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BRITISH GOVERNMENT REAFFIRMS ITS OPPOSITION TO INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM

GENEVA, March 22. (JTA) -- The British Government today reaffirmed its opposition to the internationalization of Jerusalem during a discussion which took place this morning at the U.N. Trusteeship Council session here. The discussion dealt with the protection of the Holy Places in the Jerusalem area.

The British representative, Fletcher Cook, outlined before the Council the methods which Britain used in protecting the Holy Places in Palestine during the mandatory period. However, he emphasized the fact that Britain voted against the resolution of the U.N. General Assembly to place Jerusalem under international trusteeship. This attitude of the British Government had not changed, he pointed out.

One of the major problems discussed at the Council meeting today was the question as to when the new statute for Jerusalem--which is now being formulated--is to come into force. The issue was: Should the new statute enter into power before or after the appointment of a U.N. Governor for Jerusalem? After several hours of discussion, it was decided that a vote on this issue should be taken next week when the third and final reading of the statute will take place.

During the discussion, the Iraqi delegate insisted that the statute must come into force immediately after its adoption by the Trusteeship Council, and that implementation of the statute must also begin immediately. The Egyptian delegate proposed that the date of the statute's entering into force should be determined during the present session of the Council.

The amendment on the return of religious property in the Jerusalem area--as adopted provisionally yesterday by the Council and which was "welcomed" by Israel delegate Aubrey S. Eban as contrasted with a previous phrasing against which he protested--was made public here today. Its text reads:

"The Governor shall ensure that the property rights of churches, missions and other religious and charitable agencies shall be confirmed and respected. He shall ensure, further, that all such property which since the outbreak of the second World War has been seized without equitable compensation but which has not already been returned to its original owners, shall be either restored or transferred to another church or mission or another religious or charitable agency, representative of the same confession."

GENERAL ZIONISTS BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS FOR JOINING EXPANDED ISRAEL CABINET

TEL AVIV, March 22. (JTA) -- Negotiations with the General Zionist Party for its joining an expanded coalition Cabinet have been broken off, it was announced here today by Dr. Fritz Bernstein, leader of the party. Dr. Bernstein said he told Premier David Ben Gurion that the General Zionists would enter the Cabinet only if given adequate assurances that their representatives will have sufficient influence there.

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ISRAEL COVERED THIS YEAR'S BUDGET WITHOUT ANY DEFICIT, FINANCE MINISTER REPORTS

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- The budget of the Israel Government for the fiscal year ending March 31 has been met without a deficit, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan reported last night to the Parliament, after introducing an interim \$33,000,000 budget for the first three months of the new year.

The Minister said that the increase in the present budget was necessitated primarily by the fact that the government plans new development projects as well as consolidation of the merchant marine and an increase in the scope of the country's agriculture.

Speaking in support of the government's allocation of \$600,000 for the development of the merchant marine, Abba Hushi, member of the Mapai Party, said that Israel ships have carried two-thirds of the immigrants to Israel, but only eight per cent of Israel's imports were transported on vessels operated by the Jewish state because of the shortage of freighters.

TRANSJORDAN THREATENS TO MAKE PUBLIC SECRET EGYPTIAN DOCUMENT CONCERNING ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- The Transjordan-controlled Ramallah radio, which now offers broadcasts in Hebrew, today attacked the Egyptian Government for its criticism of the Transjordan policy in Palestine.

Unless the Egyptian Government halts its attacks on Transjordan policy, the announcer threatened, Transjordan will make public a secret document which the Egyptians sent from Cairo to Rhodes during the armistice negotiations. He did not make further comment on the nature of the secret document.

ARAB LEAGUE PLANS TO PROCLAIM ITSELF REGIONAL MIDDLE EAST BODY UNDER U.N. CHARTER

LAKE SUCCESS, March 22. (JTA) -- Hard-pressed by the possibility of a peace pact between Israel and Transjordan, leaders of the Arab League, which comprises all other Middle East States, are reported here to be planning to reestablish the grouping as a regional alliance within the terms of the United Nations charter.

