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U.S. JEWISH LEADERS CONFER IN JERUSALEM ON ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS; IMMIGRATION NEED CITED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The delegation of American Jewish leaders who arrived here during the week-end to participate in conferences on Israel's economic problems, and to discuss the floating of a \$1,500,000,000 loan for Israel among Jews throughout the world, adjourned their meeting today after hearing addresses yesterday and this morning by Premier David Ben Gurion and Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan on the prospects of Israel's becoming economically stronger in 1953.

The conferences will be resumed tomorrow morning. The Americans were scheduled to make a swift tour of Israel, including the Negev, today and to hear a report on Israel's military security tonight from Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. Yigal Yadin. Meanwhile, the Israel Cabinet met today to continue discussions on the Jewish state's economic situation. The Cabinet is expected to conclude its economic deliberations on Thursday, when the American Jews end their meetings here.

Opening the extraordinary conference at the King David Hotel here last night, Premier Ben Gurion presented an inspiring survey of Israel's progress from the termination of the British Mandate to the "successive phases of consolidation of the state." He emphasized the "most significant and creative phenomenon in contemporary Jewish history--the mass movement of Jews returning in unprecedented numbers to their historic homeland." The Israel Premier, who dwelt on the "striking change on the composition of immigration through the spectacular rise in the proportion of Oriental Jews, asserted that more than 1,400,000 Jews from Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia seek to come to Israel.

If they are to be saved from destruction, the Israel Premier said, a minimum of 600,000 immigrants must be brought to Israel in the next three years. An annual immigration to Israel of 200,000 is therefore, he continued, a "matter of great urgency." The Jews "in a number of countries have no other choice--and we in Israel also have no other choice. Despite all difficulties, the flow of immigration must continue," he stated.

Ben Gurion Demands Immigration Even If It "Is Economically Unfeasible"

Premier Ben Gurion continued: "We know that Israel is a small country threatened with a second round by the Arab states, who receive arms from abroad while there is practically an embargo on arms for Israel by the United States and Britain. We carry a heavier defense burden than the people of the United States and while we are still young and struggling to get on our feet, we must take in people. It may be politically irrational, it may be economically unfeasible--but since when has a mother refused her children?"

Asserting that Israel is fully aware of the great trials flowing from such a flood of immigration, the Premier cited reports on intelligence tests of new immigrants to disprove the assertion that the "new wave of immigration from backward and poverty-ridden countries will lower the intellectual and spiritual level of the Jewish community in Israel." While Israel already feels a great lack of skilled labor, professional engineers, nurses and doctors, the Israel Premier said, immigrants from the Orient have proven themselves excellent pioneers. He voiced the hope that the "west would send skilled workers and professional persons to serve in the development of the country."

During the past two years, Mr. Ben Gurion reported, 240 agricultural settle-

ments were established, 2,100,000 dunams of land were put under cultivation and 82,000 persons were settled on the land. "These amazing developments were made possible by Oriental Jews from Turkey, Yemen, Morocco and Eastern Europe," he declared. He also traced the "eminently constructive and highly adaptable quality of Eastern immigrants, as exemplified by their record in the Army and by their intellectual development."

Outlining the problems facing Israel in integrating 600,000 immigrants in the next three years, Mr. Ben Gurion said 200,000-250,000 pounds will be needed to settle 60,000 families on the land, and an additional 150,000 pounds will be required to house 700,000 newcomers--including the 80,000 immigrants still living in reception camps. The Premier said that a total of \$1,500,000,000 will be needed to expand production not only for home consumption, but to increase exports to lessen Israel's dependence on foreign exchange.

"We do not believe," the Premier said, "in coordinated planning only and we don't believe in regimented economy. In every branch of industry there is every opportunity for private initiative, but you cannot bring in hundreds of thousands of persons to a young country, without planning their housing and employment and adequate agricultural development."

Finance Minister Kaplan told the conference that Israel is financially solvent and is on the road to increasing its national income from 240,000,000 pounds in 1949 to 480,000,000 pounds in 1953. In three years, he said, Israel would be financially in a very good position, were it not for the problem of immigration.

