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SHRAGAI ELECTED MAYOR OF JERUSALEM; PLEDGES TO UPHOLD JEWISH CLAIM TO UNDIVIDED CITY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- S.Z. Shragai, leader of the Mizrahi Laborites, was today elected mayor of Jerusalem succeeding Daniel Auster, a General Zionist. Eliahu Eliashar, leader of the Sephardic Jews in Jerusalem who is a General Zionist, was elected deputy mayor. Moshe Porush and A. Rubin were elected vice-mayors. Addressing the municipal council following his election, Mr. Shragai emphasized the claim of the Jews of Jerusalem to an undivided city.

ISRAEL PLAN FOR PEACE SETTLEMENT IN KOREA ATTRACTS SERIOUS ATTENTION AT UNITED NATIONS

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation at the United Nations today began consultations with other U.N. delegations for the purpose of introducing a resolution embodying the Israel suggestions for a peace settlement in Korea.

Israel delegates indicate that they consider present conditions favorable for a resolution based along the "line of approach" suggested by Israel last week. However, they are anxious to have joint, rather than individual, sponsorship of such a resolution and they are seeking to develop this collective sponsorship. It is hoped, but is by no means certain, that a formal proposal based on the Israel cease-fire formula can be introduced when the U.N. Political Committee meets on Thursday. Otherwise it would probably be delayed until next week.

Soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik last night criticized the Israel suggestions because they provide for graduated withdrawals of "non-Korean" forces, instead of the immediate withdrawal of "foreign"--meaning United Nations--forces, but did not criticize other points. This led to the belief that the Soviet Union might be inclined to accept the Israel-sponsored plan.

ISRAEL REJECTS BRITISH-AMERICAN-FRENCH PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE WAR WITH GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Ministry today presented the diplomatic representatives of the United States, Britain and France with a reply to a suggestion to terminate the war with Germany.

In its reply the Israel Government pointed out that the Jewish state is unable to take action parallel to that of the three powers on the question of peace with Germany. The Israel Government, the document said, must take steps to deal with the claims which the Jewish state has against Germany.

In presenting its views on peace with Germany, the Foreign Ministry made it clear that Israel's stand in rejecting the three-power proposal is a result of the fact that many Israelis have been affected physically and morally by the "hastly events" in Germany and its satellites during the last war.

ISRAEL WILL NOT GIVE MILITARY BASES TO FOREIGN NATIONS, OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- British or other foreign military bases will not be permitted in Israel, nor will Israel permit the transit of foreign troops across its territory, an Israel military spokesman declared here today.

Israel's views concerning the establishment of new British bases in Jordan remain unchanged, he said. He made this statement in connection with reports published in the British and American press alleging that the Israel Government is no longer opposed to the British military policy in Jordan.

Public opinion here is stirred up over an article written by Richard Crossman, Member of the British Parliament, who is now a guest of President Chaim Weizmann. Mr. Crossman alleges in his article--which appeared in a London newspaper--that Israel Army officers would consider favorably the transfer of British troops stationed at the Suez Canal area to an area of Egypt closer to the southern part of Israel. "Mr. Crossman expresses neither the views of the Israel Army nor those of the Israel Government," the military spokesman pointed out in reply.

CRISIS IN ISRAEL'S CITRUS INDUSTRY ENDS; GOVERNMENT TO PAY GROWERS SUBSIDIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The crisis in the citrus growing industry in Israel which led to a strike of the citrus fruit growers and which brought hardship to both workers and owners in the industry was scheduled to be settled today.

Finance Minister Eliaker Kaplan, on behalf of the government, will sign an agreement granting the growers a subsidy of 62.5 percent of the value of their crops. The citrus industry, which provides much of Israel's exports, was hard hit by competition in the foreign markets this year.

FORMER NAZI ECONOMIC COMMISSIONER CHARGED WITH DEFAUDING JEWISH LANDOWNERS IN 1937

FRANKFURT, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Johannes Vogel, former district economic commissioner for Franconia, was today arraigned in Wursburg on charges of having defrauded Jewish landowners during 1937.

The prosecutor charged that Dr. Vogel, in his official capacity, would bring prospective buyers of real estate to Jewish landowners and would pressure the latter into selling at a price set by Dr. Vogel. In addition, the prosecutor said, Dr. Vogel took part of the purchase price for himself, under the guise of accepting contributions to an agency devoted to the development of the Spessart district of Franconia. The defendant claimed that he acted under orders of his Nazi superior.

Two trials of Nazis charged with murdering concentration camp inmates in 1945, just before the Allies overran Germany, opened today in Giessen court. Eral Fritsch, one-time commander of an execution squad which killed at least 61 women and six men at the Hirzenhain slave labor camp, is the defendant in one trial. In another case former Gestapo officials Will Hoffmann and Ernst Schneider are charged with having shot three inmates of the county prison at Giessen.

At Dresden, Max Groeschel, a former Gestapo camp commander, was sentenced today to death for responsibility in the death of over 100 inmates of the Ravensbrueck and Neuenzamme concentration camps.

JEWIS OF MUNSTER CELEBRATE BAR MITZVAH OF ONLY SURVIVING JEWISH BOY

FRANKFURT, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The small Jewish congregation of Munster, in Westphalia, last Saturday celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Paul Spiezel, the only surviving Jewish boy of the Munster community.

