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ISRAEL SUBMITS NEW PLAN FOR CONTROL OF JERUSALEM HOLY PLACES TO U.N. BODY

LIKE SUCCESS, May 28. (JTA) -- In a new plan for solving the Jerusalem deadlock, the Government of Israel today proposed that the United Nations adopt and implement a Statute empowering a United Nations authority to take effective control of Jerusalem's Holy Places and all other related matters of universal religious concern.

In a formal memorandum submitted by Aubrey S. Eban, permanent representative of Israel to the United Nations, to Roger Carreau, president of the Trusteeship Council, the Israel Government rejected the Statute drawn up by the Trusteeship Council in Geneva on the grounds that "the consent of the people of Jerusalem is indispensable to the effective functioning of the city's institutions" and that "religious peace cannot be secured by political suppression." The main lines of the plan proposed by the Israel Government follow:

1. A Statute should be adopted whereby the rights of the United Nations in respect of the Holy Places in Jerusalem would be derived directly from the General Assembly and accepted by all parties concerned. The authority of the United Nations in the Holy Places would thus take statutory form and not depend upon a contractual agreement, as in the Israel plan submitted to the Fourth Session.
2. There should be appointed a United Nations representative, or such other organ as may be found appropriate, for the discharge on behalf of the United Nations of the functions prescribed regarding the Holy Places in Jerusalem. This representative or organ should constitute an independent authority deriving its powers solely and exclusively from the General Assembly itself and exercising those functions in the international right without dependence on any individual government or accreditation thereto.
3. The United Nations representative thus appointed--or the United Nations organ thus set up--should carry out the following main functions in respect of the Holy Places in Jerusalem: supervision of their protection; adjudication of disputes between communities as to their rights in the Holy Places; the maintenance of existing rights in connection with the Holy Places; the initiation of their repairs; assurance of their exemption from taxation; questions relating to the maintenance of free access subject to the requirements of public order; facilitation of pilgrimage movement; issuing of reports to the appropriate United Nations organs on all the above matters.
4. Apart from their statutory sphere of authority concerning the Holy Places in Jerusalem, the United Nations representative or organ could negotiate agreements with both governments concerned, in conformity with the resolutions of the General Assembly, for the protection of Holy Places located outside the City of Jerusalem. The United Nations representative or organ could also negotiate, if required, on behalf of any Church organization submitting views or claims with respect to religious buildings, institutions or property.

Under the new Israel plan, the two governments in Jerusalem would give voluntary undertakings pledging themselves to observe human rights and fundamental freedoms; respect the immunity and sanctity of the Holy Places, guarantee free access; facilitate movements of pilgrimages, observe and maintain all the existing rights of

Churches and religious foundations, levy no tax in respect of any Holy Place exempt on May 14, 1948, and cooperate fully with the United Nations authority. These pledges would supplement the functions given to the United Nations authority under the new Statute.

ISRAEL TO ASK BIG THREE POWERS FOR CLARIFICATION OF NEW NEAR EAST ARMS POLICY

JERUSALEM, May 28. (JTA) -- Israel will ask the Big Three this week to clarify whether they are now ready to sell arms to the Jewish state and also to elucidate the passage in the joint U.S.-British-French declaration issued yesterday stating that arms will be supplied only if the purchasing state does not intend to wage aggressive warfare against any other state, it was learned here today.

Israel Government observers do not exclude the possibility that the U.S. will now bring pressure on Egypt to sign a non-aggression pact with Israel similar to the one now in force between Israel and Jordan. Some quarters here foresee the possibility that Israel will seek arms in Western Europe rather than in the United States because of cheaper prices.

Meanwhile, a U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission spokesman commenting on the joint declaration on arms said that the agreement "can in no way be regarded as a substitute for peace" and that the Conciliation Commission will "continue vigorously to aid both parties in reaching a final settlement."

Sharett Hails Tri-Power Announcement on Arms for Near East Countries

CAPE TOWN, So. Africa, May 28. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today hailed the American-British-French declaration of last week promising to supply arms for defensive purposes to Israel as well as the Arab states. Mr. Sharett described the new Allied policy as an "important step forward" for the Near East.

