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## LONDON CONFERENCE FORMULATES POLICY FOR JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- The closing session of the conference of Jewish organizations from British Commonwealth countries adopted, with only one dissenting vote, a resolution declaring that the "representatives of Jewish communities in the British Commonwealth consider it highly desirable and necessary that efforts of Jewish organizations with consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council should be coordinated and that collaboration among them be promoted to the greatest possible extent."

The resolution stated further that "to this end, a regular procedure of consultation be established, enabling these bodies to consult together on subjects of Jewish concern which are on the agenda, or which can be raised at relevant meetings of the United Nations."

The conference also adopted the following recommendations on Israel: "The rapid development of Israel, being of vital concern to Jews throughout the world, it is the duty of communities in the Commonwealth to share the burden of providing the means required for the immigration to and the settlement of Jews in Israel and for the building of the Jewish state on solid material and moral foundations."

As a practical method to this end, the conference recommended participation in fund-raising, private capital investment, encouragement of imports from Israel, encouragement of Israel tourism and aid to qualified technicians and skilled workers wishing to settle in the Jewish state. The delegates voiced the hope that "lasting peace will speedily be established between Israel and her neighbors which will lead to further progress of the peoples in the Middle East."

The conference called on Jewish communities in the British Commonwealth to assist in the establishment of good relations between their governments and Israel, and urged Jewish communities to maintain "close cultural links with Israel, promote the knowledge of Hebrew and Jewish history, grant scholarships to students at the Hebrew University and religious colleges in Israel, who will then fill communal posts."

## Implementation of U.N. Human Rights Convention Urged

On the subjects of human rights and foreign affairs, the parley urged the setting up of machinery for implementation of the U.N. convention on human rights, to enable individuals and organizations to bring complaints of human rights violation before the United Nations. The conference also urged speedy ratification of the U.N. convention outlawing genocide by those governments which have not yet done so and expressed support for efforts to return Jewish war orphans to the Jewish fold and promote the adoption of the principle that children separated from their parents by the war, or other emergencies, be reared in the religion of their parents.

The conference noted "reports of anti-Semitic manifestations in Germany and Austria, failure of the denazification program and increasing Fascist influence" and called on public opinion to "bring pressure on the occupying powers to take action to

ensure that in the revised occupation statutes and eventual treaties with Germany and Austria, provisions will be included to curb movements which threaten the existence of Jewish communities not only in Germany, but also in other countries."

Other resolutions approved by the conference urged promotion of the U.N. convention to abolish statelessness, supported the U.N. convention protecting the rights of migrants and called for inclusion in the U.N. draft convention on freedom of information and of the press of provisions checking the abuse of this freedom by defamatory propaganda and incitement against groups on grounds of ethnic or religious differences.

The conference also expressed support for efforts of the United Restitution Office and the Jewish Trust Corporation to secure the return of private and communal heirless Jewish property in Germany and Austria for the purposes of rehabilitation and resettlement of victims of Nazism. Recommendations approved by the delegates on anti-defamation work stress the importance of cooperation between Jews and non-Jews in this field, since "anti-Semitism has been exploited to subvert the democratic way of life." Other recommendations adopted by the parley deal with the problems of community libel and dissemination of propaganda through the mails.

A resolution providing for establishment of a clearing house in London for the exchange of information on educational matters was approved by the delegates. It was suggested in this resolution that prospective Jewish teachers undergo a period of study in Israel as part of their training.

LEBANON POLICE ARREST 25 JEWS SEEKING TO CROSS BORDER INTO ISRAEL, BAGDAD RADIO SAYS

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- Lebanese police authorities have arrested a group of 25 Iraqi and Syrian Jews attempting to cross the Lebanese border into Israel, Radio Bagdad, monitored here, said today.

Israelis attending the weekly meeting of the Israel-Lebanese mixed armistice commission at Metullah strongly protested the violation of Israel's air frontiers by a Lebanese aircraft on July 24. The Lebanese retorted that an Israel fighter pursued the Lebanese plane 40 kilometers inside Lebanese territory. The commission decided to conduct an immediate investigation.

