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## U.S. DELEGATION IN GENEVA EXPECTS ISRAEL AND JORDAN TO REACH AGREEMENT ON JERUSALEM

GENEVA, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Delegates to the U.N. Trusteeship Council were today consulting their governments on the modified plan for the internationalization of Jerusalem presented by Roger Garreau, president of the Council. At the same time, they were eagerly awaiting news regarding the developments in the peace talks between Israel and Jordan.

The American and British delegations indicated today they hope that representatives from Israel and Jordan will be able to come to the U.N. meetings now taking place in Geneva with a report that their governments have reached an agreement among themselves and with a joint Israel-Jordan plan for the future of Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, the U.N. Conciliation Commission considered today a report on the reunion of Arab refugees from Palestine with their families in Israel. The Commission established that progress in this program has greatly exceeded its expectations. As a result, it will be possible now to extend the range of the reunion to include additional categories in family units.

## Israel Opposes Garreau's Modified Plan for Internationalization of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Israel will continue to oppose the U.N. plan for the internationalization of Jerusalem even as modified by Roger Garreau, president of the Trusteeship Council, well-informed sources indicated here today. However, they pointed out that the fact that such a plan was presented at the Trusteeship Council by its president proves that the original internationalization resolution, as adopted by the U.N. General Assembly, cannot be implemented.

The same sources said that Israel will probably appear before a subcommittee exploring the deadlock on the Jerusalem issue, should the Trusteeship Council create such a subcommittee. Israel circles disclosed that the Garreau plan presented to the Trusteeship Council generally coincides with a scheme which M. Garreau presented to the Israel delegation at Lake Success several weeks ago.

(In New York, the American Zionist Council issued a statement through its chairman, Louis Lipsky, predicting that the Jerusalem issue will have to be reconsidered at a special session of the United Nations General Assembly. "The efforts of M. Garreau to find a solution for the Jerusalem problem are deserving of commendation, but he is laboring under the mistaken notion that by reducing the area of internationalization, he will be able to rid the scheme of its unworkability," the statement said. "The impracticability of the plan increases with the diminution of the area.")

## ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES PLAN FOR FLOATING POPULAR LOAN; DISCUSSES ECONOMIC SITUATION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today approved the draft of a bill providing for the floating of a popular loan of 5,000,000 Israel pounds which was prepared by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan. The Cabinet also heard a report from Mr. Kaplan on Israel's economic and financial situation.

**REPORTS JEWISH AGENCY WILL RESTRICT IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL TERMED "UNFOUNDED"**

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Reports published abroad that the Jewish Agency has decided to restrict the immigration of Jews to Israel are "unfounded," Davar, organ of the majority Mapai labor party reported today. The paper emphasized that the Jewish Agency has not and will not decide to restrict free Jewish immigration.

The Jewish Agency, the paper says, has drafted its budget on the estimate that the number of immigrants needing its support will reach 150,000. This estimate is based on reports received from various immigration centers abroad, Davar reports.

**IMMIGRATION OF JEWS WITHOUT MEANS TO ISRAEL DEPENDS ON U.S. JEWRY, GOLDMANN SAYS**

JERUSALEM, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The more American Jews contribute for needs in Israel, the larger will be the number of Jewish immigrants without means who will be brought to Israel, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, told representatives of the press here today prior to his return to the United States, following the conclusion of the Agency's plenary session.

"One of the most important achievements of the present session of the Jewish Agency was its embarking on a policy of sound financial management which was made nearly impossible last year by the colossal influx of immigrants to Israel," Dr. Goldmann said. "The Agency adopted the principle of a balanced budget without increasing its deficit, while maintaining the principle of free Jewish immigration into Israel and the right of every Jew wishing to enter the homeland. It fixed its obligations to organize and prepare the transport, as well as to take care of immigrants who have no means, according to the Agency's financial resources."

Dr. Goldmann also emphasized that the Jewish Agency meeting "contributed much to clarify the difficult problems of the relations between the Agency and the Israel Government," although no definite decision was reached at this session. A joint committee of both will work out practical proposals, he said. Full agreement was also reached at the Agency's session among all parties represented in the Agency's executive, Dr. Goldmann stated.

