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U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL DISCUSSES ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR JERUSALEM

GENEVA, March 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations Trusteeship Council which is currently considering a draft of an international statute for Jerusalem today laid down the principle that the interests of the people of Jerusalem must be subordinated to those of worldwide religions.

The 12-nation body gave a second reading to a French proposal which would set up a legislature for the city consisting of eight Jews, eight Moslems, eight Christians and one representative for some 130 residents of the city in 1947 who were not affiliated with any of the three religions. At the same time, the Council approved an additional proposal to give the "heads of principal religious communities" the right to nominate an equal number of members of the legislature to represent them.

One attempt was made to limit the number of religious nominees to four for each of the three faiths. However, the Belgian delegate, citing difficulties encountered by Britain when it attempted to set up a similar system during the Mandatory regime, suggested that no limit be set on the number of church nominees, and thus give the U.N. regime the ability to expand the number of church representatives if a greater number of sects or communities of one religion demand representation.

U.S. Delegate Opposes Identification of Church with State in Jerusalem

The American representative expressed concern over the proposal on the grounds that it would identify the church with the secular government of Jerusalem. He also noted that such a plan would weight the legislative body heavily in favor of the Arabs since they would be represented both as Moslems and as Christians. When only the New Zealand delegate supported him, the American dropped the issue.

The Council left the matter of enfranchisement of women to each community and proceeded to a preliminary discussion of the powers of the proposed U.N. governor. Iraq, the Dominican Republic and the Philippines argued against an article of the draft statute permitting the governor to suspend the legislature in time of crisis. They were opposed by the three major colonial powers on the body: Britain, France and Belgium.

The Council also heard a new plea from a representative of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem that the religious buildings in the city receive special protection. An official map distributed to all Council members showed that all but three of the Holy Places designated as such under the Mandatory regime are located in Arab-held territory.

The U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine will meet with Arab delegations next week, it was learned today. The members of the three-nation commission will attempt to sketch out plans for continuation of its work. It is not yet decided whether the body will continue its activities here for the remainder of the month or, if the opportunity presents itself, try to press its conciliation efforts in Cairo, Damascus or Jerusalem.

CABINET APPROVES ISRAEL'S BUDGET FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR; 1949 DEFICIT REPORTED

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Government's budget for the next fiscal year was approved today by the Cabinet and will be submitted to the Parliament before April. The Cabinet also approved an Israel trade agreement signed with the Netherlands.

An announcement by the Ministry of Finance stated that Israel's trade balance for 1949 showed a deficit of about \$215,600,000. Goods imported during the year amounted to 87,700,000 Israel pounds, while exports totalled 10,600,000 pounds.

The Cabinet today appointed a Ministerial committee comprising Premier David Ben Gurion, and the Ministers of Religion and Education who, in conjunction with the Hebrew University, will seek to secure photostatic copies of "rare and unique books and manuscripts of Jewish history and concentrate them in Israel." The present situation regarding education in the immigrant reception camps was also discussed by the Cabinet.

TRANSJORDAN URGES ARAB REFUGEES TO IGNORE PROPAGANDA AGAINST TALKS WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Transjordan-controlled Radio Ramallah, located in the Arab triangle area, said today that every Arab refugee should be "aware of the fact that King Abdullah is constantly thinking of him and should pay no attention to the propaganda of other Arab states against arrangements between Transjordan and Israel."

The broadcast charged that the plight of the Palestine Arab refugees is due to the "disastrous leadership of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and his gang." Transjordan is doing everything possible to enable the refugees to return home, but this can be achieved only through negotiations with Israel and constitutes the main point in the present discussions with the Jews, the announcer added.

U.S. DIPLOMATS FROM NINE MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES ATTENDING CAIRO PARLEY; ISRAEL INCLUDED

LONDON, March 8. (JTA) -- American diplomats from nine Middle Eastern countries including Israel are attending the conference in Cairo at which more than 50 members of the U.S. diplomatic service are discussing American policy in the Middle East, it was revealed here today in a cable from Egypt.

(In Tel Aviv, U.S. Ambassador James G. McDonald denied reports that he has been attending the conference of the American diplomats in Cairo. He said that he has not been out of Tel Aviv recently.)