OVER 2,000 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL IN SINGLE DAY; INCLUDE 1,657 RUMANIANS

HAIFA, July 30. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 Jewish immigrants arrived in Israel today aboard three vessels. A total of 1,657 Jews landed here this morning from Rumania, making today's transport the largest single contingent to reach here from Rumania since the Bucharest regime decided to lift the emigration bars for Israel-bound Jews. A group of 165 Turkish Jews landed here this morning while 250 Jews arrived in this city from an Italian port.

Former Premier of Eire, Eamon de Valera, who arrived in Israel a few days ago on a Holy Year visit and was honored at a dinner tendered by Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog--who once served as Chief Rabbi of Eire--today left for the Old City of Jerusalem to visit Holy Places in Arab jurisdiction.

NEW ZEALAND GRANTS DE JURE RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL; AMONG LAST STATES TO DO SO

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- De jure recognition of Israel was granted by the government of New Zealand, an official announcement said here today.

ISRAEL ARMY SPOKESMAN REFUTES EGYPT'S CHARGES OF "PREMEDITATED AGGRESSION"

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Israel Army declared today that the Egyptian complaint to the United States charging Israel with "premeditated aggression" is "nothing but a blind for Egypt's warlike intentions toward the Jewish state and the refusal to make peace with Israel."

The spokesman recalled the minor incident on June 30 over which Egypt is now trying to create an issue. He said that an Israel patrol erroneously crossed the frontier on that day near Rafa, accompanied by a Piper Cub, but withdrew when the Egyptians opened fire. Later the mixed armistice commission discussed the incident and the matter was considered closed as far as Israel was concerned.

"Egypt's protestations to the United Nations come ill from a country which has a heavy record of aggression against Israel and seized every opportunity to proclaim her intentions to renew such aggression," the Israel spokesman said. He pointed out that Egypt refused to comply with the U.N. request to conclude a permanent peace with the Jewish state.

(At Lake Success Gen. William Riley, chief of U.N. truce supervision in Palestine, told a press conference he did not believe Israel-Arab armistice disputes were getting "too far out of line," despite the complaints by Egypt and Lebanon to the Security Council. The border incidents complained about by the two Arab countries could and should be settled by mixed armistice commission on the spot, he said.)

AMERICAN OWNERS OF TANKERS SEEK U.S. INTERVENTION AGAINST EGYPT'S RESTRICTIONS

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- The National Federation of American Shipping was today requested to call on the State Department and ask the U.S. Government to register a protest with the Egyptian Government against Egypt's new regulations which affect the passage of tankers through the Suez Canal. The regulations aim to prevent passage of oil tankers to Israel.

The request was made by the tankers committee of the American Merchant Marine Institute which emphasized that the new Egyptian regulations were beyond the bounds of the Suez Canal Convention, which is an international authority under international control. The committee also pointed out that the Egyptian regulations constitute an unjustifiable interference with international trade.

American tanker owners and operators have been warned by Egyptian officials that force will be used if necessary to detain tankers believed to be bound for Israel and without final clearance certificates. In addition they will have to produce a declaration from the customs officials at the port of destination certifying that their cargo was really discharged there and that it was for local consumption. This document must be countersigned by the Egyptian consul and produced by Suez within one month after the tanker discharged its cargo.

MAYOR OF JERUSALEM DENOUNCES RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS WHO MOLESTED U.N. CARS ON SABBATH

JERUSALEM, July 30, (JTA) -- Religious fanatics who last week molested consular and United Nations cars passing through the Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem on the Sabbath endanger Israel's position in the world, Mayor Daniel Auster of this city declared today, addressing a meeting of the municipal council.

He added that the extremists "staged a demonstration to prove the necessity for internationalization of the Holy City as advocated by that small minority." Stringent police measures were demanded by Mr. Auster to cope with the situation. The only road from the New City--held by Israel--to the Old City, held by Jordan, passes through the Mea Shearim quarter, inhabited chiefly by followers of the Neturei Karta ultra-religious sect, which considers vehicular traffic on the Sabbath a desecration.

ALL JEWISH CANDIDATES DEFEATED IN ELECTIONS TO HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY COMMITTEE

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- All Jewish candidates were defeated at the recent elections to the Central Committee of the Greater Budapest branch of the Hungarian Workers (Communist) Party, press dispatches from Budapest said today. The branch is the most powerful section of the Communist Party in Hungary. The reports pointed out that several Jews had belonged to the outgoing committee.

