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ALL IS QUIET IN NEGEV; ARMISTICE COMMISSION FAILS TO BRING ISRAEL, JORDAN TO AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Quiet reigns in the Negev and normal traffic continues along the road to Elath where a two-and-one-half-hour battle between Israel and Jordan armored forces took place yesterday morning, it was officially reported here today.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the mixed Israel-Jordan armistice commission took place in the Negev no-man's land this morning in response to an order by Col. Bennett de Ridder, U.N. acting truce chief in Palestine. However, the commission meeting was fruitless and Col. de Ridder adjourned it until he could hear from Lake Success to which he had referred the problem along with a request for further instructions. Gen. William E. Riley, truce chief, is expected back in Palestine tomorrow.

(At Lake Success, U.N. Security Council sources said today that there were no plans yet to take up here the conflict over a roadblock in the Negev between Israel and Jordan. Dr. T.F. Tsiang, Nationalist Chinese delegate who took over the Council presidency this month, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had no official word yet on whether a complaint on the matter was to be made before the Council.)

Israel's delegates on the commission today gave a detailed account of the morning's meeting to a press conference here. They also revealed that they expressed their government's anxiety over the postponement of the meeting, pointing out that the U.N.'s continued postponements on the incident, which began last Wednesday, was responsible for the present situation.

Israel Requests Commission to Condemn Jordan

The members of the Israel delegation also expressed concern over Jordan's action at the roadblock after the matter had been referred to the mixed armistice commission. On this basis the Israelis demanded that the commission vote formally to condemn Jordan. Col. de Ridder, who is automatically chairman of the body, refused to bring the matter to a vote, and the Arabs said they had not come to the meeting to consider such matters.

De Ridder then asked whether the two sides had withdrawn their forces from the disputed area of the Elath road. The Arabs answered affirmatively and the Jews pointed out that they were continuing to use the road until the mixed armistice commission ruled otherwise. The U.N. chief then asked whether both sides were prepared to dispatch an inquiry commission to the scene of the clash. The Israelis said they were not prepared to do so until the commission voted on their proposal for condemnation of Jordan's action. The Jordanians agreed to the inquiry. At this point the meeting broke down under mutual charges and recriminations.

The Israel Cabinet met again early today to hear a report by Brig. Yigal Yadin, Army Chief of Staff, on the situation in the Negev. The Ministers also decided on instructions to the Israel representatives on the mixed armistice commission.

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ISRAEL SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS ON KOREA WITH CHINESE COMMUNIST DELEGATION

FINSHING MEADOW, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Israel was selected today by U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie to participate in neutral-country discussions with the Chinese Communist delegation now visiting United Nations headquarters.

In an effort to bring Wu Hsiu-chan and his Peking delegation into contact with supposedly middle-of-the-road delegations here to confer about the Korean crisis, Mr. Lie invited the representatives of five nations to an informal dinner at his home in Forest Hills, N.Y., tonight.

Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett will be the Israel guest. The other nations invited by Mr. Lie are Sweden, Pakistan, India and Britain. All five nations have recognized the Communist Chinese Government. This will be the first unofficial parley with the Chinese Communist delegation except for talks that the Indian delegate has had with Mr. Wu and conferences between Mr. Wu's party and the Soviet delegates to the U.N.

U.S. OIL GROUP SEEKS TO BLOCK SHIPMENT OF U.S. STEEL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ARAB PIPELINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Independent Petroleum Association of America has asked Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer to tell what the government will do about the future export of steel such as the pipeline steel which is already partially exported to construct a pipeline from the Iraq oil fields to Banias, Syria, which would by-pass Israel territory and duplicate facilities terminating at Haifa.

Russell B. Brown, general counsel of the Association, in a letter to the Commerce Department, expressed concern over the critical steel shortage faced by the domestic petroleum industry. This shortage has been noted by members of Congress who have indicated they may be considering a Congressional investigation of the Arab pipeline--a project approved by the Arab League boycott strategy which aims to injure Israel economically by keeping oil away from the Haifa refineries.