Yesterday, Premier Daniel F. Malan and members of the South African Cabinet received the Israel Foreign Minister. When Mr. Sharett arrived at the airport at Johannesburg he was met by a delegation representing the government, the municipality and the Jewish community. Paul Sauer, Minister of Transport, represented the government; Mayor Jack Mincer, a Jew, represented the city administration; and Edgar Gotein and Bernard Gering, represented the Jewish community.

American Zionist Council, American Jewish Committee Hail Arms Policy

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- The U.S.-British-French agreement on an arms policy for the Near East was this week-end called the "first break in the wall" of American refusal to sell arms to Israel by the American Zionist Council. In a statement, the Council said the tri-power policy "gives satisfaction" to all friends of Israel, adding that because of a vagueness in the announcement of the policy it will be necessary to wait for implementation before its full value can be assayed.

In a similar statement, Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, expressed gratification with the Allied policy. Mr. Blaustein declared that "by opposing the use of force or the threat of force to alter frontiers" in the Near East the Western powers "have effectively contributed to the guarantee of peace" in the area.

EBAN NAMED TO SUCCEED ELATH AS ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON; WILL HOLD U.N. POST

TEL AVIV, May 28. (JTA) -- Aubrey S. Eban, chief delegate of Israel to the United Nations, was this week-end appointed Ambassador to the United States. He succeeds Eliahu Elath who will become Israel's Minister to Britain. Mr. Eban is 35. He will continue as Israel's permanent delegate to the U.N.

\$2,500,000 WILL BE NEEDED TO TRANSPORT IRAQI JEWS TO ISRAEL, J.D.C. LEADER REPORTS

PARIS, May 28. (JTA) -- The sum of \$2,500,000 will be needed for "Operation Open Sesame" to bring to Israel by air more than 50,000 Iraqi Jews during the next 12 months, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee, said here this week-end at a press conference. Dr. Schwartz has just returned from a visit to Israel and Iran.

The cost of the operation, he added, has been increased by the Iraqi ruling that the emigrants must stop in a "neutral country" before the planes can bring the Jews to Israel. This necessitates the transports flying first to Cyprus, making a landing there and then proceeding to Lydda airport in Israel. The cost of bringing each immigrant to Israel is thus increased by \$15 per passenger, he explained. Each immigrant is allowed to take with him approximately 65 pounds of luggage and 50 dinars in cash.

Dr. Schwartz said the evacuation of the Jews will proceed at a rate of approximately 5,000 Jews monthly. The immigrants, he said, will be cared for upon their arrival in the Jewish state by the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government. "Hard core" cases, he added, will be handled by "Malten"--the special body set up by the J.D.C., Israel Government and Jewish Agency to provide care for all "hard core" immigrants reaching Israel.

Replying to questions, the J.D.C. leader asserted that Jordan has agreed to allow the planes carrying Israel-bound Jews from Iraq to fly over her territory. He appealed to Jews in the United States and throughout the world to help the J.D.C. "accomplish this great and unprecendented task."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE PROTESTS TO SPANISH ENVOY AGAINST BISHOP'S ATTACK ON JEWS

NEW YORK, May 28. (JWA) -- The American Jewish Committee this week-end protested to Don Eduardo Propper de Callejoh, Spain's Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, against an anti-Semitic article by Friar Leon Villuendas, Bishop of Tumul. The protest, contained in a letter from Jacob Blaustein, president of the A.J.C., calls the article "virtually an exhortation to religious war upon the Jews."

Pointing out that the article appeared in Arriba, official publication of the ruling Falangist Party in Spain, Mr. Blaustein said that "it is difficult to conceive that such an article could be published in Spain today without at least a tacit approval by the government," although he added that the A.J.C. is certain that the article "in no way represents official doctrine of the Catholic Church or the views of its responsible leaders."

ANTI-JEWISH QUOTA SYSTEM STILL IN EFFECT IN N.Y. STATE MEDICAL SCHOOLS; A.J.C. CHARGES

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Charging that "there is ample evidence" of a continued quota system limiting the number of Jewish students in medical schools within New York State, the American Jewish Congress today criticized the inactivity of the State Department of Education in implementing the Quinn-Olliffe Act outlawing such discrimination and called upon the Commissioner of Education to conduct an inquiry into admissions practices of the nine medical schools in the state.

