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ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE SESSION OPENS IN JERUSALEM; WILL CONSIDER BASIC ISSUES

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee, supreme policy making body between World Zionist Congresses, opened its session here today to discuss proposals basically affecting the future of the Zionist movement and the relations between the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government. The session, which is expected to last until the end of this month, will consider a number of important issues facing the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, which is scheduled to open in Jerusalem at the end of the year.

Characterizing the forthcoming Congress as a "constituent assembly," which "will shape Zionism in both theory and practice, at any rate for the present generation," the world Zionist executive body said in a statement that the Congress will be called upon to plan the immigration to Israel of the second million Jews and their integration within the Jewish state.

"The Congress will also plan to mobilize world Jewry and its material resources for the development of the Jewish state," the statement said. "It will consider ways and means of educating the rising Jewish generation in countries outside of Israel to their national tasks, and it will inculcate Jewish national and cultural values in the people as a whole."

Z.O.A. Delegates Name Substitutes for Members Who Resigned

Prior to the opening of the Actions Committee session, the members of the Committee, together with the members of the Jewish Agency, attended a memorial service at the tomb of Dr. Theodor Herzl, the founder of political Zionism. The opening of the Actions Committee session was attended by the entire Israel Cabinet. It is understood that Premier David Ben Gurion, who will greet the session in behalf of the government, will not take part in the discussions in view of the fact that the Actions Committee will consider matters concerning Zionist activities outside of the Jewish state.

The Zionist Organization of America delegation to the Actions Committee session decided to ask the praesidium of the committee to recognize three substitutes to replace members of the Z.O.A. who are absent or who have resigned. Rudolf Sonnenborn, Fred Monosson and Mendel Fisher were named by the delegation as substitutes.

Meanwhile, the Israel Cabinet today heard a report by Premier Ben Gurion regarding his contacts with the left-wing Mapam Party and with the General Zionists for broadening the existing coalition government. The Cabinet also discussed a development budget prior to submitting it to the Israel Parliament. Various bills concerning labor were also considered at the Cabinet meeting.

The plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive, which concluded its session here today, approved a project submitted by the Jewish National Fund under which 2,500 acres of land in Israel will be allocated to a firm owned by Israel and Jews living in other countries for the purpose of planting citrus groves which will be subdivided into small parcels and sold to private owners. The plan also provides for the use of hired labor on this project, which is a departure from the traditional J.N.F. principle forbidding employment of hired labor on such lands.

SOVIET DELEGATION AT U.N. WITHDRAWS ITS SUPPORT FROM INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM

LAKE SUCCESS, April 19. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union announced today a complete reversal of its long-held position in favor of internationalizing Jerusalem. Jacob Malik, permanent U.N. representative of the U.S.S.R., in a letter to Secretary-General Trygve Lie said:

"It has now become clear that the General Assembly's resolution of December, 1949, establishing a permanent regime for Jerusalem does not satisfy the Arab or Jewish populations of either Jerusalem or Palestine as a whole. In these circumstances the Government of the U.S.S.R. does not consider it possible to continue its support of the above-mentioned resolution. At the same time the Soviet Government feels certain that the United Nations will succeed in finding a solution of the Jerusalem problem acceptable to both the Arab and the Jewish sections of the population of that city."

(A spokesman for the delegation of Israel later made the following statement: "We are pleased that the Soviet delegation will support a plan that is based on the consent of the people of Jerusalem. Israel is working actively to facilitate a solution based on that principle.")

Because of the Chinese issue, the Soviet Union did not attend the recent U.N. Trusteeship Council session in Geneva which drew up a statute for internationalization of Jerusalem. It has been assumed that the Soviet Union would not recognize that statute. However, the Soviet delegation statement today represents a fundamental reversal of its position on the whole Jerusalem question.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TELLS PARLIAMENT THAT ISRAEL HAS SUFFICIENT ARMS FOR SELF-DEFENSE

LONDON, April 19. (JTA) -- The British Government today informed Parliament that Israel possesses sufficient material for internal security and self-defense, therefore there is no reason for Britain to permit the Jewish state to acquire arms in England, although such arms are being delivered by Britain to the Arab states.

Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Ernest Davies, who made this statement in the House of Commons, denied that the Arab states are threatening to resume the war against Israel. He reported that limited quantities of British arms have been sold to Egypt, Iran, Turkey, Iraq, Transjordan and Saudi Arabia since the United Nations lifted its arms embargo on the Middle East last August.

A debate developed in Parliament following the statement made by the Undersecretary. Hugh Fraser, a Conservative, asked why a unilateral embargo had been enforced against Israel. The Undersecretary replied: "The position is not quite the same with regard to Israel as to the other countries, since we have treaty obligations toward Egypt, Iraq and Transjordan."

Barnett Janner, Laborite M.P., drew the attention of Undersecretary Davies to the fact that public statements have been made by the Arab countries to the effect that they propose to start further wars in the Middle East. He asked that the British supply of arms to these countries be discontinued in order that they do not carry out their threats. Mr. Davies replied that he would not accept the premise that threatening statements have been made by the Arab governments.

Replying to questions by other members of Parliament, the Undersecretary reiterated that according to the best information available in Britain, the Jewish state has sufficient arms to maintain internal security in the country and even to defend itself in case of aggression.

ARAB TERRORISTS BOMB AMERICAN LEGATION IN SYRIA; U.S. MARINE GUARD SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

LONDON, April 19. (JTA) -- Arab terrorists tossed a bomb last night at the American legation in Damascus, Syria, slightly wounding a U.S. marine guard. The explosion shattered doors and windows in the building.

The terrorists escaped before the police arrived at the legation. It is assumed that the bomb was thrown as a result of the anti-American propaganda now being conducted in Syria by agents of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem who are trying to create the impression that the U.S. is helping Israel against the Arabs.

ISRAEL TO TRAIN POPULATION IN SHARPSHOOTING; CIVILIANS TO BE MOBILIZED FOR RESERVES

TEL AVIV, April 19. (JTA) -- "Every citizen a rifleman" is the primary objective of a nationwide plan launched by the Israel Army of Defense to train Israelis in sharpshooting, Col. Mordecai Makleff, Deputy Chief of Staff, told a press conference here today.

Col. Makleff also announced the impending mobilization of reserve battalions for civilians who have not previously served in the Israel armed services. The target-shooting training program will contribute considerably toward the maintenance of the highest degree of efficiency in the Reserve Army, Col. Makleff added.

A national council to implement the plan will soon be formed, he said. The council will include representatives of the Defense, Interior and Education Ministries, as well as Army officers.

ISRAEL-TRANSJORDAN ARMISTICE BODY CLEARS UP COMPLAINTS; ISRAEL JEEP BLASTED BY MINE

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- The mixed Israel-Transjordan armistice commission met here last night and cleared up a dozen minor complaints of alleged border violations by both states. The commission, whose session was attended by Brig. Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. chief of staff in Palestine, still has another dozen such cases on its agenda.

Authorized sources today denied a report that the large number of complaints were cleared from the agenda in order to make way for early consideration of the major important questions still to be settled by the body--access to Mt. Scopus and the Bethlehem Road. Informed quarters here maintain that the growing number of attacks on and ambushes of Jewish soldiers and civilians in border areas is the work of young Arab refugee gangs organized by the followers of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem.

It was revealed here that a jeep carrying military personnel returning from a meeting of the mixed armistice commission last week struck a landmine near Beit Jibrin, in Israel territory. An officer and four enlisted men were wounded in the blast. It is believed that the mine was planted by Arabs during a recent investigation of another border incident in the same neighborhood. At that time, representatives of Israel, Transjordan and the U.N. were conducting an inquiry at the request of the Jewish state.

TOP ISRAEL DIPLOMATS PAY VISIT TO STATE DEPARTMENT; NATURE OF TALKS UNREVEALED

WASHINGTON, April 19. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath, accompanied by Aubrey S. Eban, Israel delegate to the United Nations, today called on George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. The purpose of the visit was not revealed.

CHANCELLOR ADENAUER DISCUSSES ANTI-SEMITISM AND RESTITUTION WITH BERLIN JEWISH LEADERS

BERLIN, April 19. (JTA) -- Bonn Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who is in this city on a visit, today received representatives of the Berlin Jewish community and discussed the rising wave of anti-Semitism in West Germany and the local restitution situation with them.

