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ISRAEL ACCEPTS U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL INVITATION TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO GENEVA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Israel's acceptance of the U.N. Trusteeship Council's invitation to send a representative to participate in the Council discussions on the Jerusalem issue will be forwarded today to Geneva, it was officially announced here. An Israel spokesman reiterated that the Jewish state's views on proposals to internationalize the Holy City remain unchanged.

(It was reported from Geneva last night that the Trusteeship Council adopted a resolution formally inviting Israel and Jordan to send qualified representatives to address the Council on the question of internationalization of Jerusalem. The two representatives will have the right to attend and speak at all Council sessions devoted to the Jerusalem issue, but will not have the right to vote. A resolution to extend a similar invitation to the Vatican was withdrawn.

(The Israel delegation does not expect to make its appearance in Geneva, under any circumstances, before the end of this week. Meanwhile, the Trusteeship Council has resumed general debate on the Jerusalem issue. No statements are expected, however, from the representatives of Britain and the United States during the debate, until the views of Israel and Jordan have formally been put before the Council.)

EGYPT REPORTEDLY READY TO GIVE UP GAZA; WANTS ISRAEL TO REJECT JORDAN PALESTINE RULE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government has set two conditions for peace with Israel, it was learned here today from authoritative sources. These are: 1. Israel must accept all Arab refugees living in the Gaza strip, along the Egyptian border, since the Cairo government is now willing to return this area to the Jews; 2. Israel must not recognize Jordan rule over any part of Palestine.

The Egyptian Government's willingness to return the Gaza strip to Israel--which it seized in the Arab-Israel war--is understood here to originate from the fact that Britain is insistent on establishing a military base in that region.

In Tel Aviv, a government spokesman, commenting on "persistent reports of eventual Israel-Egyptian peace talks in the near future," repeated the Jewish state's readiness to enter into such discussions with any Arab neighbor. He said that "no official opening has as yet been made by Egypt."

Earlier, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the Israel Government has not yet received any notice from Egypt that the latter desires to begin peace talks with the Jewish state on Feb. 26.

The statement was made in comment on an announcement in Cairo by Mostapha Nosrat Bey, Egyptian Minister of War, that Israel had been asked to begin peace parleys on that date in the presence of United Nations representatives. The Egyptian Minister also said that if the peace talks prove unsuccessful his government will present its case to the United Nations.

COMMUNISTS DEMONSTRATE AGAIN IN TEL AVIV; PROTEST ALLEGED GOVERNMENT DISCRIMINATION

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Several hundred Communists demonstrated again last night in Tel Aviv protesting alleged government discrimination against Communist residents of agricultural settlements. Steel-helmeted police units remained on the alert throughout the demonstration.

Meanwhile, Communists on a sit-down strike in the office of the Histadrut's agricultural department here today entered the fifth day of a hunger strike. They are protesting alleged discrimination directed against them as Communists in the agricultural settlements in which they live.

Yesterday they received a proposal from the Agricultural Workers Union which promised that they would be aided in establishing an all-Communist settlement movement. Until such a settlement could be started, the strikers were asked to return to their settlements where, they were told, they would continue to enjoy equal rights and receive communal services.

The strikers, who have partaken of nothing but water since they began their protest, refused to leave the office. They insisted on remaining in their present settlements, arguing that they do not want to be separated from members of their families who might wish to remain in the colonies where they have been living for a number of years.

BRITAIN TO RELEASE \$42,700,000 IN BLOCKED BALANCES TO ISRAEL; FINANCIAL TALKS CONCLUDED

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Successful conclusion of the Anglo-Israel Sterling talks was announced here today in a joint communique issued by the British Treasury and the Israel delegation to the financial talks.

According to the pact, Israel will be able to draw a maximum of 13,000,000 pounds (\$36,400,000) from her frozen balances here and will also be able to transfer an additional 2,250,000 pounds (\$6,300,000) which non-profit groups aiding Israel may remit to the Jewish state. The joint communique states that the releases cover the period to the end of 1950. Three million pounds will first be released from frozen accounts, then another 4,000,000 pounds will be released as a "working balance."