**COMMANDER OF ISRAEL'S ARMED FORCES IN NEGEV LEAVES HIS POST; HONORED AT BEERSHEBA**

BEERSHEBA, Israel, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Brigadier General Yigai Allon, commander of the Israel armed forces in the Negev who led the campaigns which resulted in driving out the Egyptian Army from the southern part of Israel, today took leave from his forces.

On behalf of President Weizmann he was presented with a copy of "Trial and Error," the autobiography of the President of Israel. The Beersheba military governor presented him with a silver chiseled Bedouin sword.

**GENERAL STRIKE AT HAIFA OIL REFINERIES CALLED OFF; LABOR-MANAGEMENT PACT SIGNED**

HAIFA, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The general strike in the oil refineries here which was scheduled to start today was called off this afternoon by the Haifa Labor Council following an agreement which was reached with the management on the order in which individual workers should be dismissed or retained.

President Chaim Weizmann arrived at Haifa today to participate in the opening of a three-day celebration marking the 25th anniversary of the Haifa Technion. Members of the Israel Cabinet and of the Jewish Agency will gather here tomorrow afternoon to hear an address by Dr. Weizmann on the achievements of the Technion.

RABBINICAL CONVENTION IN ISRAEL POSTPONED; SPLIT ON SANHEDRIN DIVIDES DELEGATES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The national rabbinical convention which was scheduled to open in Tiberias yesterday was postponed until next week, it was announced today. Adjournment of the convention was provoked by "sharp divergencies" between Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Minister of Religion, and a number of other rabbis. Rabbi Maimon insisted on inclusion of renewal of the Sanhedrin in the convention agenda.

The ultra-Orthodox sect, Neturei Karta ("Guardians of the City"), which does not recognize the establishment of the state of Israel on religious grounds, disclosed today that it plans to petition the International Court of Justice in The Hague to exempt its members from conscription in the Israel armed forces on the grounds that Jerusalem is not part of the state of Israel.

Prof. Norman Bentwich, authority on international law and former attorney-general in the Palestine mandate government, described the Neturei Karta's intention as a "fantastic idea." He pointed out that only sovereign governments can submit their differences to the International Court of Justice, while individuals or groups only have the right to petition the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

GOVERNMENT INQUIRY COMMITTEE OPENS HEARINGS ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN ISRAEL CAMPS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- An Israel Cabinet committee of inquiry today began hearing witnesses testify on the disputed subject of religious education in immigrant reception camps in this country. Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira, a leader of the Religious Bloc, declared that the issue of religious education in the camps was a stumbling bloc to formation of a wider coalition Cabinet.

A total of 483 Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel yesterday aboard the Rumanian vessel Transylvania and the Israel transport, Kedmah. Approximately 2,000 immigrants arrived last week, while the number of immigrants living in reception camps remains at nearly 84,000, it was reported here. Two thousand immigrant children who were evacuated from the camps as a result of the torrential downpour are now housed in private homes.

YUGOSLAV ENVOY TO ISRAEL ARRIVES IN TEL AVIV; ISRAEL-YUGOSLAV COMMUNICATIONS OPENED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Nicola Milicevic, newly-appointed Yugoslav Minister to Israel, landed at Lydda airport today aboard an El Al plane. Also arriving at Lydda today were the British military attache and the Austrian consul.

Israel-Yugoslav radio-telephone communications were inaugurated this morning when the Israel Minister in Belgrade spoke with the head of the Eastern European Division of the Foreign Ministry in Belgrade.

ISRAEL MILITARY ATTACHE PERMITTED TO VISIT ODESSA; FIRST VISIT SINCE STAY IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Colonel Israel Barnea, Israel military attache here, today returned from Odessa after visiting the Soviet port city on the Black Sea for three days. This was his first trip outside Moscow since his arrival in the U.S.S.R. in October to join the Israel Legation staff.

