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JORDAN AND ISRAEL DIFFER AT U.N. ON PLAN TO INTERNATIONALIZE JERUSALEM HOLY PLACES

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Jordan and Israel today differed at the United Nations with regard to the Swedish proposal that only the Holy Places in Jerusalem be placed under international supervision.

The representative of Jordan told the U.N. Special Political Committee that his government considers the Swedish plan unacceptable. Abba Eban, Israel's representative, told the session that Israel supports the plan and considers it a fair and practicable solution of the issue.

In opposing the Swedish plan, the representative of Jordan said that while some points of this proposal could be accepted by his government, others threatened his country's national integrity. The plan as a whole must therefore be rejected, he said. He concluded by stating that his government would do everything in its power to prevent the Swedish plan from being implemented.

Belgium similarly announced its opposition to the Swedish plan. The Belgian delegate said that this plan was not efficient and that its implementation would depend on a "legal peace" in Palestine. He stated he agreed with Iraq that last year's United Nations resolution for a corpus separatum had failed only because the Trusteeship Council had not made the necessary efforts to carry out the statute. He suggested the creation of a committee of negotiation with broad terms of reference to work out a compromise solution.

The representative of Australia announced that his government is abandoning its sponsorship of the still-unimplemented resolution of last year to establish Jerusalem as a corpus separatum, and that it favors the Swedish resolution which provides that international supervision be limited to the Holy Places only.

Expressing the hope that Israel and Jordan will give "categorical assurances" on free access to the Holy Places and full cooperation with a United Nations High Commissioner for the Holy Places, the Australian delegate drew attention to the fact that the attitude of Israel and Jordan in the past "gives no cause for optimism" in respect to the carrying out of the Swedish resolution.

Sir Carl Berendsen of New Zealand said he had been "shocked" by the "irresponsibility" of the General Assembly last year in adopting a resolution to place the whole of the Jerusalem area under international trusteeship without providing for enforcement. "Had last year's vote been a secret ballot, a very different result would have been reached," he stated. He announced that he will support the Swedish proposal for the internationalization of the Holy Places only.

Egypt said the only solution was implementation of previous Assembly decisions. Yugoslavia supported the Swedish proposal, expressing the hope that Jordan would follow the example of Israel and accept it.

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ISRAEL'S SECURITY NEEDS PREVENT BALANCED BUDGET; 600 MILE FRONTIER MUST BE PROTECTED

LONDON, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Except for immigration and security needs the Israel budget has been balanced, David Horowitz, director-general of the Israel Treasury and head of its delegation to the current financial talks here, declared last night.

Speaking at the concluding session of a golden jubilee meeting of the Jewish National Fund here, Mr. Horowitz stressed that the heavy drain on the Israel economy caused by security needs is attributable to the fact that in a situation where there is no peace Israel must defend 600 miles of frontier in flat land.

"There is no inch in the entire country which cannot be reached by artillery fire without the enemy crossing any frontier," he said. He pointed out that money from abroad is earmarked for the use of new immigrants and called for increased contributions.

NEW BRITISH PROTEST REPORTED OVER EGYPT'S ANTI-ISRAEL EMBARGO ON SUEZ SHIPPING

LONDON, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The British Government has once again protested to Egypt over the inspection in the Suez Canal of British tankers and cargo vessels which the Arabs suspect are Israel-bound, the Daily Telegraph reported here today.

The newspaper says that the British protest pointed out that there is no provision in the Suez Canal Convention which gives the Egyptian authorities such rights in either peace or war. The Egyptians have been demanding assurances from ships' captains that their cargoes are not destined for the Jewish state, before they are given clearance through the cut.

ISRAEL WILL SUPPORT U.N. ACTION TO PROTECT TURKEY FROM AGGRESSION, MINISTER DECLARES

ISTANBUL, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- In the event that Turkey were a victim of aggression, Israel would support United Nations action against such aggression, Elisha Sasson, Israel Minister to Turkey, declared here. Besides the fact that Israel is opposed to aggression anywhere, Mr. Sasson pointed out, an attack on Turkey would constitute a serious threat to the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Tuvia Arazi, trade attache at the Israel legation, has revealed that Israel exports to Turkey during the September 15-November 30 period this year rose to \$500,000 against a total of \$30,000 for the previous two months. Goods purchased by Israel in Turkey during the September-November period totalled \$1,300,000, Mr. Arazi reported.