The request for an inquiry was based on the results of an A.J.C. sample survey of medical school admissions which revealed that Jewish applicants with apparently outstanding qualifications have only half the chance of being accepted by the medical schools as do non-Jewish applicants. The survey analyzed the applications for admissions to the nine medical schools in the state of 61 of the 72 winners of the New York State Medical Scholarships for 1949;

N.C.R.A.C. CONFERENCE ASKS U.S. RATIFICATION OF UNITED NATIONS GENOCIDE CONVENTION

ATLANTIC CITY, May 28. (JTA) -- The eighth plenary convention of the National Community Relations Advisory Council concluded its four-day session here today with the adoption of a resolution calling on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to report out favorably and promptly the United Nations Convention Against Genocide. The resolution, which was adopted by the 200 delegates representing the major American Jewish groups and 28 local Jewish community councils, also called on this session of Congress to ratify the pact.

Earlier, the parley adopted a resolution calling on President Truman to order an investigation of the execution of American policy in Germany. It also requested the House and the Senate to pass pending resolutions requesting the investigation of the denazification policy in the U.S. zone of Germany.

During a discussion on interreligious tensions, Rabbi Morris Kertzer, director of interreligious activities of the American Jewish Committee, said that many misunderstandings between Christian and Jewish groups had been corrected, with resulting betterment of interfaith relations. Other speakers pointed out that such tensions cannot be confined to the groups involved, but inevitably "spill over to the general community."

One speaker pointed out that there are many common areas of agreement among the three major faiths, such as efforts in behalf of civil rights legislation in employment and housing. Another delegate pointed out that there are many points of disagreement within each of the various religious groups on such issues as separation of church and state, religious teaching in the public schools and federal aid to education.

Irving Kane of Cleveland was re-elected chairman of the N.C.R.A.C., while Sidney Hollander of Baltimore and Bernard Trager of Bridgeport were re-elected vice-chairmen. Lester A. Jaffe of Cincinnati was re-elected secretary and David L. Ullman of Philadelphia was chosen treasurer.

LABOR ZIONISTS HEARS SUGGESTION TO ABOLISH WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION PRESIDENCY

BOSTON, May 28. (JTA) -- The abolition of the name of the Jewish Agency and of the presidency of the World Zionist Organization was suggested here last night at the 27th national convention of the Labor Zionist Organization of America by Baruch Zuckerman, its president. Mr. Zuckerman also proposed the establishment of a united Zionist organization in this country in order to permit the participation of non-Zionists.

In support of his proposal to drop the presidency of the World Zionist Organization, the Labor leader said that the man who could serve as the accepted leader and symbol of world Zionism "has not yet emerged." Under such circumstances, he pointed out, the world Zionist executive would continue to function out of two major world centers--New York and Jerusalem. "Would it not be advisable to preserve equal status for both chairmen of both parts of the executive?" he queried.

Earlier, Mr. Zuckerman outlined three functions of Zionism today which he considered paramount: 1. To aid Israel establish itself firmly politically and economically; 2. Deepening Jewish consciousness and sentiment among the Jews outside Israel. This must be accomplished among adults and children through a ramified and intense program of Jewish education; 3. The introduction of organized responsibility into Jewish communities throughout the world, particularly in the United States.

ISRAEL HAS LABOR SHORTAGE DESPITE RECORD IMMIGRATION, GOLDA MYERSON REPORTS

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Israel is experiencing a labor shortage despite its record immigration, Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel Labor Minister, declared this week-end in a statement issued by the United Jewish Appeal.

Mrs. Myerson, who arrived in this country last Friday to aid the U.J.A. campaign, will address the U.J.A. conference in Chicago which will be held from June 8 to 11. Mrs. Myerson said that the "one of our biggest problems today is to find temporary housing at new settlement points or new industrial areas for the workers that are needed to keep our production machine at maximum effectiveness."

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY; OPENING SESSION IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- A week-long celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of the Workmen's Circle, one of the oldest and largest Jewish fraternal organizations in America, was opened here today at Madison Square Garden. Seven hundred delegates from all parts of the country and 18,000 members and friends of the Circle attended the session.

In a special message to the convention, President Truman declared: "Throughout the entire half-century of its existence, the Workmen's Circle has been an important factor in the lives of Jewish immigrants in this country. It is particularly gratifying to know that you have grown from a small organization to one of more than 70,000 members devoted to the advancement of the Jewish immigrants as workers and citizens of the American community." The message also said that the organization "has a fine record" for its devotion to the "cause of social progress and the extension of democracy."

