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KNESSET EXTENDS EMERGENCY POWERS TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE; MILITARY RULE PROLONGED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today granted, by an overwhelming majority, an extension of the emergency powers of the Ministry of Defense and authorized the maintenance of military rule in certain security zones. The extension was requested by Premier David Ben Gurion, who also holds the post of Minister of Defense.

KNESSET AUTHORIZES GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE FOREIGN LOANS; LEFTISTS CRITICIZE U.S. LOAN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today approved a second reading of the Foreign Loan Bill under which the government is authorized to negotiate and receive foreign loans not exceeding \$100,000,000.

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan submitted the bill last week to make it possible for the Israel Government to accept the \$35,000,000 loan from the United States Export-Import Bank which was granted for agricultural development work. Mr. Kaplan asked the Parliament to give the government a free hand to negotiate new loans, emphasizing, at the same time, that "there are no immediate prospects of such loans."

During the debate on the bill, which lasted two hours, leaders of the left-wing Socialist Mapam party argued that the loan given Israel by the Export-Import Bank "subordinates the Jewish state to American capitalism." These assertions were ridiculed by speakers representing Mapai, the right-wing Socialist party.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT PROTESTS GERMAN REARMAMENT; CALLS FOR COMPLETE DEMILITARIZATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Parliament of Israel today formally protested the rearmament of Germany and its gradual acceptance into the family of nations.

In a resolution supported by virtually all parties except the left-wing Socialist Mapam and the Communists, the deputies objected to the rearmament of both East and West Germany and the establishment of separate armed German units as proposed by the Western Powers. The resolution appealed to all nations of the world and to the United Nations to carry out the complete demilitarization of Germany, halt the supplying of arms to Germany, and punish German war criminals.

The Mapam and Communist deputies refused to support the resolution, calling for a protest only against the recent decision of the Western Powers--at the Brussels Conference--to rearm Western Germany.

Betar, the Revisionist youth movement, today issued a call to Jewish youth organizations throughout the world to join in a united boycott of Germany. Announcing the move to a press conference, Moshe Gold, chairman of the Betar world executive, declared that in the light of German rearmament Jews must consider carefully whether they will fight in the Western forces, "alongside German murderers of Jews."

LT. COL. SHAUL RAMATI NAMED HEAD OF ISRAEL DELEGATIONS TO FOUR MIXED ARMISTICE BODIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The appointment of Lt. Col. Shaul Ramati as head of all four Israel delegations to the mixed armistice commissions with Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, was announced here today. The post was previously held by Lt. Col. Moshe Dayan, war-time commander of the Jerusalem forces.

Syrian soldiers today opened fire on Jewish hunters in the demilitarized zone near Ein Gev, in northern Israel. No casualties were reported. Israel authorities immediately lodged a formal complaint to the mixed Syrian-Israel armistice commission.

ISRAEL SUBMITS WRITTEN DEMANDS TO BRITAIN FOR RELEASE OF FROZEN STERLING ASSETS

LONDON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation to the Anglo-Israel financial talks here has submitted its demands in writing for the release of Israel sterling assets frozen here, it was learned here today.

It is not believed that the British will reply in writing, but it is expected that invitations to reopen the recessed negotiations will be sent the Israelis. Meanwhile, the talks cannot be resumed because David Horowitz, leader of the Israelis, is confined to bed with an attack of influenza.

SWEDISH BANKS GRANT \$6,000,000 LOAN TO JEWISH NATIONAL FUND FOR PURCHASE OF FOOD

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A group of Swedish banks has granted a \$6,000,000 loan to the Swedish section of the Jewish National Fund, it was reported here today. The loan, repayable in five years at a five percent interest rate, will be used for the importation into Israel of foodstuffs and raw materials.

Israel Minister Abraham Nissan rode in a Danish coach of state to Christiansborg Palace yesterday to present his credentials as Minister to Denmark. In his audience with the King, Minister Nissan expressed the admiration of the people of Israel for the late King Christian's and the Danish people's heroic defense of the Jews of Denmark during the Nazi occupation of the country. The King expressed his thanks for the tribute.

TURKISH MEMBER OF U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION LAUDS ISRAEL'S STAND ON ARAB REFUGEES

ISTANBUL, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Tewfik R. Aras, new Turkish member of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine, has expressed the opinion here that Israel's agreement to consider the problem of the Arab states and the Jewish state's willingness to pay compensation for property abandoned by the Palestine Arabs will greatly assist the members of the Commission in their attempts to bring peace to the Middle East.

Dr. Aras expressed the hope that the Arab states will in turn demonstrate a desire to improve relations with Israel. He also said that he did not believe that the oft-threatened "second round" of warfare would be loosed in the Middle East. He asserted that more time was needed before peace pacts could be negotiated, but added that time has "taught" many things to both parties.

ISRAEL OPENS 59TH IMMIGRANT WORK CENTER; SETTLERS TO WORK IN QUARRIES AND MINES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The 59th immigrant work camp was officially opened today in an area some 20 miles southeast of Beersheba.

The first 40 settlers took possession of the center which will eventually accommodate 150 families. The settlers will obtain employment in nearby quarries and mines. They will be engaged in digging up kaolin for ceramics, sand for glass and phosphates and other chemicals for fertilizer.

