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WASHINGTON FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE ON ISRAEL OPENED; WEIZMANN, BEN GURION APPEAL FOR AID

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The four-day National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation opened here today with a presentation by Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's Finance Minister, of a three-year aid program for the Jewish state and with messages from President Chaim Weizmann and Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel, appealing to American Jewry for maximum assistance.

Addressing the 280-man steering committee of the Conference, Mr. Kaplan said that the bulk of funds required between now and the end of 1953 must come from philanthropic aid and private investments. He predicted that despite the great influx of immigrants, Israel will be well on the road to economic stabilization by 1956. He estimated that the sum of \$1,500,000,000 will be required by the Jewish state by the end of 1953.

President Weizmann in his message to the Conference, which is attended by 1,200 Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada, expressed confidence that "American Jewry will prove faithful to its noblest traditions and will join in holy partnership with Israel, which will result in the greatest constructive self-help program in Jewish history."

Expressing regret that he could not attend the Conference, President Weizmann said: "Neither words nor figures are adequate to describe the great hardships and burdens which the people of Israel are assuming in order to keep the doors of the young state open to all who must enter. But our suffering is a joy in the face of the historic opportunity which the existence of Israel grants to us. For the first time in millennial Jewish history, our people have the power to take the initiative in rescuing hundreds of thousands of homeless Jews."

Premier Ben Gurion, in his message, warned that "political uncertainties throughout the world which bring great pressure on our people in Oriental countries and Eastern Europe" compel the Jewish state to accelerate its efforts of rescue and economic resettlement. He emphasized that the three-year plan, which was first projected by 50 American Jewish leaders at a conference in Jerusalem last month, represented a "supreme test" for both Israel and all Jewish communities abroad.

The Israel Premier said that despite difficulties involving austerity and other problems, the people of Israel have already demonstrated that they can achieve self-sufficiency in the coming years. He stressed the importance of continued large-scale immigration into Israel and emphasized that: "No one knows what may happen next year or after to those who now have the opportunity to come to Israel. He appealed to American Jewry to continue its partnership in this "great and sacred undertaking."

Mr. Kaplan told the delegates that the people of Israel would undertake even more severe austerity measures to help provide part of the \$1,500,000,000 required to carry out the three-year plan. However, he emphasized that the balance would have to come from the Western hemisphere, notably from the United States.

PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISRAEL'S CABINET CRISIS IMPROVE; TWO POINTS TO BE SETTLED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The outlook for settlement of the 13-day-old Cabinet crisis appeared brighter today as Mapai and Religious Bloc leaders approached a common position with only two points of disagreement remaining.

A formula worked out by the Religious Bloc calls for the formation of a Ministerial Committee to explore all demands of the Religious Bloc. "Until an agreement has been reached a status quo will remain in all religious matters," the statement adds. David Ben Gurion, however, insists that the word "until" be replaced by the word "if." But it is reported that Mr. Ben Gurion has agreed to abide by whatever wording is found acceptable by the Mapai Political Committee and Parliamentary group which met today in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Ben Gurion's demand to the Religious Bloc that it pledge to remain in the Cabinet until the present term of the government runs out in January, 1953, was met by a counter-formula on the part of the Orthodox parties which reads: "All coalition parties declare that they sincerely desire to complete the constitutional term of the government." The Religious Bloc leaders are also assembling in Tel Aviv to await the Mapai's decision after which they will give their final reply.

In the event that these two points of difference can be resolved a 13-man Cabinet, including the controversial proposed Minister of Trade and Industry, Jack Gering, will be presented to the Knesset for a vote of confidence, which it will undoubtedly receive. The prospects for an early settlement are improved by the desire of all parties to aid the Washington conference for Israel and Jewish rehabilitation which opened today.

Last night the leaders of the majority of Israel's major parties declared that the only solution for the crisis is new elections. They expressed this opinion at a "symposium" press conference at which they reviewed the events of the past two weeks.

