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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTS EBAN TO CONTINUE TALKS WITH EGYPTIAN DELEGATE IN GENEVA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has instructed Aubrey Eban, its chief United Nations delegate, to continue negotiations with Egypt, it was reliably reported here today. Mr. Eban is expected to meet in Geneva today or tomorrow with the representative of Egypt who is attending the U.N. Trusteeship Council meeting on the internationalization of Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, the Damascus radio today reported that Syrian and Lebanese frontier guards have been ordered to shoot any person trying to cross the border into Israel. The orders were issued following the arrest, by Lebanese security forces, of 15 Palestinian Arabs who tried to enter Israel.

The same broadcast announced that Syria spent about \$160,000,000 last year on its army. The expenditure were covered by a loan, the announcement said.

Commenting on the modified plan for the internationalization of Jerusalem submitted to the U.N. Trusteeship Council by its president Ambassador Roger Garreau, the Arab broadcast said that the proposal cannot be considered a compromise since both Israel and Jordan, the two countries which are most concerned with Jerusalem, refuse to accept it.

ISRAEL CONSCRIPTION LAW EXPLAINED: DEFENSE MINISTRY CAN MAKE IT FLEXIBLE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Official circles here today elaborated on the details of the military service bill passed by the Parliament last night. The bill provides for the drafting of men and women for two years for both military and agricultural training.

Recruits assigned to the Navy may be exempted from agricultural service, at the discretion of the Defense Ministry. The Ministry will also establish, by regulation, which branches of farming may be designated for agricultural training purposes as provided in the bill. At any time up to Oct. 1, 1951, the Ministry may also suspend agricultural training and assign recruits to two years of direct military training.

Members of agricultural settlements will not be exempted from agricultural duty during their period of service, but candidates for commissions may be exempted if they serve two full years in direct military service.

ISRAEL MOBILIZES SCHOOLCHILDREN TO SAVE REMNANTS OF CROP DESTROYED BY SNOW STORM

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Schoolchildren were called on today to help save the remnants of the banana crop in the Jordan Valley where more than a thousand tons of bananas have been destroyed by the snow storm. It is believed that about 200 tons can still be saved. The frozen banana trees will have to be uprooted.

Tomato crops also perished, it was established here today. No final estimates have been made of damages in the Galilee, Jordan and Jezreel Valleys. However, early reports are pessimistic.

HUNGARY SLOW IN ISSUING PASSPORTS TO 3,000 JEWS PERMITTED TO PROCEED TO ISRAEL

BUDAPEST, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- No information has been released here about the granting of passports to some 3,000 Jews whom the Hungarian Government has agreed to permit to leave for Israel.

It is believed that the issuing of such passports will be a slow process. All indications point to the fact that such passports will be issued first to those with relatives in Israel and who are over 55 years of age.

CRIME RATE IN JERUSALEM LOW; JUVENILES ACCOUNT FOR ONE-THIRD OF ALL TROUBLE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The crime rate in Jerusalem last year was extremely low, with most police problems being concerned with traffic violators, Jerusalem Chief of Police Levi Abrahami, today told newsmen. The largest theft during the year, he said, was that of 1,500 pounds worth of hides which were taken from a deserted store.

The most discouraging feature of the crime rate, he stated, was that one-third of all crimes were committed by juveniles. An encouraging feature, and one which contradicts a popular misconception, he pointed out, was that few of the criminals were recent immigrants from North Africa.

One of the major problems facing the police force, he asserted, was the general hostility to police evidenced by the local population. He said that the citizens of Jerusalem, conditioned by many years of foreign rule, still tend to look upon policemen as enemies not as friends attempting to protect them. To counter this feeling, Chief Abrahami revealed, the police force has undertaken a public education campaign among school children and adults.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT COMPLETES PLAN FOR BUILDING OF GARDEN TOWNS; DETAILS ANNOUNCED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Prime Minister's office today announced that its planning division has prepared an elaborate program for the building of towns in Israel on the principle of garden cities.