GERMAN FINANCE MINISTER OPPOSES RESTITUTION, INDEMNIFICATION CLAIMS BY NAZI VICTIMS

MUNICH, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Werner Hilpert, finance minister of Essen, today told the local parliament that the restitution and indemnification claims by persons who suffered from the Nazi regime "are forcing the taxpayers to commit suicide." He reported that the Federal West German Government estimates that these claims may amount to 37,000,000,000 German marks.

Issue with the statement made by Minister Hilpert was taken by Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Persecutees. He said that Dr. Hilpert's statement is "incorrect" and pointed out that taxpayers' money is not being used for any restitution and indemnification purposes and that this has been regulated under the de-nazification law. The victims of Nazism, Dr. Auerbach said, are entitled to their claims, particularly when consideration is taken of the efforts which are being made to secure compensation for officers and soldiers of the German Army.

The government of Lower Saxony today submitted a motion to the federal parliament urging that a federal restitution and indemnification law be created on the basis of coordinating the various zonal laws. The motion is opposed by Dr. Auerbach.

NAZI INFLUENCE GROWS IN AUSTRIA, JEWISH CONGRESS CHARGES IN MEMORANDUM TO STATE DEPT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Organized Nazi influence is operative once again on all levels of organized social and political life in Austria, including the parliament, the labor chambers, the Diets of the various Austrian States and City Councils, the World Jewish Congress charged in a memorandum submitted today to the State Department and the Department of the Army.

The memorandum asserted that "it seems thoroughly feasible an organized political group, aiming at the continuation of Nazi doctrines, may, after gaining considerable influence in a central European state, turn into an international center for the spreading of racial and religious hatred, of anti-democratic tendencies and of militaristic and pan-German propaganda."

TEACHERS OF TURKISH LANGUAGE IN JEWISH SCHOOLS TO BE PUT ON GOVERNMENT PAYROLL

ISTANBUL, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Turkish Government will henceforth pay the salaries of Turkish-language teachers employed in Jewish and other minority schools in this country, it was announced here today. Teachers of Turkish history and geography will also be put on the government payroll.

It is expected that under the new plan, the six Jewish schools in Turkey will receive an estimated \$25,000 annual allocation. The plan marks the first time that Jewish schools in Turkey will receive some form of government subsidy. Jewish schools are now located only in Istanbul and Izmir and are maintained solely by the local Jewish communities.

ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES CLOSE PRINTING SHOP THAT ISSUED BANNED ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The printing plant of the important Catholic daily newspaper, "El Pueblo," was ordered closed here by the authorities because it printed the anti-Semitic newspaper, "Fortaleza," which has been banned.

Publication of "Fortaleza" was declared illegal after the paper criticized the Peron administration, charging the government with displaying pro-Jewish sentiments. "Fortaleza" is the organ of the anti-Semitic group, Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista, the outlawing of which has been repeatedly urged by Jewish leaders here.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND WEIZMANN INSTITUTE MERGE; EINSTEIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BOARD

PRINCETON, N.J., Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The merger of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Weizmann Institute of Science was announced here last night when Dr. Albert Einstein accepted the presidency of the combined board of directors, which includes 50 Jewish leaders in the United States and Canada.

The election of Dr. Einstein as president of the joint board of the merged institutions took place yesterday at a meeting of the directors at the Hotel Astor in New York. The meeting adjourned during the evening to Princeton so that Dr. Einstein might accept his new honor in person. Dr. Einstein's acceptance was announced at his home here.

At the meeting at the Astor, the launching of a campaign to raise \$7,500,000 for the new, combined institution was announced. Of this sum, a quota of \$5,000,000 is to be raised in the United States and Canada and the rest in Israel. At the meeting, more than \$1,000,000 was pledged.

Telegrams of congratulations to Dr. Einstein were received from President Chaim Weizmann of Israel and from Premier David Ben Gurion, while the world-famed physicist said that he was happy to accept the post. "It is necessary and worthwhile," he said, "to bring to American Jewry a clear understanding of the importance of these institutions to the future of Israel and the world. These institutions of higher learning will be a strong link between Israel and America."