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ONLY FOUR JEWISH FAMILIES REMAIN IN SOVIET-HELD PORT IN MANCHURIA, EMIGRANTS REPORT

HONG KONG, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- There are only four Jewish families left in Dairen, Soviet-occupied port in Manchuria, and they are planning to leave for Israel as soon as they receive their exit visas, it was reported here by members of a group of emigrants who passed through en route from Dairen to Israel.

The latest group, numbering 67 men and women, were delayed many months in Dairen and only received Soviet visas when the discontinuance of organized emigration from the Far East to Israel was announced. They arrived here on a vessel chartered by the Joint Distribution Committee and had to wait aboard the ship for 36 hours until their plane arrived, because the British police here refused to honor their British transit visas.

Until the war the small Jewish community of Dairen was well off, according to the emigrants. But during the war the members of the community were dispersed and those who remained in the city were virtually cut off from the rest of the world when the Soviet Union occupied the port.

MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS CHANGING "OLIVER TWIST" TO REMOVE OBJECTIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The Motion Picture Association of America, the film industry's board of review, today recommended the re-examination of the British-made film "Oliver Twist" with a view to having deletions and changes made which would remove objections to the film voiced by many Jewish and other groups, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The MPA, which in November, 1948, denied the film its seal of approval--an action tantamount to banning the movie--yesterday heard an appeal by Eagle-Lion Films, American distributing agent for the British producer, that it change its original decision. After a lengthy session today, the MPA board of directors suggested that the film be sent to Joseph I. Breen, administrator of the industry's production code, who was responsible for the original ban, with the recommendation that he re-examine it to determine the possibility of deleting or changing the film to eliminate objectionable material. Eagle-Lion representatives have expressed agreement with this procedure.

In this country the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and other Jewish groups protested the scheduled showing of the film on the grounds that one of its central characters, Fagin, was portrayed in an anti-Semitic manner and would inspire anti-Jewish sentiment. In the British zone of Germany and other places where the film was shown public demonstrations were held in protest. Recently, several groups in this country, including the New York Chapter of the American Council for Judaism, have called for lifting of the ban on "Oliver Twist" on the grounds that the prohibition violates the Bill of Rights.

FIVE YOUTHS ARRESTED IN DAVENPORT FOR DESECRATING SYNAGOGUE; RELEASED ON BAIL

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Five Christian youths were arrested here following the desecration of a synagogue. The interior of the synagogue was demolished by the hoodlums and five Torahs were desecrated.

The defendants have been released on bail pending a trial. There are about 100 Jewish families in Davenport and their relations with the non-Jewish population have always been very cordial.

DR. GOLDMANN WANTS ZIONIST MOVEMENT "STREAMLINED"; URGES ABOLITION OF "SHEKEL"

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A call to "streamline" the organizational structure of the Zionist movement and to abolish the "shekel" as the electoral basis for the World Zionist Congresses was issued here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

Dr. Goldmann also emphasized that "the whole fund-raising machinery of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency, as constituted today, requires re-shaping in order to bring about a maximum of efficiency and a minimum of overlapping and jurisdictional overlapping."

The chairman of the American section spoke at the concluding session of the mid-winter conference of Hadassah, which opened here on Monday to survey emergency problems connected with Hadassah activities in Israel. If the proposed reorganization of the Zionist movement is to prove effective, Dr. Goldmann said, the state of Israel must recognize the Zionist movement as representative of Jewry outside of Israel and give it the necessary status.

Dr. Goldmann cautioned those who saw the creation of Israel as the fulfillment of the Zionist program, and who thought this made the further existence of the movement unnecessary, to remember that although the state of Israel is functioning normally, "these last 30-odd months have shown that it will take many more years and a tremendous effort on behalf of the Jewish people everywhere in the world to enable the state really to become consolidated and self-supporting."

Israel's foreign policy was reviewed at the Hadassah conference by Avraham Harman, Counsellor of the Israel Embassy. Stressing Israel's independent and principled approach to international relations, Mr. Harman said: "Israel's independent policy at the U.N. General Assembly reflected itself in general support for measures to curb aggression, to strengthen the United Nations as an effective body and to strive for peace through conciliation." He noted that Israel's delegation at the United Nations "has participated actively in the crucial discussions in the search for a Korean settlement and has made public its own plan to bring peace to the Far East."

DR. GOLDSTEIN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH CONCILIATION BOARD FOR 21ST TERM

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein was today re-elected to his 21st consecutive term as president of the Jewish Conciliation Board of America at the annual meeting held by the Board.

During the past year 134 cases have come up before the Board for adjudication and conciliation. Every case is heard by three judges--a rabbi, a lawyer, and a businessman. In the course of its existence of 26 years, the Conciliation Board has dealt with 4,324 cases, without any charge to the litigants. These cases, if tried in the city courts, would have cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars.

JEWISH HISTORY WEEK PROCLAIMED BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY; WILL BE OBSERVED IN MAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The third annual observance of Jewish History Week has been set for May 6 to 12, it was announced here today by the American Jewish Historical Society. The Society functions under the auspices of the National Jewish Welfare Board.