Though there is no physical link between regional arrangements and the world body, such a move would apparently have the purpose of increasing the prestige and stature of the till now loosely-knit league of Arab states and of giving it the appearance of an "official" security instrument in that area, as the organization of American states is regarded in the Western Hemisphere.

The "official" look would come from the fact that, although no act of recognition by the U.N. takes place, the Charter gives indirect recognition to such self-proclaimed arrangements by requiring the Security Council to utilize them for the pacific settlement of disputes and even for enforcement measures. The regional groups, in turn, are under obligation by the terms of the Charter to keep the Council informed of all their security activities.

It is reported that Mahmoud Fawzi Bey, Egypt's permanent U.N. delegate, who has just returned from Cairo, has brought instructions to inform the General Assembly that the League considers itself a Charter-recognized regional arrangement and will carry out the functions prescribed for such organizations by the Charter. Such a step, if taken, would be regarded as a strategy move by the League to improve its position in the political power game now engaging the nations of the Middle East.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT GIVES FINAL APPROVAL TO REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL SYSTEM IN COUNTRY

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today gave final approval to a reorganization of the national educational system which would make possible religious education for children in immigrant camps. The reorganization program provides:

1. The school department of the Ministry of Education is to operate all schools in the immigrant camps; 2. In the Yemenite camps the schools are to be supervised by a committee composed of four Orthodox and four non-Orthodox persons recognized by the Ministry of Education. The committee will determine the curriculum to be used in the schools and will choose the teaching staff.

In non-Yemenite camps separate schools will be established for religious and non-religious children. The Schools Department of the Ministry of Education will conduct the registration of the pupils. Personnel for religious schools in mixed camps will be chosen by the School Department from recommendations made by a committee of supervisors. The schools will be operated directly by the School Department.

LARGE QUANTITIES OF SWEET WATER DISCOVERED NEAR DEAD SEA; SEARCH FOR WATER CONTINUES

JERUSALEM, March 22. (JTA) -- The discovery of large quantities of sweet water in the Azaba Valley, south of the Dead Sea, was announced here today by the Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministry is currently conducting an extensive water-drilling program in a wide area extending from the Biblical town of Sodom, south of the Dead Sea, to Elath, located on the southernmost tip of the Negev desert.

The Ministry further revealed that it has been receiving encouraging reports from various drilling installations where sweet water has been found relatively close to the earth's surface in quantities which raise strong hopes for large-scale agricultural settlement in regions which had hitherto been considered completely barren.

David Tubiyahu, Mayor of Beersheba, announced today construction plans for this southern desert town, including plans for rebuilding the ancient section here. The new city will be built according to the "neighborhood principle," with nine boroughs each containing 5,000 inhabitants and having their own shopping centers, schools, theatres and public buildings. The population of Beersheba is at present 3,000 but it is expected to reach 10,000 by the end of this year.

LAST GROUP OF YUGOSLAV JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; 700 IMMIGRANTS COME FROM POLAND, AUSTRIA

TEL AVIV, March 22. (JTA) -- The last contingent of Yugoslav Jews who wish to settle in the Jewish state landed at Haifa yesterday aboard the S.S. Artzah. Among the 400 Jews who arrived here from Yugoslavia was Dr. David Alkalai, president of the Yugoslav Jewish Community.

A total of 743 Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel from the port of Venice on Friday aboard the Israel transport, S.S. Galila, it was disclosed today. Most of the immigrants came from Poland and Austria.

300 TORAHS REACH ISRAEL FROM POLAND AND HOLLAND; WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SYNAGOGUES

TEL AVIV, March 22. (JTA) -- Three hundred Scrolls of the Law arrived here today from Poland and Holland for distribution among new settlements and needy synagogues in Israel.

GERMANS RESCIND ORDER DELAYING REPAYMENT OF SPECIAL TAXES IMPOSED BY NAZIS ON JEWS

MUNICH, March 22. (JTA) -- Following strong protests by the Jewish communities of Germany the provincial government of Wuerttemberg-Baden today rescinded an order delaying the repayment of discriminatory emigration and property taxes levied against Jews by the Nazi regime.