The Arab refugee question and the Clapp report on American aid for the economic development of Israel and the Arab countries are among the major questions under discussion at the Cairo parley, the report from Egypt said, quoting U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery to this effect. Ambassador Caffery is presiding over the conference which is also being attended by a staff of 15 members of the State Department who arrived from Washington.

JEWISH AGENCY STARTS RADIO BROADCASTS FROM JERUSALEM TO JEWS OVERSEAS

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Broadcasts sponsored by the Jewish Agency and directed to Jewish communities overseas will begin Saturday night, it was announced today. President Chaim Weizmann will open the first broadcast with a brief message which will be read for him, since he is presently indisposed.

KNESSET COMMITTEE APPROVES PLANS TO GIVE ISRAEL CONTROL OF PALESTINE POTASH COMPANY

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- The Knesset Finance Committee last night announced the general conditions under which it would reaffirm the Mandatory regime's concession to the Palestine Potash Company for the exploitation of the Dead Sea's mineral resources. In effect, the terms would place control of the company in the hands of Israel individuals and institutions, including the government.

The committee's announcement said that the company must immediately launch a program to transfer its main offices to this country and that this work must be completed by the end of 1950. The corporation must also make available sufficient voting shares to Israel individuals and institutions to give them majority control.

The corporation must also agree to negotiate with the Israel Government for nationalization of the plant, on one year's notice. Adequate compensation would be granted the company by the government in the event the plant were nationalized.

The company must raise by the end of this year at least 2,000,000 pounds (\$5,600,000) in foreign currency to improve its plant on the southern shores of the Dead Sea, including providing adequate housing for its employees. It must also pay half of the paving costs of the Beersheba-Kurnov-Sodom road over which its products must be moved to distribution centers.

The Israel Government will contribute \$2,500,000 toward the development of the corporation's facilities, the announcement said. Since the concession was granted on the basis of Mandatory laws and both the Cabinet and the Parliamentary Committee have approved it, the matter need not be taken up by the entire Knesset.

FINANCIAL TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES TO RESUME IN LONDON

LONDON, March 8. (JTA) -- Financial talks between British and Israel officials will be resumed here shortly following the arrival today of David Horowitz, Israel Finance Ministry director-general, from a visit to the United States. Individual contacts between members of the Israel financial delegation and representatives of the British Treasury and British oil firms have been maintained during Mr. Horowitz' absence from London.

The Joint Palestine Appeal today issued a statement welcoming the British Government's action in raising the remittance quota to Israel for charitable purposes to \$6,300,000 during the current year. The Appeal said that to date the Jewish National Fund of Britain has transmitted \$1,201,200 to Israel while the Keren Hayesod transmitted nearly \$840,000.

WATER SITUATION IN TEL AVIV IS BETTER THAN IN LOS ANGELES, DR. LOWDERMILK SAYS

TEL AVIV, March 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, American soil conservation expert who has been visiting Israel since last week, said here today that Tel Aviv is better off for water than Los Angeles. The amount of rain going underground in Israel is greater than in California, he added.

Dr. Lowdermilk declared that he saw "vast, unexploited grazing possibilities" in the Jewish state. Forests, he added, should be planted only on land where food cultivation or grazing are not possible. The U.S. soil expert expressed the conviction that his proposal for a Jordan Valley Authority--similar to the TVA--will eventually be implemented, although in modified form.

IRAQ GOVERNMENT SETS UP COMMISSION TO ASSESS JEWISH PROPERTY, REPORT SAYS

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- The Iraq Government has set up a special commission to assess the value of property of Iraq Jews who wish to leave that country, it was reported here from Bagdad in unconfirmed dispatches.

According to these reports Jews who wish to leave must sell their property at prices fixed by the commission. The Iraq Government has not yet decided in what form to permit the Jews to remove their assets from the country, it was stated.

Meanwhile, despite the fact that neither the Israel Foreign Office nor the Jewish Agency has received official notification of the Iraq Government's decision to permit the Jews to leave the country, the Agency is already making plans for the migration of Iraq Jews and their absorption in Israel. Informed circles here maintain that the Iraq Government acted on the advice of London in permitting the emigration of its Jewish population.