The Finance Minister predicted that after 1953, "those coming to Israel will do so as a result of the force of attraction rather than expulsion." Mr. Kaplan stated that Israel is "not as poor as many think. Encouraging reports justify our hope that the present difficulties are only temporary and that self-imposed hardships--which we will continue to impose on ourselves--will bring a brighter future, that is not far away," he added.

Kaplan Denies Inflationary Tendencies Exist in Israel

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Israel Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan denied last night that inflationary tendencies exist in the Jewish state or that the government is considering a currency devaluation. Mr. Kaplan made this statement prior to the opening of the special conference of Israel Government and Jewish Agency leaders and a delegation of American business and communal leaders.

The Finance Minister revealed that approximately five percent of deposits were withdrawn from banks during the month of August, amounting to about \$19,000,000. He declared that this sum increased the gold price "unjustifiably and unreasonably" and those persons who rushed to stores to buy up large quantities of goods would lose a "good part of their money." He also disclosed that the government had allocated about \$225,000,000 for immigration, absorption and colonization and that about \$140,000,000 had already been spent by June of this year.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett told a press conference that the consultations which opened here will not embrace the financial crisis but will instead help the government draw up a long-term policy of immigration and absorption.

Earlier, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, declared that the consultations will not deal with Zionist affairs. He pointed out that the relations between the Agency and the government were decided at the last meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee.

SCHOOLS REOPEN IN ISRAEL, COORDINATION OF HIGHER SCHOOLS OF LEARNING IS CONTEMPLATED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- All schools throughout the country reopened today after the summer vacation period, except the elementary schools which postponed their reopening until September 14, the day following Rosh Hashanah.

Premier David Ben Gurion has appointed a committee to study various problems concerning higher education, including the coordination of the programs of the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science and Haifa Technological Institute. The committee will seek to raise the level of research in academic education and coordinate scientific research with the country's development and security programs.

The problem of attracting Jewish scientists and religious scholars from abroad to Israel, as well as of encouraging Jewish students to go abroad to complete their studies, will also be dealt with by the committee. Gen. Yaacov Dori, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, is chairman of the committee, which has among its members leading educators from all Israel institutions of higher learning.

HAIFA AIRFIELD REOPENS AFTER EIGHT MONTHS; NEW JERUSALEM-TEL AVIV ROAD DEDICATED

HAIFA, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Haifa airfield, which has been closed since January 1, 1950, reopened here today for domestic and international traffic. The airport has already granted facilities to Cyprus Airways to operate one weekly run between Nicosia, Cyprus capital, and Haifa. A second weekly flight will be added to the schedule later.

A new eight-mile road cutting the time of the motor trip between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv by 20 minutes was officially opened in Jerusalem by Labor Minister Golda Myerson. The road runs from the Latrun junction on the old Jerusalem highway to a mile or so before Ramleh.

U.N. PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION LEAVES ISRAEL; WILL RECONVENE AT LAKE SUCCESS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission wound up its current sessions here and will leave for Ankara for a short visit to Turkey. The Commission will reconvene at Lake Success on October 2. During its stay in the Middle East the Commission held official talks with the leaders of the governments concerned as well as private conversations with leading personalities in the various countries.

EGYPT WILL CONTINUE TO BAR ISRAEL-BOUND OIL TANKERS FROM PASSING THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government will continue to bar oil tankers bound for Israel from passing through the Suez Canal, Foreign Minister Mohahmed Salah el Din Pasha said last night in Cairo, press dispatches reported. The Egyptian Government, he added, has drafted replies on this question to protests emanating from the American, British and Norwegian governments.

COMMUNISTS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST U.S. FILM ON KOREA AT Y.M.C.A. BUILDING IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Communist demonstrators at the Y.M.C.A. here Friday night failed to halt the showing of an American film on Korea. The strong police guard assigned to the auditorium where the film was screened did not intervene when the Communists halted the demonstrations of their own accord.

