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ISRAEL MUST MAKE PROVISION FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES, FOREIGN MINISTER SHARETT SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today told a press conference here that in view of the heightened tension in the world, Israel must make provision for all eventualities, while at the same time it must provide for the rapid development and growth of the country. He expressed the hope that American Jewry would realize the extreme necessity to Israel of its assistance.

The Foreign Minister also emphasized the fact that Israel must bring over Jewish immigrants from various parts of the world while this can be done. "We must also consolidate our trade relations while such possibilities exist," he added. He expressed the hope that a world conflict can be averted.

Addressing the same news conference, Ambassador Abba Eban reviewed the activities of the Israel delegation at the U.N. General Assembly session. This is the first time, he said, that Israel played a full and active part in problems not directly affecting the interests of the Jewish state. At the same time, Israel continued to be the subject of discussion of its own affairs at the General Assembly, he pointed out, and came under sustained attacks by Arab delegates.

"The independence and freedom of Israel's foreign policy was fully vindicated at this session of the Assembly," Mr. Eban said. He stated that the interests of other delegations in Israel's point of view was out of proportion with the territorial size of the Jewish state. He also emphasized the fact that Israel's attitude at the Assembly coincided with the point of view of one delegation at one time and with another delegation at another time. "Israel's action was always determined by its own judgment," he said.

Eban Reviews Israel's Part in Deliberations on Korea

Reviewing the efforts Israel made to play an active part in the deliberations on Korea, Mr. Eban said that Foreign Minister Sharett had participated in the discussions with Ambassador Wu. "We have circulated a memorandum to a number of delegations with certain suggestions on Korea, and our Foreign Minister has presented these suggestions to the General Assembly," Ambassador Eban declared.

The Ambassador explained the stand taken by the Israeli delegation at the United Nations with regard to the questions of Germany and Spain. Israel's stand, he said, reflected not only a distinctly Israel approach but also the Jewish approach.

Analyzing the Arab campaign at the General Assembly, Mr. Eban said that the Arabs had tried to do three things at the session: firstly, they hoped to secure reaffirmation of the principle of the repatriation of Arab refugees; secondly,

they tried to intensify support for the internationalization of Jerusalem; thirdly, in the Security Council they tried to brand Israel as a violator of the armistice agreements and the United Nations Charter.

"They failed in all three things," the Israel Ambassador asserted. He expressed the hope that the Arabs will despair of waging political warfare in the U.N. and will realize the necessity for direct negotiation. "We had told the United Nations we were prepared to give one million pounds as a first contribution to the reintegration fund with the understanding that Israel will be released from the liability of paying compensation to individual Arabs. But this point is still to be clarified and the whole question is still open," Mr. Eban said.

Asked about Israel's conversation with Ambassador Wu, Mr. Sharett said that Ambassador Wu had expressed appreciation for Israel's position favoring their representation in the U.N. It was understood for the time being that Israel would not be establishing a representation in Peiping, he added. In answer to another question, Israel's Foreign Minister said that Ambassador Eban would serve as Israel's representative on the 14-nation peace observation commission with one or two members of the permanent delegation as alternates.

ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENT WORKERS POSTPONE "WARNING STRIKE"; GOVERNMENT NAMES NEGOTIATORS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The 20,000 government workers who threatened to go on a two-hour "warning strike" today in protest against delays in settling their grievances decided this morning to postpone the strike following a decision taken by the Cabinet on the problem.

The Cabinet decision provides for the appointment of two Ministers to deal with the demands of the civil servants. The workers gave the Government time until next Wednesday to settle their grievances, and if no satisfactory agreement is reached by that time, the strike will take place on the following day.

ENGLAND-ISRAEL FINANCIAL TALKS DEADLOCKED; NEGOTIATIONS SUSPENDED FOR TEN DAYS

LONDON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- As the second plenary session in the current Anglo-Israel financial talks took place here today, it was confirmed by Israel sources that the negotiations have reached a virtual deadlock.