Housing units to accommodate about 6,000 people will be established. Each neighborhood will be virtually independent socially and culturally. The various units will be linked administratively and will constitute a new type of town. Each unit will maintain its own school and health facilities. Light industry of a co-operative character will probably be established near such units, the announcement said.

Fishing villages of various types will be established in 1950 along the Mediterranean coast at various points under the joint auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture, the settlement division of the Jewish Agency and the Histadrut agricultural center, it was disclosed today.

ISRAEL-BRITISH ACCORD ON JEWISH STATE'S FROZEN ASSETS HAILED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Satisfaction over the accord reached by British and Israel financial delegations in London for the release of some \$30,000,000 in Israel assets this year was expressed today in official circles here.

The unfreezing of Israel sterling balances by Britain will undoubtedly make it easier for the Jewish state to import raw materials, machinery, food and oil, a spokesman for the Ministry of Finance here said today.

HARBIN JEWS, WITH SOVIET PASSPORTS, REACH HONG KONG; REPORT ON LIFE UNDER SOVIETS

HONG KONG, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The first group of Jews from Harbin, Manchuria, who are en route to Israel, arrived here on a specially chartered ship from Tientsin. All members of the group are Soviet citizens. Their immigration is sponsored by the International Refugee Organization and the Joint Distribution Committee.

The 57 persons in the group were not permitted to land here although they had British transit visas. They were removed from the ship under supervision of I.R.O. officials and were hurried out to the local airfield where they were placed aboard a plane for Israel. None of their relatives in this city were permitted to communicate with them.

They told newspapermen that the Soviet Consulate in Harbin--not the Chinese Communist authorities--has banned all Zionist activities in the city. Also, all Jewish youth organizations and other national groups were liquidated. Only the Jewish Community Council was permitted to function.

The city of Harbin, once a flourishing center of Jewish social life, is now dead as far as Jewish social activities are concerned. The Jewish population has been reduced to about 500 families, all of whom are preparing to leave for Israel. Their desire to emigrate is intensified by the fear that they may eventually be forced to return to the Soviet Union whence many fled after the Communist Revolution.

Most of the Jews in Harbin were well-to-do. Upon emigration they must leave their property behind, since government regulations do not permit them to dispose of the property. Among the first emigrants were the wife and children of Dr. A. Kaufman, well-known Zionist leader and for many years president of the Harbin Jewish Community. Dr. Kaufman was arrested on the day Soviet forces occupied the city. He was sent to Russia for his alleged "collaborationism" during the Japanese occupation of Harbin.

AUSTRALIAN JEWS ASK GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT ENTRANCE OF NAZI SUPPORTERS AS IMMIGRANTS

SYDNEY, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Taking note of reports that former Nazi collaborators and persons guilty of atrocities in Europe were among recent immigrants to Australia, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry today pledged cooperation with any government action to correct this situation.

The pledge, which was coupled with an expression of concern over the development, was voiced at the Council's semi-annual conference. The body also urged the government to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Genocide. It expressed satisfaction with the progress of a project, sponsored by the Federation of Australian Jewish Welfare Societies, to resettle Jewish immigrants in Tasmania.

The conference voiced pleasure at the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Australia and asked the Australian Government to press in the United Nations for inclusion of Jewish Jerusalem into Israel as the "minimum solution which would give satisfaction to the inhabitants and lead to further development of the Holy City."

GERMAN PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE GETS BILL TO EXTEND PROVISIONS OF RESTITUTION STATUTE

MUNICH, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Social Democratic Party of Hesse has introduced a measure in the provincial parliament to extend the benefits of the restitution law in effect in the American zone to all persecutees who fled Germany since 1937, particularly to those who are now in Eastern European countries. Although American occupation circles are reported favorably inclined toward the legislation, most German parties oppose it.

CENTRAL JEWISH COMMITTEE IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY WILL LIQUIDATE ITS ACTIVITIES

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Central Jewish Committee of the British zone of Germany will end its activities in about four months, it was learned here today. It is expected that by that time the last displaced Jews will be leaving the zone.

