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U.S. GOVERNMENT OUTLINES ITS VIEWS ON JERUSALEM ISSUE; EMPHASIZES CHANGED CONDITIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government's attitude on the question of the status of Jerusalem was outlined here today at the U.N. Special Political Committee by John C. Ross, American delegate, following the introduction by Belgium of a new resolution on Jerusalem.

The representative of Belgium, who yesterday opposed a Swedish proposal which recommends the internationalization of the Holy Places alone, today presented the Special Political Committee with a resolution of his own. It would instruct the U.N. Trusteeship Council to appoint a committee of four persons to study, in consultation with the Governments of Israel and Jordan, and "with authorities and religious bodies concerned" the conditions of a settlement which would insure effective international protection of the Holy Places and of spiritual and religious interests in the Holy Land. The four-man committee would report back to the regular session of the U.N. General Assembly next year.

Expressing his opposition to the Belgian proposal, the U.S. delegate said that the negotiations which had already taken place on the Jerusalem question had been "to say the least, quite exhaustive." He felt that the Assembly should take a step in the direction of a final settlement during the present session.

Supports Internationalization of Jerusalem Area "In Principle"

Mr. Ross emphasized that the United States "continues to support the principle of an international regime for the Jerusalem area." However, the experience of the last year, he said, has borne out all too clearly that there is no way to enforce a statute of Jerusalem which is firmly opposed by the inhabitants of the Jerusalem area and by the Governments of Israel and Jordan.

This, Mr. Ross said, does not mean that Israel and Jordan should have what amounts to a veto over decisions of the United Nations concerning Jerusalem, but it does mean that the United Nations should not take decisions which "by their very nature" give the Governments of Israel and Jordan as well as the people of Jerusalem "no alternative but to oppose them."

The American delegate warned the U.N. Special Political Committee not to forget that conditions in Jerusalem have changed greatly in the three years since the concept of the internationalization of the city was established. He advised the United Nations to give full consideration to these changed conditions. He pointed out that huge financial and administrative burdens would result from any attempts to set up "a city state in Palestine."

"The United States," Mr. Ross continued, "had studied with interest the Swedish proposal which limits international supervision to the Holy Places only, and regarded this proposal as a very constructive contribution to the solution of the problem. As I understand it, Israel had indicated general acceptance of the proposal. The United

ates delegation is disappointed that Jordan considers some of the important aspects of the proposal unacceptable."

Mr. Rose also suggested the possibility of sending to Jerusalem a U.N. representative, with a staff, rather than a High Commissioner, in view of Jordan's objections. The representative would remain in the city to represent the interests of the world community pending further decisions of the U.N. on Jerusalem's status--decisions which might be made on the recommendations of the U.N. representative. In addition, he proposed, both governments would be asked to pledge freedom of access to the Holy Places.

This approach, said Mr. Rose, would not be as satisfactory to the U.S. delegation as that in the present Swedish draft, and the United States would be prepared to support it only if it proved acceptable to the majority of the General Assembly and if Jordan and Israel agreed to accept "or as a minimum acquiesce" in its provisions. This would not constitute a final settlement of the Jerusalem question, he noted, but would be an important step upon which later decisions could be built.

#### France Opposes Swedish Proposal; Britain Urges Delegates to Vote For It

The French representative told the U.N. Committee that his government would not accept the Swedish proposal, but would be inclined to support the Belgian proposal. He emphasized that France could only support provisions which offered adequate guarantees and which could be implemented. "I do not feel that the provisions of the Swedish proposal are capable of effective implementation since they have not secured the unreserved acceptance of Israel and Jordan," he said. He pointed out that Israel accepted the proposal in principle only, while Jordan refused to give precise assurances.

The representative of Britain argued that territorial internationalization was an ideal that could not at present be realized. "Under the circumstances, the Swedish proposal seems to me a sensible and practical suggestion," he said. He expressed opposition to the Belgian proposal. "I hope that the members of our committee will have the courage to vote for the Swedish proposal which at least contains specific measures and thus does not merely continue fruitless negotiations," he declared. (At the time the Bulletin went to press no vote had been taken on either proposal.)

Twenty Latin American nations met in a closed caucus last night to receive their position on the Jerusalem issue, and if possible to decide upon a common policy. Most of them supported the 1949 internationalization resolution that was originally sponsored by Australia. However, Australia reversed her position yesterday in favor of the Swedish draft.