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JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL OF BUDAPEST IS REPORTED TAKEN OVER BY HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT

ROME, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish High School of Budapest--one of the best educational institutions in the Hungarian capital--has been taken over by the Hungarian Government, according to reports reaching here today. The school's teachers, the reports said, will be assigned to other posts, in accordance with the official nationalization policy.

The "Tarbut" Hebrew school in Budapest was taken over by the government last year and all of the school's Jewish teachers have been replaced by Christian instructors. Hebrew is no longer part of the Tarbut school's curriculum, the reports reaching here stated.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN GERMANY DEPLORE U.S. RELEASE OF CONVICTED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

MUNICH, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Communities, on the occasion of the "Day of Fight Against Inhumanity," which takes place this year September 10, issued a statement today declaring that "five years after the end of the war, the world is far from realizing that the Jewish people lost 6,000,000 souls." The statement adds that it is "incomprehensible that the Allies decided to free the Nazi war criminals."

Philip Auerbach, president of the Bavarian Indemnification Office, has dedicated 11 cemeteries for Nazi concentration camp victims, it was announced here during the week-end.

NEW REPORTS OF NAZI BRUTALITY AT SOBIBOR CAMP ARE REVEALED AT TRIAL OF FORMER GUARD

FRANKFURT, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- New tales of Nazi brutality at the notorious Polish concentration camp of Sobibor were unfolded here during the week-end as the trial of former guard Hubert Gomerski ended with his being sentenced to life imprisonment and loss of civil rights.

In handing down the sentence the president of the Frankfurt Court of Assizes said that Gomerski's deeds went beyond what the human mind can imagine. Gomerski was convicted of taking part in the mass shootings of Jews. Witness after witness, during the trial, told that Gomerski, together with another camp guard, had made a game of swinging Jewish children by their legs and hurling them to their deaths. Former inmates of the camp told how Gomerski would walk along rows of terrified people bashing in their heads with a heavy iron water can.

Gomerski's counsel, a Dr. Lengersfeld, renounced his right to make a final plea, declaring that it would be against his principles. He told the court that his attitude was "the silence of a German ashamed of the fact that these deeds were committed by people speaking my language."

U.S. REPORT TO UNITED NATIONS REVIEWS PROGRESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DURING PAST YEAR

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The United States, in a report to the United Nations on human rights progress in this country, yesterday reported various moves against racial discrimination as a step to realization of the American ideal that each individual has a right to "succeed to the best of his ability." The U.S. report, which will be included in the U.N. Human Rights Yearbook, cited a number of Federal directives during the past year, including appointment of fair employment officers for government departments, banning of loan guarantees for "restricted" housing projects and national park regulations against discrimination.

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ISRAEL AIRLINE MAKES SPECIAL FLIGHTS TO RETURN 400-U.S. STUDENTS STRANDED IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- El-Al, Israel's national airline, is dispatching two planes to Shannon, Ireland, to pick up and fly to the United States the first contingent of some 400 American students stranded in Europe, El-Al offices here announced today.

The students were stranded when the planes they were originally scheduled to use were diverted to the Pacific airlift, which is carrying supplies to American forces in Korea. Youth Argosy, a student tourist organization, chartered the Israel craft to return the students to New York.

U.S. FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR EWING LAUDS LABOR ACTIVITIES IN JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Truth is a greater weapon in the world's battle for human freedom and democracy than are tanks, heavy bombers or the atom bomb, Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing asserted here last night. Mr. Ewing was the principal speaker at a special inter-faith rally in tribute to the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, held at the Labor Temple here.

"Truth was what made our country free--truth and the courage to act," Mr. Ewing stated. "Across the seas, in the little land of Israel, truth was the chariot on which the Jewish people rode to freedom--truth and the courage to act. On the other side of the world, in the pitted, bloody hills of Korea, we of the United Nations are fighting for the truth--the truth that shall make men free."

Mr. Ewing, in paying tribute to Israel and the Histadrut, declared: "I have seen with my own eyes the upbuilding of labor democracy in Israel. I have seen the hard work, the energy, the bitter determination, the single-minded devotion, with which the people of Israel must claw out of the barren soil a new nation, conceived like our own in liberty and dedicated like our own to the proposition that all men are created equal."