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR THANKS INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION FOR AID

ATLANTIC CITY, May 28. (JTA) -- Addressing the 27th convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union here Eliahu Elath, retiring Israel Ambassador to the United States, last night expressed his nation's gratitude for the union's aid at "very critical and decisive moments."

Mr. Elath, who leaves this country next week to take up his new duties as Minister to London, spoke of the Jewish state's current economic difficulties, but expressed confidence that Israel will eventually overcome all obstacles. He reported that relations between Israel and Britain were improving. He also declared that Israel is anxious to serve as an example of a living democracy to the nations of the Middle East and seeks the establishment of peace and order in that area.

27TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI OPENS; TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF IMMIGRATION

GREENFIELD PARK, New York, May 28. (JTA) -- The 27th annual convention of the Hapoel Hamizrachi of America opened here this week-end with nearly 500 delegates, representing 30,000 religious labor Zionists, attending.

The question of the future of Zionism outside Israel, the problem of the absorption of immigrants in Israel, and the unity of the religious Jews in the United States occupied top priority on the convention agenda. The featured speaker at the convention, S.Z. Shragai, member of the Jewish Agency executive, hailed the lifting of the arms embargo on Israel. Dr. Bernard Bergman, president of the organization, in his address stressed the importance of increased immigration of pioneers to the Jewish state.

JUDGE ROTHENBERG HONORED AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER; URGES INCREASED AID TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- More than 500 persons representing the major Zionist groups in the United States attended a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here in honor of Judge Morris Rothenberg, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, who just returned from a planning-survey mission to Israel.

Calling upon American Jewry to realize that "Israel is in danger of being overwhelmed by economic disaster," Judge Rothenberg appealed to the Jews in this country to give maximum aid to the Jewish state. He revealed that the people of Israel have given more than \$100,000,000 toward the tasks of immigration and absorption over and above normal taxation. He also reported that an emergency budget of \$150,000,000 has been adopted for this year by the Jewish Agency to cope with the "spiralling needs" of immigration and absorption.

A citation plaque was presented to Judge Rothenberg by Israel Consul-General Arthur Lourie in behalf of the Israel Government and the National Sponsors Committee, which arranged the dinner to honor the judge for his 35 years of service to the Zionist cause. Principal speakers at the dinner included Aubrey Eban, newly-appointed Ambassador to Washington and head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations; Rudolf G. Sonneborn, chairman of the U.P.A. board of directors; Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America; Mrs. Samuel Halprin, president of Hadassah; General John Hillaring, Bartley Crum and others. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, presided.

JACOB ROSENHEIM, PRESIDENT OF WORLD AGUDAS ISRAEL, FLIES TO ISRAEL TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Jacob Rosenheim, president of the Agudas Israel World Organization, today flew from New York to Israel to take up permanent residence in the Jewish state. The religious leader, who is approaching his 80th birthday, has headed the organization since its establishment in 1912.

JOSEPH SPRINZAK, SPEAKER OF ISRAEL PARLIAMENT, ARRIVES IN ARGENTINA TO AID FUND DRIVE

BUENOS AIRES, May 28. (JTA) -- Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israel Parliament, arrived here this week-end to participate in the launching of the Argentine United Jewish Appeal. He was met at the airport by the Chief of Protocol of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, various other officials, and several thousand local Jews.

HAUSMAN, STONE NAMED TO LEADING POSITIONS ON BODY TO AID ISRAEL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, May 29. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein, president of the American Committee for the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute and Haifa Technion, this week-end announced the election of Samuel Hausman of New York and Dewey D. Stone of Brockton, Massachusetts, as executive president and chairman of the board of the committee, respectively.

MAURICE WERTHEIM, FORMER AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE PRESIDENT, DIES AT 64

CCS CCB, Conn., May 28. (JTA) -- Maurice Wertheim, former president of the American Jewish Committee, and noted philanthropist, died here last night of a heart attack. He was 64 years old.

An honorary trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, Mr. Wertheim served as fund-raising chairman of the Federation in 1947. He was also a trustee of Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. Wertheim was a former publisher of the Nation and was also a founder and a former director of the New York Theatre Guild.

BECAUSE OF DECEMBER DAY THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON WEDNESDAY