GREEK GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REQUISITION HOSPITAL BELONGING TO SALONIKA JEWISH COMMUNITY

ATHENS, March 8. (JTA) -- The Greek Government has informed the Jewish community of Salonika that the Baron de Hirsch Jewish Hospital in that city will be requisitioned since the building has now been evacuated by British troops leaving Greece, it was disclosed here today.

The hospital--the largest in northern Greece--will, according to the government, be used as a general public hospital "and will admit all Greeks, consequently all Jews." In its communication to the Salonika Jewish community the Greek Government pointed out that the needs of the Jews in that city "no longer justify use of the hospital by the Jewish community alone since thousands of refugees flocking to Salonika have created great needs there."

The Jews in Salonika have been using a well-equipped dispensary and clinic since the Baron de Hirsch Hospital was taken over by the British. The Jewish community planned to use the hospital as a shelter for needy Jewish families in Salonika. Efforts are now being made in Athens to prevent requisition of the hospital by the government.

DENAZIFICATION TRIAL OF SUSPENDED GERMAN ANTI-SEMITIC DEPUTY POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK

KIEL, Germany, March 8. (JTA) -- The denazification trial of Wolfgang Hadler, suspended rightist deputy in the Bonn Parliament, was today postponed until March 15, at the request of the defense counsel, Reuters reported today. Hadler's acquittal recently on charges of inciting to anti-Semitism and racism was protested by many organizations and individuals in Germany.

SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES MORRIS DE CASTRO, A JEW, AS GOVERNOR OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- The nomination of Morris de Castro to be Governor of the Virgin Islands was approved today by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. Mr. de Castro, who is Jewish, served as Acting Governor of the Virgin Islands for a short period in 1936 and for five months in 1939.

A native of Panama, Mr. de Castro has lived in the Virgin Islands since he was four years old. He has held various government positions, including that of Commissioner of Finance and confidential secretary to the Naval governors of the Islands. Mr. de Castro has also served as president of the Virgin Islands synagogue, Congregation Blessings and Peace.

NEW YORK U.J.A. RAISES \$6,000,000 AT DINNER MARKING LAUNCHING OF 1950 CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Approximately \$6,000,000 was raised last night for the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York at a dinner at the Plaza Hotel at which the New York division of the U.J.A. launched its 1950 campaign. More than 600 community and business leaders attended the dinner. The campaign this year is expected to exceed the total of \$40,000,000 raised in New York for the U.J.A. in 1949.

Addressing the dinner, Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A., said that the announcement by the Iraq Government last week that Jews in that country desiring to emigrate must depart within a year, presented a new emergency to Israel. This new emergency, he emphasized, cannot be met by Israel without substantially larger funds from the United Jewish Appeal. He predicted that the great majority of the Jewish community of Iraq, comprising 100,000-150,000 persons, would undoubtedly go to Israel.

"We here in America will decide how many Iraqi Jews will be able to find freedom in 1950," Mr. Morgenthau said. "What is needed now is a new airlift of human rescue such as the Operation Magic Carpet that succeeded in transferring 42,000 Jews from Yemen to Israel during the past six months. Unless we act promptly to provide the funds for a new Operation Magic Carpet for the Jews of Iraq, they will be doomed to continued suffering and misery.

"The critical problem we face in Iraq requires that we not only expand the immigration program, but that we immediately empty the immigrant camps in Israel where 85,000 men, women and children are now living in tents and barracks. A large population in these miserable camps in Israel is not only a dangerous bottleneck in the way of continued entry, but a serious drain on the economy of the country. What has happened in Iraq proves again that the era of emergencies is not over for the Jewish people or for the United Jewish Appeal," he pointed out.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, acting on behalf of the five New York U.J.A. campaign chairmen, presented to Samuel D. Leidesdorf, treasurer of New York U.J.A. since its inception, the first Annual Chairmen's Award "for outstanding service and devotion to the cause of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York." Louis Nizer, spokesman for the delegation of New York businessmen who last month surveyed the needs to be met in Israel by U.J.A. funds, delivered his report to the community at last night's dinner. Other speakers were Jerome I. Udell and Edward M.M. Warburg, two of the campaign chairmen of the New York U.J.A., and Mr. Leidesdorf.