Export licenses for the Iraq-Syria pipeline have already been issued to cover the shipment of 50,000 tons of 30-inch pipe. An estimated 140,000-190,000 tons will be needed for the project's completion. Domestic oil men are asking here if it is wise to ship steel to an area such as the Near East which will be difficult to defend in the event of a third war.

GENERAL ZIONISTS DEMAND ONE PERCENT OF U.J.A. FUNDS; THREATEN TO LAUNCH SEPARATE DRIVE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Leaders of the General Zionist party, which emerged victorious in the recent municipal elections in Israel, today issued a warning that if their group does not receive one percent of United Jewish Appeal funds they will initiate a fund-raising campaign of their own in the United States in 1951.

The announcement was made at a press conference addressed by Y. Kubowitzki, managing director of the General Zionist Constructive Fund. He said that during the four years of its existence, the Fund invested about \$2,800,000 in settlement enterprises, housing projects, educational institutions and in aid to new immigrants.

HISTADRUT DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ENGLAND; WELCOMED BY LABOR PARTY AND TRADE UNIONS

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, arrived here today and was tendered a reception by the Trades Union Congress and the British Labor Party.

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PREMIER BEN GURION ARRIVES IN LONDON FROM GREECE; HIS VISIT IS DESCRIBED AS "PRIVATE"

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel arrived here today on what was described as "a private visit." Mr. Ben Gurion flew here from Athens, where he has been on vacation for several days.

Immediately upon his arrival, the Israel Premier proceeded to Oxford where he intends to pursue his interests as a classical scholar and bibliophile. He indicated that he would not stay in London, but will visit a number of university cities in England. Authoritative Israel sources emphasize that no speculation should be made as to the reason for Mr. Ben Gurion's visit, since such speculations "would be entirely idle."

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND TO BEGIN DRAINING HULEH SWAMP; PROJECT WILL RECLAIM 15,000 ACRES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Immediately after the rainy season ends next spring the Jewish National Fund will begin work on one of the greatest land reclamation projects ever undertaken in Israel--the draining of the vast Huleh swamp--Dr. Abraham Granot, world head of the J.N.F. today told a press conference. Dr. Granot also revealed that the J.N.F. had been named the sole responsible authority for developing this area.

The project will be accomplished in three stages, he stated, and will clear of malaria and make available for agriculture 60,000 dunams (15,000 acres) of rich land. The first stage in the program will be the widening of the beds of the Jordan and Tura Rivers and the creation of a huge basin where the two streams converge. Completion of this task will guarantee the Huleh area against flooding and will provide over 100,000,000 cubic yards of water for irrigation purposes elsewhere.

Dr. Granot also announced that the J.N.F. has acquired from the Israel Government 1,100,000 dunams of land abandoned by the Arabs and is negotiating with various churches for the purchase of other lands. One such sale has given the organization a piece of land in the center of Jerusalem formerly owned by the Moravian Brothers. The J.N.F. now owns 2,100,000 dunams of land on which 250,000 people live, he stated.

Referring to the finances of the organization, the director said that it has obtained a total of \$37,000,000 in loans in various countries and its budget for the coming year will be approximately \$14,000,000 pounds (\$39,200,000). He also said that the jubilee celebrations of the J.N.F. will officially begin with the convention of the American J.N.F. in Washington next January.

FIRST DANISH MINISTER TO ISRAEL ARRIVES AT LYDDA; IS ALSO ENVOY TO TURKEY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Dr. H.P. Hoffmeyer, Denmark's first Minister to Israel, arrived at Lydda Airport today and was welcomed by Foreign Ministry officials. Dr. Hoffmeyer, who is also his country's diplomatic representative in Turkey, will present his credentials to President Chaim Weizmann on Thursday.

SWEDISH JEWISH COMMUNITY HONORS ISRAEL MINISTER; ISRAELI LAUDS SWEDISH GOVERNMENT

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Swedish Jewish community participated in a dinner attended by 500 persons tendered in honor of Israel Minister Abraham Nissan and his legation staff. Mr. Nissan lauded the Swedish Government's initiative "in efforts to solve the Jerusalem problem" at the United Nations.

