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REMAIN URGED TO CONCLUDE MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT WITH ISRAEL: SUEZ ROLE FORESEEN

LONDON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The question of British shipment of arms to Egypt continued to be the subject of debate in Commons for a second day today as a vote of censure of the Labor Government was demanded by Winston Churchill, leader of the Parliamentary opposition.

Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, today endorsed a promise made to the House last night by Foreign Under Secretary Ernest Davies who told the rebellious M.P.'s that 16 Centurion (heavy) tanks which are destined for shipment to Egypt will remain in this country until after Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin makes a policy statement on them to Parliament. Lord Morrison also announced that Secretary Bevin will speak to Parliament next week, but refused to promise a general debate at the conclusion of Mr. Bevin's statement.

In connection with the two-day debate, Lord Strabolgi tonight called for a mutual defense pact between Israel and Britain. Speaking at a Maccabi meeting, Lord Strabolgi said that under such circumstances Israel could take over responsibility for the defense of the Suez Canal and release British soldiers of that task.

Asserting that the Suez Canal can be attacked or defended from Israel bases, Lord Strabolgi insisted that the Jewish state "cannot hope to become another Switzerland in this troubled world." If Israel were to take over the defense of the Canal, he suggested, it could provide naval and air bases for United Nations forces in the event of an emergency. In return, he said, Israel could look for assistance in the event that it was the victim of aggression and would get economic aid in its present situation.

During the debate yesterday, Richard Crossman, Laborite and former member of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry on Palestine, charged that Egypt did not want arms to fight Communism but to attack Israel. He was joined by Laborite R.T. Page who declared that Egypt was openly threatening the Jewish state and pointed out that if Israel became the victim of aggression Britain might find itself facing its own tanks in any international intervention in behalf of the Jews. Mr. Davies replied that he could not accept the view that Egypt would attack Israel because the Arab states had promised that if they received arms the weapons would be used for defensive purposes only.

VATICAN'S DEMAND FOR JERUSALEM INTERNATIONALIZATION SUPPORTED BY FRANCISCAN ORDER

ROME, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The powerful Franciscan Order today joined the Vatican campaign in behalf of the internationalization of Jerusalem with a formal endorsement of Vatican demands for international control of the city and its environs by the secretary-general of the order. Speaking to newsmen, the secretary-general, who is also Papal Custodian of the Holy Land, criticized a Canadian-Dutch proposal for the internationalization of the Holy Places in Palestine alone. He admitted the Israelis have not hampered the free movement of Catholic pilgrims to and from the Holy Places in Israel, but insisted the Jews cannot be entrusted with the "cradle of Christianity."

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JORDAN PREVENTS ISRAEL CONVOY FROM REACHING MT. SCOPUS; BREAKS WEEK-OLD AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- For the second time this month Jordan today prevented the passing of an Israel convoy to the Hebrew University at Mount Scopus. The convoy, which is being sent to the Arab-isolated Mt. Scopus section of Jerusalem every fortnight, was turned back today by the Arab Legion.

A communique issued by Israel authorities here expressed surprise that Jordan once again flouted the agreement of the mixed armistice commission with regard to permitting the passage of Israel convoys to Mt. Scopus. The communique pointed out that only last week Jordan, in the presence of United Nations officers, agreed to permit the passage of such convoys.

GOLDA MYERSON NAMED TO HEAD GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS IN WORK CAMPS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Labor Minister Golda Myerson was today given complete charge of the government's program in behalf of immigrants living in work villages and semi-permanent camps.

The action was taken at a meeting of the Cabinet where it was decided to centralize the various government services which must aid the immigrants in the forthcoming winter months. It was decided to complete as soon as possible all wooden huts now under construction in the centers, which have a high percentage of tent dwellers. Three thousand new wooden huts must be built before the winter sets in, the Cabinet decided. Premier David Ben Gurion, who is now on leave in Tiberias, was not present at the session.

