicated in Acheson's statement.

"As against this, the possession of these comparatively large quantities of modern arms may clearly facilitate renewed aggression against Israel. This danger is all the greater in the light of innumerable statements which appeared in the Egyptian Arab press, generally indicating the scarcely-veiled intention of resuming hostilities against Israel whenever circumstances are favorable for that course.

"Hardly a week passes without some new threat of the 'coming second round' being uttered in the Arab press and radio, and these threats come from by no means negligible quarters. It requires little imagination to picture the effect which the arrival of these large consignments of modern arms must have on these hotheads. If, in addition, they now see the responsible head of American foreign policy giving his blessing to this large-scale rearmament, the consequences may be serious to a degree. This seems hardly the way to prevent a renewal of hostilities between the Arab states and Israel which Acheson rightly declares would be a tragic development."

ISRAEL-BRITISH FINANCIAL TALKS OPEN IN LONDON; SECRECY TO BE MAINTAINED DURING PARLEY

LONDON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Strict secrecy will be maintained on the progress of the financial talks between Israel and Britain, which started at the British Treasury today, it was indicated by well-informed sources.

Informed quarters discount rumors that the British Government intends to present to Israel counterclaims amounting to about \$150,000,000 to offset claims advanced by the Jewish state. Since specific claims and counterclaims will be put forth by each side in the course of the discussions, it is impossible to compute the total sum beforehand, these quarters stated.

All-out support for constructive efforts in Israel was pledged here by members of the British labor delegation which recently returned here from a visit to the Jewish state, at a reception tendered by the Histadrut Committee of Britain.

Guests included Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council and government leader in Commons; Israel Minister to Britain Dr. Mordecai Eliash; and numerous labor MP's and trade union leaders. In a message to the labor delegation, Prime Minister Clement Attlee declared: "I am sure you have done much to foster and maintain friendly relations between Britain and the new state of Israel."

NEW BODY SET UP BY ISRAEL PARLIAMENT TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Finance Committee of the Israel Parliament decided today to establish a joint body composed of members of the Finance and Economic Committees to consider urgent measures to encourage foreign capital investment in Israel.

Meanwhile, Parliament referred to the Finance Committee a bill introduced yesterday which would name a custodian for an estimated \$9,000,000 worth of German property in the Jewish state.

JEWISH AGENCY PLANS TO SPEND \$85,000,000 THIS YEAR FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COLONIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency is contemplating the establishment of 150 new settlements this year at a cost of approximately \$85,000,000, it was reported today at a meeting of the plenary session of the Agency executive.

Submitting the report, Levi Eshkol, Agency treasurer, said that "the Agency's policy is to make secure all points vital to Israel's defense." He added that in the "Jerusalem corridor" a total of 28 new settlements has been established in addition to 25 which will be set up soon.

ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REJECTS INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN LEIPZIG FAIR

MUNICH, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Chamber of Commerce has rejected an invitation by the Leipzig International Fair to participate in its next exhibition in the spring, it was announced here today.

440 JEWS LEAVE RUMANIA FOR ISRAEL; SAIL FROM CONSTANZA ON RUMANIAN VESSEL

BUCHAREST, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A group of 440 Jewish emigrants sailed today from the port of Constanza for Israel aboard the Rumanian ship Transylvania.

GERMAN PARLIAMENT GETS BILL LEGALIZING MIXED MARRIAGES PROHIBITED UNDER NAZI REGIME

BONN, Germany, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- A draft of a law legalizing all mixed marriages in Germany which were concluded illegally after the publication of the Nuremberg laws in 1936, which prohibited such marriages, was submitted today by the Government to the Federal Parliament here. It is estimated that about 2,300 marriages will be legalized by the measure.

Dr. Herbert Lewin this week accepted the position of chief physician at the municipal women's hospital at Offenbach, in the American zone of Germany. His case became world famous several months ago when the municipal administration of Offenbach withdrew his appointment after having first confirmed it, because Dr. Lewin was a Jew.

The American military government, the Hesse provincial government and the German Social Democratic Party all launched investigations into the action at that time. The result was the resignation of the vice-mayor, who was chiefly responsible for the situation, and the extension of a new offer to the physician.

TWO GESTAPO OFFICERS GO ON TRIAL FOR MASS MURDER OF 4,000 JEWS IN VILNA GHETTO

MINICH, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Two former officers of the Gestapo went on trial at Wuerzburg, in Bavaria, today on charges of responsibility for the mass murder of some 4,000 Jews in the Vilna Ghetto. They pleaded not guilty.

The defendants, Martin Weiss and August Hering, were members of a Gestapo security unit which selected the Jews to be slaughtered and were involved in the actual killings. Weiss is accused of having shot at least 16 Jews.

Until last May Weiss lived in hiding under an assumed name in the Bavarian town of Ochsenfurt. After his discovery and arrest, the Polish Government attempted to have him extradited to stand trial for mass murders, but the American authorities refused and turned him over to the Germans for trial.

FORMER NAZI YOUTH LEADER DEPORTED TO GERMANY DURING WAR IS READMITTED TO S. AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Felix Elsen, former Nazi youth leader in South Africa, who was deported during the war to his native Germany, was readmitted to this country today. Elsen, who has sought to return to South Africa since the end of the war, will live on his farm, located near Bloemfontein.

ISRAEL CONSUL IN POLAND RELINQUISHES HIS POST; RETURNS FROM WARSAW TO TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Carmel, first secretary of the Israel Legation in Poland who also holds the post of Israel Consul in Warsaw, today returned to Tel Aviv and resigned his post.

Theodore Kollek, a settler in the Eingeve colony, was today appointed director of the American Division of the Israel Foreign Ministry. Esther Herlitz was appointed deputy director.

