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JEWISH AGENCY DECIDES TO POSTPONE HOLDING OF WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS TILL MAY 1951

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive today decided to postpone the forthcoming World Zionist Congress from December 1, 1950, to the end of May, 1951. Before that time, the executive decided, a "Congress of American Zionists" should be held in the United States and some 2,000 to 3,000 American Zionist leaders should be invited to it. The vote was seven to three.

The proposal to postpone the World Zionist Congress was made by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Agency executive in the United States, in behalf of all Zionist groups in America. Dr. Goldmann stressed that the Zionist leaders are unable to leave the U.S. when the United Jewish Appeal starts.

S.Z. Shragai then suggested that a plenary meeting of the Jewish Agency be held in New York, after which the "Congress of American Zionists" could be opened. The purpose of this parley would be to discuss the future of Zionism and lay plans for obtaining financial assistance for Israel. The Agency members would remain in the United States for a time to assist the U.J.A. campaign. The decision on the exact date on which the postponed World Zionist Congress would be held will be delayed until absent members of the Agency and the Zionist Actions Committee can be heard from.



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AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS IN JERUSALEM DEBATE ISRAEL'S PLAN FOR \$1,500,000,000 LOAN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The various currents prevailing among Jews in the United States with regard to giving increased financial aid to Israel--including heavy participation in the \$1,500,000,000 loan which the Jewish state contemplates launching among Jews throughout the world--found their expression here today at the urgent economic conference called jointly by the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency in which 44 American Jewish leaders are participating.

The general debate on the Israel Government's plan to seek a huge loan among the Jews of the world, and principally among the Jews of the United States, was opened today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency. He said that world Jewry has not understood the full significance of the revolution which took place in Jewish life with the establishment of the state of Israel. The problems which now confront that state--such as immigration and absorption--are problems which belong to the entire Jewish people, he insisted, adding that local needs must be postponed.

Robert Nathan, noted American economist and member of the economic department of the Jewish Agency in America, said that "although American Jews have been most generous in their contributions, charity alone cannot build Israel." Pointing out that Israel's decision to assume one-third of the financial burden will mean austerity and a serious lowering of the standard of living in Israel, he declared that no such sacrifice would be involved for American Jewry to loan or invest the greater part of a billion dollars.

Mr. Nathan predicted that Israel will spearhead the economic development of the entire Middle East. "Nobody can seriously question the fact that Israel can quickly become economically self-supporting and repay all its obligations," he said. He expressed the opinion that American Jewry is in a favorable economic position to provide a large loan to Israel during the next three years.

Wants U.J.A. Campaign to Be Conducted Independently of Local Drives

Julian Venezky, United Jewish Appeal leader, urged that the U.J.A. campaign be conducted independently of local welfare fund drives "because of the constantly heightening friction between Israel and local needs." He added that "a straight appeal for the U.J.A. will give everybody a chance to give the utmost for Israel."

Harold Lindner, representing the Joint Distribution Committee, said that the J.D.C. has not reached a decision on a bond issue. He thought it wiser not to undertake a bond issue on the basis of future immigration, but rather on present needs. Two hundred million dollars are needed annually, he said, to assure a decent level of living for the 460,000 immigrants who have already arrived. He cautioned the Israel Government to be prepared to meet the very substantial cost of the redemption of the bond issue and warned against regarding it as contributions instead of investment.

Stanley C. Myers of Miami, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, asked for more information on the effects of a bond issue on other sources of support for Israel causes.

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AMBASSADOR EBAN PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO TRUMAN; PRESIDENT PLEDGES U.S. AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel presented his credentials today to President Truman at the White House. The Israel diplomat, who also leads his country's delegation to the United Nations, told the President that the people of Israel "will never cease to feel the most profound gratitude for the memorable and decisive steps" taken by Mr. Truman in behalf of the establishment of the Jewish state.

Mr. Eban, following the credentials-presentation ceremony, told White House correspondents that Mr. Truman had asked him to convey his good wishes to President Chaim Weizmann of Israel. He said that President Truman stated that he was gratified to see "the manifestation of the desire of Israel to cooperate in the maintenance of world peace," and that this desire has been given concrete expression by Israel's support of the United Nations action in Korea. Mr. Truman promised to Israel the "understanding and cooperation of the United States Government," Ambassador Eban added.

In presenting his credentials to the President, Mr. Eban told Mr. Truman that Israel "continues to devote its efforts unstintingly to the fulfillment of its essential purpose--the provision of a home for hundreds of thousands of our people who come to our shores to seek a life of freedom. Israel is still on firm foundations of free democracy," the diplomat added. Mr. Eban stressed in his remarks to the President that Israel will "continue to strive for peace and agreement with its neighbors."