J.W.B. INCREASES ITS 1950 BUDGET BY \$324,000 AS RESULT OF DEACTIVATION OF U.S.O.

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- An increase of \$324,770 in the 1950 budget of the National Jewish Welfare Board to meet emergency needs for service to personnel of the nation's armed forces was announced here today by Frank L. Weil, J.W.B. president. The increase, which was voted by the J.W.B. national executive committee as a direct result of the deactivation of the United Service Organizations, brings the J.W.B.'s 1950 budget to a total of \$1,799,255.

"The emergency increase represents American Jewry's responsibility for morale services to servicemen of all faiths," Mr. Weil said. "In terminating its activities, the U.S.O. transferred to the J.W.B. and the other operating agencies the responsibility for maintaining the services without further financial aid from the U.S.O. The J.W.B., in cooperation with the Young Men's Christian Association and the National Catholic Community Service, will continue the work in response to demands of military authorities and lay leaders active in the field. The \$324,770 figure will finance the J.W.B. portion of the program for the 11 months remaining of 1950 after the U.S.O. termination was announced."

THOUSANDS PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO DANIEL FRISCH; LEADERS EULOGIZE HIM AT FUNERAL SERVICE

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Several thousand persons today paid a last tribute to Daniel Frisch, president of the Zionist Organization of America who died yesterday, following a major operation. Hundreds of those who came to attend the funeral services stood outside the chapel unable to gain admittance to the crowded parlor.

Israel Ambassador Elisha Elath and Consul General Arthur Lourie were among the speakers who eulogized the late Zionist leader. They emphasized that the people of Israel will honor the memory of Mr. Frisch who, despite his ill health, proceeded to the Jewish state to study conditions on the spot and to establish there an American Zionist House symbolizing the permanent interest of American Jewry in Israel.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, said in his eulogy that Mr. Frisch had devoted his energies to cementing unity in the ranks of American Zionism. Among the others who spoke at the services were Louis Lipsky, president of the American Zionist Council; Mendel Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, and Dr. Samuel Margoshes.

Benjamin Browdy, acting president of the Z.O.A., was unable to attend the services because of illness, but a message was read for him by Dr. Sidney Marks, executive director of the Z.O.A. Also read was a message from Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who was prevented from attending the funeral because he had to address a meeting of the United Jewish Appeal in Miami.

Zionist Delegation Escorts Body to Indianapolis for Burial

The body of the late Z.O.A. president was moved in the late afternoon from New York to Indianapolis for burial. It was accompanied by a delegation which included Dr. Marks, Abraham A. Redelheim, David Moskowitz, Dr. Morton J. Robbins, Max Bressler, I.S. Turover, Mr. Fisher and Fred Monosson.

The death of Mr. Frisch was mourned today by numerous national Jewish organizations including: the Hadassah, Jewish National Fund, B'nai B'rith, American Zionist Council, American Fund for Israel Institutions, Labor Zionist Organization of America, the Jewish National Workers Alliance of America, and others. "The Jewish world is saddened and Jewry is impoverished by the passing of a devoted, consecrated and gifted son of his people," Mrs. Samuel B. Halprin, national president of Hadassah, said in a statement issued to the press.

Mr. Lourie sent a message last night to the Zionist Organization of America stating: "The people of Israel mourn deeply the death of Daniel Frisch whose life, dedicated to the cause of Zion, came to a premature and untimely end this morning. In his brief administration as president of the Zionist Organization of America, Daniel Frisch gave all his devotion and strength in a tireless and constructive effort to strengthen the ties that knit the people of Israel and the people of America."

Acting Premier of Israel and Chairman of Jewish Agency Cable Condolences

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Acting Israel Premier Eliezer Kaplan today cabled the Zionist Organization of America a message on behalf of the Israel Government offering "heartfelt condolences on the untimely passing" of Daniel Frisch. A similar message was cabled by Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, on behalf of the World Zionist Organization. Both emphasized Frisch's record of devotion and service to Israel.