BRITAIN WILL INTERVENE SHOULD GERMANY FAIL TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITISM, OFFICIAL SAYS

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- The British Government "will not hesitate to intervene" should the federal authorities in Germany fail to deal with increasing anti-Semitism there, Lord Henderson, parliamentary Undersecretary of the British Foreign Office, declared here. He spoke at a dinner attended by 2,000 prominent persons marking the conclusion of the conference of leaders of Jewish organizations from the British Commonwealth at which various problems concerning Jewish life in Britain and in the Dominions were discussed.

Lord Henderson added, however, that he believes "a true and lasting solution of anti-Semitism in Germany can come only from the Germans themselves realizing that racial hatred can have no place in a civilized state." He admitted that "it is almost an insuperable problem to repair the hideous wrongs perpetrated by the Nazis" but quoted the recent statement by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to show that a majority of West Germans condemn the isolated anti-Jewish outbreaks in Germany. He emphasized that anti-Semitism has no place in the British Commonwealth.

The emergence of Israel, he continued, has in no way impaired the loyalties of British and Commonwealth Jewries to their countries of adoption. He pointed out that the close ties maintained by English Jewry with Israel constitute a strong link between the Jewish state and Britain. The British Government, he said, has displayed its friendly feelings toward Israel by granting the Jewish state first de facto and later de jure recognition, which was followed by a financial agreement and by the invitation to members of the Israel Parliament to visit England.

"Israel," Lord Henderson declared, "has chosen the democratic way of life and many of its institutions are derived from British and Commonwealth sources. Many leading statesmen were either born within the British Commonwealth or lived there for many years." He expressed the hope that the Israel Government will succeed in overcoming the tremendous difficulties of integrating elements of widely-differing backgrounds in culture, education and language.

Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, who was one of the speakers at the dinner, warmly praised the generosity of the Jewish communities in the British Commonwealth and the relief aid that they have extended to Israel and Jews in other countries. "The impact of the establishment of Israel has been and will be a good thing in the Jewish communities in the Commonwealth," he added.

GERMAN JUDGE REMOVED FROM BENCH FOR MAKING ANTI-SEMITIC REMARK IS RETAINED ON PAYROLL

STUTTGART, July 30. (JTA) -- Judge A. Kettnacker, who was recently removed from the bench after remarking that he does not "care whether someone is a Gauleiter or thrice unsuccessfully gassed a rabbi," is still employed by the public prosecutor's office, although he is not permitted to appear in court, it was revealed here today. The Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Justice has been urged to take further disciplinary action against Kettnacker.

WORLD HEBREW CONGRESS APPEALS TO MOSCOW TO PERMIT TEACHING OF HEBREW IN SOVIET UNION

JERUSALEM, July 30. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Soviet Government to permit the teaching of Hebrew in the U.S.S.R. and the dissemination of Hebrew books there was made here by the first World Hebrew Congress in a resolution adopted at its concluding session.

The Congress decided to establish close cooperation with the Jewish Agency and other national Jewish institutions. It declared that Hebrew is the only language that can unite the Jewish people the world over and called for the revival of Hebrew in Jewish private and public life.

The delegates also decided to establish a World Hebrew Union to implement resolutions of the Congress and approved a \$100,000 budget for the first year of its activities. Preparations will also be made to establish a Hebrew Cultural Fund. Menachem Ribalow, editor of the New York Hebrew weekly, Hadoar, and Isaac Ben Zvi, of Israel, were elected presidents of the organization. Samuel J. Borowsky of New York was elected chairman.

SOVIET WRITER EXPLAINS SUPPRESSION OF "JEWISH COSMOPOLITANISM" IN RUSSIA; ATTACKS ISRAELIS

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Claiming that he has no information about the group of internationally-known Yiddish writers who suddenly "disappeared" in Moscow, Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet novelist who is himself a Jew, told a press conference here that Jewish authors are being suppressed in Russia but not as Jews.