MAJOR HYMAN RETIRING AS JEWISH ADVISER TO AMERICAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN GERMANY

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Major Abraham S. Hyman, adviser on Jewish affairs to American High Commissioner John J. McCloy, will retire at the end of this month, it was learned here today. The office of Jewish adviser will come to an end with his departure from Germany.

STATE DEPARTMENT URGED TO TAKE "AFFIRMATIVE ACTION" TO HALT ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ARABS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- "Affirmative action" by the State Department to stop the Near Eastern arms race which is developing because of British arms shipments to Arab countries was demanded today by Rep. Jacob K. Javits, of New York, in a letter to Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Such action, he said, is needed "if peace and security are to be maintained in the Near East and armed aggressive action in Palestine discouraged." He severely criticized the Secretary of State for defending the British policy of shipping arms to the Arab states. (See page 2 for Israel's reaction to Mr. Acheson's stand.)

Rep. Javits' letter to the Secretary of State is an answer to Mr. Acheson's message to the New York Congressman on Jan. 12. The Secretary then said it was "desirable" for the Arabs to get arms for "security" purposes but the U.S. would act to prevent hostilities when and if information is received indicating an immediate resumption of hostilities.

In his reply today, Rep. Javits said: "It seems to me highly dangerous to assume under these circumstances, and considering the explosive situation which we know to exist in the Near East, that our State Department will time it just to the minute in getting advance information of any danger of a renewal of an Arab-Israel conflict; while it stands silent at a time when arms and military aircraft, including jets (the shipment of which is implicitly confirmed by your letter of Jan. 12) enter into the Arab countries which are expressing the most belligerent intentions toward Israel."

Rep. Javits added that "the whole temper in the Near Eastern states, the refusal to enter into peace negotiations and the domestic political situations directly attributable to the aftermath of the Arab-Israel conflict underlines that the danger which is the imminent one is the importation of arms in the Near East for a renewed assault by the Arab states against Israel."

JEWISH GROUPS URGE SPEEDY RATIFICATION BY U.S. SENATE OF UNITED NATIONS GENOCIDE PACT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Speedy ratification of the U.N. Genocide Convention by the Senate was urged here today by Mrs. Irving M. Engel, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, testifying before a Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee in behalf of the organization's 86,000 members.

A detailed rebuttal of the American Bar Association's arguments against the ratification of the Genocide Convention was presented to the Subcommittee by two representatives of the American Jewish Congress, Rabbi Joachim Prinz and Shad Polier.

Mr. Polier disputed the Bar Association's contention that ratification of the genocide pact would work a radical and unconstitutional change in the relation of the states and the Federal Government. He also denied the Bar Association's charge that the Convention provision which makes punishable direct and public incitement to commit genocide constitutes an infringement of the Constitutional guarantee of free speech. He attacked the argument that the convention could permit an international agency to meddle in such domestic problems as racial segregation and lynching.

U.S. SHIP LANDS DP IMMIGRANTS IN NEW YORK; MORE THAN 200 SPONSORED BY U.S.N.A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The U.S. Army transport "General McRae" arrived here today from Germany with more than 1,100 immigrants of all faiths and nationalities. Two hundred and eight of them were sponsored by the United Service for New Americans under immigration arrangements made by the Joint Distribution Committee.

FIRST AMERICAN SHIP TRANSFERRED TO ISRAEL FLAG SAILS FROM BALTIMORE TO ISRAEL

BALTIMORE, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The first American ship to be transferred directly to the Israel flag sailed from here today following ceremonies in which local Zionist leaders participated. The ship's name was changed from "Atlantic City" to "Meir Dizengoff" in honor of the first mayor of Tel Aviv. Other American ships which have flown the Israel flag since the war have all been chartered.

ISRAEL EDUCATOR SEEKS TO ESTABLISH CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH U.S., CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Mr. Aron Horowitz, director of the Foreign Studies Department of the Berl Katznelson Institute of Higher Learning in Israel, has arrived here to establish cultural relationships with American and Canadian universities and to organize a society of friends of the Institute.

The Institute is the first educational institution in Israel to offer a fully accredited course on "Israeli Life and Culture," sponsored by New York University and for which American universities grant six and eight credits to undergraduate and graduate students, respectively.

CANADIAN EXPORTS TO ISRAEL INCREASE; REACH TOTAL OF NEARLY \$10,000,000 IN TEN MONTHS

OTTAWA, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- Canadian exports to Israel totalled \$1,119,000 during October, 1949, and amounted to \$9,740,000 for the first ten months of last year. The total for the same period in 1948 was \$132,000 and \$3,472,000 respectively, according to figures released here today.

FIRST JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN ISRAEL WILL OPEN IN JERUSALEM; AIDED BY WORLD JEWISH

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The first Jewish community center in Israel, known as Beit Hanoar, will open in Jerusalem within a fortnight, according to word received here by Frank L. Weil, president of the World Federation of JWB's and Jewish Community Centers, sponsor of the project. The Jerusalem center will be housed in a two-story building formerly used as a hotel.

OVER 2,000 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS SAILED FROM ITALY FOR ISRAEL IN FIRST HALF OF JANUARY

ROME, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 Jewish displaced persons left Italy for Israel in the first half of January, it was reported today. The immigrants--who come from Egypt, Austria, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Poland, Iran and Czechoslovakia--sailed from Bari, Venice and Brindisi.

OVER 2,000 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL FROM NORTH AFRICA AND MARSEILLES

HAIFA, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 Jewish immigrants arrived here today from Marseilles and Tripoli. A contingent of 1,200 Jews from North Africa were disembarked from the Israel transport Independence, while 826 displaced persons were transported here aboard the S.S. Negba.