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1,500 NOTABLES CELEBRATE CREATION OF ISRAEL; SECRETARY MARSHALL ADDRESSES GATHERING

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The United Nations decision in favor of the creation of a Jewish state marked "the classic turning-point in the fortunes of Israel," Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the United States, said tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria dinner celebrating the 76th birthday of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, and the third anniversary of the United Nations partition decision which led to the creation of the state of Israel.

General George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defense, was the guest of honor and principal speaker at tonight's dinner, at which more than 1,500 persons, including government officials, United Nations delegates and world diplomats, were present. (At the time the Bulletin went to press, General Marshall's speech was not available.) Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, introduced General Marshall, and Abraham Feinberg presided.

"November 29, 1947, marks the classic turning-point in the fortunes of Israel," Ambassador Eban said. "Before that date we achieved no victories. Since that date we have suffered no defeats. Before the establishment of the state of Israel, we were supplicants and mendicants before the civilized conscience of mankind. The United Nations decision of November 29, 1947, marked the emergence of the Jewish people from anonymity and its entry and full acceptance into the world family of nations."

The dinner was sponsored by the American Committee for the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science and Technion, organized early this year under the presidency of Professor Albert Einstein for the advancement of higher learning, science and technology in Israel. Tickets to the dinner were \$500 per person, and the proceeds will go to the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute, and Haifa Technion, which are currently engaged in a campaign to raise \$5,500,000 in the United States.

Prof. Einstein Appeals for Israel's Institutions of Higher Learning

Support for Israel's institutions of higher learning is a primary concern for the Jewish people, Prof. Einstein wrote in a statement read at the dinner. "Thanks to the devoted efforts of their scientists and scholars, these institutions have already attained great importance in the technical development and the intellectual standard of Israel," Dr. Einstein's statement said.

"The cultivation of scholarship and intellectual pursuit always came first to our forefathers and has been a mainspring of our strength and vitality," Dr. Einstein emphasized. "We must not be guilty of squandering the intellectual bloom of our people by lack of perception or unwillingness to sacrifice for the furtherance of our talented youth."

"If our people realized to what extent the welfare of the Jewish state, and with it the position of all Jewry, depends on the development of these institutions, they would count them their most precious possessions and support them generously. I

shall feel happy indeed to see the day when the entire Jewish people will provide for these institutions of higher learning and research in such plenitude as to allow for a free and unhindered development of our intellectual potentialities."

The dinner was preceded by a musical program and tableau during which the Robert Shaw Chorale and Orchestra presented portions of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" oratorio. The dinner program was arranged by Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Weizmann Institute.

#### ISRAEL PARLIAMENT EXTENDS AUTHORITY FOR GOVERNMENT PRICE CONTROL, RATIONING PROGRAM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today passed a bill extending the Mandatory Government's Emergency Defense Regulations for another six months, thus giving the government legal authority for price controls, import and export controls and rationing of various essential items.

The extension had been requested by Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen, who said that government-drafted legislation to cover the same areas would require at least six months of discussion and debate in Parliament before it could be passed and put into effect. The Knesset also adopted a bill giving the Finance Minister the power to levy a tax on transportation abroad, up to 50 percent of the cost of the ticket. However, he is permitted to waive the tax for "essential trips."

A bill establishing the normal work week was today sent back to the legal committee for a second reading. The bill provides that Saturday shall be the official day of rest for Jews, while non-Jews shall be guaranteed a day of rest either on Friday or Sunday. The Minister of Labor is empowered by the bill to make exceptions in the case of essential services. During the debate on the measure the Religious Bloc demanded that the Chief Rabbinate be the agency to rule on what shall be classified as essential services, but later agreed to leave the matter to the Cabinet as a whole.

David Hacohen, member of the Knesset and head of Solih Boneh, the Histadrut building cooperative, was seriously injured today in an automobile accident. Mr. Hacohen, a former mayor of Haifa, was returning to Tel Aviv from Jerusalem where he attended today's session of the Knesset.