The Committee decided to arrange for the transfer to Israel of the remains of Dr. David Wolfsohn, late president of the World Zionist Organization. Dr. Wolfsohn's grave at the Deutz Cemetery, near Cologne, remained unviolated during the Hitler period.

JEWISH PATIENTS PROTEST THEIR TRANSFER TO GERMAN CARE; SEEK CARE OF JEWISH GROUPS

MUNICH, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Jewish patients at a tuberculosis sanatorium at Gauting today protested to the International Refugee Organization against an order transferring responsibility for their care to German authorities after April 1, 1950. The patients asked either that they be kept under I.R.O. supervision or be turned over to the care of Jewish welfare organizations.

The Christian-Jewish Society of Hesse has protested to the provincial authorities against the use of Nazi terms in official documents and statements. The group took particular exception to the identification of a person by the term "Jew" in official police reports.

American counter-intelligence agents are investigating a new Nazi underground movement which is believed to have its headquarters in Munich, it was officially revealed here yesterday. An official spokesman said that the group was "certainly dangerous" but gave little information on its size or method of organization.

RABBIS TO APPEAL TO U.N. ON DUTCH FAILURE TO RETURN WAR ORPHANS TO JEWISH COMMUNITY

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Publication of a "Black Book" outlining instances of "spiritual oppression" in Holland where the Jewish community has failed to achieve the return of hundreds of Jewish orphans from non-Jewish foster homes where they found refuge during the war was decided upon last night by the Commission on the Status of Jewish War Orphans.

The Commission, which met here under the chairmanship of Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, called on the rabbinate and representative Jewish bodies of all countries to approach their governments and urge action at the United Nations to bring about recovery of the children by the Jewish community. The "Black Book" will be circulated among various governments and in the United Nations. It was also decided that Chief Rabbi Brodie, or a leading American Jew, shall speak for world Jewry on this matter at next month's meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

BRITISH RELEASE ISRAEL-CONSIGNED CARGO IMPOUNDED SIX MONTHS AGO; CLEAR DP'S

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The cargo of the Israel vessel Dromit, which was seized six months ago on charges that it included machinery and other products rather than household goods bound for Israel, has been released by the British authorities in Germany, it was reported here today by Joseph Rosenzaf, chairman of the Committee of Liberated Jews of the British zone.

The charges were found to be inaccurate following a six-month investigation of the cargo and bills of lading and the DP's involved were cleared.

RABBIS URGE SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICT BETWEEN CHICAGO COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL AND U.J.A.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Chicago Combined Jewish Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal were urged last night "to arrive at a settlement immediately" by the Chicago Rabbinical Association, which represents the entire Reform and Conservative and part of the Orthodox rabbinate of this city.

The appeal was addressed to A.G. Ballenger, president of the Jewish Federation of Chicago; Reuben L. Freeman, chairman of the 1950 Chicago Combined Jewish Appeal; Harris Perlstein, vice-president of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago; Henry Montor, executive director of the national United Jewish Appeal; and Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the U.J.A. National Campaign Cabinet. The appeal reads:

"The Chicago Rabbinical Association, representing the entire Reform and Conservative and part of the Orthodox Rabbinate of this city, meeting in full session on February 8, having heard with the deepest disappointment and concern the report of failure on the part of the Chicago Combined Jewish Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal to arrive at a satisfactory understanding re the 1950 campaign, unanimously expresses its complete disapproval of separate campaigns in our community, convinced that both the U.J.A. and local welfare needs will suffer.

"Above all, we feel it our duty to preserve the unity of our Chicago Jewish community. We are firmly convinced that continued delay in arriving at an agreement will irreparably injure all causes concerned. We therefore urge both parties to arrive at a settlement immediately. The Chicago Rabbinical Association stands ready to lend its assistance to effect an understanding."

(At the national headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal in New York, officials refrained from making any comment on the appeal.)

MICHIGAN AND OHIO JEWISH LEADERS HOLD TWO-DAY PARLEY; STUDY PROBLEMS FACING COMMUNITY

DETROIT, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Major issues facing the American Jewish community and major developments within the community were studied exhaustively at a two-day regional conference on community relations held here. More than 200 delegates from Detroit, upper Michigan and Ohio participated in the conference.