BOSTON COURT DISMISSES CASE OF 18 JEWISH YOUTHS INVOLVED IN FIGHT WITH ANTI-SEMITES

BOSTON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Eighteen youths charged with "making an affray" last November after their friends had been beaten by anti-Semitic hoodlums in Dorchester were freed by Judge Bert Holland of the West Roxbury Court, who dismissed all charges against them.

The members of the group were arrested after they had travelled to Hyde Park to avenge beatings their friends in Hecht House had received Halloween Week. Seven other boys in the group had their cases continued for six months. The seven were given a continuance because an unloaded revolver was found in the car in which they had travelled to Hyde Park.

JUSTICE FRANKFURTER, EX-SECRETARY OF WAR PATTERSON LAUD ISRAEL'S ACHIEVEMENTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- "Israel as a nation is not the resurrection of something that was dead, but the readaptation of something that had never died and always had lived," Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter declared last night in a speech delivered before more than 2,000 guests at the inaugural dinner-concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. He emphasized that Israel is an example of mediation between east and west.

"Externally and materially speaking, austerity prevails in Israel, but spiritually speaking, there is the most rich abundance in every domain of the mind and spirit," Justice Frankfurter said. "In no country is there such extensive, such all-inclusive response to the needs of the mind as in Israel."

Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of War, another featured speaker, said: "What is it about Israel that has captured not merely the imagination but the conscience of the American people? It is the pioneering spirit of Israel. The pioneering instinct still has its strong appeal to the American people. It was in that stage of our life that our own nation grew to its great stature of today. We could see the visible product of vigorous energy and creation, and so it is as we look across the seas to Israel." Mr. Patterson also lauded the people of Israel for their courage in fighting for their freedom and national existence.

The guests at the concert, which was conducted by Leonard Bernstein at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, enthusiastically applauded the 95-man Israeli Orchestra. The full-length program played by the orchestra was in the nature of a pre-hearing. Music critics of the New York press were asked not to give their criticism until after the orchestra's first concert for the general public at Carnegie Hall on Saturday night, which will be conducted by Serge Koussevitzky. It will be followed the next evening by a concert conducted by Leonard Bernstein.

ISRAEL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES LAUNCHED BY AMERICAN MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Formal launching of a college of arts and sciences in Israel under the auspices of the Mizrahi Organization of America was announced here tonight at a dinner meeting of educators and prominent laymen, who constitute the institution's Founders' Committee. The meeting was held at the Hotel Commodore.

In announcing the Mizrahi movement's projected program for the college, Dr. Pinkas Churgin, national Mizrahi president, told the Founders' Committee that the work on the central building will begin at the end of this year. The central structure, he said, will cost an estimated \$1,500,000. Dr. Churgin disclosed that American architects are already preparing plans for the college which will be located on 150 dunams of land (about 40 acres) at Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv.

NEW REFORM CONGREGATION IN LONDON TAKES OVER CHURCH FOR USE AS COMMUNITY CENTER

LONDON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A new Liberal Jewish congregation in the Regents Park section of London has acquired the unused St. Peters vicarage in northwest London for a community center, it was announced here today. The new Reform congregation is composed chiefly of Jews who fled Germany after Hitler's advent to power.

AMERICAN CORPORATION CONCLUDES AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL FIRM FOR RADIO ASSEMBLY PLANT

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The Galim Radio Engineering Co. of Israel will assemble radios in Israel from designs, instructions and component parts supplied by the Admiral Corporation of Chicago, according to an agreement between the two made public here today.

The Israel Government--in order to keep its radio industry operating--has granted a license to the Galim company to sell radio gift certificates in the United States, which can be sent to individuals and institutions in Israel. These certificates will entitle the recipients to obtain Israel assembled radios that will have the advantage of being of American manufacture.

B'NAI B'RITH SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG AMERICAN COMPOSERS; ANNOUNCES MUSICAL CONTEST

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- To encourage young American composers and to honor the memory of the late George Gershwin, a prize of \$1,000 will be given to the American musician under 30 years of age who submits the best composition in the 1951 Gershwin Memorial Contest, it was announced here today by the B'nai B'rith. The prize-winning composition will be played by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra at one of its regular concerts in April.

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the judges, according to Leonard H. Berger, president of Victory Lodge of B'nai B'rith, which is sponsoring the contest in cooperation with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. There are no restrictions as to race or creed of contestants, and all manuscripts are submitted and judged anonymously. Each entry must be an original unpublished orchestral composition which does not exceed 15 minutes in length.

ARGENTINE B'NAI B'RITH TO SHIP 5,000 GIFT PARCELS TO WOMEN MEMBERS OF ISRAEL ARMY

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Some 5,000 gift-parcels will be shipped by the Argentine B'nai B'rith to members of Israel's women's army units, it was announced here today by Dr. Mario Schteingart, president of the organization. The announcement was made at a reception for Gad Frumkin, former Palestine Supreme Court Justice who is visiting in this country.

Meanwhile, members of a Histadrut delegation to Argentina have issued a call for Argentine chalutzim to come to Israel. The call pointed out that beside money, food and other items, the Jewish state has need of trained young Jewish workers.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS OF HEBREW HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The first annual conference of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew held here elected Professor Abraham I. Katsch of New York University as its president. Dr. Lewis Shoffman of Brooklyn College was elected secretary and Professor Shlomo Mareroff of Brandeis University was named treasurer.

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