COMMUNIST CONVICTED OF HAVING ISRAEL MILITARY SECRETS IS SENTENCED TO SIX-YEAR TERM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem District Court today sentenced Uri Winter, a member of the Communist Party of Israel and military columnist of the party organ, Voice of the People, to six years' imprisonment for "noting down military secrets from an Israel Army sergeant named Reicher."

The defendant maintained that the information was intended for use in a Parliamentary debate. Reicher was sentenced earlier to ten years' imprisonment by a military court.

Winter, who came here 14 years ago from Czechoslovakia, was planning to be married and the sentencing judge said that "it is hard to sentence a young man about to marry, but the state's security must take precedence over any other consideration."

TRIAL OF "Kapo" OPENS IN ISRAEL; CHARGED WITH BEATING JEWS TO DEATH IN NAZI CAMP

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The trial of Jacob Honegmann, who was charged by Jews in Beersheba with committing cruelties against Jews in Nazi camps during the Hitler regime, started here today.

The accused was identified as a "Kapo" -- an auxiliary policeman -- in the Greiditz concentration camp. The charges against him include the beating of Jewish camp inmates to death and ordering other Jews under "death showers." He is on trial in accordance with the law for the punishment of Nazis and their collaborators recently passed by the Israel parliament.

AUSTRALIAN JEWS HOLD PROTEST MEETING AGAINST PLAN TO ADMIT LARGE NUMBERS OF GERMANS

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Three thousand persons last night attended a meeting in Town Hall here called by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry to protest the government's plan to admit large numbers of Germans as immigrants to the Commonwealth.

A total of 11 speakers, most of them non-Jewish, including a representative of the League of Ex-Servicemen, denounced the plan. "The mass migration of Germans to Australia is a build-up of an enemy within and a threat to our security," the meeting was told. Herbert Evatt, former Foreign Minister, wired his support of "efforts to safeguard Australian democracy against the introduction of dangerous Nazi elements into the population" to the meeting.

CANADIAN MILITARY GROUP DENOUNCES DOMINION'S INTENTION TO ADMIT GERMAN IMMIGRANTS

MONTREAL, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Safeguards against the entry of "Germans who have given no evidence of purging themselves of Nazi doctrine and totalitarian philosophy" were asked in a resolution unanimously adopted by the council meeting of the Canadian Legion's Quebec Provincial command. The resolution also urged intensive screening of all Germans seeking admission to Canada, including "non-German elements who have served in the German Army or any other German military formation."

It directs the government's attention "to the very serious danger to the country in any policy that allows entry of German immigrants without thorough and efficient weeding out of political undesirables." Alleging denazification in Germany is a failure, the Legion's resolution predicts that the Canadian Government's "intended admission of substantial numbers of German immigrants at this time will result in widespread propaganda directed against Canadian and democratic ideals."

ISRAEL-BOUND JEWS IN ROMANIA ANXIOUSLY AWAITING EXIT VISAS, IMMIGRANTS IN HAIFA SAY

HAIFA, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Jews living in Rumania today who are planning to proceed to Israel are anxiously awaiting their exit visas, immigrants from Rumania who arrived here last night aboard the S.S. Transylvania reported. A total of 1,200 Rumanian Jewish immigrants disembarked last night.

The new arrivals reported that no new exit visas have been issued in the last seven months by the Rumanian authorities. Jews in Rumania are fearful that after the Israel-bound immigrants now holding visas leave the country, no new visas will be issued.

ARGENTINE SYNAGOGUES FORM SUPREME COUNCIL; WILL STRENGTHEN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The formation of a Supreme Council of Synagogues in Argentina designed to "strengthen Jewish religious traditions, stimulate religious education and unify negotiations of a religious character before the authorities," was announced here today.

The leading Orthodox and Conservative houses of worship, including those of the Sephardic and German-speaking communities, have become affiliated with the Council. Moises Kaplan, a Mizrahi leader, was named president.