At a panel on "Religion in the Public Schools," it was decided that the traditional American principle of separation of church and state must be maintained and strengthened. In view of the possible unfavorable reactions to attempts to keep religious aspects out of public education, it was decided that the Detroit Jewish Community Council committee on community relations should study and report on the problem of religion in the schools.

"The Impact of Israel on the American Jewish Community," "The Failure of Democratization in Germany" and "Civil Rights and Civil Liberties" were the other subjects discussed at panel sessions. Prof. William Haber, former adviser on Jewish affairs to the American occupation forces in Germany, was one of the panel leaders on the German situation.

U.S. PLAN TO IRRIGATE 300,000 DUNAMS IN NEGEV AT \$53,000,000 COST IS DISCLOSED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A project to irrigate 300,000 dunams of land in the Negev at an estimated cost of \$53,000,000, using two main pipes from a huge water reservoir to be built near the Yarkon river, was made known here today in official circles. The plan is said to have been worked out by the U.N. Economic Survey Mission, headed by Gordon R. Clapp. The plan envisages a reservoir for the Yarkon and its subsidiaries, from which two principal pipelines would extend to the southern desert.

240,000 JEWS STILL ON J.D.C. RELIEF ROLLS IN EUROPE; 700,000 IN MOSLEM LANDS NEED AID

PARIS, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- More than 240,000 Jews in Europe are still on the relief rolls of the Joint Distribution Committee, it was reported here last night at a press conference by Moses W. Beckelman, European vice-president of the J.D.C. He emphasized that more than 700,000 Jews in Moslem countries, from Morocco to Pakistan, are living under "subhuman" conditions and most of them are in need of J.D.C. aid.

Mr. Beckelman estimated that the J.D.C. would this year assume emigration costs for 80,000 Jews from the Moslem countries to Israel. He revealed that the J.D.C., acting on urgent requests, recently helped to evacuate the entire Jewish population of Cyrenaica to Tripoli, where they are awaiting passage to Israel. He also spoke at great length on the relief activities of the J.D.C. in Morocco, Tunisia and Iran.

ISRAEL INDUSTRY RECEIVES TARIFF PROTECTION, MEMBER OF CUSTOMS COMMITTEE REPORTS IN N.Y.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- "New or even established enterprises in Israel are now being given the tariff protection they need to shield them from unreasonable competition from abroad," it was announced here yesterday by J. Eftor, member of the Israel Customs Committee. The announcement was made at a joint press conference held together with Abraham Zabarsky, managing director of the Workers Bank of Tel Aviv.

In exchange for this tariff protection, the Israel Government insists that the protected industries produce proof annually that they are doing everything possible to increase efficiency and to reduce selling prices in the domestic market, Mr. Eftor stated. Mr. Zabarsky reported that the Israel Government is making every effort to encourage foreign investments.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION PRESENTS FIFTY VOLUMES ON ZIONISM TO WHITE HOUSE LIBRARY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A selection of about 50 books dealing with Zionism and the rebuilding of Israel has been presented to the White House for President Truman's library by the Zionist Organization of America. The presentation was made by Prof. Abraham Katsh of New York, national chairman of the Z.O.A. Commission on Education and Culture, who was accompanied to the White House by I.S. Turover, leading Washington Zionist.

AMERICAN ZIONIST YOUTHS SAIL FOR ISRAEL; RECEIVED AGRICULTURAL TRAINING IN U.S.

HOBOKEN, N.J., Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A group of 19 members of Habonim, Labor Zionist youth organization, sailed today from here for Antwerp en route to Israel, where they will settle. The group consists of 12 men and seven women between the ages of 19 and 21 who have undergone special training in hachsharah centers in the United States and Canada.

MEXICAN PRESIDENT PLEDGES AID FOR LEGALIZATION OF STATUS OF STATELESS REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Mexican President Miguel Aleman has received Dr. Henry Shookes, overseas representative of HIAS, and has promised to take action to ease legalization formalities for stateless refugees who have arrived in Mexico in the last decade, the headquarters of HIAS announced today.