However, Dr. Pinhas Rosen, Progressive Party leader and Justice Minister in the dissolved Cabinet, who yesterday surrendered his week-old Mandate to form a new government, told the round-table conference that "I am not sure that there will not be a solution of the problem within the next few days" with the establishment of a 13-man Cabinet. Dr. Rosen, who revealed that he is still conferring with David Ben Gurion and other party leaders, said he felt that his "mission" is not a failure. He indicated that he will continue his mediation attempts.

The Mapam representative at the press conference, Israel Bar Yehuda, insisted that the best solutions were either new elections or the establishment of a labor coalition of the Mapai and Mapam based on a mutually acceptable political program. In response to a question, he said that the Communist Party would be an acceptable partner in such a coalition if it accepted the Mapai-Mapam program.

Elections were also suggested by Yochanan Bader of the Herut, who revealed that his party had undertaken unsuccessfully to unite the Herut, General Zionists, Mirachi, Hapoel Hamizrachi, Agudas Israel and the Poale Agudah in one Parliamentary group.

Dr. Jacob Kabanov of the General Zionists said there is "no way out" except immediate elections since the present regime had "failed." He added that he foresaw a new coalition in the future including General Zionists participation based on a "sound economic policy, the encouragement of private initiative and the end of discrimination against any sector of the population."

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U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DIRECT PEACE TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARABS

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Calling for replacement of the "negative peace" in Palestine by a "positive peace" founded on normal relations between Israel and the Arab states, the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission last night recommended to the General Assembly that it urge the Arabs and Jews "to engage without delay in direct discussions under the auspices of the United Nations and, with its assistance, to arrive at a peaceful settlement."

The commission recommended that the problem of Arab refugees should be given first priority in such discussions. Spelling out the terms for solution of this problem, it proposed return of that number of refugees to Israel which would be consistent with their own best interest, immediate payment of compensation for the lost property of non-returning refugees and the providing of facilities for resettlement of non-returnees in the Arab countries with the technical and financial assistance of the U.N.

The recommendations are contained in a supplement to the Commission's regular report to the General Assembly, which was issued several weeks ago. Emphasizing the purely military and transitional character of the armistice agreements, the Commission asserts that they will never succeed in providing the guarantees of stability characteristic of the peace based on a final settlement of all questions. Such negative undertakings of non-aggression, the Commission finds, must be replaced by "positive peace."

The Commission lists these factors which it says have prevented the conclusion of a positive peace: establishment of a new state in alien territory; the nulling effect of the armistice agreements; and the failure of Arabs and Jews alike to dispel doubts about their spirit of conciliation.

"A new harmony," says the Commission, which is made up of France, Turkey and the United States, "can result only from a compromise by which, firstly, the new state of Israel will do its best to counteract the dislocations caused by its own establishment among the Arabs, and secondly, the Arab countries will endeavor to adapt their policy to the new state of affairs."

The recommendations by the Palestine Conciliation Commission come at a time when Arab leaders here have taken every opportunity to reaffirm publicly their rejection of direct peace discussions with Israel and their opposition to a peace settlement in the Middle East. On the other hand the Commission's call for direct discussions is essentially a proposal that has been pressed upon the Commission by the Israel Government for more than a year.

U.N. AGENCY SEEKS \$50,000,000 TO AID PALESTINE REFUGEES; SUBMITS REPORT TO ASSEMBLY

LAKE SUCCESS, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- United Nations work relief for Arab refugees is progressing slowly and an additional \$50,000,000 is needed for the United Nations Works Agency in Palestine for the coming fiscal year, the Agency's director, Howard Kennedy, informed the General Assembly today in a 55-page report on the work program.

Only about 17,500 of the more than 750,000 Arab refugees are working on work projects to date, the report reveals. In asking for an added \$50,000,000, Mr. Kennedy and the Agency's four-nation advisory commission--made up of France, Turkey, Great Britain and the United States--called for an immediate sum of \$5,000,000 to tide the Agency over the period until July 1951, when the new fiscal year begins. The report suggests that \$30,000,000 requested be earmarked for a "re-integration fund" and the rest be used for direct relief.