Asserting that the West German Government has taken measures to fight anti-Semitic incidents, the Chancellor said that they were being arranged by "certain elements." He also promised Heinz Galinski and Joseph Weitlinger, co-chairmen of the Berlin Jewish Community, that he would intervene with the local authorities to bring their restitution and indemnification programs into line with the rest of Germany.

JEW HAIL MCCLOY CONDEMNATION OF NEW WAVE OF ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACKS IN WEST GERMANY

MUNICH, April 19. (JTA) -- Jewish circles here today expressed satisfaction with the statement made last night in Frankfurt by American High Commissioner John J. McCloy to the effect that the recent wave of anti-Semitic incidents in West Germany is a disgrace for every German.

Issued as a result of recent attacks on Jewish cemeteries and a mob demonstration against a partly-Jewish girl in Hamburg who testified against the producer of the Nazi film "Jew Sues," the statement emphasized that the incidents injure every German. Mr. McCloy urged every citizen and the police "to take steps to stop them."

Meanwhile, West German Deputy Chancellor Franz Blücher, leader of the Free German Democratic Party, denied charges by the World Jewish Congress that there has been a revival of nationalism and anti-Semitism since the creation of the Federal Government and that former Nazi leaders are connected with the Bonn Administration.

Asserting that he did not wish to reply to the World Jewish Congress charges, he said that if former Nazis had lied their way into positions with the Federal Government they were subsequently dismissed. He expressed the hope that the "common desire for world peace will bring a good relationship with Jewry" as it has already done with "other peoples who were formerly hostile."

MOSLEY ANNOUNCES PLANS TO MARCH THROUGH JEWISH DISTRICT OF LONDON NEXT MONTH

LONDON, April 19. (JTA) -- Sir Oswald Mosley today announced that he will lead members of his Union Movement on a march through the East End of London on May 7, several days after expiration of the current temporary ban on all political processions in the municipal area.

The defense committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews has made new representations to the Home Office against possible renewal of the ban. The group pointed out that current legislation gives the authorities the legal power to ban any procession which they feel may be detrimental to public order, therefore there is no need to reinstitute a ban on all marches. By relying on the general legislation pertaining to public order, the committee said, the government can ban "clearly provocative" marches without impairing political freedoms.

RUMANIAN WAR CRIMINAL RECEIVES 12-YEAR JAIL TERM FOR ILL-TREATMENT OF JEWS IN CAMP

BUCHAREST, April 19. (JTA) -- Haralambie Plesa, a former guard in the wartime concentration camp in Alnitaita, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment and loss of civil rights by a court here for inflicting "bestial ill-treatment" on the Jewish inmates of the camp.

Z.O.A. MAPS PLANS TO SECURE MORE PRIVATE AMERICAN CAPITAL FOR ISRAEL ENTERPRISES

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America will enlarge its efforts for the enlistment of private investment capital in economic enterprises in Israel, it was announced here today at a press conference by Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the organization.

Mr. Browdy revealed that Albert Schiff, well-known industrialist and former president of the Israel Corporation of America, which merged with the Palestine Economic Corporation, has been appointed chairman of a special Z.O.A. committee set up to stimulate greater participation of American Jews in private enterprises in Israel.

Mr. Browdy also announced the incorporation of the Masada, national Zionist youth group with a membership of 2,000 as an integral part of the Zionist Organization of America. He stated that the 90 chapters of Masada throughout the country will henceforth function as full-fledged branches of the Z.O.A.

The Z.O.A. president also revealed that negotiations are under way with other American Zionist parties with a view to providing adequate financial and moral support for a training program for Chalutzim to be launched in the United States for young American Jews who wish to study skilled vocations on farms or in industrial plants to aid in the economic upbuilding of Israel. This announcement is considered of special significance in view of the differences of opinion that have hitherto prevailed in American Zionist circles as to whether such training courses should be transferred from America to Israel.

Mr. Browdy further announced that the Z.O.A. members of the Zionist Actions Committee who are now in Israel will utilize their presence there to bring to fruition final arrangements for the settlement of the first two Z.O.A. colonies by American pioneers. The Z.O.A. delegates, he said, will ask Premier David Ben Gurion to come to the United States to address the forthcoming Z.O.A. convention which opens in Chicago on July 2.