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U.N. ASSEMBLY VOTES TO RETURN DRAFT COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS; DELEGATES CONFUSED

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A plenary meeting of the General Assembly gave final approval to a resolution returning the draft covenant on human rights to the U.N. Human Rights Commission for further work on the draft. The vote was taken despite the warnings of some delegates that the resolution left highly confused just what kind of a draft the General Assembly wanted.

The resolution included instructions to the Commission to consider writing into the covenant a number of varying and even conflicting proposals concerning implementation and a broader scope of the covenant.

A survey by the United Nations Statistical Office, published today, places Israel 16th on a list of 70 nations tabulated on the basis of per capita national income. The U.N. survey, covering the year 1949, is topped by the United States with \$1,453 as the average per capita income. Israel, whose figure was \$389, was listed higher than the Soviet Union, South Africa, Argentina and all the Arab countries.

FASCIST NEWSPAPERS IN ITALY STEP UP ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN; REPRINT MUSSOLINI'S VIEWS

ROME, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Fascist newspapers in this country have stepped up their anti-Jewish campaign. References to the "Jewish question" are appearing more and more frequently. The Rome newspaper, "Asso di Bastoni," reprinted Mussolini's 18-point program written in 1943 which says that "members of the Hebrew race are aliens and during a war are to be regarded as members of a hostile nation."

ALLIED CONTROL COUNCIL IN AUSTRIA PLACES NEO-NAZI NEWSPAPER UNDER THREE-MONTH BAN

VIENNA, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Allied Control Council has banned the neo-Nazi newspaper "Der Unabhaengige" for three months, it was announced here by Chancellor Leopold Figl.

NEEDS OF JEWS IN EUROPE SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED, DR. SYNGALOWSKI SAYS IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Aron Syngalowski, executive committee chairman of the World ORT Union, declared at a press conference today that the needs of Jews in Europe--particularly in France, Belgium and Italy--should not be underestimated. The ORT leader, who will leave for the United States shortly, reported, however, that his organization has shifted its emphasis to operations in North Africa, the Middle East and the United States.

Dr. Syngalowski stated that at present 75 percent of all youngsters now receiving ORT training are pursuing a three-year course and that the number of adults studying at the vocational centers maintained by the ORT is rapidly decreasing. Most Jewish boys receiving ORT instruction, he added, are displaying less interest in entering the tailoring or other needle trades fields.

AGUDAS ISRAEL, MIZRACHI GROUPS REPORTED QUITTING CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF GERMAN JEWS

MUNICH, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Agudas Israel and the Mizrahi groups in Germany have decided to withdraw from the Central Committee of Jews of Western Germany, it was reported here this week-end.

# SHARETT WELCOMES CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM OF ISRAEL BY U.S. JEWS; CALLS FOR INVESTMENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, addressing the closing session of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds here, emphasized that he welcomes constructive criticism of Israel affairs by American Jewry and that such criticism is considered by the Israel Government an indication of the great interest which Jews in the United States take in the Jewish state.

However, he made it clear that control of policies must remain "in the hands of those directly responsible"--the Israel Government. He said that withholding of criticism would do Israel a disservice. Things are bound to go wrong in any new pioneering state, he declared.

Mr. Sharett appealed to American Jewry to give maximum aid to Israel by concentrating on the implementation of the four-point program adopted at the recent conference of Jewish leaders in Washington. The program provides for the strengthening of the United Jewish Appeal, sale of Israel bonds, securing of U.S. Government grants-in-aid to Israel and stimulating of private investments in Israel's industry. He was especially emphatic in his call to American Jewish capitalists to invest in Israel.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European director of the Joint Distribution Committee, told the C.J.F.W.F. delegates that "if Hitler and the Nazis, with all the resources at their command, could devote themselves to ten--and more--years of destroying Jewish life, surely we can dedicate ourselves to an equivalent period of restoring and rebuilding." He predicted the effort "presently expressed by the United Jewish Appeal will represent the dominant note in American Jewish affairs for at least another five years."