Originally the provincial Finance Minister said that payment would not be made until after publication of a law which would tax all persons in Germany, including recipients of restitution or indemnification payments, in order to provide relief for Germans who lost assets and property in the war as a result of postwar legislation, particularly the currency reform.

The chief target of the Jewish complaints was Friedrich Strobel, co-author of the original Nazi emigration tax on Jews, who is now a finance official of the city of Stuttgart. Although the Wuerttemberg-Baden order has been rescinded, the Finance Minister will forward the Jewish protests to higher authorities.

EQUALITY FOR JEWISH INSTITUTIONS IS DEMANDED BY ALDERMEN IN ISTANBUL CITY COUNCIL

ISTANBUL, March 22. (JTA) -- Abolition of special minority status for the welfare institutions maintained by the Jewish community and other minority groups in this city was demanded this week by Moise Cohen, only Jewish member of the Istanbul Municipal Council.

Mr. Cohen argued that allocation of funds to institutions on the basis of whether they were operated by minority groups or not is unconstitutional. He was supported by the representative of the Greek community and by the city's Mayor, Prof. Fahrettin K. Gokay. Both advocated equality for all citizens, regardless of race or religion.

4,000 JEWS PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE LEGALLY FROM POLAND DURING LAST THREE MONTHS

VIENNA, March 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Immigration Office here reported today that about 4,000 Jews were permitted to leave Poland legally from last December to the end of February. Many of the Jews crossed Austria in transports directly bound for Israel, the report stated.

The Immigration Office also said that more than 11,000 displaced Jews left Austria for Israel during 1949. The Israel immigration officials here estimate that there are at present about 4,000 displaced Jews in this country planning to emigrate to the Jewish state. They will be transported to Israel in the course of the current year.

The Immigration Office has started the registration of all sick Jewish DP's intending to go to Israel under the category of "hard core" cases. It is believed that transfer of all "hard core" Jewish refugees from Austria to Israel will be completed by June of this year.

FRENCH AUTHORITIES ATTEND CEREMONY MARKING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MULHOUSE SYNAGOGUE

PARIS, March 22. (JTA) -- The Mulhouse synagogue has been rededicated at a ceremony marking its centenary anniversary. Attending the services were representatives of the Chief Rabbinate, the Central Jewish Consistory, civil and military authorities and church dignitaries.

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B'NAI B'RITH CONVENTION CLOSES WITH RESOLUTIONS ON BIAS; GOLDMAN REELECTED PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, March 22. (JTA) -- Frank Goldman was reelected today national president of the B'nai B'rith at the concluding session of the triennial convention of the organization which adopted a number of resolutions dealing with the fight against racial and religious discrimination in this country.

One of the resolutions approved by the delegates urged the enactment of fair education practices laws and the abolition of the racial and religious quota systems in admission requirements of certain colleges. Another resolution reaffirmed B'nai B'rith support for President Truman's full civil rights program. The B'nai B'rith membership was urged to exert its efforts to secure the enactment of federal civil rights legislation as well as state laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and in education.

Other resolutions recommended the enactment of legislation declaring null and void any restrictive covenant based on race, color, creed or national origin. They also advocated a public housing program to provide all Americans with decent housing, but free of racial and religious discrimination.

The convention adopted a resolution deploring the enactment of the "watered-down F.E.P.C. bill" by the House. The resolution urged the Senate to restore the provisions of the original bill. The convention decided to withdraw the B'nai B'rith Bowling Association from the American Bowling Congress, unless the latter takes steps to assure the discontinuance of its discriminatory racial policy with regard to membership admissions.

Plans were made at the convention for the opening of a Hillel Foundation at the Hebrew University in Israel. The convention also adopted a resolution urging home rule for the District of Columbia, condemning segregation here, and asking that it be removed as soon as practicable. Another resolution was approved which urged the Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on Genocide.

Vice-President Alben W. Barkley, in a speech last night at the convention, praised the B'nai B'rith for not only "unifying" the Jews, but for helping to break down the barriers of "misunderstanding, bigotry and hatred" throughout the country. Mr. Barkley said the B'nai B'rith harbors little bigotry and fights to bring about the brotherhood of man.