AMERICAN MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION TO BUILD U.S.-TYPE ARTS AND SCIENCES COLLEGE IN TEL AVIV

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Construction of a new arts and sciences college patterned after American institutions of higher learning will be undertaken in Tel Aviv within a year, Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, president of the Mizrachi Organization of America, announced here. The college will be under the auspices of the American Mizrachi organization.

The new institution is expected to begin accepting students in three years. It will be the first institution of its type in Israel because the existing institutions of higher learning there are either technical schools or ones which specialize primarily in graduate work. The city of Tel Aviv has already set aside a tract of land on which the new school will be located.

ORTHODOX YOUNG RABBIS ARE URGED TO ENLIST AS CHAPLAINS IN AMERICAN ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Rabbi Samuel Berliant, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, today issued a call to all Council members as well as to graduates of various Orthodox rabbinical seminaries, urging young rabbis to enlist as chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces. "In these days of stress, when our country calls upon our young men to rise to the defense of our cherished democracy, the work of the chaplain assumes increased importance," the statement said.

CONVENING OF PAN-AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE IS URGED AT U.S. YOUTH PARLEY

NARROWSBURG, N.Y., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The early convening of a "Pan-American Jewish Youth Conference" was proposed here today at the annual assembly of the National Jewish Youth Conference by Arnulf M. Pins, chairman of the Conference, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The National Jewish Youth Conference, a permanent body representing 300 local Jewish youth and young adult councils, Mr. Pins declared, "should provide the basis for a world Jewish youth conference." The 200 delegates from 63 communities in 20 states heard Mr. Pins recommend that U.S. Jewish youth map plans for participation in the 300th anniversary of the American Jewish community, which will be observed in 1954.

Other proposals outlined at today's session called for exchange visits between American and Israel youths, scholarships for U.S. Jewish youths seeking to study and work in Israel, and establishment of closer relationships among youth groups the world over. Earlier, the assembly heard a proposal that U.S. Jewish youth organizations "adopt" newly-established agricultural settlement in Israel and undertake practical programs in behalf of their respective colonies.

B'NAI B'RITH GIRLS ORGANIZATION ADOPTS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING U.N. ACTION IN KOREA

FIATEROOKVILLE, N.J., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A resolution supporting United Nations action in the Korea conflict was adopted today at the closing session of the national convention of B'nai B'rith Girls, which has a membership of 8,000 teen-agers. Members of the organization from all parts of the U.S. and Canada met here for four days to study programs of creative Jewish living and problems affecting "Jewish youth in the non-Jewish world."

In its resolution on the Korea situation, the B'nai B'rith Girls pledged "complete support to the United States Government in whatever programs are established to assure a victory over the forces of aggression." Miss Marian Litinsky, a student at New Jersey State Teachers College in Trenton, N.J., was elected national president of the organization.

YOUTH SECTION OF HAPOEI HAMIZRACHI IN U.S. AND CANADA HOLDS FOUR-DAY NATIONAL PARLEY

CARBONDALE, Pa., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Etra! Akiva, the youth section of Hapoel Hamizrachi, the religious labor Zionist organization, held a four-day national convention here over the week-end. More than 300 delegates representing 7,000 members in the United States and Canada attended the convention.

Israel Immigration Minister Moshe Shapira, a leader of the world Hapoel Hamizrachi movement, cabled a message to the conference calling on American Jewish youth to "meet the challenge for Chalutzic manpower." The message added that this "historic mission has already been partially accomplished by your organization."

MICHAEL TUCH, WHO SET UP HEBREW CHAIR AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, DIES; WAS 74

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Michael Tuch, who in July of this year set up a Chair of Hebrew Literature and Ethics at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., died here during the week-end, at the age of 74. Formerly a penniless emigrant from Germany, he established in 1948 the Michael Tuch Foundation which contributes annually to charitable and educational institutions.