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ISRAEL PREMIER REPORTS TO CABINET ON SECURITY SITUATION; SYRIANS THREATEN ISRAELIS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A report on the security situation in Israel was submitted to the Cabinet last night by Premier David Ben Gurion, it was officially announced today. The Cabinet also discussed various problems concerning Jewish claims for compensation in Germany and in other countries.

Syrian soldiers yesterday threatened to open fire on a group of Israel fishermen at Lake Tiberias. Commanded by a commissioned officer, the Syrians forced the Israelis to abandon their fishing nets at a point where the Jordan River flows into the lake.

Both sides of the river at this juncture are inside Israel territory, and Syria's frontier is 300 meters distant from the eastern bank of the river, which is in Israel territory. Israel authorities maintain that the Syrians have no right to give them orders since the Israelis are in their own territory.

The fishermen today submitted a complaint to the Israel-Syrian mixed armistice commission. The Israelis say that this is not the first act of provocation committed against them, claiming that they were stoned two weeks ago by Syrian troops.

Bevin Orders Reassessment of British Strategy in Middle East

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A complete reassessment of British strategy in the Middle East has been ordered by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and War Secretary Emanuel Shinwell prior to resumption of the Anglo-Egyptian talks, scheduled to be held in mid-January, it was learned here today.

Defense leaders were asked to use the presence in London of Sir Brian Robertson, commander of the Middle East land forces of Britain, in order to survey possible alternative bases for Egypt. Sir Brian recently returned from a tour of the Middle East.

According to authoritative sources, serious consideration is being given to a possible shift from bases in Egypt to Cyrenaica. This, however, is considered an inadequate substitute for the present. A convenient opportunity for discussion of this problem has presented itself through the visit now to Israel of two Labor MP's--Richard Crossman and Ian Munn.

The British Foreign Office, it is understood, hopes to get some idea of Israel's reaction to Middle East strategy plans when these two MP's return home. Until then, no further steps in this direction are contemplated.

GOVERNMENT WORKERS IN ISRAEL CALL OFF THREATENED STRIKE; DISPUTE NARROWS DOWN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A threatened strike of 20,000 government workers was cancelled last night at the last minute by the employees' union. The union explained that differences existing between the government and itself had narrowed down to only two issues--provision for family allowances and wages for truck drivers.

ISRAEL WILL BUILD AIRFIELD IN JERUSALEM AREA; PLANS BUILDING NEW DEEP-WATER HARBOR

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Government expects to build an airfield for Jerusalem and is awaiting a report from Swiss experts regarding the exact, recommended location of the airfield, it was announced here today by Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Communications.

Speaking at a press conference, the Minister revealed that the government has appointed a committee of experts to fix the place for the building of a deep-water harbor in the southern part of the country which will also serve for shipments of potash produced in Israel.

Dr. Joseph said that air companies of 12 states are now using the Israel airport at Lydda and that the port authorities there handled, in 1950, about 120,000 passengers. The government is discussing the conversion of the Haifa airport into an international airfield, he declared.

The Minister said that Israel's post office system handled this year about 65,000,000 pieces of mail for its 1,250,000 population, in addition to approximately one million cablegrams and about one million domestic telegrams. There are now about 29,000 telephones in Israel, but their number will be considerably increased during the coming year, he stated.

Citing improvements in Israel's rail service, the Minister said within the next two years a direct Haifa-Tel Aviv, one-hour rail service should be available. Rail transportation to Beersheba and Tiberias are blueprinted for a later stage, he revealed. As for shipping, Dr. Joseph said that Israel is negotiating with a British firm for the purchase of a luxury passenger vessel. The Jewish state is also making efforts to increase the number of vessels at the disposal of its merchant fleet and urgently requires five freighters, two passenger ships and two tenders.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND ISSUES MANIFESTO TO JEWS OF WORLD; ASKS FOR CONTINUED AID

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A manifesto to the Jews of the world to continue their aid to the Jewish National Fund was issued here today in connection with the celebration of the J.N.F. jubilee, which is being observed throughout the country.

"We remember in veneration and respect the men who a half-century ago had the wisdom and foresight to give form to this ideal," the manifesto says. "We remember those who, in the years that followed, developed the Jewish National Fund into a strong instrument of Zionism. In its ceaseless, mundane day-to-day work, the Fund brought, step by step, the ancient soil again into Jewish hands and thus, to new life. On J.N.F. land, a generation grew up that would not abandon their estate, when the great test came, and with it the freedom of Israel.