STATE DEPARTMENT TENDERS LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF SHARETT; MANY NOTABLES ATTEND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Under-Secretary of State James E. Webb today tendered a luncheon in honor of Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

Those in attendance included French Ambassador Henri Bonnet; British Ambassador Sir Oliver S. Franks; Madame Vijayl Pandit, Ambassador of India; Maj. Gen. James H. Burns, representing the Department of Defense; Williard L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State in charge of economic affairs; George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Durward V. Sandifer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs; Counsellor Moshe Keren and Minister Theodor Kollek of the Embassy of Israel; Samuel K.C. Kopper, J.A. Waldo, and G. Louis Jones of the Near Eastern Division of the State Department.

JEWISH AGENCY TO RECEIVE \$35,000,000 LOAN FROM U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK, DOBKIN REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- A \$35,000,000 loan for the Jewish Agency from the Export-Import Bank of the United States has "practically been approved," Eliahu Dobkin, Agency leader, told a press conference here. In the event this sum is obtained, he added, it will be used to establish 120 new agricultural settlements for new immigrants.

Mr. Dobkin also said that it is hoped that the Agency's budget will be balanced this year and that it will be able to repay some 5,000,000 pounds (\$14,000,000) in debts. The Agency, he disclosed, has allocated another 5,000,000 pounds for the transportation of some 200,000 immigrants due to arrive within the next year and for whose transportation the Joint Distribution Committee can no longer be responsible.

ANGLO-ISRAEL FINANCIAL TALKS GET OFF TO SLOW START; LENGTHY, DIFFICULT SESSION SEEN

LONDON, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Little has occurred in London during the present Anglo-Israel financial talks to substantiate the optimistic reports being published in the Israel press, informed quarters here indicated today.

So far, it was stated, only one formal meeting has taken place between the British and Israel delegations, and this was limited to the formal presentation of the position of each side. Subsequently, David Horowitz, leader of the Israel delegation, met informally with several top British Treasury officials. But thus far the date of the next formal meeting has not yet been set.

Every indication, it was stressed, points to the fact that the current discussions will be more difficult than the earlier ones. Firstly, Britain has refused to release sterling balances to Egypt and may have to take the same position in relation to Israel. In addition, the international situation as far as raw materials is concerned has tightened considerably under the impact of the Korean war.

SHAREHOLDERS AGREE ON TRANSFER OF ANGLO-PALESTINE BANK TO ISRAEL'S NATIONAL BANK

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Arrangements have been completed here for the transfer of the Anglo-Palestine Bank, registered in London, to the National Bank of Israel, following the consent of 90 percent of the holders of Ordinary "A" shares, which are mostly in the possession of non-Jewish institutions abroad.

The paid-up capital of the Anglo-Palestine Bank is 620,000 pounds sterling, divided equally between Ordinary and Ordinary "A" shares. Only holders of Ordinary shares, all owned by the Jewish Colonial Trust--the Zionist banking institution established by Dr. Theodor Herzl--may elect a board of directors. On the other hand, 90 percent of the holders of Ordinary "A" shares must consent to the transfer of the assets of the Anglo-Palestine Bank to the National Bank of Israel.

Holders of the Anglo-Palestine Bank shares have been offered National Bank of Israel shares at an exchange rate of three shares in the new bank for two Ordinary shares of the Anglo-Palestine Bank. Moreover, holders of seven new shares will be entitled to buy two more shares at a nominal price. The shares of the National Bank of Israel will be listed on the London Exchange.

FIRST OF FOUR CONVERTED CONSTELLATIONS REACHES NEW YORK EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The first of four Lockheed Constellation aircraft, converted from military use, arrived today at New York International Airport en route to Israel for delivery to El Al, Israel National Airlines. Conversion work on the planes was done by Inter-Continental Airways, Inc. A.W. Schwimmer, president of Inter-Continental, will accompany the first plane on the flight to Israel.