COMMITTEE FORMED TO COMBAT PLAN FOR CENTRAL ISRAEL FUND IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A nationwide committee made up of leaders of Jewish communities in cities throughout the country has been organized to oppose a blueprint for fund-raising machinery as a possible replacement of the United Jewish Appeal and a proposal for a central Israel fund, it was announced here today. The group, which has been named "The Committee of Community Leaders to Safeguard the United Jewish Appeal," is headed by Alex Lowenthal of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Lowenthal charged in a statement today that these plans, formulated by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds for presentation at its General Assembly in Washington on Dec. 1, were designed to "capture control of the major fund-raising effort in this country." He asserted that adoption of the Council's proposals could "create a dangerously split and disorganized Jewish community in this country and at the same time drastically curtail the flow of vitally needed funds to Israel."

The Council's protests, Mr. Lowenthal declared, that its blueprint was prepared only in the event that the United Jewish Appeal might be dissolved, "bears all the earmarks of wishful thinking, particularly since the partners in the U.J.A. campaign, that is, the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee, are on the verge of successfully completing negotiations for reconstituting the 1951 U.J.A."

With regard to the proposal for a central Israel fund, Mr. Lowenthal termed it "an unfeasible project which the Council had neither the facilities nor the power to implement." The abolition of such campaigns as Hadassah, Histadrut, American Fund for Israel Institutions and their merging into one "catch-all drive" as proposed by the C.J.F.W.F. can mean only a drastic reduction in funds available to Israel, Mr. Lowenthal stated. He pointed out that these supplementary funds raise about \$20,000-000 a year of which more than 75 percent is derived from sources outside of the local welfare fund campaigns.

The Committee to Safeguard the United Jewish Appeal, which Mr. Lowenthal stated includes leading communal representatives, Zionist and Board members of the Council itself who are critical of its current activities, "strongly urges that the C.J.F.W.F. withdraw immediately the proposed blueprint for a national campaign organization since any effort to shake the confidence in the U.J.A. must be viewed as a threat to the interests of Israel as well as an affront to the wishes of American Jewry."

Mr. Lowenthal stated that "the Committee is currently circulating to communities throughout the country a program of action aimed at mobilizing public sentiment against the proposals." The program urges that active members of local welfare funds or community councils who are concerned with the needs of Israel come to the General Assembly, as delegates, where they can vote in opposition to the proposals. The program also recommends that public discussion, in every possible media, be initiated "to make clear that the C.J.F.W.F. plans are divisive and will injure Israel itself" and that delegations of people interested in Israel be organized to call on their local welfare fund for explicit assurances that the fund will oppose those propositions. It also urges starting of an individual letter campaign to presidents and executive directors of local welfare funds stating opposition to the C.J.F.W.F. projects.

MAJOR JEWISH WOMEN'S GROUPS ISSUE APPEAL FOR \$50,000,000 U.J.A. CASH DRIVE

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A call to American Jewish women "to participate actively" in the emergency campaign to make \$50,000,000 in cash available to the United Jewish Appeal before the end of 1950 was issued today by representatives of ten leading national Jewish women's organizations. The groups were Hadassah; Mizrahi Women's Organization; National Council of Jewish Women; National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods; Women's League of United Synagogue of America; Pioneer Women; Women's Divisions of Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, American Ort, American Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith.

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SUPREME COURT OF CANADA INVALIDATES COVENANT BARRING SALE OF REAL ESTATE TO JEWS

OTTAWA, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A covenant that prohibited the sale of certain properties in Ontario to any person of the Jewish faith was declared invalid by the Supreme Court of Canada in a six-to-one decision. Only one judge did not think that the Supreme Court should interfere with the judgments of the provincial courts.

The covenant has been in effect since 1933 when a group of people banned together and bought property at the Beach of Pines. They all agreed that the property should never be sold to anyone of "Jewish, Hebrew, Semitic, Negro or colored race blood."

In 1948, Mrs. Annie Mand Noble of London, Ontario, who had agreed to the terms of the covenant originally, sold her property at the resort to Bernard Wolf, of the same city, and a Jew. The sale price was \$6,800.

Mr. Wolf asked Mrs. Noble's lawyers to get a court order declaring the covenant in the deed of sale void. The lawyers presented a motion before the Supreme Court of Ontario for an order that the restrictive covenant did not constitute a valid objection to title of the land, and the lower court upheld the contention.

