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U.N. COMMISSION ADOPTS DRAFT OF COVENANT BINDING GOVERNMENTS TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS

LAKE SUCCESS, May 16. (JTA) -- The Commission on Human Rights this morning adopted a portion of the draft International Covenant on Human Rights, dealing with the duties and obligations of states party to the covenant. The text as adopted reads:

"1. Each state party hereto undertakes to respect and to ensure to all individuals within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction the rights recognized in this covenant, without distinction of any kind such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

"2. Where not already provided for by existing legislative or other measures, each state undertakes to take the necessary steps, in accordance with its constitutional processes and with the provisions of this covenant, to adopt within a reasonable time such legislative or other measures as may be necessary to give effect to the rights recognized in this covenant."

A United Kingdom amendment to include a provision that states should give full and complete effect by law to the provisions of the covenant before ratifying it was rejected by 10 votes, with Denmark, India and Lebanon abstaining. Only Britain voted for the amendment.

Several delegates pointed out that such a provision would be contrary to normal international practice on the ratification of covenants and conventions. They added that ratification of the covenant would be delayed or prevented if the states were required to adopt or alter their legislation in compliance with its provisions.

A five-nation effort to get the U.N. Human Rights Commission to keep alive a proposal for the establishment of an International Court on Human Rights stalled when the Commission, by a vote of eight to five, with two abstentions, turned down a French-Australian resolution asking the Economic and Social Council to obtain a report from the International Law Commission on all proposals--official and non-official--for implementing a Human Rights covenant through international judicial organs.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT BEGINS LENGTHY DEBATE ON NATIONAL BUDGET, DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament late today began a 30-hour debate on the proposed 1950-51 budget, which exceeds \$341,000,000. The deputies will consider the joint government-Jewish Agency Supreme Development Authority during the course of the budget debate.

Earlier, Premier David Ben Gurion reported on the formation of the authority, which would be charged with planning and executing immigration and absorption projects. The Premier asked the Knesset to ratify the establishment of the body and its composition--four Cabinet Ministers including the Premier, represent the government, and four leading members of the Agency represent the world Zionist movement. He also stated that the agreement was subject to ratification by the next World Zionist Congress.

TEL AVIV FACES BREAD SHORTAGE; BAKERS THREATEN STRIKE TOMORROW; DEMAND HIGHER WAGES

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- The population of the greater Tel Aviv area faces a bread shortage this week if a threatened strike of bakers goes into effect Thursday.

The workers in three major bread bakeries are preparing to stop work despite the fact that their demands for increased wages and improved working conditions are presently being considered by the government mediation machinery.

Government employed physicians today carried out their 24-hour stoppage in support of their demands for improvement of conditions and wage increases. Textile workers in this area are also growing restive and may strike in the near future.

TRANSJORDAN WILL RELEASE THREE ISRAEL SOLDIERS WHO UNWITTINGLY CROSSED BORDER

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- The Israel-Transjordan mixed armistice commission today agreed to return from Transjordan three Israel soldiers who were detained by the Arab Legion when they unwittingly crossed the demarcation line during a border patrol. A mixed military subcommittee will work out details for setting up mixed frontier posts and patrols in certain areas, so as to prevent border incidents.

The Cairo Radio today reported that Egyptian police ordered additional protection afforded to Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, who said that he had received a warning from Jewish extremists in Israel against taking any steps harmful to the Jewish state. Nathan Friedman-Yellin, leader of the militant Fighters Party in Israel which grew out of the Stern Group, confirmed to the press here today that he had sent a personal warning to Azzam Pasha.

The Israel Government this week contributed manufactured products valued at \$50,000 for the relief and rehabilitation of Arab displaced persons program conducted by the United Nations.

MUFTI'S AGENTS SET UP MILITARY GROUP TO "LIBERATE PALESTINE"; CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Government revealed in an announcement today the recent formation in Syria and Lebanon by the agents of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem of a "Military Organization for the Liberation of Palestine," which seeks to mobilize and train Arab refugees for irregular military operations against Israel.

