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U.J.A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY IN ATLANTIC CITY; WILL PROCLAIM 1951 GOAL

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- More than 800 Jewish leaders from all parts of the country arrived here today to participate in the national conference of the United Jewish Appeal which opens here tomorrow at the Traymore Hotel to determine American Jewry's financial responsibility for 1951 with regard to various projects in Israel and relief for Jews in other countries.

The conference, which will continue through the week-end, will establish a goal for the 1951 fund-raising campaign and draw up plans for the mobilization of American Jewry for that campaign, which will be formally launched at the parley. One of the principal speakers at the conference will be Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

The retirement of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., as General Chairman of the U.J.A.-- a post which he has held since the beginning of 1947--will be announced tomorrow. During the four years of his service as General Chairman, the United Jewish Appeal raised more than \$465,000,000.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON ROLE OF AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL; LIPSKY WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Louis Lipsky announced today the withdrawal of his resignation as chairman of the American Zionist Council. Official assurances were given by the seven Zionist national groups affiliated with the Council--and by the American section of the Jewish Agency--of their intentions to strengthen and support the authority and program of the Council. The following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:

1. All Zionist national groups associated in the American Zionist Council declare that it is their intention to strengthen and support the authority and program of the Council as a common agency of public relations work in the United States, and as their authorized instrument, to promote cooperation and good will among the associated groups.
2. They note that the American section of the Jewish Agency recognizes and confirms the status and functions of the Council and they recommend that the executive of the Council appoint a committee to discuss the possibility of further enlarging the program of the Council to include new fields of work of common interest.

Mr. Lipsky said that the misunderstandings that had arisen have been cleared up and effective cooperation has been assured. "The Council, representing the whole American Zionist front, has an important educational task to do in creating good will for the state of Israel, which it will now be able to pursue in an atmosphere of harmony and mutual understanding," Mr. Lipsky stated.

ISRAEL GOVT. ORDERS ITS CITIZENS TO TURN IN U.S. SECURITIES; KAPLAN EXPLAINS MEASURE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's official gazette today published a decree ordering Israeli citizens who hold foreign securities payable in American or Canadian dollars to turn them in for conversion to Israel pounds or government bonds within a week. The American and Canadian securities are to be turned over to the Anglo-Palestine Bank, now known as the Israel National Bank.

The amount of securities in this category held by people in Israel is estimated at about \$10,000,000. In explaining the decree, Finance Minister Kaplan told the Israel Parliament today: "It is only natural to ask Israel citizens to sacrifice, when aid from abroad is solicited."

ISRAEL IS URGED TO LEASE PART OF NEGEV TO BRITAIN FOR MILITARY BASE; ADVANTAGES CITED

LONDON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A suggestion that the Government of Israel lease a piece of land in the southern part of the Negev to Britain as a military base was made today by Ian Mikado, member of the British Parliament and one of the leaders of the Labor Zionist movement in England.

Mr. Mikado is expanding his suggestion in an article which will appear tomorrow in the Tribune, a weekly publication. He points out that such an arrangement would "be an answer to King Farouk of Egypt" who is now attempting to oust Britain from protecting the Suez Canal.

The problem of finding a new military base in the Middle East need never have arisen for Britain if Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had not "blindly and persistently backed the wrong side" in the Israel-Arab conflict, the British M.P. writes. However, he expresses the belief that in view of the improved Anglo-Israel relations the question could be reconsidered.

The leasing of a base in the Negev to Britain by Israel, plus the expenditures which British troops would make while on leave in Israel, would give the Jewish state a steady supply of British currency, Mr. Mikado argues. It will put a friendly force between Israel and Egypt, and would lead to the improvement of relations between Israel and Jordan, he claims.

Anticipating Israel's objections, Mr. Mikado says that it would pay for Israel to have Britain as a friend, and although all land in the Negev is needed for settlement purposes, a military base would occupy only a small area which could not be irrigated or colonized for many years.

The British Member of Parliament mentioned the fact that Britain, during the war, leased bases to the United States and this did not prevent the British Government from taking an extremely independent line with America. He dismissed the idea of the British Army becoming a potential threat to Israel's independence.

