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SECRETARY ACHESON REJECTS CONGRESSIONAL GROUP'S FLEA FOR HALTING NEAR EAST ARMS RACE

WASHINGTON, May 10. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Acheson has rejected an appeal by 51 Congressmen who had asked his cooperation in halting the Near East arms race. Rep. Anthony Tauriello, of New York, to whom Mr. Acheson's reply was addressed, made the Secretary's response known today.

Mr. Acheson emphasized that Britain's supply of arms to the Arab countries is not facilitated, "directly or indirectly, by the settlement of that country's lend-lease account, the mutual defense assistance program, or E.C.A. aid." Replying to a suggestion from the Congressional group that Point Four aid be extended only to Arab states which have reached peace settlements with Israel, Mr. Acheson said the State Department "believes it would be undesirable to use this program as an instrument of political pressure."

KAPLAN SUBMITS BUDGET TO KNESSET; REPORTS ECONOMY EXPANDING. POPULATION IS 1,250,000

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan today presented his 1950 national budget--asking over \$341,000,000--to the Parliament. At the same time, he presented a three-hour report on the state of the nation, the gains recorded in the past fiscal year, and the major projects which the government hopes to start or complete in the next 12 months.

Speaking to a packed chamber, Mr. Kaplan reported first that the population of the Jewish state now stands at 1,250,000, including some 170,000 non-Jews. Simultaneously with a 65 percent increase in population in the past two years, Israel's national output increased 35 percent and its agricultural output went up 50 percent. A total of some 120,000,000 pounds (\$336,000,000) have been invested in the country since 1947, he added.

Speaking of the economic gains scored in the last fiscal year, the Minister disclosed that the cost of living index has dropped by 15 percent. He credited the rigid government austerity program for this development. He asserted that it was the government's aim to increase the standard of living, but that this aim can only be achieved by increasing the national productivity. Every demand for an increase in wages or income without a corresponding increase in productivity will inevitably bring inflation, he insisted.

Last year, he continued, purchasing power increased, bank deposits were up 40 percent and the turnover in foreign currency rose 48 percent. The country imported 88,000,000 pounds (\$246,400,000) worth of goods and exported nearly 11,000,000 pounds (\$39,800,000) worth.

ISRAEL CABINET AND JEWISH AGENCY APPROVE FORMATION OF SUPREME DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet and the Jewish Agency today approved an agreement providing for the formation of a Supreme Development Authority, as envisaged by the Zionist Actions Committee. Representing the Israel Government in the new body will be Premier David Ben Gurion, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, Labor Minister Golda Myerson and Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira. The Agency will be represented by Berl Locker, chairman of the executive; Levi Eshkol, treasurer, Itzhak Raphael and Leo Hermann.

CHIEF OF STAFF OF ISRAEL ARMY MEETS WITH BEDOUIN CHIEFTAINS; HEARS THEIR REQUEST

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel Army Chief of Staff Yigal Yadin met with Bedouin chieftains in the vicinity of Beerseba and was given the traditional ceremonial welcome accorded a military leader.

While the Arab leaders greeted the Israel commander, their mounted troops fired volleys into the air and carried out a number of cavalry maneuvers. Sheikh Suleiman Hazail, representing all the chiefs, presented Brig. Yadin with an engraved silver sword.

The Sheikh also asked that Israel arm the loyal Bedouin tribes so that they would be able to protect themselves against the continuous raids of bandits from Transjordan territory. The Arab also asked for agricultural equipment for the Bedouins and for higher wages for Bedouins employed on government projects. The Israel commander replied that most of the requests would be filled shortly, adding that Israel "knew her friends and made her foes realize without much delays the effects of unfriendly acts."

ARABS TRANSFERRED TO ISRAEL JURISDICTION FROM TRIANGLE AREA MARK FIRST ANNIVERSARY

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Arabs living in the area adjacent to the so-called Arab triangle area today celebrated the first anniversary of their transfer to Israel jurisdiction. Arab notables from numerous villages gathered at Tira and paraded in honor of the event. Arab horsemen presented colorful examples of horsemanship.

Addressing the gathering in Hebrew, Abdul Rauf Razik, the leader of the village of Tabiyah, declared that the Arabs welcomed the termination of the Mandate. He also lauded the Israel Government for "not discriminating between Jews and Arabs." A sword was later presented to the Israel military governor for the area, Lt. Col. Goel Levitzki.