#### U.N. PALESTINE COMMISSION URGES DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES

TAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A resolution urging Israel and the Arab states "to engage without delay in direct discussions of all questions outstanding between them" was recommended today by the members of the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission to the U.N. Special Political Committee which began discussion on the Commission's report.

The resolution also suggests that the Conciliation Commission be directed by the U.N. General Assembly to establish an office that would make arrangements for the assessment and payment of compensation to refugees and continue consultations with the states concerned on measures for the protection of the rights, property and interests of the refugees.

Lord MacDonald told the Special Political Committee that it was "the considered view of the United Kingdom delegation that the Arab refugees would have a happier, more prosperous and more stable future were the bulk of them to be resettled among their brethren in the Arab countries." He added that non-returning refugees should receive adequate compensation for the property they had abandoned in Israel, and noted Israel's "constructive" suggestion--that compensation be paid into the projected reintegration fund.

ISRAEL'S NEW TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER OUTLINES HIS POLICIES; SPIRES FALSE REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Israel's new Minister of Trade and Industry, Yisroel Gori, has expressed confidence in Israel's ability to pull through its present trying period. Receiving a delegation of South African Jewish newspapermen, Mr. Gori--a South African Jew himself--outlined his policy and spiked a number of false reports and rumors dealing with economic practices in Israel.

Mr. Gori recalled the history of his Ministry, which was first formed as part of the Provisional Government but discontinued in the permanent Cabinet when the General Zionist Party for which it had been reserved refused to enter the coalition. He said that many of its functions had been absorbed by the Ministry of Supply and Rationing which has been discontinued since the recent Cabinet shuffle.

He said the reason for discontinuing the Supply Ministry was that the emphasis in the earlier period was on restrictions needed to save the country's economy, but that now the emphasis is on expansion. He revealed that the rationing functions of that Ministry had been divided between the Ministry of Agriculture, which was made responsible for food rationing, and his Ministry--which controls the rationing of clothing and building supplies, among others.

Continuing his statement of policy, the Minister asserted that the government encouraged all investments which would help Israel. This means, he explained, investments which would earn hard currencies by creating exportable goods, and investments which will save hard currency by producing goods locally which must now be imported.

In response to specific questions, Mr. Gori denied that the government plans nationalization of industry, stating that in its present situation a nationalization program would be "nothing short of economic suicide." He said that reports that private industry is under pressure to enter into partnership arrangements with co-operatives are fallacious, stressing that while some private industries have made such arrangements they did so without any pressure from the government. "The policy of my Ministry is absolute equality among all citizens in matters of trade and industry," he emphasized.

ABOUT HALF-MILLION JEWS ENTERED ISRAEL SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH STATE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A total of 499,793 Jewish men, women and children entered Israel since the proclamation of statehood, it was announced here today--the third anniversary of the United Nations Palestine partition decision--at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labor Committee.

The committee also heard that 37,000 Jews were still housed in immigrant reception camps. High praise for the Israel Army's efforts to aid new arrivals who have recently been transferred to "work villages" was expressed at the meeting, as well as in all sections of the Israel press.

Over 20,000 Jewish Widows Arrived in Israel in Last Two Years

London, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Some 20,000 Jewish widows have arrived in Israel since its establishment as a state, Mrs. Beba Idelson, member of the Israel Parliament and secretary of the Working Women's Council of Israel, today told a news conference.

Mrs. Idelson said that the integration of these widows and unattached youths in the economic and social life of the country is one of the major tasks facing the Council today. Mrs. Idelson, who addressed over 60 meetings in the United States and Canada during her recent visit there, will tour Britain in behalf of the Council.

## COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS OPTIMISTIC ON 1951 FUND-RAISING; ANALYZES PROSPECTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Improved economic and psychological conditions will make fund-raising in Jewish communities in the United States more successful in 1951 than this year, it was predicted in an analysis made public here today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which will hold its annual General Assembly this week-end in Washington.