#### JAMES McDONALD TO RELINQUISH POST AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL THIS WEEK, REPORT SAYS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- U.S. Ambassador James G. McDonald will definitely relinquish his post here this week, it was reliably reported today. Until the nomination of his successor, the present Counselor of the Embassy, R. Forde, will act as charge d'affaires. However, it is understood that Mr. Forde will also be recalled when the new Ambassador assumes his post.

(In Washington, the State Department refused to comment on the report of Ambassador McDonald's relinquishing his post. Such an announcement would come from the White House, as ambassadorial appointments and resignations are handled through the President, it was stated. A White House spokesman said that the White House has received nothing about Ambassador McDonald's relinquishing his office.)

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ISRAEL FARMERS PRESENT ULTIMATUM TO GOVT.; SEEK \$10,000,000 COMPENSATION FOR LOSSES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The Farmers Association here today presented the Israel Government with an ultimatum threatening to halt harvesting of the citrus fruit crop throughout the country immediately unless the government grants them subsidies.

The growers seek compensation of approximately \$10,000,000 to cover losses of this season suffered in connection with the sale of citrus products abroad. These losses, the Farmers Association asserts, are due to the intensive competition in foreign markets.

50,000 IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL MOVED FROM CAMPS TO INDEPENDENT LIFE, MINISTER REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Almost 250,000 recent immigrants have left transit and work camps to become independent members of Israel's economic society, Golda Myerson, Minister of Labor, today reported to the Parliament.

Mrs. Myerson also stated that some 17,000 persons are still living in semi-permanent work camps throughout the country--3,500 in ordinary canvas tents and the remainder in aluminum-canvas houses. Describing the miserable conditions under which the newcomers live, Mrs. Myerson said that provision must be made for 50,000 immigrants before the worst of the winter weather sets in.

Addressing a national conference of Israel youth leaders and teachers, Moshe Kol, member of the Jewish Agency executive, said that in the seven years of its existence the Youth Aliyah department of the Agency has settled in Israel 50,000 youths from 67 countries. All the youths were absorbed in 200 collectives and private settlements and are receiving training under the supervision of 2,000 specialists, he reported.

Mr. Kol also revealed that the Swedish non-Jewish organization which recently contributed \$100,000 for the foundation of a village to be called Rada Berman, near Jerusalem, had also contributed thirty tons of clothing for distribution among young immigrants in Israel.

700 ROMANIAN JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; WINTER WEATHER CUTS NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS

HAIFA, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A group of 716 Rumanian Jewish immigrants arrived here today aboard the Transylvania.

The party was smaller by several hundred persons than the groups which have been arriving aboard the same vessel for the last few months. The reasons for it is that the winter season in the Eastern Mediterranean has begun and it is no longer comfortable for passengers to be accommodated on the decks. A party of Hashomer Hatzair members was among the 716.

ISRAEL FIGHTER PLANE INTERRED IN GREECE SINCE 1948 RELEASED BY GREEK AUTHORITIES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A Spitfire fighter plane grounded and interred at Athens since the Israel-Arab war in 1948 was today returned to Israel. The plane was accompanied on its over-water journey by a Flying Fortress which is part of the Israel Air Force.

ACTOR BANNED FROM WEST BERLIN STAGE FOLLOWING PROTESTS BY JEWS AND GERMANS

BERLIN, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Protests from the Jewish community and many Germans last night forced the West Berlin authorities to reverse an earlier ruling and bar Werner Krauss, an actor who performed in the Nazi-made anti-Semitic film "Jew Suesz," from acting in an Ibsen play here.

Krauss, who returned to the Berlin stage in Ibsen's "John Gabriel Borkman" last Friday night, was greeted by heckling from the audience and by protest demonstrations over the week-end. Several persons were injured during the protest rallies and Krauss is said to have written Mayor Ernest Reuter stating that he did not wish to see any other people hurt on his account.

However, most observers here agree that Mayor Reuter's latest decision was taken because the Jewish community and the Berlin Student Association had called a demonstration for last evening. The rally, which was later cancelled following the opposition of the ban on Krauss, was to be held a few hundred yards from the theatre in which the Ibsen play is being presented.

Scheduled to address the meeting was Franz Neumann, chairman of the Berlin Social Democratic Party, of which Mayor Reuter is a member. Kurt Schumacher, head of the West German Social Democratic Party, also denounced the municipality's earlier decision to permit Krauss to continue in the play. In Hamburg yesterday, the Central Council of Jews of Germany issued a statement protesting Krauss' appearance on the Berlin stage.