IMPORTANT CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN ISRAEL'S HIGH COMMAND OF AIR AND NAVAL FORCES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Important changes were announced officially today in the high command of Israel's Air and Naval forces. The commander of the Air Force, Aharon Remez, was relieved at his own request of his post. However, he will remain on service in the armed forces and will receive a special leave for studies. He will be replaced by Shlomo Shamir, commander of the Naval Forces. The Chief of Naval Operations, Mordecai Limon, will become acting commander of the Naval Forces.

Mordecai Namir, former Israel Minister to Moscow, was today unanimously elected secretary-general of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor.

CHIEF JUDGE OF AMERICAN HIGH COMMISSION COURTS IN GERMANY INVITED TO VISIT ISRAEL

FRANKFURT, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Moshe Smoira, Chief Justice of Israel, has invited William Clark, supreme judge of American High Commission courts in Germany, to visit Jerusalem for eight days to study the Jewish state's judicial system, it was reported today.

U.S. AMBASSADOR McDONALD LEAVES ISRAEL; GETS WARM SEND-OFF FROM ISRAELI CHILDREN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The entire diplomatic corps, with the exception of representatives of the Soviet-dominated countries, came to Lydda Airport to see off retiring U.S. Ambassador James G. McDonald who departed for the United States. High officials of the Israel Foreign Office were also present.

Shortly before the departure of Mr. McDonald's plane, a delegation of Israel schoolchildren arrived at the airport and extended best wishes to the U.S. Ambassador on behalf of the children of the Jewish state. Mr. McDonald, speaking in Hebrew, thanked the youngsters.

Commenting editorially on the departure of the U.S. Ambassador, some of the Hebrew daily newspapers here expressed the hope that his remaining in the United States would not lessen his long-standing friendship for Israel. They emphasized his friendly attitude toward Zionism and declared that the Jewish state, as well as the people of Israel, will always be grateful to him.

IRISH HEALTH MINISTER VOICES FRIENDLY FEELINGS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN FOR ISRAEL

DUBLIN, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Irish people have "tender feelings" towards the "young Jewish state," Dr. Noel C. Browne, Minister of Health, declared here today, addressing a meeting of the anti-tuberculosis section of the Jewish Medical Society.

"Like the state of Israel," he said, "the Republic of Ireland only in recent years obtained full independence. During a short period of self-government and independence," he continued, "the general health of the people has greatly improved. Self-government will undoubtedly bring about similar results in Israel."

A badge of the Anti-Tuberculosis League of Israel was presented to Dr. Browne at the conclusion of the meeting. He left the Society's meeting, wearing the badge, to attend a session of the Irish Cabinet. Jewish and non-Jewish physicians attending the conference heard reports from Israel doctors that TB was wide-spread among new immigrants in Israel.

HUNGARY PERMITS EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL OF FORMER LEADERS OF ORTHODOX JEWISH COMMUNITY

BUDAPEST, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A group of Orthodox Jews, including Samuel Kahan Frankel, president of the dissolved Budapest Orthodox Jewish Community, and Dr. L. Reiner, former general secretary, left this morning for Paris following permission granted them by the Hungarian authorities to emigrate to Israel.

SETTLER WHO BRANDISHED MACHINEGUN AT BEN GURION RELEASED; WAS HELD IN MENTAL ASYLUM

TEL AVIV, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Abraham Tzafati, a Jewish settler who was seized last year at a session of the Israel Parliament when he brandished a sub-machinegun at Premier David Ben Gurion, was released today, after being held in a mental institution. He said he would return to his settlement, where he worked as a shepherd.

UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY SETS UP OFFICE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The U.N. General Assembly today voted to set up a High Commissioner's office for refugees, to start operations in Geneva on January 1. G.J. Van Hauven Goedhart of Holland was named by the Assembly as the first High Commissioner.

The High Commissioner will provide international protection for 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. He 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 Dec. 31, 1953.

SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TAKES STEPS TO EXPEDITE EXPORT OF GOODS TO JEWISH STATE

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Government of South Africa will create a special "Israel Export Committee" to facilitate the export of commodities from this country to the Jewish state, it was announced here today. Dr. M.D. Steyn, Secretary of Finance, is chairman of the new group.

Owing to conditions now prevalent in the Union, exports to Israel will be confined to products in surplus supply or goods likely to become surplus soon. The government will consider only applications for export to Israel emanating from a joint supply committee set up by the Zionist Federation and the Israel Appeal.