HERUT DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF ISRAEL GOVERNMENT AND HOLDING OF NEW NATIONAL ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A demand that the Israel Government dissolve and hold another national election within the next six months was voiced here today in a resolution adopted at the conclusion of a meeting of the national council of the right-wing Herut Party.

The demand was based on two points: the government's failure to conclude peace with the Arab states and its failure to achieve satisfactory absorption of the large-scale immigration. The resolution pointed out that as far as the Arab situation was concerned there still is continuous bloodshed along the borders of the Jewish state. Concerning immigration, it pointed to the economic dislocation in the country, asserting that Israel is on the "verge of economic collapse."

The meeting also issued an appeal to Herut members in Israel and Zionist-Revisionists throughout the world to "prepare seriously" for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress and to make certain that the Revisionist representation is large enough "to convert the World Zionist Organization into a political instrument capable of giving comprehensive aid to world Jewry and introducing a new relationship between the Jewish state and the Jewish people."

19,000 JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVED IN ISRAEL DURING AUGUST; 1,650 MORE ARRIVED THIS WEEK

HAIFA, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A total of 18,800 Jewish refugees arrived in Israel during the month of August, it was reported here today.

An additional 980 immigrants landed here today aboard the S.S. Kommuniut. A party of 670 Jews from Poland were disembarked here yesterday from the transport Galilah. The vessel immediately put out to sea to return to Venice for another transport of immigrants.

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BRITISH GOVERNMENT APOLOGIZES FOR R.A.F. PLANE'S VIOLATION OF ISRAEL TERRITORY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The British Government has apologized to Israel for the violation of its territory by an R.A.F. plane several months ago, it was learned here today.

The note said that strict instructions had been issued some 18 months ago to all R.A.F. units concerning navigation over Israel. It added that new instructions had been issued recently to prevent recurrence of such an incident.

FIRM UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ISRAEL IS URGED BY LONDON TIMES

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A firm understanding between Israel and Britain was urged in an editorial in the London Times. Declaring that prospects of a general settlement between the Arab states and Israel have not been appreciably advanced by the efforts of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, the paper said:

"Egypt and other Arab states insist that Israel must comply with the decision taken at Lake Success for the readmission of Arab refugees before they will negotiate. At the next General Assembly meeting the Arab states are to raise the question of refugees. Israel will then have the opportunity of explaining her real difficulties.

"Only a greater sense of realism induced by the threatening international situation, which is now beginning to influence Arab countries, will convince them of the truth that in the interests of the entire Middle East region, individual settlements with Israel are indispensable. They have to accept the new state as permanent, which some of them have not yet done.

"Unfortunately, there have been setbacks to Israel's prospects of quickly establishing working relations with Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon," the editorial pointed out. It mentioned the charges of brutality against Israelis preventing infiltration, the cutting off of the Arab frontier villages from water supplies, and the fear of Israel's territorial expansion despite the three-power guarantee.

"The British part in a settlement is to seek a firm understanding with Israel on the one hand and with the Arab states on the other," the Times declared. "An alliance between Britain and Egypt on equal terms for protecting their common interest in peace in the Middle East--which could lead to similar pacts with other Arab countries and the establishment of good relations between the Arab world and Western powers as well as between the Arab world and Israel--is essential if the urgent economic and social problems of the Middle East are to be solved," the editorial concluded.

ISRAEL MINISTER CALLS ON BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY ERNEST BEVIN; CONVERSATION GENERAL

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Israel Minister Elisha Elath today called on British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, at the latter's invitation.

The three-quarters-of-an-hour conversation was on a general level, with some emphasis on the Middle East, it was revealed. British quarters described the visit as a "courtesy call" prior to Secretary Bevin's departure from London.

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B'NAI B'RITH DECIDES TO SET UP ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE; ACTS ON KOREAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Taking into consideration the Korean situation, the national executive committee of the B'nai B'rith today voted to set up a "B'nai B'rith Service Committee for the Armed Forces."

The executive also decided to extend the work of the present B'nai B'rith Committee on Veteran Affairs on the basis of the following three-point program: 1. To continue the program of service for men and women in uniform everywhere, with respect to the present conflict; 2. To support the national civil defense program; 3. To continue service to the disabled veterans in hospitals.