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U.N. COMMITTEE ADOPTS PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE FOR REFUGEES

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The United Nations Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee today adopted the final plans for a U.N. High Commissioner's office for refugees to start operations in Geneva on January 1, 1951. It remains for the General Assembly to elect a High Commissioner.

Acting under the authority of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner will provide international protection for the refugees falling under his competence. He will promote the conclusion of international conventions or special agreements with governments, calculated to improve the situation of refugees. He will both assist in the voluntary repatriation of refugees, and help to promote their assimilation within new national communities.

The High Commissioner will also seek to obtain the admission of refugees to various states, and take a number of other steps toward the solution of the refugee problem. The High Commissioner's office will be financed under the budget of the United Nations. Any other than administrative expenditures relating to his activities shall be financed by voluntary contributions.

By the resolution accompanying the statute, the General Assembly calls upon governments to become parties to conventions providing for the protection of refugees; to admit refugees to their territories; to provide them with travel and other documents; to permit refugees to transfer their assets, especially those necessary for their resettlement; and to provide the High Commissioner with information concerning the number of refugees in their territory, and laws and regulations concerning them.

The High Commissioner will report annually to the General Assembly, which will decide, not later than at its 8th session, whether his office is to be continued beyond December 31, 1953.

ILSE KOCH DELIBERATELY FAKING MADNESS TO SABOTAGE TRIAL, EXPERTS ESTABLISH

AUGSBURG, Germany, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Medical experts said today that Ilse Koch, the "Witch of Buchenwald," is deliberately faking madness to sabotage her trial before a German court here. A court doctor, Rudolf Englert, said that she had smashed furniture in her cell yesterday, broke the window and shouted "extremely obscene remarks" into the courtyard.

But, the doctor reported, she reacted normally to questions and had asked: "Will you send me to a madhouse?" She was taken to Augsburg City Hospital yesterday evening and did not appear in court when her trial resumed today. She is charged with 45 murders, complicity in 135 more and one attempted murder. The trial continued today without her presence.

CANADA INTENDS TO ADMIT MANY DISPLACED PERSONS. LABOR MINISTER TELLS JEWISH PARLEY

TORONTO, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government intends to bring in as many displaced persons as possible between now and next October 31 when the work of the International Refugee Organization is due to end, Milton Gregg, Minister of Labor, told the national conference of the Jewish Labor Committee, this week-end. He praised the contributions made to Canada by Jewish immigrants.

"It is expected that employment conditions will be such that no great difficulty will be experienced in finding jobs for the displaced persons before their arrival here," the Minister said. The conference re-elected Michael Rubinstein, of Montreal, national president.

DR. KAPLAN'S CONGREGATION DECIDES TO INCLUDE WOMEN IN "MINYAN" AND CALL THEM UP TO TORAH

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Breaking with centuries of Jewish religious tradition, the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, a New York congregation headed by Dr. Mordecai Kaplan--leader of the Reconstructionist movement--has decided to count women in a Minyan and to call them to the Torah during Sabbath services.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. Kaplan today confirmed the fact that the congregation voted "overwhelmingly, nearly unanimously" to include women among the traditional quorum of ten Jews--the minimum number needed to conduct group religious services. The issue had been discussed by members of the congregation and its board for months before the final vote, Dr. Kaplan said.

The congregation's action was taken, he pointed out, in line with its desire to have Jewish women play a greater role in the advancement of the Jewish community and in Jewish education. Calling up women to the Torah, he stated, was seen by members of the S.A.J. as a token of responsibility for women for the continuation of Jewish unity, the Jewish future and Jewish education. He stressed the fact that Jewish education is symbolized in the Torah.