In a pamphlet distributed in various Arab states, the organization blames the entire world for planning to "wipe out the Palestine Arab population" and charges Arab leaders with helping foreigners to attain their aims. The leaflet calls on the "entire Palestine Arab people, especially the youth of military age, to join our ranks and be ready to join the Holy War." The pamphlet is signed, "General Command, Military Organization for Liberation of Palestine."

JEW AND ARAB FOUND GUILTY OF ESPIONAGE IN ISRAEL GET THREE-AND-A-HALF-YEAR JAIL TERMS

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- Itzhak Shamai, a Jew, and Mohamed Elkader Matari, an Arab, who were found guilty of espionage following a prolonged trial here, were sentenced to three-and-a-half years imprisonment each today for "espionage activities likely to benefit an eventual enemy." They confessed that they had divulged the presence of vessels laden with Jewish immigrants in Haifa harbor.

FIRST IRAQI JEWISH IMMIGRANTS EXPECTED IN ISRAEL WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- The first group of Jewish immigrants from Iraq are expected to arrive in this country within the next two weeks, it was learned here after yesterday's meeting of the eight-member Supreme Development Authority, which discussed plans for removing the Jews from the Arab land.

Yesterday's meeting, the first of the new immigration and colonization policy-making body, was held at the home of Premier David Ben Gurion. Present at the discussion were the Premier, and Ministers Eliezer Kaplan, Golda Myerson and Moshe Shapira, for the government; and Berl Locker, Levi Eshkol, Itzhak Rapahel and Zvi Herman, for the Jewish Agency. It is expected that the Premier will go before Parliament this week with a request that it approve the establishment of the joint authority--urged by the Zionist Actions Committee--as well as the composition of the body.

It is estimated that some 50,000 Jews will be transferred in the first phase of the migration, while some 100,000 are expected to be brought out within 12 months after the exodus begins. The Iraq Government last week announced that the American-owned Near East Airways Company had been granted permission to fly the Jews directly from an Iraq field to Israel.

SHIP BRINGS 1,000 RUMANIAN JEWS TO ISRAEL; 600 JEWS FROM POLAND LAND IN HAIFA

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- Some 1,020 Rumanian immigrants disembarked from the transport Transylvania yesterday and 600 Jewish immigrants from Poland landed at Haifa. Another contingent of 584 Jews landed in Haifa today after arriving from Marseille aboard the Negba.

More than 2,700 tourists visited Israel last month, while a total of 10,280 tourists arrived in this country in the past four months, official statistics revealed here today.

2,000 JEWS IMMIGRATED FROM INDIA TO ISRAEL DURING PAST YEAR; ALL WELL INTEGRATED

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- Two thousand Jews immigrated from India to Israel during the past year, it was reported here at a reception tendered by the executive of the Histadrut to H. Zynowicz, chairman of the Indian Zionist Federation, and Dr. Mozes Elder, of the Bnai Israel community in India, who served at one time as Mayor of Bombay.

Almost all of the Indian Jews have been well integrated into the life of the Jewish state. A settlement set up exclusively for Indian Jews is progressing satisfactorily and another such colony will be founded soon, it was added. Three hundred Indian youths have settled in collective settlements.

CZECH AIRLINES CLOSE OFFICES IN TEL AVIV FOLLOWING SUSPENSION OF FLIGHTS TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- Czechoslovak Airlines has announced the closing of its Israel offices here. Its flight operations were suspended a year ago when the Greek Government withdrew permission for Czech planes to fly over or land on Greek territory. Representatives of the company expressed appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation extended to it by the Israel Government and the El-Al Company, Israel's national airline.

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GERMAN STATES IN U.S. ZONE EXTEND DEADLINE FOR CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY LOSSES

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- German authorities in the four states comprising the United States zone have extended the period in which Nazi victims residing outside Germany may file claims for indemnification for personal damages and loss of property, the State Department announced today. The new deadline is June 30, 1950. Originally it was March 31.