MIZRACHI AND LABOR AFFILIATE DISAGREE ON QUESTION OF RESIGNING FROM ISRAEL CABINET

TEL AVIV, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- A difference of opinion has arisen in the Mizrahi movement between the Mizrahi and its labor wing, the Hapoel Hamizrachi, over whether to resign from the coalition government.

The conflict arose at a lengthy meeting following the refusal of Religious Bloc Ministers to attend the last session of the Cabinet. The Mizrahi laborites favor immediate resignation from the Cabinet over the alleged failure of the government to implement religious edicts and foster religious education in the immigrant camps. The non-labor group favors remaining in the government until results of the Mapai talks with the Mapam and the General Zionists for enlarging the coalition are made known.

LABOR EXCHANGE IN JERUSALEM PROCLAIMS SITDOWN STRIKE AGAINST MUNICIPALITY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- A sitdown strike against the municipality was called today following the breakdown of negotiations between the Labor Exchange and Mayor Daniel Auster. The Exchange demanded that, owing to increasing unemployment in the city, the municipality should employ 550 workers daily for two-month periods.

68 JEWS LISTED AMONG 1,750 CANDIDATES IN BRITISH ELECTIONS; ANTI-SEMITIC PAPERS ISSUED

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Sixty-eight Jews are listed among the 1,750 candidates nominated for the British elections, scheduled to be held Feb. 23, it was disclosed today. The 68 Jews include 37 Laborites, 16 Liberals, nine Communists, five Conservatives and one Independent.

A new anti-Jewish publication, "Free Britain," issued by Britain's Publishing Company, which printed the English edition of the notorious "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," made its appearance here in connection with the current national election campaign. The publication urges voters to cast ballots only for avowedly anti-Jewish candidates.

Another anti-Semitic news sheet which is being published during the campaign is "Gothic Ripples." It carries a list of candidates which it considers "Jewish." Its publisher is Arnold Leese, notorious British anti-Semite.

Anti-Semitic agitators are threatening to break up meetings of Jewish candidates campaigning in Manchester in the current election, Reynolds News reported today. Horace Newbold, secretary of the Manchester and Salford Trades Council, is reported to have charged that "roughs are being recruited by Fascist agents" and "bears out the contention of the Trades Council which several months ago approached the Chief Constable, warning him that continued tolerance of the anti-Semitic bodies in the district would lead to violence and hooliganism."

Meanwhile, the Manchester Union of Jewish Ex-Servicemen, anticipating attempts to interfere with meetings of Jewish electoral candidates, has decided to send observers to all such future meetings. Meanwhile, distribution of a 32-page pamphlet, "Proclamation of London of European Liberation Front," began today in various parts of Britain. The leaflet demands the "immediate expulsion of all Jews and other parasitic aliens from the soil of Europe."

BRITON FINED FOR THROWING BOTTLE OUTSIDE LONDON THEATRE SHOWING "SWORD IN THE DESERT"

LONDON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Martin Richards, 32, was fined two pounds yesterday for throwing a bottle "containing a brown liquid" at a crowd outside a London motion picture theatre showing the Hollywood film, "Sword in the Desert," which deals with the British role in Palestine prior to the establishment of Israel.

Police described Richards, a leather worker, as an "ardent Fascist." Another defendant, John Cook, a 25-year-old painter, was released on bail until March 1 when he will stand trial on charges of "insulting behavior" in front of the theatre.

GERMAN ACCUSED OF STEALING ART WORKS FROM FRENCH JEWS DURING OCCUPATION IS ACQUITTED

PARIS, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- A Paris military court yesterday acquitted Hans Waneland, German art expert, of charges of pillaging 25 valuable paintings, mostly impressionist works, from French Jews during the Nazi occupation.

Waneland, who was sent to France to obtain paintings for Hermann Goering, said he paid for the paintings half in Swiss francs and half in modern paintings which he took from German museums after the Nazis had declared them "decadent."