ISRAEL ARMY LIBRARY ISSUES APPEAL FOR BOOKS NEEDED BY MILITARY SPECIALISTS

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- An appeal for books for the central library of the Israel Army's headquarters military training command was issued here. Books needed for the perusal of Israel military specialists range from technical volumes on high explosives to journalistic war reporting.

The Israel Ministry of Religion has denied Jordan's charge that it had "desecrated a Moslem cemetery in Jerusalem." The Ministry said that it had merely ordered a twenty-year accumulation of refuse to be cleared out of the cemetery. The Ministry's communique also published the original charges by the Moslems.

CONGRESSMEN WANT TO INSPECT TWO U.S. NAVAL SHIPS TRANSFERRED TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, May 10. (JTA) -- A Congressional delegation is seeking permission from the State Department to visit and inspect the two former U.S. Navy ships which have been turned over to Egypt by the U.S. Government. These ships are berthed in Baltimore and are free to sail for Egypt at will.

A number of Congressmen have expressed the desire to see for themselves if the ships are intended for "commercial purposes only" and whether they are really "demilitarized."

ARAB LEAGUE DECIDES TO OPEN PROPAGANDA OFFICE IN NEW YORK, BEIRUT RADIO ANNOUNCES

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Radio Beirut, monitored here today, reported that the Arab League has decided to open a publicity office in New York.

GERMAN MAGAZINE ATTEMPTS TO KEEP HITLER LEGEND ALIVE; SAYS HE HIDES IN TIBET

FRANKFURT, May 10. (JTA) -- A new attempt to keep alive the Hitler legend in Germany has been made by the Frankfurt magazine "Tempo der Welt" which in its latest issue publishes an alleged interview with Martin Bormann, Hitler lieutenant who is believed to have perished with the Nazi leader in a Berlin bunker in 1945.

The magazine says that Bormann is alive and living in Spanish Morocco "at the headquarters of a neo-fascist underground movement." The periodical also asserts that Hitler is alive and hiding in a Tibetan monastery.

The press department of Allied High Commission for Germany has requested that American High Commissioner John J. McCloy take action against the publication which is considered here to be fascist and anti-Semitic in character.

BAVARIAN LEGISLATURE PROVIDES SEVERE PENALTIES FOR DESECRATION OF CEMETERIES

MUNICH, May 10. (JTA) -- The Bavarian provincial legislature today adopted a measure providing severe penalties for persons apprehended desecrating cemeteries. The bill, introduced by Social Democratic deputies, also holds the local municipal administration responsible for the care of Jewish cemeteries where the Jewish community no longer exists.

A Munich court today sentenced to prison a female German guard convicted of having mistreated Jewish women inmates of the Oswiecim concentration camp. The woman, Philomena Mussgueller, was sentenced to four and one-half years' imprisonment and loss of her civil rights.

ARGENTINE HIGH COURT FACILITATES GRANTING OF CITIZENSHIP STATUS WITHOUT BIRTH RECORD

BUENOS AIRES, May 10. (JTA) -- The Argentine Supreme Court has just handed down a ruling which is expected to facilitate the process of achieving citizenship status by Jewish immigrants in this country who originally came from Eastern European countries.

Until now, the courts have required a birth certificate before naturalization papers were released. But in this decision, the court held that it is sometimes impossible to obtain such documents from Eastern European countries or from Soviet-occupied areas in Germany and Austria, and that exceptions will be made for would-be citizens from such countries who have two witnesses prepared to attest to their identity.

I.R.O. AND J.D.C. CHARTER VESSEL TO HELP REFUGEES LEAVE CHINA FOR HONG KONG

HONG KONG, May 10. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization and the Joint Distribution Committee have chartered a vessel to make regular runs between Tientsin, the only port of exit in China, and Hong Kong with refugees who wish to leave China.

Many Jews who originally flocked from Manchuria and various Chinese cities to Shanghai in the hope of being evacuated were stranded there. Some managed to obtain the necessary travel permits to go to Tientsin, but this process is slow and some 800 Jews still remain in Shanghai waiting for travel documents or mass evacuation from the city.

FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZES PRESIDENT TO SIGN UNITED NATIONS GENOCIDE PACT

PARIS, May 10. (JTA) -- The French National Assembly has authorized President Auriol to sign the United Nations Convention Outlawing Genocide. This means that the French Government has ratified the convention.