FORMATION OF \$2,000,000 RUBBER COMPANY IN ISRAEL ANNOUNCED BY U.S. FIRM

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- Establishment of a rubber manufacturing company in Israel to produce tires, tubes and allied products was announced here today by Arthur Lourie, Consul-General of Israel, and Cyril F. O'Neil, vice-president in charge of foreign operations of the General Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio.

The new company, which will be known as the General Tire & Rubber Company of Israel, will have an approximate capitalization of \$2,000,000. "Plans for the company's operations in Israel are similar to our successful operations in Chile, Venezuela, Portugal, South Africa, Mexico and Canada," Mr. O'Neil said. "Our operations in these countries, where we are minority stockholders but supply the plant management, technical 'know how,' formulas and processes, have been excellent. The capital for this new company will be supplied by American and Israel investors," he added.

Mr. Lourie welcomed the decision of the General Tire firm to enter Israel's economy "as raw and gratifying evidence of the interest of American investors in Israel's development."

MONTREAL, March 22. (JTA) -- A total of 125 young pioneers left Canada for Israel since the establishment of the Jewish state, the local Hechalutz Council announced today. The majority of the Canadian immigrants have settled at Gesher Haziv, Sassa and Kfar Masaryk.

UNITED ISRAEL CAMPAIGN OPENED IN WINNIPEG; DR. GOLDSTEIN URGES INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS

WINNIPEG, March 22. (JTA) -- The Winnipeg United Israel Campaign was opened here last night by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists and a member of the Jewish Agency executive. The goal of the drive is \$500,000. Speaking at a meeting inaugurating the drive, Dr. Goldstein stressed the fact that the forthcoming immigration of Iraqi Jews to Israel would add \$25,000,000 to this year's Agency budget.

AMERICAN ZIONIST LEADERS HONOR DR. ROSENBLUTH FOR FORTY YEARS SERVICE TO ZIONISM

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- More than 100 Zionist leaders today honored Dr. Martin Rosenbluth, American representative of the Israel Finance Ministry, at a luncheon marking his fortieth year of service with the world Zionist movement. Speakers included Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Israel Consul-General Arthur Lourie, Louis Lipsky, Henry Montor and others.

Dr. Rosenbluth, who is a brother of the Israel Minister of Justice, began his Zionist career in 1910 as secretary to David Wolfsohn, then president of the World Zionist Organization. From 1915 to 1920, he was director of the Copenhagen office of the Zionist Organization, which served as headquarters for the movement during World War I. Subsequently he held important positions with the Keren Hayesod and with the Zionist Federation of Germany. During World War II, he was director of information for the United Palestine Appeal in New York.

U.S. AUTHORITY ON JEWISH LAW IS NAMED LECTURER IN JURISPRUDENCE AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, March 22. (JTA) -- Jacob J. Rabinowitz, authority on Jewish law, has been appointed Lecturer in Hebrew Jurisprudence at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, it was announced today by Samuel Hausman, chairman of the board of the American Committee for the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science, and Technion. Mr. Rabinowitz, who has written extensively on law, translated a portion of the Code of Maimonides, which was published last year by Yale University.

CONVENTION OF AMERICAN LABOR ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WILL BE HELD IN BOSTON IN MAY

BOSTON, March 22. (JTA) -- The triennial convention of the Labor Zionist Organization of America will be held in Boston from May 26-30, Baruch Zuckerman, president of the organization, announced here today. Invitations to the convention, which will mark the organization's 45th anniversary, have been sent to leading government officials in Israel.

ISRAEL TO PRODUCE CHAMPAGNE; LOCAL AND FOREIGN INVESTORS TO ERECT PLANT IN NATHANYA

TEL AVIV, March 22. (JTA) -- A group of local and foreign investors today signed an agreement for the erection of a champagne-producing plant in the township of Nathanya.

The sum of \$300,000 will be invested during the initial stages of the operation. Israel-produced champagne will be earmarked chiefly for export.

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