"As communities plan and organize for 1951, they face the campaigns with these developments in mind, and with a background of solid facts on the 1950 experience," the analysis says. "The feeling among communities is that while 1951 will most assuredly see a tough campaign, there is more than an even chance for success." The analysis establishes the following facts:

1. Instead of the predictions that the 1950 campaign would raise from 25 to 50 percent less than 1949, a preliminary analysis compiled by the C.J.F.W.F. indicates that the 1950 decline of approximately 13 percent was considerably less than the decrease from 1948 to 1949.
2. The broad base of contributors is still largely intact. The years 1939-1948 witnessed an unprecedented rise of 141 percent in the number of givers. Following a seven percent decline in contributors during 1949, there were gloomy predictions that the drop would be even sharper in 1950. Latest C.J.F.W.F. figures show that there will be approximately four percent less donors than in 1949. Some cities did even better in this respect than in 1949.
3. The uncertainties of the economic picture during 1949 and 1950 contributed to campaign declines. Recent developments indicating a general upsurge in business and employment during the latter half of 1950 and for 1951 have raised the hopes of campaign planners. Coupled with the general business expansion is the developing tax situation. With higher taxes in the offing, individual and corporate giving will be encouraged, since the government will pay a greater share of gifts.

### Givers Identify Themselves with Local Jewish Communities

4. Many observers felt that in relatively few instances had uncertain economic conditions been the prime determinants of 1950 campaign results. Rather, it was felt that the business situation had accentuated the major psychological factors which operated to depress the level of giving. Another favorable psychological factor now is the increasing identification of the giver with his welfare fund as the means for meeting total Jewish needs. To a greater extent than ever before, campaign appeals are beamed to the community as a community.

5. Concerning the interrelation of business conditions with psychological elements, many leaders are convinced that just as these factors reacted to depress giving standards in 1949, new developments will cause them to reinforce each other in an upward swing.

6. While lay and professional leaders were pessimistic a few months ago concerning the availability of top leadership and other workers for the 1951 campaigns, the factors cited above have caused some to revise their opinions. The feeling is growing that it is more than possible to revitalize campaign structures--that not only must the job be done, but that it can be done.

7. Communities are making a concentrated drive on collections--to enter the 1951 campaigns with clean slates. Strong consideration is also being given to the possibility of concentrating all energies on specific campaign dates, instead of stretching campaigns out over a long period of time. "The underlying strength of organization is present. With good planning and a real mobilization to meet Jewish needs everywhere, a better job can be done in 1951," the C.J.F.W.F. analysis concludes.

HUMAN SKIN EXHIBITED AT TRIAL OF ILSE KOCH; GERMAN WITNESSES TESTIFY AGAINST HER

MUNICH, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A piece of tattooed human skin was today introduced as evidence against Ilse Koch, notorious Nazi war criminal, at her trial at Augsburg for crimes against German and Austrian nationals.

The piece of tanned skin was presented following the Koch woman's denial yesterday that she had ever ordered human skin made into lampshades or other ornaments. Her statement was contradicted in the German court today by Josef Ackermann, a newspaperman who served as an orderly in the "Pathological Research Institute" at the Buchenwald concentration camp, commanded by the Koch woman's late husband.

Herr Ackermann told the court, which is trying Koch for 45 murders, that he and other orderlies were told to prepare sections of human skin for a lampshade to be given by Koch to her husband. The shade was mounted to a lamp constructed of human bones, he testified, but was later dismantled when the Gestapo investigated the camp.

Another prosecution witness, Alfred Kieper, a former prisoner who now works for the German Government, said that the camp loudspeaker used to announce the names of prisoners flogged for failing to salute Ilse Koch. The defendant yesterday denied this charge and said she had never heard of the camp phenomenon known to prisoners and guards alike as the "singing horseman"--a form of torture applied exclusively to Jews. This consisted of gangs of Jews harnessed together to wagons loaded with stones and forced to sing marching songs while they pulled their loads at a run.

AUSTRALIA NOT DEFINITELY COMMITTED TO ACCEPTING GERMANS. PRIME MINISTER REPORTS

CANBERRA, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Australian Government is not definitely committed to the admission of German "volksdeutsche" immigrants to this country, Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies today told Parliament.