The talks have been suspended for ten days while David Horowitz, director-general of the Israel Treasury and head of its delegation, goes to the Continent -- probably on Sunday -- to meet with Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in Paris. Mr. Sharett is scheduled to stop off in the French capital en route home from Lake Success. Before today's meeting Mr. Horowitz met with Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Gaitskell and E.L. Berthoud, Foreign Office Under Secretary for Economic Relations, in an attempt to break the deadlock.

The deadlock has developed out of Israel's demand for complete liquidation within 18 months of the remaining 13,000,000 pounds (\$36,400,000) in sterling assets which are still frozen. In addition, the Israelis are asking that Israel-owned securities, worth 5,000,000 pounds be sold and paid out to Israel within the next year. The British have offered to release half of the present balance in the next year.

ISRAEL MEDICAL GROUP ASKS GOVERNMENT TO MOBILIZE DOCTORS FOR WORK IN IMMIGRANT CAMPS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Medical Association today decided to urge the government to declare a national mobilization of physicians for service in the temporary and semi-permanent immigrant work camps where winter conditions are bringing a wave of discomfort and illness.

The decision to ask the government to mobilize the doctors of Israel was accompanied by a two-fold pledge by the medical association: 1. The association will place its facilities at the service of the government for the purposes of the mobilization; 2. The members of the central committee and the national council, governing bodies of the medical association, will be the first to voluntarily respond to the mobilization order, if it is posted.

U.S. LOAN FOR ISRAEL'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT EXPECTED SHORTLY; ALLOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- About \$90,000,000 has been invested during the last two-and-a-half years in developing agricultural settlements in Israel by the Agricultural Laborers Council, it was reported here today at the opening session of the Agricultural Laborers Council annual conference.

Abraham Harzfeld, one of the leaders of the Council, told the conference that a new American loan of \$53,000,000 for developing agriculture in Israel is expected shortly. He outlined in detail how the loan will be spent. About \$19,000,000 will be allocated for maintaining new settlements and the remainder will be spent for irrigation, manufacture of fertilizer and subsidies for citrus growers.

Mr. Harzfeld reported that 240 settlements have been established since Israel's proclamation of independence. He announced that the Council is maintaining more than 100 labor settlements for 60,000 recent immigrants.

ISRAEL CABINET OFFERS CITRUS FRUIT GROWERS 15 PERCENT SUBSIDIES TO COVER LOSSES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Minister of Agriculture Pinhas Lubianiker today informed representatives of orange growers of the Cabinet's decision to have the government pay a 15 percent subsidy to the owners of citrus fruit groves. The decision was taken in view of the strike of the growers, who refuse to export fruit unless the government grants them financial aid.

The Cabinet decision also calls for the government to pay additional subsidies toward the end of the marketing season. However, the Cabinet specifically barred the payment of the full difference between the price paid for citrus fruit in last year's markets and that paid this year. Nor would the Cabinet agree to have the government bear the full costs of fruit raising.

The National Council of Citrus Growers, whose demands for government grants were based on a drastic price drop in this year's foreign markets, will consider the government's reply and then vote on whether to let the crop rot on the trees or to pick and ship it.

At its meeting, last night, the Cabinet also decided to transfer the control Bureau of the defunct Ministry of Supply to the Ministry of Police. In addition, it prepared a bill setting up civil defense agencies against air raids which will be introduced to the Parliament.

EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTED LIFTING SOME RESTRICTIONS ON BLACKLISTED VESSELS

LONDON, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government has decided to remove a restriction that denied repair facilities at Egyptian ports to ships which it has blacklisted for carrying cargo to Israel, Reuters reported today from Cairo.

The action followed recent protests to Egypt by six maritime powers -- including the United States, Britain and France -- against the blacklisting of vessels. Some 50 ships flying various national flags have been blacklisted since the outbreak of the Arab-Israel war in May 1948. The restriction on using repair facilities was the last one imposed, according to the Reuters report, and the first to be lifted. The raising of other bans on blacklisted vessels is forecast by this action.

YOUTH ALIYAH DEFICIT THREATEN'S MOVEMENT'S CONTINUED EXISTENCE, AGENCY LEADER SAYS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The \$4,200,000 deficit of the Youth Aliyah movement is threatening the very existence of the movement, Moshe Kol, Jewish Agency official in charge of the Youth Aliyah program, today told a press conference.