The extension is limited to the General Claims Law and does not apply to claims for restitution of identifiable property. In Bavaria, an applicant may file notice of a claim before June 30 and produce documents to substantiate his claim by September 30, 1950.

The Ministry of Justice of Wuertemberg-Baden has agreed to accept claims from persons living outside Germany until September 30 if they are transmitted through the following eight organizations: Association of European Jurists; Federation of Jews from Central Europe; Axis Victims League; Anti Nazi League; Jewish Labor Committee; United Jewish Survivors KZ Association in New York; Association Pour La Defense des Interets des Victimes De l'Axe, Paris; and Jewish Agency.

GERMANS WARNED AGAINST TAKING LIGHTLY DESECRATIONS OF JEWISH CEMETERIES

FRANKFURT, May 16. (JTA) -- The West German newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung today took issue with Germans who dismiss as "childish pranks" the recent wave of desecrations of Jewish cemeteries in various parts of West Germany and the Soviet sector of Berlin.

The newspaper declared that the attacks demonstrated with "terrifying lucidity" that racial intolerance is still being taught in some German families. Asking what each and every German has done to discredit anti-Semitism, the newspaper called on responsible Germans, including politicians, educators and newspapermen, to lead a campaign against anti-Semitism.

The Hamburg police today attempted to whitewash the anti-Jewish demonstrations which occurred in that city last April 14, during the trial of Veit Harlan, Nazi producer of the anti-Semitic film "Jew Sues." Reuters stated that the police issued a report denying that any demonstrations occurred.

Both German and foreign press associations reported on April 14 that a crowd threatened a half-Jewish witness against Harlan in the courtroom and later outside the building. When the witness, Miss Tarina Nishoff, made her way through the crowd to a waiting police car she was threatened and called a "Jewish swine." The following day, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer publicly apologized for the incident.

LONDON POLICE BAN MOSLEYITE MEETING FOLLOWING PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC LEADER

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- Anti-fascists forced the closing of a public meeting featuring a speech by one of Sir Oswald Mosley's chief lieutenants, Geoffrey Hamm.

After the anti-fascists gathered in front of the speakers' stand--set up in the center of the city--and protested Hamm's appearance, the police banned the meeting. Hamm is an organizer and leader of the so-called British Legion of Ex-Service-men, which has distinguished itself in the field of Jew-baiting.

PROBLEMS OF SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITIES DISCUSSED AT C.J.F.W.F. PARLEY IN CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, May 16. (JTA) -- The problems and needs of the small Jewish communities in the United States as well as the development of an effective central Jewish organization to meet these needs were discussed at a regional conference of small communities held here under the auspices of the East Central Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The conference also considered recommendations on the strengthening and unification of the small Jewish community. Continuance of effective financial support for Israel was also among the subjects discussed.

Various speakers pointed out that there was an urgent need for the central communal body in each locality to develop beyond the fund-raising level and evolve into an effective central planning body to meet local as well as non-local needs. It was emphasized that support of overseas causes through the U.J.A. given by the small communities, as well as caring for needs at home, could be maintained on a high level only if the small Jewish community central body becomes representative of the entire community.

The delegates were interested in the experience of Altoona and Uniontown, which had recently employed professional executive directors for their federations and community centers. It was the sentiment of the conference that possibly two or three additional communities in the tri-state area were large enough, had the resources, and would benefit from full time professional direction. Leadership of the smaller of the communities were interested in the possibility of establishing federations comprised of three or four contiguous communities and employing a full-time professional. Samuel Port of Altoona acted as general chairman of the conference.

U.S.N.A. APPEALS TO AMERICAN JEWS TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR 20,000 DP'S SEEKING ENTRY INTO U.S.

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- The fate of more than 20,000 Jewish DP's, who have waited five long years in Europe's bleak DP camps for an opportunity to rebuild their broken lives in the United States, today rests in the hands of the American Jewish Community, Walter Bieringer, president of United Service for New Americans, emphasized in an emergency appeal to American Jewish community leaders.