CORPORATION TO AID IN UTILIZATION OF JEWISH RESTITUTION FUNDS FORMED IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- A new limited liability corporation, designed to aid in the utilization of Jewish restitution and indemnification funds now being recovered in Germany, has been established in Hamburg, it was reported here today. It will be known as the International Trust Corporation.

The corporation was formed through the interest and efforts of the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee. These organizations have for some time recognized the special need in Germany for a reliable institution which can assist public and private Jewish restitution and indemnification beneficiaries with advice in matters concerning the utilization of their blocked funds.

It will be the Corporation's special task to study the possibilities of utilizing such funds with a view to submitting suitable proposals to the relative Allied and German authorities for their approval and to attending to the execution of such proposals after they have been approved. The Corporation will also deal with other special problems confronting the holders of such funds.

In connection with the work of the Corporation, there will shortly be formed internationally one or several advisory boards consisting of prominent businessmen and representatives of the above-mentioned Jewish organizations. The Corporation will operate in the American, British and French zones of Germany and in the Allied sectors of Berlin.

U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN GERMANY REASSURES AMERICAN JEWS ON CONTROL OF RESTITUTION

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner in Germany, has reassured the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe that the Allies are "resolved not to permit any developments which would jeopardize the successful conclusion of the restitution programs" in Western Germany.

The Federation, which last month expressed concern to Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Commissioner McCloy over reports that the Allies are preparing to drop control of the tri-zonal restitution programs, released the High Commissioner's reply today.

The McCloy reply, contained in a cable from Frankfurt, said: "I can state definitely that the Foreign Ministers have taken no decision which could be interpreted as adversely affecting the administration of the zonal restitution programs." He also reported that in a "recent address to the German people over the Western German radio stations I publicly announced the intention of the High Commission to retain its authority in the field of restitution."

JEWISH BANKER RELEASED IN GERMANY; GERMAN POLICE RAID JEWISH HOUSES IN MUNICH

MUNICH, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Joseph Klihanaky, board member of the Jewish Bank of Industry and Commerce here, was released from jail today after having been imprisoned since September 15. The prosecution had charged the Bank with currency violations.

A police raid on the Jewish-populated section of Munich took place yesterday. Houses were searched for illegally imported coffee and cigarettes; however, no considerable quantities were discovered. Twelve persons were arrested by the German police.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY CONCLUDES IN NEW YORK; ADOPTS DECISIONS ON GERMANY, U.N.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The American section of the World Jewish Congress today concluded its two-weeks' special conference here with a number of decisions including a recommendation that the General Council of the organization be summoned in the late summer of 1951.

The conference condemned the policy of rearming Germany "as likely to revive and strengthen" the military elements who have always menaced the democratic, peaceful world. It also viewed with the "gravest disquiet" the collapse of the Allied denazification policy, the Bonn Government's failure to suppress anti-Semitism, "the restoration of known and avowed former Nazis to positions of authority and the liberation of convicted Nazi war criminals." The conference called upon the Allied Powers to obtain German guarantees of payment of reparations for anti-Jewish crimes of Nazi Germany.

Emphasizing the "increase of anti-Semitic activities in various parts of the world fomented by Nazi and fascist elements who have escaped from and found refuge outside Germany," the conference decided to call the attention of the governments concerned and the appropriate United Nations organs to the danger points.

The conference also was gravely concerned over "deepening international tensions." Stressing world Jewry's vital stake in the maintenance of peace, the conference expressed its "fullest reliance on the strengthening of an effective and all-embracing United Nations Organization as the central factor for world peace," and promised its complete support and cooperation to the work of the U.N. It examined the present Jewish position in Central and Eastern Europe in relation to "the pressing necessity of Jewish emigration" and special problems affecting the future of the Jews in these countries.

In addition the conference reviewed the world-wide cultural work of the World Jewish Congress; decided to increase cooperation with UNESCO in the fields of general culture, adult education and book revision; stressed continuation of WJC guidance to Jewish organizations and communities throughout the world on best use of their cultural and educational resources and the organization of their growing educational systems.