HEADS OF A.F.L. AND C.I.O. CALL ON TRUMAN TO PROTEST BRITISH ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ARABS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The presidents of the American Federation of Labor and the C.I.O. have asked President Truman to intervene in the shipment of arms by Britain to the Arab states for a second round of warfare against Israel. They called at the White House, accusing Britain of causing an arms race which may cause renewed hostilities. A.F.L. president William Green and C.I.O. president Philip Murray presented a joint protest to the President and said they are convinced that the objective of the armaments race is a second war on the part of the Arab states against Israel. Mr. Truman promised to take their statement under advisement.

Messrs. Green and Murray issued the following joint statement after conferring with President Truman:

"In the name of the overwhelming majority of organized labor in America, we have expressed to the President our firm support of the new democratic state of Israel and our anxiety over the threats to this state and to the people of the Middle East through the heavy and needless armaments race now being undertaken by the Governments of Egypt and other Arabic countries in the Middle Eastern area. From authoritative newspaper reports and other trustworthy sources of information, we are convinced that the objectives of this drive towards militarism is a second war against the state of Israel.

"We regard this development as a threat not only to the new democratic republic of Israel but also to the hopes of the American people for stability and peaceful progress wherever possible in the world. Labor in America, both C.I.O. and A.F.L., have long supported the reestablishment of Jewish sovereignty in Palestine. We took great pride in the prompt action of our government in giving recognition and support to the new state of Israel, which is the fruition of centuries of Jewish aspirations and hopes. We have followed with close interest and approval the efforts of the democratic Government of Israel to achieve peace and progress for its citizens. We have come to recognize the republic of Israel as a bastion of our hopes for strengthening the democratic processes in the Middle East. We have maintained close and friendly relations with the Histadrut, the splendid Labor Federation of Israel, which is accomplishing much for the welfare of its members and the new state as a whole.

Urge Truman to Permit Sale of U.S. Arms to Israel

"We had hoped that after the conclusion of Israel's rightful struggle for national independence it would be allowed to develop its human and natural resources in peace and with the cooperation of its neighbors. The growing menace of renewed armed intervention by reactionary and unrepresentative neighboring governments--as reported in considerable detail in the press--has caused growing alarm. This renewed military threat is being aimed at a state which is working more effectively than any other in the Middle East to bring its people higher standards of living, literacy, housing and health. It has made tremendous strides in its first 18 months of experience, and great progress can be expected if peace is maintained throughout the entire region.

"We appealed to President Truman, since the flow of arms to the Arabic countries still continues, to permit the sale of arms to the Israel Government in order to meet the daily increased threat to the security of the state of Israel. We see no reason why Israel should not be given the opportunity to purchase means of defense while the arms machinery of its neighbors is constantly increased, for obviously aggressive purposes. At the same time we have voiced to the President our hope for continued American support to help achieve a just and permanent peace settlement between the Government of Israel on the one hand and Egypt, Transjordan and other Arabic countries."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ADOPTS \$1,950,000 BUDGET; TRUMAN, BEN GURION GET WISE AWARDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- A budget of \$1,950,000 for the work of the American Jewish Congress this year both in this country and overseas through the World Jewish Congress was adopted today at the closing session of the two-day meeting of the A.J.C.'s administrative committee.

The administrative committee announced that President Truman, Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the European executive council of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Prof. Harry A. Wolfson, of Harvard University, were chosen as recipients of the first annual Stephen S. Wise awards set up by the A.J.C.

Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, who was scheduled to leave tonight for Israel for conferences with leaders in the Jewish state, revealed that the awards bear a cash value each of \$1,500. They are dedicated to four major fields of endeavor to which the late "Dr. Wise dedicated his life: extension of civil rights in the U.S.; growth and development of Israel; welfare of Jews in other lands; and the enrichment of Jewish learning and scholarship."

Resolutions adopted at the meeting, which was attended by 250 A.J.C. leaders from all sections of the United States, expressed support for the Barden bill for Federal aid to education, denounced the bill for the admission of displaced persons to the United States reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee as "ominous and bigoted," and called for the intensification of efforts for the enactment of the civil rights program, especially the federal fair employment practices bill.