UKRAINIANS IN AUSTRALIA HONOR MEMORY OF PETLURA; NAZI POLICE OFFICIAL ADMITTED AS DP

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Ukrainian nationalists, including DP's recently admitted to Australia, held a meeting in Adelaide honoring the memory of Gen. Simon Petlura, Ukrainian leader who in 1919 was responsible for the mass killing of tens of thousands of Jews in the Ukraine.

Among the Ukrainians recently admitted to Australia as a DP is a former member of the Nazi police force in the Tarnopol district, in Galicia, who was charged with killing a large number of Jews in eastern Poland.

JEWISH POPULATION OF YUGOSLAVIA NOW STANDS AT 6,244; ZAGREB HAS LARGEST COMMUNITY

LONDON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Figures released by World Jewish Congress headquarters here based on reports from Belgrade listed the number of Jews now living in Yugoslavia and registered with Jewish communal organizations at 6,244. Jewish organizations now function in 57 towns and cities.

A breakdown of the report lists the Jewish population in Yugoslavia as follows: Belgrade, 1,180; Zagreb, 1,397; Sarajevo, 891; Subotica, 643; Nowy Sad, 372; Skoplje, 105; Osijek, 192; Rijec, 134; Sombor, 105. Some 700 Jews in Yugoslavia have to date remained unaffiliated with any Jewish organization.

CENTRAL JEWISH BODY IN FRANCE TO ISSUE DECLARATION AGAINST REMILITARIZATION OF GERMANY

PARIS, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A decision to issue a declaration protesting the remilitarization of Germany was adopted today by the CRIF, central representative body of French Jewry. The declaration will point out that Jews in France consider the remilitarization of Germany, no matter under what form, as a danger to humanity.

DISSOLUTION OF AMBIJAN BEING CONSIDERED BY LEADERS OF GROUP; CHICAGO OFFICE CLOSES

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The dissolution of the Ambijan, an American Jewish organization which has raised funds for institutions in the Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan in the U.S.S.R., is now being considered by leaders of the group, it is learned here today. The local office of the Ambijan in Chicago has already been closed.

ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY SPEAKS IN WASHINGTON; SAYS U.S. "MEDDLES" IN BEHALF OF ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Secretary-General Azzam Pasha of the Arab League today accused the U.S. of "meddling" in the Near East in behalf of Israel. He made the accusation in a speech before a National Press Club luncheon which was attended by leading press and radio correspondents, diplomatic representatives of the Arab states, and American Government officials, including George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Azzam Pasha threatened the western world with the possible loss of Arab support unless America shows a "greater understanding" of Arab problems. He said that the Arabs have "extended their hands" to the U.S. but that the U.S. has not talked directly of Arab-American relations but instead has come with "a Jewish problem, a British problem, and a French problem."

Asked why the Arab League prevailed on Jordan not to make peace with Israel, Azzam Pasha replied that he was "not so sure" that was correct, as Jordan always told the Arab League that it could not think of peace with Israel until the problem of the Arab refugees is settled and "because Israel does not abide by United Nations decisions."

JERUSALEM INTERNATIONALIZATION IS "KOREAN AGGRESSION IN REVERSE," J.N.F. HEAD SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The internationalization of Jerusalem by the United Nations against the express wishes of the Jewish population of the city would be a "Korean aggression in reverse," Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund, said last night at a Jerusalem Redemption Dinner held at the Commodore Hotel. The dinner marked the opening of the J.N.F. Golden Jubilee Year.

"For the United Nations to insist on wresting Jerusalem, the ancient Jewish capital, from the hands of the Jewish people and placing it, through sheer force of arms, under the control of other powers," Dr. Levine declared, "would mean to create another Korean situation, but in the reverse. Instead of fighting aggression, the United Nations would virtually be the aggressor."

Dr. Levine praised the "Redemption of Jerusalem" project which was initiated by the Jewish National Fund in 1943 with a view not only to strategic considerations but also to developing religious settlements on the acquired land. He stressed the urgent need of bringing the project to a successful conclusion in the light of the new international struggle over Jerusalem.

Other speakers included Avram Harman, Counsel to the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and Leon Gellman, world president of Mizrahi. A presentation was made to Rabbi Max Kirshblum, executive vice-president of Mizrahi, in recognition of his ten years of service as chairman of the National Religious Groups Contact Department of the Jewish National Fund. Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of J.N.F., made the presentation.