EINSTEIN ADDRESSES U.S. PARLEY ON ISRAEL HIGHER LEARNING; DONATES HIS MANUSCRIPT

PRINCETON, N.J., May 10. (JTA) -- The first national conference of the American Committee for the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science and the Haifa Technion opened here today with an appeal by Professor Albert Einstein calling on American Jewry to support the three institutions of higher learning in Israel. Dr. Einstein announced that he is donating the original manuscript of his new generalized theory of gravitation to the Hebrew University on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

The conference is being attended by 250 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada. Dr. Einstein, who is president of the American Committee for the U.I.T., expressed the hope that widespread recognition would be accorded to the fact that the provision of a solid financial foundation for Israel institutions of higher learning "is an important and noble task for the entire Jewish people." (At the time the Bulletin went to press, Prof. Einstein had not yet concluded his speech. More high points of his address will appear in tomorrow's issue.)

The Jewish leaders who assembled here to discuss the mobilization of maximum American support for higher learning and science in Israel, unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that "the peace and welfare of a large and important portion of the world depend upon the prosperity of Israel," and that "Israel's economic and political future depends upon the full development and use of the resources of the mind." The resolution pledged "full support to Israel's three great institutions of higher learning, science and technology," and to "the \$5,500,000 campaign goal which has been set for the U.I.T. in the United States and Canada."

Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath, addressing the parley, paid high tribute to Prof. Einstein and extended to him greetings from the Israel Government and people. The Ambassador emphasized that the three institutions will play a major role in promoting the welfare and the progress not only of Israel but of all the countries in the Middle East.

Five-Point Program Set Forth By The Conference; 40 Governors Send Greetings

A five-point program for the U.I.T. was set forth at the conference by Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the board of directors. The program provides for: 1. Immediate growth of the University's Department of Education in order to relieve Israel's serious shortage of teachers; 2. Intensification of the Institute's program of biological research into the causes and treatment of cancer; 3. Expansion of Technion's training of aeronautical, transport, industrial and hydrotechnical engineers; 4. Increased efforts in the development of nylon-like plastic materials from the seed of the castor plant; 5. Greater concentration on the reclamation of Israel's wasteland areas.

Ways and means of achieving the \$5,500,000 goal for 1950 were discussed by the conferees after introductory remarks by Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Weizmann Institute, and H. Salpeter, executive vice-president of the U.I.T. Mr. Weisgal predicted that the character of Israel would depend in large measure on the achievements of the three institutions. "The Jewish state," he said, "will survive and flower again if we dedicate ourselves anew to the long and honorable tradition of Jewish learning and the pursuit of truth."

Dr. Einstein announced that governors of 40 states had sent messages of congratulations to the Hebrew University on its 25th anniversary celebration. A message from President Chaim Weizmann of Israel was read at the session. President Weizmann expressed the hope that the Near East would soon see "the establishment of a belt of flourishing countries, stretching from the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean, where the people of Israel and of the Arab countries will cooperate in harmony."

COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS AND WELFARE FUNDS GETS REPORT ON ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Large-scale expansion of agriculture and industry is necessary to solve Israel's foreign exchange problems and enable the new nation to become self-supporting, Harold Glasser, director of the C.J.F.W.F. Institute on Overseas Studies, reported today from Tel Aviv. Mr. Glasser points out that Israel can achieve a sound economic basis only through the process of reducing its reliance on imports from abroad.

Mr. Glasser has been in Israel since September, 1949, and is making a series of on-the-spot studies regarding "Israel's economic and philanthropic conditions." He will return to the United States at the end of this month to report to the communities and the C.J.F.W.F. board of directors.

"During 1950 and 1951 Israel will be importing a large amount of equipment, machinery and supplies, which are broadening the base of Israel's productive system," the C.J.F.W.F. Overseas Institute director declares. "The question which faces Israel is whether the expanded agriculture and industry will be able to produce the necessary commodities for the increased population; and above that, the substitution of Israel products for foreign products on the one hand, and the expansion of exports on the other hand."

To strengthen its foreign exchange position, Israel has initiated a system of import controls designed to reduce the gap of \$200,000,000 resulting from an unfavorable 1949 import-export balance, he explained. He stressed that Israel's major problem for 1950 is the need to obtain "hard currency," to purchase raw materials and machinery from the United States, and to make advantageous trade agreements in Europe.