The new DP bill, which has already passed the House and Senate and is now being reviewed by a committee representing both bodies of Congress prior to its enactment, will enable at least 20,000 more Jewish DP's to reach the United States by June, 1951. This number is in addition to the 25,000 anticipated for 1950, Mr. Bieringer said.

Mr. Bieringer warned, however, that unless American Jewish communities immediately provided job and housing assurances for 10,000 Jewish DP families, they will be ineligible for admission to this country. "This means," said Mr. Bieringer, "that the Jews of America will decide within the next few weeks whether these DP's can come to this country where they may live in peace and dignity or whether they will be doomed to longer periods of frustration, homelessness, and misery."

In addition to the campaign in communities already participating in the United Service resettlement program, Mr. Bieringer issued a plea to leaders of smaller communities which have not yet undertaken to share the responsibilities of resettling Jewish survivors. "No community, small or large, can avoid the great American tradition of offering refuge to the downtrodden," he wrote.

J.D.C. ALLCOTES EMERGENCY GRANT TO AID 2,500 KURDISH JEWS WHO ESCAPED POGROMS

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- An emergency grant of \$25,000 to provide immediate food and housing for 2,500 Kurdish Jews who recently fled to Teheran to escape anti-Jewish excesses in north-west Iran has been made by the Joint Distribution Committee, following an on-the-spot inspection of the refugees' plight by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, its director-general.

Announcement of the grant was made by Edward M.M. Warburg, J.D.C. chairman, at a meeting of the agency's executive committee held today at the Hotel Commodore here. Mr. Warburg revealed that Dr. Schwartz, who arrived in Teheran last Thursday, cabled that the refugees were "in a deplorable condition facing starvation and epidemics."

According to Dr. Schwartz, about 1,800 of the refugees are camped in a Jewish cemetery outside Teheran, while some 700 are crowded in the local synagogue. Native Jews of Teheran, at a meeting held Saturday night, undertook to raise an additional \$25,000 to add to the J.D.C.'s emergency contribution for the refugees. In his cable Dr. Schwartz reported that the total \$50,000 will cover the most essential needs of Jewish refugees for a period of only sixty days. "The only solution to the plight of the Kurdish Jews in Teheran is their quick removal to Israel," he said.

SO. AFRICAN ZIONISTS SEEK AGREEMENT ON QUESTION OF ELECTIONS TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

JOHANNESBURG, May 16. (JTA) -- A decision to launch the Israel United Appeal in South Africa this month was reached here today at a meeting of the South African Zionist Council, in which all Zionist organizations in this country are represented. One hundred and twenty delegates from various parts of the Union and Rhodesia are attending the parley.

An extensive debate took place on the question of whether elections should be held for South African delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, scheduled for December in Jerusalem, or whether an agreed-upon list should be selected by the various parties involved. The latter position was supported by Bernard Gering, president of the S.A. Zionist Federation, who insisted that Israel's domestic and foreign policy should not be made an issue by any Zionist party outside the Jewish state.

It was decided to appoint a committee to look into the question further and to find out whether an overall agreement could be reached. The committee was instructed that if elections are held the date for them should not be earlier than September 10 and an agreement should be sought among the various parties to avoid any display of partisan bitterness at public meetings.

YASHA HEIFETZ, WORLD-RENOWNED VIOLINIST, ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WILL STAY FOUR WEEKS.

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- Yasha Heifetz, world-renowned violinist, arrived at Lydda airport last night and expects to remain in Israel for about four weeks. He will be featured at recitals of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and will also render a number of solo recitals.

FIRST EXHIBITION OF ISRAEL-MADE KNIITWEAR AND LEATHER PRODUCTS OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- The first exhibition of Israel-made knitwear and leather products opened here today at the Hotel Plaza. Included in the showing were a variety of woolen garments as well as shoes, handbags and other leather goods. The exhibition was held under the auspices of Service for Palestine, Inc.

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