ISRAEL ENVOY PAYS VISIT TO BELGIAN CITY OF LIEGE; CITES CITY'S AID TO JEWS UNDER NAZIS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Michael Amir, Israel Minister to the Benelux countries, today paid an official visit to Liege, where he was welcomed by the local Bishop, Provincial Governor and Mayor. Mr. Amir paid tribute to the courage of the people of Liege during the Nazi occupation of Belgium and pointed up the aid they extended to the local Jewish community.

All Jewish groups in Liege provided an enthusiastic welcome to the Israel Minister. Liege Jews were particularly proud of the fact that the flag of Israel was flying from the Hotel de Swede which, during the Nazi occupation, flew the Nazi emblem. A decree ordering all Jews in Liege to wear the yellow Star of David badge was issued from the Nazi commandant's headquarters in the same hotel.

ISRAEL SEAMEN RECEIVE COMMISSIONS IN MERCHANT MARINE; 700 NEW OFFICERS NEEDED

HAIFA, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Seventy-five Israel seamen received their certificates as deck and engine room officers in Israel's merchant marine at graduation exercises here yesterday. The certificates were granted after the men had passed examinations given by a government-appointed board.

Speaking at the ceremony, Zeev Hayam, secretary of the board of examiners, said that 700 new officers would be needed in Israel's rapidly expanding merchant fleet in the next four years. The number of seamen, he added, has risen from 250 two years ago to 1,000 at present.

700 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FROM NORTH AFRICA ARRIVE IN HAIFA; EMBARKED AT MARSEILLES

HAIFA, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A group of 700 Jews from North Africa disembarked here last night from the Israel transport *Werbah*. The immigrants boarded the vessel at Marseilles.

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ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATIONS ASSAIL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ANNA ROSENBERG

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic publications have started a campaign against the appointment of Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg to the post of Assistant Secretary of Defense. The sheets point out her Jewish background.

Especially active in this campaign is the publication "Common Sense," issued in Union, New Jersey, which has a long history of fomenting hatred against the Jews, and the "Williams Intelligence Summary," published by Robert H. Williams, who is described by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith as "one of the most vicious anti-Semites in the country." Gerald L.K. Smith, founder of the Christian Nationalist Crusade, is similarly linked up with the campaign against Mrs. Rosenberg.

COLOMBIAN EMBASSY ASSURES JEWISH CONGRESS ON INEFFECTIVENESS OF NAZI PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Colombian Embassy today informed the World Jewish Congress that a recent pro-Nazi demonstration of students in the city of Medellin was "the deed of a few which will never have any response" among the Colombian population.

The assurance by the Colombian Embassy came in reply to a letter sent by the World Jewish Congress to Colombia's Ambassador in Washington drawing his attention to the fact that on October 27 Colombian students in Medellin held a memorial service in honor of Nazi leaders executed as war criminals. Those attending the service wore Swastika armbands and listened to songs of Nazi Germany. Nazi propaganda leaflets and pictures of Hitler were distributed after the service.

YIVO LAUNCHES PLAN TO ESTABLISH ARCHIVES ON HISTORY AND PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A program of large-scale activities designed to lead to the establishment of a central archive of documents and materials on the history and problems of the Jewish community in America was launched here today by the YIVO, Yiddish Scientific Institute.

The project was undertaken with a view to recording various aspects of Jewish life in the past 80 years--from the beginning of the mass immigration of East European Jews to the present--since this period marked the steady rise of American Jewish communities to a position of central prominence in Jewish life.

In a statement issued by the YIVO, it was pointed out that American Jewish historiography has been limited hitherto largely to studies of Sephardic Jews who played an important role in colonial days, or to German Jewish immigrants who arrived prior to 1880. "The two million-odd East European Jews who arrived at these shores in the past 80 years have aroused but little interest among Jewish historians in America, notwithstanding the fact that their economic and cultural achievements fairly rival those of their German or Sephardic predecessors," the statement added.

JEWISH FATHER AND SON ELECTED AS MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A father and son team will sit in the municipal council of Toronto as a result of the election of Nathan Phillips and his son Howard as aldermen. Other Jews elected in the local municipal elections are Alderman Joseph Gould and school trustee Herbert Orliffe.