"Only Jewish cosmopolitanism is suppressed," he declared admitting at the same time that some of the articles in the Soviet press attacking "cosmopolitanism" were "stupid and idiotic." Among the Yiddish writers who "disappeared" in Moscow after the attack on "Jewish cosmopolitanism" was started are Itzik Feffer, who during World War II was sent by the Soviet Government to the United States to bring greetings from the Jews in the U.S.S.R. to American Jewry.

Mr. Ehrenburg, who "distinguished" himself by publicly insulting the first Israel Ambassador to Moscow, Golda Myerson, at a reception given by the Soviet Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, told the press conference here that Israelis are "poor little capitalists, who live on a few dollars which the greater capitalist Jews in America send them so that they may live in a little comfort."

NEW HIGHWAY LINKING TEL AVIV AND NATHANYA OPENED; COLONIES FOUNDED THROUGHOUT ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- The opening of a new, \$2,800,000 road linking Tel Aviv and Nathanya was marked during the weekend with celebrations in which Labor Minister Golda Myerson participated. The new highway is the greatest road-building project since establishment of the Jewish state.

The establishment of a number of new settlements in various parts of Israel during the week-end was announced here today. The Jewish Agency's settlement division founded five new colonies, four of which are peopled by new immigrants. A new settlement in the strategic Jerusalem corridor was established by 60 Yemenite immigrant families with the aid of religious labor groups while recent immigrants from India set up a new colony on the northern coastal plain accommodating 100 families.

A cornerstone was laid today at historic Caesarea for what is planned as a modern industrial center near the Haifa-Hadera highway. A new colony founded in the Sharon Valley was dedicated in memory of the late Haganah commander, Eliahu Golomb, and will be known as "Nir Eliahu."

BAPTIST CONGRESS RESOLVES TO FIGHT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; ENDORSES GENOCIDE PACT

CLEVELAND, July 30. (JTA) -- A resolution urging all members of the Baptist Church to fight racial discrimination and safeguard the rights of minority groups, including Jews, was adopted at the concluding session here of the Baptist World Congress this week-end. About 20,000 delegates from 52 countries attended the Congress.

Another resolution noted that only six more governments need ratify the U.N. Convention Outlawing the Crime of Genocide, and expressed the hope that the pact will become a part of international law through speedy ratification by the necessary number of governments.

U.S. JEWISH LABOR'S AID TO ISRAEL LABOR MOVEMENT LAUDED AT RECEPTION FOR AMERICANS

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- High praise for the aid which Jewish labor in the United States has extended to the Israel labor movement was given here today at a reception tendered in honor of a delegation of 50 Americans who arrived here by air on a National Committee for Labor Israel mission. Israel Mereminsky, Histadrut leader, extolled the efforts of American Jewish labor in behalf of Israel. High government officials, including Labor Minister Golda Myerson, attended the reception.

UNITED PALESTINE APPEAL MAKES KNOWN FOUR-YEAR PLAN TO DEVELOP ISRAEL AGRICULTURE

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- A four-year plan designed to strengthen Israel's economic structure by developing 1,250,000 acres of land was announced here during the week-end by Judge Morris Rothenberg, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal. A comprehensive report of the plan was submitted to Judge Rothenberg by Dr. George Stefansky, U.P.A. research director who has just returned from Israel. The report pointed out that within the next four years a minimum of about 20 percent of Israel's total population--including an expected 800,000 new arrivals--will be engaged in agriculture.

HILLEL FOUNDATIONS ANNOUNCES GRANTING OF TEN INTERFAITH SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- Student winners of 10 annual \$300 interfaith scholarships awarded by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations at leading universities throughout the country were announced here during the week-end by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, national director of the Foundations. The scholarships are awarded to students who "contributed most during the past year to interfaith or intercultural relations at that particular campus."

JAN PIERCE, NOTED AMERICAN TENOR, ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WILL PERFORM AT CONCERTS

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- Jan Pierce, noted American tenor and star of the Metropolitan Opera House, arrived in Israel during the week-end for a series of concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

LEON FINKELSTEIN, NOTED JEWISH ESSAYIST AND CRITIC, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 55

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- Leon Finkelstein, noted Jewish essayist and critic who in pre-war Poland was one of the most eminent Jewish literary figures, died here last night at the age of 55. During the war he escaped to Russia where, along with thousands of other Jews, he was sent to Siberia and assigned to cutting lumber for several years.