Z.O.A. WILL SUPPORT GENERAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL. STATEMENT INDICATES

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Support of the Zionist Organization of America to the Organization of General Zionists in Israel was indicated in a statement of policy adopted this week by the national executive committee of the Z.O.A., it was revealed here today. The statement was adopted by a vote of 54 to 7.

"We note with satisfaction," the statement said, "the remarkable growth and increasing strength of the Organization of General Zionists in Israel--Histadruth, Barionim Hakalim--more especially in recent months and will continue to maintain close and fraternal relations with it in furtherance of common ideals and in the hope that it will fulfill its role as a great Center Party in the interest of stability and the harmonious collaboration of all constructive elements."

\$40,000 RAISED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DENTAL SCHOOL AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY; \$300,000 SOUGHT

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The first \$40,000 of a \$300,000 goal for the establishment of a dental school at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was raised here at a reception of the dentists division of the American Committee for the University, Weizmann Institute of Science and the Baifa Technion. The reception honored Prof. Leo Olitzki, head of the University's Department of Bacteriology.

ABRAHAM HARMAN NAMED COUNSELOR AT ISRAEL EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON; WAS CONSUL IN CANADA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Abraham Harman, formerly Israel Consul in Canada, has been appointed Counselor at the Embassy of Israel in Washington, and Director of the Israel Office of Information in New York. Mr. Harman has already assumed his new duties.

Mr. Harman, who is 36 years old, was born in London and educated at Oxford University. He settled in Israel in 1938 and shortly after, spent two years in South Africa, working with the South African Zionist Federation. He returned to Jerusalem in 1940, and worked for the Jewish Agency. In 1948 he was appointed Deputy Director of the Press and Information Division of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and in July, 1949, he went to Canada as the first Israel Consul-General to that country.

JEWISH AGENCY MEMBER IN U.S. ABSTAINS FROM SIGNING APPEAL TO END ISRAEL CABINET CRISIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Zvi Lurie, member of the American section of the Jewish Agency Executive, today announced that he was not among the members of the Agency who sent a cable from New York to Jerusalem asking that the Jewish Agency Executive there issue an appeal to all parties to end the Cabinet crisis immediately.

Declaring that he did not sign the cable, Mr. Lurie said in his statement: "The main reason for it is my sincere belief that the magnificent support of American Jewry towards Israel cannot depend upon confidence or lack of confidence in the resigning government and, I hope, will increase in the future regardless of the internal problem of new democratic elections." Mr. Lurie emphasized in his statement that "the appeal was not directed to all parties."

DECLINE IN FUND RAISING FOR ISRAEL REPORTED AT ZIONIST CONFERENCE IN CANADA

TORONTO, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Fund-raising for Israel in the Toronto region has declined about 20 percent, according to a report submitted to the Ontario Regional Conference of the Zionist Organization of Canada. Addressing the conference, Wilfred Gordon, regional chairman of the United Israel Appeal, described as "a tragic paradox" the increase in Israel's needs for financial assistance and the decrease in contributions from Jewish communities in the region.

Mr. Gordon attributed the decline in fund-raising to two factors: first, the 1948-49 campaigns were over-subscribed under the impetus of Israel's war of independence and, second, the novelty of the establishment of the Jewish state is wearing off. He appealed for greater efforts to overcome the sense of apathy which has set in among the Jewish communities. The conference was also addressed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

MEMORIAL MEETING FOR HELLMAN HELD IN BUENOS AIRES; HEADING TO BE TRANSMITTED TO ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- More than 500 persons attended a memorial meeting here for Jacob Hellman, late leader of the World Jewish Congress. It was addressed by Yacov Tsur, Israel Minister to Argentina, and Robert Markus, W.J.C. director in New York, who is on a visit here. The Jewish community of Buenos Aires is arranging for the transfer of Mr. Hellman's remains to Israel and will publish his book "Jerusalem" in Spanish and Yiddish. It was announced at the meeting.

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