He pointed out that the program is threatened at a time when tens of thousands of Jewish youth in Eastern Europe and North Africa "are simply knocking at the gates of the movement." He pointed out that the movement must bring to Israel and settle there at least 10,000 children a year in order to fulfill the purposes of the organization.

Despite the difficulties in which Youth Aliyah finds itself, Mr. Kol pointed out, it has agreed to aid the immigrants in the work camps this winter by caring for 600 children for three months in its various institutions. He also revealed that in view of the urgency of the situation the Hadassah has promised to give special attention to Youth Aliyah problems at its forthcoming national convention.

22,000 IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL REQUIRE SPECIAL SERVICES; 12,000 HUTS ERECTED IN CAMPS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Some 22,000 of the immigrants in Israel camps are social service cases requiring special attention, Zvi Herman, director of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, today told newsmen.

The 22,000 include chronic invalids, the aged and others whose care requires considerable financial outlay and organizational effort. He pointed out that the Agency has erected 12,000 metal huts in 110 camps and semi-permanent work centers as a partial protection from the winter weather.

JORDAN AUTHORITIES REFUSE TO OPEN BETHLEHEM ROAD FOR USE OF PILGRIMS DURING CHRISTMAS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Jordan authorities in Palestine have rejected an Israel suggestion that the Bethlehem road be opened to all pilgrims during the Christmas period.

The result of the refusal will be that only the members of Jerusalem's consular corps will be permitted to use this road and all other Christian pilgrims from Tel Aviv and elsewhere, including diplomats and clergymen, will have to travel via the Old City and an Arab Legion military road -- a much longer route.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY RECEIVES AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Yeshiva University today announced that it has received authorization to open medical and dental schools and give courses leading to the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Dental Surgery. The authorization was decided upon at a meeting of the New York State Board of Regents on Dec. 15, the announcement said.

"With the granting of this right by the State Board of Regents, Yeshiva University will move ahead with its plans to open the first Medical School, in the entire world excluding Israel, under Jewish auspices," Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University, said. The permission for Yeshiva University to conduct programs in medical and dental education came five years after Yeshiva was elevated to University status by action of the same Board of Regents.

Dr. Belkin declared that the projected plans for raising large sums of money to open a Medical School of the highest grade and calibre will be embarked upon shortly. He asserted that negotiations which have begun earlier with hospitals in New York City will be speeded up and if necessary broadened. He pointed out the specific location is as yet undetermined although several spots have been given careful consideration.

"In the development of our Medical School, we shall be guided by an Advisory Council on Medical Education, comprising leading medical educators and physicians, now in formation," he said. Dr. Belkin stated: "We appreciate fully the confidence that has been placed in us by the State and we hope that we shall live up to this faith by establishing a school that will be a credit to American education." He added that the only criteria for admission would be ability and character.

Plans to Raise \$10,000,000 to Open Medical School in 1952

"To the present moment the Yeshiva University neither solicited nor accepted any gifts for the future medical school, since we were not officially authorized by the Board of Regents to organize such a school." Dr. Belkin pointed out: "Now, that such authorization is granted to us, it is our intention to launch a national campaign for the realization of our long-cherished dream. Our immediate goal is that during the year of 1951, we shall be able to raise about \$10,000,000 which will make it possible for us to open the school in 1952. I am confident that the American community, and particularly the American Jewish community will respond enthusiastically to our call.

"In seeking to establish a medical school, Yeshiva University is governed by the consideration that it is anxious to render service to our nation and especially to solidify Jewish contributions to American higher and professional education," Dr. Belkin declared. "As the first American university under Jewish auspices, Yeshiva University is deeply concerned in blazing a trail of its own in the field of higher education in conformity with the great American democratic traditions of education and in harmony with the spiritual heritage of Judaism."

Yeshiva University comprises eight schools and divisions with an enrollment of almost 2,000 students from all parts of the world. The eight schools and divisions of the University are the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, Yeshiva College of Liberal Arts and Science, Teachers Institute, Bernard Revel Graduate School, Barry Fischell School for Higher Jewish Studies, School of Education and Community Administration, Talmudical Academy High Schools, and the Institute of Mathematics.