Rabbi Miller, speaking at last night's session, declared that "our democracy will not be safeguarded by the mechanical reiteration of our opposition to alien 'isms,' only by the immediate and practical expansion of our own democratic frontiers."

UNITED NATIONS BODY IS ASKED TO RENEW ITS APPEAL ON TREATMENT OF JEWS IN MOSLEM LANDS

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Declaring that the treatment of Jews in some Moslem countries had continued to worsen, the World Jewish Congress this week-end asked that the United Nations Economic and Social Council reiterate its last year's appeal to the governments involved to safeguard the fundamental human rights, of individuals and groups.

Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, of the W.J.C., appearing before the Council's Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, urged that the Council give effect to a resolution it passed a year ago which expressed the hope that governments and authorities concerned would exert efforts "to safeguard the fundamental human rights of individuals and groups of different faiths."

At the same Committee session, Bernard Bernstein, of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, suggested that the Economic and Social Council establish fact-finding commissions to make surveys on the situation of human rights in all parts of the world. Mr. Bernstein said that his organization's proposal arose from the fact that several years would necessarily elapse before the international covenant on human rights would be in effect and that the existing foundations of human rights must be safeguarded during this period.

CENTENNIAL OF BIRTH OF OSCAR STRAUS MARKED AT JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The centennial anniversary of the birth of Oscar Straus, the first Jew to serve in a Presidential Cabinet, was marked today at the 48th annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Mr. Straus, who was the first president of the Society, was Secretary of Commerce and Ambassador to Turkey during the term of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Lee M. Friedman, of Boston, president of the A.J.H.S., declared that "we Jews owe it to ourselves and to America to make known the role which Jews have played as an integrated and vital element in the settlement and progress of the United States." Papers on various phases of American Jewish history were read by 17 Jewish historians. Speakers included Rear Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, who resigned recently as a member of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

AMERICAN TECHNICION SOCIETY HOLDS TWO-DAY PARLEY IN CHICAGO; PLATS EXHIBIT IN ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Delegates from 23 American and Canadian cities attending a two-day conference of the American Technion Society here reviewed the opportunities existing in Israel for American businessmen. Maurice Spertus, Chicago industrialist who recently visited Israel, presided at the sessions.

The delegates were also expected to draft plans for an exhibit of American industrial products to be shown in key cities in Israel later this year. The project is a sequel to the Industrial Exhibit and Exchange sponsored by the Society in cooperation with the Technion, which opened in Tel Aviv last November.

U.S. SHEKEL CAMPAIGN EXTENDED TO JUNE 1; POSTPONEMENT OF WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS CITED

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- The current nationwide Shekel registration campaign was extended to June 1 by all major U.S. Zionist organizations at a meeting of the U.S. Central Shekel and Election Board, it was announced today by Charles Rees, chairman. The step was taken after official word was received from the executive of the World Zionist Organization that the 23rd World Zionist Congress, originally scheduled for this summer, has been postponed until Dec. 20.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ISRAEL MATZ HELD IN NEW YORK; HEBRAIST AND ZIONIST LEADER WAS 81

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (JTA) -- Funeral services for Israel Matz, noted Hebraist and Zionist, who died at his home here late Friday, were held here today. Mr. Matz, who was widely known for his support of numerous philanthropic and Zionist causes, particularly Hebrew cultural and literary projects, was 81.

Founder and president of the Ex-Lax company, Mr. Matz came to the United States from Lithuania as a young man. He was descended from a long line of scholars, rabbis and writers. During his lifetime, Mr. Matz became closely associated with President Chaim Weizmann of Israel, Prof. Albert Einstein, the late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis and other notables.

Mr. Matz made many trips to the Near East and built a large orange plantation in Israel. The author of many articles dealing with Hebrew literature, he set up the Israel Matz Foundation to aid needy Hebrew writers and scholars in the United States. He was the publisher of the Hebrew periodical, *Matoren*, and founding patron of the Hebrew monthly, *Bitzaron*.