Dr. Schwartz said the aid American Jews extended overseas in the last five years through the U.J.A. has benefited between "a million-and-a-half and two million Jews" and that "it has literally saved hundreds of thousands of them." He reported that in Europe and Moslem areas the J.D.C., with U.J.A. funds, aided more than a million persons. The J.D.C., he said, transported 450,000 of the half-million persons who entered Israel since its establishment. He estimated that "fully 400,000 Jews in European and Moslem lands must have the sort of relief and constructive help which the J.D.C. has provided until now and that there are certainly 600,000 Jews in these areas who need to be brought to Israel in the next three years."

Stanley C. Myers asserted that the best hope for success in 1951 is the co-operation and unity of all forces in Jewish life. Out of the necessities of the force of world and domestic events, American Jewry had built "a great and powerful network" of community organizations "unparalleled in Jewish history," he declared. "It had made possible the collection of a billion dollars by welfare funds for hundreds of services during the past decade."

Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation, speaking at the Assembly on how Jewish welfare funds can raise maximum funds in 1951, drew an optimistic picture, but emphasized that for the coming year the task of the welfare funds must be "seeing the whole picture" and maintaining a balanced approach to national and overseas Jewish needs. "It is our task as communities to insist on machinery within our cities and in relation to national agencies that will insure fair dealing all around," he insisted. "Allocation of funds by 'blitz' must be resisted."

Jerome N. Curtis, of Cleveland, speaking on domestic Jewish needs and directions, emphasized the importance of central planning to meet local Jewish needs and charted the development of this trend during the first half of this century. Central community organizations, Mr. Curtis said, are increasingly broadening their scope, both in financing and planning of local services.

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WASHINGTON JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL EXPELS FRATERNAL ORDER ON COMMUNIST CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Washington branch of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, listed by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath as a Communist organization, has been expelled from the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington by a vote of the Council's Delegate Assembly, it was announced here today.

It was charged that the J.P.F.O. "was admitted to membership in the J.C.C.G.W. on the basis of misrepresentation of facts concerning the J.P.F.O.'s alleged severance from the International Workers Order except for certain features, to wit, insurance benefits." The Assembly voted to expel the J.P.F.O. on this charge after a special committee investigated, conducted hearings, and reported to the executive committee which recommended the expulsion.

NEGLECT OF HEBREW WILL LEAD TO ASSIMILATION IN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE ISRAEL, EBAN SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban told a Chanukah dinner-celebration here last night that "neglect of the Hebrew movement will lead us down the path of assimilation in the Diaspora." He warned that without the "Hebrew language there will be no bridge of cooperation" between the Jews in Israel and those abroad. The celebration was arranged by the Histadruth Ivrit of America.

Louis Lipsky, who presided at the dinner, told the 700 guests that the "ties that bind the Jews in countries outside of Israel to the growing Hebraic life in Israel will have to be strengthened. The Histadruth Ivrit should act as a guide to Hebraic Jewish life, sponsoring and supporting all agencies working in harmony with its ideals," he added.

Addressing a dinner of the American Association for Jewish Education's New York chapter, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver said that Jewish life in America, to survive, "must send its roots deep down into the rich soil of Jewish faith and Jewish learning." Dr. Silver added: "No Jewish community ever survived for long which ignored Hebrew. If we think of any cultural link between Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora, we must think in terms of the Hebrew language." The synagogue, "which is also the school," must be strengthened, he concluded.

ALL JERUSALEM LIT UP BY HUGE CHANUKAH LAMP ON FIRST NIGHT OF FESTIVAL'S CELEBRATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- All of Jerusalem was lit up last night--the first night of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights--by a huge electric candelabra fixed atop the Parliamentary building here. A torch carried by runners from Modiin--birthplace of the Macabbees--was stationed on the roof of the Jewish National Fund building here amid appropriate ceremonies.

TANIA FUKS, WRITER, DIES IN BUENOS AIRES; WAS ACTIVE IN ARGENTINE JEWISH AFFAIRS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Tania Fuchs, well-known Yiddish writer, who survived Hitlerism, died here today. Born in Bessarabia, she had been living here for the last four years and took an active part in Argentine Jewish education and culture. Her last novel was published here this year.