The Prime Minister, however, pointed out that Britain, Canada, New Zealand and the United States have already accepted immigrants from among the Germans. He added that all prospective German immigrants are screened by the Australian security authorities who are collaborating closely with American and British officials in the Western European area.

NEW U.S. RULES REQUIRE CITIZENSHIP APPLICANTS UNDER 50 TO READ, WRITE, SPEAK ENGLISH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The new naturalization regulations issued here yesterday require that all applicants for citizenship who are under 50 years of age must be able to speak, read and write the English language. Earlier regulations only required that an applicant speak the language and be able to sign his name.

JEWISH INDUSTRIALIST IS RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF CANADIAN CITY; IS NAMED BY ACCLAMATION

CORNWALL, Ont., Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Aaron Horovitz, well-known Jewish industrialist, has been re-elected mayor of this city for the 1951-52 term, it was reported today. Mr. Horovitz, who has already served as mayor for 12 years, was chosen by acclamation--the fifth time he has been so honored.

BRITISH FILM "OLIVER TWIST" TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN UNITED STATES SOON BY LONDON FIRM

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- "Oliver Twist," a British-produced motion picture based on the Charles Dickens novel, which has been termed anti-Semitic because of the character portrayal of Fagin, will be released in the United States soon by Eagle Lion Classics, it was reported today. The film has been banned in a number of countries. Its distribution in the U.S. was held up following protests by Jewish and other groups.

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SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL ISSUES CHANUKAH MESSAGE TO U.S. JEWS; CALLS FOR FIGHT ON BIAS

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, representing all Jewish religious groups in the United States, today issued a Chanukah call to Jews in the United States "to dedicate themselves anew to the cause for which the Maccabees fought and died." The call was issued in connection with the observance of Chanukah which begins at sundown, December 3.

"We must kindle anew the light of God's law in the temple of the human heart--the light of brotherhood and peace," the message says. "We must strive to rid the world of bigotry and prejudice, to cleanse it of hate and arrogance, and to rededicate ourselves to the highest of all causes--the love of God and the spirit of freedom."

The festival of Chanukah, which is celebrated for eight days, is observed in commemoration of the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem by the victorious Maccabees in 167 B.C.E. in their struggle against the Syrian-Greek King Antiochus, who attempted to suppress the religion of the Jews. The Festival of Lights, as Chanukah is also known, recalls the eight days required for the rededication of the Temple, which had been desecrated by the heathen worship which Antiochus had established.

SYNAGOGUES THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES TO OBSERVE "JEWISH BOOK SABBATH" THIS WEEK-END

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish Book Council of America today announced that "Jewish Book Sabbath" will be marked in synagogues throughout the United States this Friday evening and Saturday by rabbis in their congregations. This is the tenth annual observance conducted by the Council, which aims to promote interest in Jewish books and Jewish literary creativity.

The Jewish Book Council also called upon American Jewry to set aside December 3 as "Jewish Book Festival" day and to observe it through appropriate book programs in the home. To aid participants in the observance, the Council has issued book lists, program manuals and guides to setting up a Jewish library.

JEWISH WRITERS TO HOLD TWO-DAY CONFERENCE IN N.Y. TO ANALYZE 50 YEARS OF LITERATURE

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A nationwide two-day conference to analyze and evaluate the achievements of Yiddish literature during the last 50 years will open in New York on December 16, it was announced here today by the Yiddish P.E.N. Club, the organization of poets, essayists and novelists.

Speakers at the conference will include prominent Jewish writers, playwrights and poets from the United States and Canada. The conference will issue a declaration in connection with the entry of Yiddish literature into the second half of the twentieth century.

ISRAEL TO SERVICE U.S. RADIO STATIONS WITH BROADCAST MATERIAL ON JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Samuel Elfert has been appointed to head the newly-formed radio and television department of the Israel Office of Information in New York, it was announced today by Abraham Harman, director of the Office. The department will service the needs of radio stations throughout the United States with special emphasis on the distribution of native Israel broadcast material.

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