"If there is a decline in the yield from American philanthropic campaigns, which are by far the largest source of dollars, and if private investment funds do not materialize on a larger scale than heretofore, there will be a serious problem arising from the inability of Israel to buy the right things in the right places at the right time," he stated.

Israel's concern over its economic future, Mr. Glasser said, arises from the fact that it will be using up two major sources of foreign exchange income--the Sterling balances and the U.S. Export-Import Bank loan, which will be exhausted in 1951. These now represent \$85,000,000 per year. Beyond that, the foreign exchange position of Israel must be improved to anticipate possible declines in future levels of philanthropy. Despite these difficulties, Israel's potential of land, labor and capital in agriculture is fully adequate to perform the task of transforming the country into a self-sufficient nation, he concluded.

ARGENTINE STATESMAN, CHAIRMAN OF SENATE'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, REPORTS ON ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, May 10. (JTA) -- Senator Diego Luis Molinari, chairman of the Argentine Senate's foreign affairs committee, today paid tribute to the accomplishments and ideals of the state of Israel. The Senator spoke at a luncheon tendered him by the local office of the Jewish Agency.

Sen. Molinari, who recently returned from a visit to the Jewish state, praised the care of children there which, he said, was better than any he had seen elsewhere in Asia. This situation exists, he pointed out, despite the national austerity program. He also asserted that "altruism had conquered self-interest" in Israel and that "injustice will never have a place in Israel." Dr. Yaacov Tsur, Israel Minister to Argentina, was another speaker at the luncheon.

FLOOD PARALYZES JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN WINNIPEG; U.J.A. CAMPAIGN AT STANDSTILL

WINNIPEG, May 10. (JTA) -- The rising Red River, which has flooded the greater part of this city, has also brought to a standstill all organized Jewish activity.

A celebration marking Israel's second anniversary, scheduled for May 9, was called off, as were other functions due to be addressed by the Consul General of Israel. The United Jewish Appeal and Histadrut campaigns have been brought to a standstill, since their headquarters are unapproachable.

The new Shaare Zadek Synagogue, built at a cost of nearly \$1,000,000, is now surrounded by 40,000 sandbags, but may have to be evacuated due to rising waters in the vicinity.

CALIFORNIA JEWISH COMMUNITY OPENS FIGHT ON RELEASED-TIME METHOD FOR RELIGIOUS STUDY

SANTA MONICA, Calif., May 10. (JTA) -- The Bay Cities Jewish Community Council's first public presentation of its fight against the practice of releasing children from Santa Monica schools to attend religious classes took place here. Support of the Council's position came from the Rev. Howard G. Matson, of the All Souls Unitarian Church, and others.

"The Bay Cities Star," published by the Council, declared: "While objections were lodged as to the effect upon minorities of the use of the classroom to emphasize differences, the major attack was levelled at the total question of the invasion of public education by sectarian groups, invalidating the historic and democratic separation of church and state."

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION MUST BE KEPT STRONG, DR. GOLDSTEIN SAYS ON RETURN FROM ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, declared at a press conference here today upon his return from Israel where he participated in sessions of the Zionist Actions Committee that the "Zionist Organization must be kept strong and vital, for it is the only reliable liaison between the Jewish state and the Jewish people."

Dr. Goldstein added: "We have become convinced of the importance of doing the utmost towards encouraging Chalutzim to help provide the Jewish state with skilled, hardy and idealistic pioneers who will bring with them a bit of the American spirit, energy and know-how, so much admired and respected by the citizens of Israel."

8,000 HEBREW AND YIDDISH BOOKS STOLEN BY NAZIS ARE TURNED OVER TO YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- An invaluable collection of 8,000 Hebrew and Yiddish volumes stolen by Julius Streicher, notorious Nazi Jew-baiter, has been turned over to Yeshiva University by the Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Agency, it was reported today. The books were stolen by the Nazis from Jews in Europe and North Africa in order to find source material to be converted into Nazi propaganda.

SOUTH AFRICA PERMITS EXPORT OF 400 HEAD OF CATTLE TO ISRAEL FOR BREEDING PURPOSES

JOHANNESBURG, May 10. (JTA) -- A license to export 400 head of cattle to Israel for breeding purposes has been issued by the South African Government, it was learned today. Last year a license for the export of 200 head was issued, but was not used.