JEWISH TREASURES LOOTED FROM EUROPEAN SYNAGOGUES TO BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations in this country, announced today that religious ceremonial objects looted by the Nazis from European synagogues and recently reclaimed will be distributed to synagogues throughout the U.S.

Assembled and brought to the United States by Jewish Cultural Reconstruction, Inc., the ceremonial objects "will be given primarily for use in religious worship to congregations who do not possess such objects and cannot otherwise obtain them."

The Synagogue Council also said that "some articles will be allotted to congregations who may desire to use them for religious, educational or museum purposes." To protect original owners, the Council announcement added, "recipient congregations will be requested to sign an agreement to relinquish any object for which there is substantiated claim of ownership within two years."

JUSTICE FRANKFURTER LAUDS DROPSIE COLLEGE'S PUBLICATION OF JEWISH APOCRYPHA

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- U.S. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter praised The Dropsie College here as a world center of Jewish learning in the American tradition of spiritual freedom at a dinner last night celebrating the publication of the first volume of a 30-volume translation of Jewish Apocryphal literature.

Justice Frankfurter's remarks were underscored by other speakers before 300 civic leaders and Jewish scholars at the Hotel Warwick here, including Dr. Robert Pfeiffer, head of the Department of Semitics at Harvard University and president of the Society of Biblical Literature, and Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of Dropsie. "The remarkable project being undertaken by The Dropsie College," Justice Frankfurter said, "is another embodiment of the great tradition of America's cultural and spiritual heritage, which is sometimes forgotten in the preoccupation with more material things and events."

11 PROTESTANT CHURCHES PARTICIPATE IN B'NAI JESHURUN'S THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Eleven Protestant churches which were in existence in New York when Congregation B'nai Jeshurun was organized 125 years ago today had representatives in the B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue at its traditional Thanksgiving Day services.

During the services the National Conference of Christians and Jews conferred a commendation on the synagogue and its spiritual leader, Dr. Israel Goldstein, in recognition of the contributions of both the congregation and Dr. Goldstein to the cause of worldwide inter-racial unity. Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing came from Washington to deliver an address from the pulpit today.

JUNIOR HADASSAH ANNUAL CONVENTION OPENS IN ATLANTIC CITY; 30TH ANNIVERSARY MARKED

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The 30th anniversary of Junior Hadassah was marked here today at the opening of the young women's Zionist organization's annual convention. Six hundred delegates representing 15,000 members throughout the country will participate in the three-day convention.

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Hadassah president and a member of the Jewish Agency executive, will be the principal speaker at the convention banquet. The role of Hadassah in the American Jewish community and discussions of the organization's various welfare projects in Israel will occupy the attention of the delegates during the remainder of the parley. The convention will also consider Jewish education in the United States and the current scene in this country.

JUNIOR MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CONVENTION OPENS; WILL DISCUSS SOCIAL SERVICE NEEDS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The 500 delegates who gathered here today to participate in the 11th annual convention of the Junior Mizrahi Women's Organization of America will review during their week-end parley the problem of expanding social service programs for newly-arrived immigrants in Israel.

Acting national president of the organization, Mrs. Dinah Leviton, will deliver a report on the Junior Mizrahi Women's achievements in Israel during the past year. Other speakers scheduled to address the convention include Leon Gellman, chairman of the World Mizrahi Organization, and Mrs. Lionel Golub, president of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY GETS \$70,000 GIFT; TO BE USED FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE PURPOSES

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University today announced that it has received a gift of \$70,000 under the terms of the will of the late Esther Tallerman, of New York, to be used by the University for general maintenance purposes.

BRITISH FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY HONOR LORD SAMUEL; CHAIR TO BE NAMED FOR HIM

LONDON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A campaign for \$120,000 to establish a Herbert Samuel Chair of Political Science at the Hebrew University was launched here last night at a dinner tendered by the British Friends of the Hebrew University on the occasion of Lord Samuel's 80th birthday. The dinner was attended by prominent scholars and was addressed by Elisha Elath, Israel's Minister to Britain.

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