"Today we recall the anxieties of the past and the struggle which lies behind us; we are grateful for what has been achieved and proud of those who achieved it--yet only the work which lies ahead will complete our historic mission. There is no task more noble than to free the earth from the deadly grip of neglect, to transmute the curse of the waste into the blessing of plenty. The Jewish National Fund in its second fifty years' span will be the redeeming hand to win back the soil for the tillers. The Jewish people the world over will share in this undertaking, for the Fund is our instrument."

TUNISIAN AUTHORITIES DISCONTINUE ISSUANCE OF COLLECTIVE VISAS TO JEWISH YOUTHS

PARIS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The authorities in Tunisia are refusing to grant collective visas to Jewish youths desiring to emigrate to Israel under Youth Aliyah projects, it was reported here today by M. Beytan, secretary-general of the Paris office of the Jewish Agency, upon his return from Tunisia. Such collective visas have been issued until recently without any difficulty, he pointed out.

Mr. Beytan said that the Zionist movement in Tunisia is forced to work under "special conditions." He revealed that for "security reasons" no campaign can be conducted in Tunisia in connection with elections to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. Any other form of Zionist propaganda can similarly not be conducted openly, for the same reasons, he said.

The Jewish Agency official emphasized that similar difficulties are being encountered also by other Jewish organizations. As a result of the prevailing circumstances, Mr. Beytan, after consultations with leaders of Tunisian Jewry and representatives of Zionist groups, decided that no public democratic elections to the World Zionist Congress should be held in Tunisia, but that the various Zionist groups should present a joint list of five delegates.

Despite difficulties, Zionist activities in Tunisia are making good progress, Mr. Beytan reported. This year, the United Israel Appeal there has raised more than 10,000,000 francs as compared with 5,000,000 francs last year.

VATICAN OFFERS CONVENT IN HAIFA AS WINTER SHELTER FOR JEWISH IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Msgr. Antonio Vezani, the Vatican's representative in Israel, today placed at the disposal of the Israel authorities one of the largest convents in the Haifa district for the use of 200 immigrant children.

The convent was made available to the children for the next four months so as to spare them the hardships of living in makeshift tents during the winter, rainy season. Jewish teachers and nurses will assume supervision of the children in the convent.

BRITISH AGUDAH OPPOSES ZIONIST EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN LIVING IN LANDS OUTSIDE ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A statement strongly opposing any "attempt by the Zionist Organization to lay hands on the education of Jewish youth and children in the Diaspora" was issued here today by the National Council of the British Agudas Israel Organization.

The statement said that for years education fostered by the Zionist movement has "found disfavor among all leading rabbis, heads of Yeshivot and rabbinical and lay leaders of Orthodox Jewry throughout the world." The council also voiced the hope that a religious person will be elected mayor of Jerusalem.

CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS DECIDES TO LAUNCH FUND-RAISING DRIVE IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The European executive of the World Confederation of General Zionists decided today to launch immediately a fund-raising campaign in this country in behalf of the General Zionist Fund for Constructive Enterprises. Leading General Zionists from all parts of the world will attend a dinner here on January 3, 1951, marking the official opening of the drive.

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JEWISH GROUP IN BRITAIN PROTESTS GERMAN RE-ARMING; FEARS ONSLAUGHT ON JEWISH PEOPLE

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A resolution endorsing the protest voiced by the Board of Deputies of British Jews against the proposed re-arming of Germany was approved here last night at the annual meeting of the Grand Order Sons of Jacob, one of the largest Jewish fraternal organizations in Britain.

The resolution said that a re-armed German army "would seek to complete Hitler's work of exterminating the Jewish people and would enter a third world war" to avenge Germany's defeat in the last war.

GERMAN NATIONALITY CANNOT BE REIMPOSED ON STATELESS PERSONS AGAINST WILL, COURT RULES

PARIS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court of Appeals here today handed down a ruling declaring that German nationality cannot be reimposed upon stateless persons against their will.

The ruling came in the case of a Jewish woman who, prior to the outbreak of World War II, came to Paris as a refugee from Germany. After the liberation of France, she claimed her Paris apartment. However, the occupants refused to vacate it, asserting that the decree ordering the returning of apartments was inapplicable to the Jewish woman because she was German and was therefore an enemy alien.