The Z.O.A. president called upon the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism to desist from its activities and to disband. Mr. Browdy referred to the announcement that the Council for Judaism is holding its annual conference in Cincinnati on the second anniversary of the establishment of Israel. He urged the leaders of the Council to convert their annual conference on the second anniversary of the Jewish state's independence into a "conference of dissolution."

ARGENTINE ZIONIST FEDERATION FACING CRISIS FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF TOP LEADERS

BUENOS AIRES, April 19. (JTA) -- The Argentine Zionist Federation, representing the General Zionist movement in this country, is facing a crisis as a result of the resignation of its president, Dr. Mateo Goldstein, and many members of its executive board, it was reported today.

Dr. Goldstein issued a statement asserting that four leading members of the board--Dr. Francisco Belfer, Dr. Jacobo Breyer, Herzl Gessang and Dr. Meer Gelansky--have ignored the decisions reached by the executive and have adopted a "hostile and aggressive attitude towards other Zionist parties." He also charged that the four--"through methods that are not in accord with Zionist morality"--achieved a majority in the Federation's central committee.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. Goldstein said that he had suggested to Dr. Belfer that a national conference be called to deal with the internal situation in the Federation, but added that Dr. Belfer--who has now become acting president--rejected this proposal.

EMIL SCHWARZHaupt LEAVES \$4,000,000 FOR CITIZENSHIP AID; JEWISH GROUPS GET REQUESTS

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- More than \$4,000,000 was left to the Schwarzhaupt Foundation to promote American citizenship in the will of Emil Schwarzhaupt which was filed for probate here yesterday. Mr. Schwarzhaupt, a businessman who came to this country in 1910 from Germany, left numerous bequests to Jewish organizations and charitable, educational and religious institutions, including the following:

The sum of \$250,000 to the University of Florida; \$100,000 - American Museum of Natural History; \$50,000 each - Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of New York, Greater New York Federation of Churches, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Michael Reese Hospital of Chicago, National Conference of Christians and Jews; \$25,000 each - Hospital for Joint Diseases, Boy Scouts of America, Art Institute of Chicago, Jewish Federation of Chicago, Juvenile Service League, New York League for Hard of Hearing, New York Zoological Society; \$20,000 - Congregation Emanu-El of New York; \$10,000 each - American Jewish Committee, American National Red Cross, Hebrew University in Palestine, International Committee of Young Men's Christian Association and Jewish Community Centers of Chicago.

REFUSAL TO PAY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO ORTHODOX JEW WHO REFUSED SABBATH WORK APPEALED

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, April 19. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress and the Youngstown Jewish Community Council have appealed to the Ohio State Court of Common Pleas against a decision of the state unemployment insurance authorities refusing unemployment benefits to an Orthodox Jewish woman who turned down a position requiring her to work on the Sabbath, the Congress announced here today.

Attorneys for the two bodies have filed a brief pointing out that the decision violates the First Amendment of the Constitution, protecting religious freedom, and the Fourteenth Amendment, prohibiting the states from abridging the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States. The plaintiff in the case is Mary Jane Heisler who refused to investigate potential employment in November, 1948, at a hospital in Youngstown where she would have been required to work on the Sabbath.

WEIZMANN PRESENTS "DAVID'S CROWN" TO DELEGATION FOR PLACING ON TOMB OF DAVID

REHOVOT, Israel, April 19. (JTA) -- A reproduction of "David's Crown," decorated with five stones to commemorate the Biblical duel between David and Goliath was turned over here today by President Chaim Weizmann to a special delegation from the Ministry of Religion. The crown will be placed on the Tomb of David on Mt. Zion tomorrow.

At the same time Premier David Ben Gurion presented to a second delegation from the Ministry of Religion a "bush" symbolizing the burning bush of the Bible which is said to represent the eternity of Israel. The bush will be planted near David's Tomb.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL OPENS \$500,000 CAMPAIGN FOR TRAINING CENTERS IN NEW STATE

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- A \$500,000 campaign in behalf of the homes and training centers maintained in Israel for young refugee women by the Women's League for Israel was opened here yesterday at a luncheon addressed by Dr. Georg Josephthal, director of the Jewish Agency's absorption department, who is now in the United States.