HIAS CONFERENCE DEMANDS SOVIET COUNTRIES PERMIT EMIGRATION OF JEWS; ASKS U.S. ACTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- A resolution requesting the Soviet Government and the governments of Soviet-dominated countries in Europe to permit the emigration of Jews who have relatives in the United States was adopted here yesterday at the 21st annual convention of the HIAS Council of Organizations, which represents more than 1,000 fraternal, labor and religious groups supporting the work of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

The meeting, which took place at the Hotel Commodore, also appealed to the government of the United States to take the necessary steps for the reunion of families torn apart by the war. Another resolution appealed to the U.S. Congress to approve legislation allowing new immigrants to enter this country using visas which were not used under the existing immigration quotas during the war years.

The more than 3,000 delegates assembled at the meeting decided that the HIAS Council should send a commission to Israel and Europe to study migration problems there. They also adopted a resolution expressing support of Israel in its fight against the internationalization of Jerusalem. U.S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, who was one of the principal speakers, pledged that he would work for liberalization of U.S. immigration laws.

AMERICAN GROUP PROTESTS BAN ON SHOWING OF "OLIVER TWIST" MOVIE IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Refusal by the Motion Picture Association of America to approve the movie, "Oliver Twist," evoked a protest today by the National Council of Freedom from Censorship, an affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Council requested the Association to hold a hearing on its ban. Objection to the showing of "Oliver Twist" in the United States has been voiced by Jewish groups because of anti-Semitic overtones in the picture.

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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT CONGRATULATES DR. BUNCHE UPON HIS RECEIVING NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

OSLO, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. A. Nissan, Israel Minister to the Scandinavian countries, today presented the congratulations of the Israel Government to Ralph J. Bunche upon his receipt of the 1950 Nobel Prize for Peace. Dr. Bunche was awarded the prize yesterday for his bringing about the armistice pacts between Israel and the Arab states.

LOUIS LAMED AWARDS FOR YIDDISH AND HEBREW LITERARY WORKS PRESENTED TO FIVE WINNERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Louis LeMed prizes of \$500 each for the best literary works in Yiddish and Hebrew that appeared in 1949 were awarded here last night to five writers. Rachel Korn was honored for a book of Yiddish poems and Eliahu Lipiner, of Brazil, received an award for an historical work in Yiddish.

Aaron Zeitlin was honored for his poetic works in Hebrew while Hillel Bavli won an award for translating Shakespeare's "Anthony and Cleopatra" into modern Hebrew. S.Z. Setzer received an award for his contributions to Yiddish and Hebrew literature. Several hundred persons attended the presentation ceremonies, which were held at the New School for Social Research, under the chairmanship of Samuel Niger, prominent Jewish critic.

SAMUEL BRONFMAN RETIRES FROM PRESIDENCY OF FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES

MONTREAL, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Samuel Bronfman, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, has retired as president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies which he headed for the last 15 years. He was succeeded by David Kirsch, former vice-president.

WEST COAST COMMUNITIES CONTRIBUTE \$200,000 TO J.N.F. AT CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS

SEATTLE, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Chanukah gifts totalling about \$200,000 were turned over to the Jewish National Fund by several West Coast communities celebrating the Festival of Lights and the Fund's golden jubilee. Jewish communities participating in the festivities included Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Sacramento, Oakland and Petaluma. Speakers included U.S. Senator Owen Brewster, Rep. Franklin Roosevelt, Dr. Max Nussbaum, Rabbi Irving Miller and Rabbi Sol White.

"GIVATH WASHINGTON," ISRAEL YOUTH SETTLEMENT, DEDICATED; U.S. AMBASSADOR PARTICIPATES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Dedication of Givath Washington--a settlement for youths organized with funds raised principally among Jews in Washington, D.C.--took place here yesterday. Top Israel officials, U.S. Ambassador James G. McDonald and Rabbi Zemach Green, of Washington, project chairman, participated in the ceremonies.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY LAUDED BY NEW YORK MAYOR FOR PLAN TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL SCHOOL

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University was praised here last night by Mayor Vincent Impellitteri for its plans to establish a medical school in New York. The Mayor spoke at the 22nd annual scholarship dinner of the University, held at the Waldorf-Astoria and attended by 2,000 guests. Proceeds of the dinner will be used to provide scholarships for needy students attending the University.