SCHOOL, CHURCH CANNOT OFFSET HOME INFLUENCE IN FIGHT ON BIAS IN CHILDREN, SCIENTIST SAYS

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The school, church and state have made little headway in the fight against prejudice because these bodies cannot offset the prejudice which children acquire in the home, the annual convention of the American Psychological Association was told this week-end. This conclusion was contained in a report by Dr. Gordon W. Allport, prominent Harvard University social psychologist, who received an award from the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues for his work in this field.

Rabbi Henry E. Kagan, spiritual leader of Sinai Temple, Mt. Vernon, New York, who is also a psychologist, reported on a study he made on changing the attitude of Christians toward Jews. His findings, he stated, were that there is no correlation between objective knowledge of a fact and tolerance. "Information does not reduce prejudice," he asserted.

PREJUDICE IN CHILDREN SET AS EARLY AS FIVE YEARS OF AGE, PHILADELPHIA STUDY REVEALS

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Prejudice in children is set as early as the age of five, six or seven, a study undertaken last year with the cooperation of the Philadelphia school system has revealed.

The study, which attempted to determine whether and to what extent young children are aware of racial and religious groups and young children's attitudes toward such groups, was carried on in six schools with 250 children of various racial and religious groups. The authors of the study concluded that children at an early age clearly reflect adult patterns of rejection and hostility. The study revealed that Jewish children are more concerned with group belonging than Catholic or Protestant children.

INTERGROUP COLLEGE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS MEASURES TO COMBAT RACIAL PREJUDICE

MILFORD, Pa., Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The need for educators to "attack prejudice" in the classroom was emphasized here by delegates attending the College-Age Intergroup Conference of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The 54 delegates from the Greater New York area attending the parley urged local school boards to strive for the development of better relations between various racial and religious groups.

The conference recommended that boards of education in large and small urban centers train school and communal leaders who are "needed to reduce intergroup tensions;" establish "human relations centers;" permit schools to remain open during the afternoons and evenings for extra-curricular activities under proper guidance; and "develop closer cooperation between schools and neighborhood organizations, churches, synagogues and health centers."

SITE OF KFOR TRUMAN IN ISRAEL IS DEDICATED; U.S. JEWISH LEADERS JOIN IN CEREMONIES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A tract of land located near the Lydda Airfield was dedicated yesterday as Kfar Truman, in honor of the United States President. The land, belonging to the Jewish National Fund, will be settled initially by 80 immigrant families from Eastern Europe.

Participating in the dedication ceremonies, in addition to officials of the government, were several members of the American Jewish delegation now in Israel to consult with Israel Government and Jewish Agency leaders on floating a \$1,500,000,000 loan for the Jewish state. These included Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the J.N.F. of America. Speakers at the dedication ceremonies lauded President Truman for his aid to Israel and to the Jewish people.

NATIONAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS AND U.S. LABOR LEADERS GREET AB. CAHAN ON 90TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A 40-page edition of the Jewish Daily Forward, largest Yiddish daily newspaper in the world, devoted to the 90th birthday of its editor-in-chief, Abraham Cahan, was published here yesterday. The edition carries many pages of greetings from national Jewish organizations and leaders of the American labor movement.

Messages from Israel emphasize the contributions which the veteran Jewish editor has made in stimulating American Jewish interest in Israel. Mr. Cahan will be honored at a special luncheon on Saturday at the Hotel Commodore.

ISRAEL STARTS SALE OF TICKETS TO WORLD MACCABIAH; THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS EXPECTED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The sale of tickets for the third world Maccabiah games, opening September 27 in the newly-built stadium at Ramat Gan, started today throughout Israel. Thousands of tourists are expected to witness 500 top-ranking athletes from 30 foreign countries who will compete in the ten-day program of athletic events.

The Jewish Olympiad will cost \$700,000, apart from the cost of construction of the Maccabiah stadium. A camp will be placed at the disposal of guests and visiting athletes, and the camp canteens will do their own cooking with supplies provided by the Israel Ministry of Supply. The Israel Army will participate in a special ceremony at the closing stages of the games.

FIRST GROUP OF BRITISH FANS FLY TO ISRAEL TO ATTEND WORLD MACCABIAH GAMES

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Sixty-five men and women, the advance guard of an estimated 340, today flew from England to Israel to attend the world Maccabiah games there later this month. Four more planes will be needed to carry the fans to Israel. The British team, numbering 80 persons, will leave for the Jewish state on September 23.

SECOND TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK BETWEEN ISRAEL AND U.S. OPENED; ROUTED VIA MANILA

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A second telecommunications system between Israel and the United States was opened via Manila this week-end. The first message over the network was an exchange of greetings between Philippine President Quirino and Israel's Acting President Joseph Sprinzak.