The argument of the occupants was rejected by a lower court, which ruled that the Jewish woman was entitled to benefits from the restitution decree. The occupants thereupon appealed to the Supreme Court arguing that the claimant had automatically become again a German citizen when Nazi legislation was abrogated after the fall of the Hitler regime. In today's ruling, however, the Supreme Court of Appeals made it clear that the abolition of Nazi laws does not restore German nationality to persons of German origin who became stateless.

SECRET ARCHIVES OF WARSAW GHETTO ARE FOUND; HANDED OVER TO JEWISH INSTITUTE

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Secret archives of the Warsaw Ghetto dating to the immediate period before the uprising in 1943 have been unearthed by construction workers and are now being examined by the Jewish Institute of History, a Warsaw dispatch to the London News-Chronicle said today.

The documents, found in two sealed milk cans, are written in Yiddish, German and Polish and are estimated to total 40 percent of the entire underground ghetto archives. The papers include personal diaries, proclamations, literary works, announcements, news of the fate of a number of outstanding personalities of the ghetto, anti-Jewish decrees issued by the Nazi authorities, and testimony of Jewish witnesses taken at various proceedings.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT RATIFIES UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION OUTLAWING CRIME OF GENOCIDE

PARIS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The French Government today ratified the United Nations Convention Outlawing the Crime of Genocide. Earlier, the CRIF--the representative council of French Jewry--circulated among all Jewish organizations in France a statement emphasizing the importance of the U.N. genocide convention to the Jewish people.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA ARRIVES IN NEW YORK TODAY; WILL GIVE CONCERTS IN 40 CITIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, composed of 49 members, will arrive here tomorrow in two specially-chartered planes to start a series of 55 concerts in the United States and Canada. The concerts will be given in 40 cities.

This is the first visit of the orchestra to any country, besides Egypt. The musical supervision of the orchestra's American tour will be in the hands of Leonard Bernstein and Serge Koussevitzky, noted American conductors. The first concert will be given in New York on January 8. The orchestra's tour is under the auspices of the American Fund for Israel Institutions.

FOUR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING MERGE; WILL FORM WORLD JEWISH ACADEMY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The formation of a World Jewish Academy for higher Jewish learning, to be known as United Research Institutions for Higher Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, was announced here today. The new body will function with Chief Rabbi Dr. Isaac Herzog of Jerusalem as president and Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein of New York as chairman of the Board of Trustees, which will be composed of 71 leading Jews from all over the world.

The new institution is the result of a merger of four institutions of higher Jewish studies now functioning in Israel. The merged institutions are: Mishpat HaTorah school for the preparation of religious judges in Israel; Encyclopedia Talmudit, a research institution for the creation of an Encyclopedia of Jewish Law; Shaas Israeli, an institution for the publication of a critical edition of the Talmud, representing the highest form of Jewish scholarship; and Chakikah, a research institute in Jewish law as a basis for the formulation and development of the future laws for Israel.

140 AMERICAN JEWISH WRITERS SIGN DECLARATION HAILING HISTADRUT ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Nearly 140 Yiddish and Hebrew writers today signed a declaration hailing the Histadrut in Israel on the 30th anniversary of its establishment, which occurs this month. The declaration urges American Jewry to celebrate the Histadrut's anniversary.

The signatories of the declaration include poets, novelists, publicists and members of the editorial staffs of all daily Yiddish newspapers in the United States and Canada.

JOHN GIBSON SWORN IN AS NEW CHAIRMAN OF DISPLACED PERSONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- John W. Gibson, of Detroit, was sworn in last night as the new chairman of the Displaced Persons Commission, succeeding Ugo Carusi, who resigned recently. An official of the C.I.O., Mr. Gibson has been an active leader in the labor field.

PRESIDENT OF BUENOS AIRES JEWISH COMMUNITY IS HONORED BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Moises Slinin, president of the Jewish Community, was honored here last night for his activity in developing Jewish community life in Buenos Aires. Representatives of Jewish organizations presented him with a certificate of inscription in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund in recognition of his leadership.

BECAUSE OF NON-DELIVERY OF MAIL ON NEW YEAR'S, THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL APPEAR TUESDAY