JEWISH WORKERS CONVENTION PLEDGES PROMOTION OF CULTURE IN U.S.; WILL AID ISRAEL

ASBURY PARK, N.J., Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The program of fostering the "Jewish national consciousness" and the need to actively promote Jewish culture in the United States was reaffirmed at today's session of the Jewish National Workers Alliance triennial convention in a declaration adopted by the order. The declaration also pledged "to assist in the constructive work now going on in Israel." In another resolution the convention pledged utmost cooperation with the Histadrut.

The convention also decided to promote the movement for American chalutzim (training for pioneer settlement in Israel). Delegates who proposed adoption of this resolution noted that "America lagged far behind other countries" in this respect. Meyer L. Brown was reelected president of the Alliance and Louis Segal was reelected general secretary. A decision to plant a forest on Jewish National Fund land in Israel marking the 40th anniversary of the organization of the Alliance was approved.

AMERICAN RED MOGEN DOVID PRESENTS FIFTY AMBULANCES TO ISRAEL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Fifty new ambulances were presented today to the Israel Army medical corps by the American Red Mogen Dovid, which has already made 131 ambulances available to this country.

3,000,000 TREES TO BE PLANTED IN ISRAEL TODAY ON OCCASION OF JEWISH ARBOR DAY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Three million trees will be planted in Israel beginning tomorrow by thousands of children on the occasion of Chanish Asar B'Shvat, the Jewish Arbor Day. Saplings will be planted in the Jerusalem area, western Galilee, eastern Galilee and in the Beersheba and Revivim areas of the Negev desert.

LOS ANGELES STUDENTS PROTEST BIAS IN LOCAL COLLEGE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The discriminatory practices in hiring of the employment office of the Los Angeles City College were severely criticized here today in a resolution adopted by the Student Executive Council of the college.

The resolution urged that all questions regarding religion and the nationality of the parents should be removed from application blanks. It also suggested that the college employment office refrain from accepting job listings if they show discrimination against any group. The college employment office was also requested in a resolution to refrain from mentioning racial or religious background when discussing prospective referrals with the employer.

JEWISH COLONIAL TRUST IS RECONSTRUCTING ITS SHARE REGISTERS; SHAREHOLDERS ARE ADVISED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish Colonial Trust has been reconstructing its share registers which were damaged during the bombing of London, it was announced here today by the Anglo-Palestine Bank.

The announcement drew the attention of shareholders to the fact that many shares registered in the names of the original holders have in the course of the war years passed into the possession of their heirs and relatives without the proper formality of transfer. The Bank, therefore, advises the holders of the registered shares to communicate with the Jewish Colonial Trust in London in all cases where the shares they hold are registered in names other than their own. They are also advised to inform the Trust of any change of address which has occurred.

DICKENSTEIN IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN PALESTINE TRADING CORPORATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Abraham Dickenstein, formerly secretary-treasurer of the American Palestine Trading Corporation (AMPAL), was elected president, it was announced here today. He succeeds Benjamin Harris, who was elected to the chairmanship of the board of directors.

In his annual report to the stockholders, Mr. Harris revealed that the corporation doubled its gross assets during the past year from \$5,500,000 to over \$10,000,000. Also increased were the capital resources which now total over \$8,500,000 or \$3,600,000 more than last year. In excess of \$6,500,000 was invested by AMPAL in the financing of Israel projects during 1949, making a grand total of \$13,000,000 since the inception of the corporation. These projects included the establishment of new industries.

ORT WILL EXPAND ITS PROGRAM IN ISRAEL; FUNDS TO COME FROM COUNTRIES OUTSIDE U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The program of the ORT in Israel, where more than 1,000 students are already being trained for various vocations, will be expanded this year, it was announced today by George Backer, president of the American ORT Federation. The money to support this work in Israel will be supplied from funds raised by the World ORT Union outside of the United States, the announcement said.

UNITED ISRAEL CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES IN URUGUAY; RAISES 10 PERCENT LESS THAN IN 1948

MONTVIDEO, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The United Israel Campaign for 1949 was concluded here today with a mass meeting at which it was reported that the fund-raising drive raised ten percent less than in the previous year. Notwithstanding the economic crisis prevailing in the country, the Jews of Uruguay contributed to the United Israel Campaign for 1949 about \$600,000.