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### ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES PROPOSAL ON ACCEPTING TECHNICAL AID FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A proposal to accept technical aid from the United States was presented to a meeting of the Israel Cabinet here today by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and was approved by the Cabinet.

A government spokesman explained that the proposal deals with technicians, agricultural experts, and "know-how men," whose salaries will be paid by the United States Government while their maintenance in Israel will be paid by the Jewish state.

The Jewish Agency executive last night discussed the problem of the transfer of some 90,000 Iraqi Jews from that Arab country to Israel at an urgent meeting here. The meeting had before it copies of a resolution adopted in Tel Aviv by Jews who came from Iraq protesting the recent bombing of a Baghdad synagogue used for registering prospective emigrants.

A total of 169,331 immigrants entered Israel during 1950, it was officially announced here today. The figures for December were 12,261. Meanwhile, 1,432 Jews arrived at Haifa from Rumania aboard the Transylvania, while 783 came from Poland on the Galilah today.

The Ministry of Agriculture today granted loans aggregating 100,000 pounds (\$280,000) for seed purchases by farmers whose crops were destroyed in the unprecedented drought which hit most of the country. Hardest hit were the Lower Galilee region and the Beisan Valley of Eastern Israel.

The settlements of Ginosar and Mahanayim, both in Upper Galilee, have received loans of \$28,000 each from the Palestine Colonization Association for the extension of their irrigation systems. At Ginosar the new project will water an additional 2,000 dunams of land, while Mahanayim will be connected with the Malha spring water system of Upper Galilee.

### GEN. RILEY REPORTED GOING TO CAIRO TO DEMAND REMOVAL OF GUNS FROM AGABA GULF ENTRANCE

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- United Nations Chief of Staff Gen. William E. Riley will go to Cairo shortly to demand that Egypt remove its recently constructed gun batteries at the entrance to the Gulf of Aqaba, the Near East Radio, monitored here, reported. The announcer added that if Egypt refuses to accede to Gen. Riley's demand, he will refer the matter to the U.N. Security Council.

### RESTRICTED JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM HUNGARY TO ISRAEL WILL BE RESUMED

BUDAPEST, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The emigration of Jews from Hungary to Israel, which was interrupted last October, will be resumed next month, it was learned here today. Under the agreement originally reached between the Hungarian and Israel authorities, only 3,000 Jews can leave Hungary. Of this total, many left before the October freeze.

BRITISH JEWS PROTEST GEN. EISENHOWER'S STATEMENT OFFERING FORGIVENESS TO GERMANS

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today decided to send a deputation to the British Government to protest against statements by General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, British High Commissioner for Germany, offering Germans forgiveness in return for support in the Western European alliance.

Commenting on Gen. Eisenhower's statement yesterday that as far as he is concerned "bygones are bygones," speakers at the Board's meeting today called it a "betrayal of those who fought and died for the Allied cause." Col. Bean, leader of Jewish veterans, stressed that British Jewish veterans are deeply concerned by the prospect of being "allies in arms with the Germans in any future conflict."

Representations to the four Allied Powers were made by the World Jewish Congress in protest against suggestions to release Nazi war criminals. The strongest exception in particular was taken by the W.J.C. to the declaration made last week in Berlin by the British High Commissioner in Germany, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, who said that "there is no man in prison in Germany for war crimes whose sentence I shall not be willing to consider in view of the changed circumstances."

COMMITTEE OF LIBERATED JEWS TO BE LIQUIDATED IN FRENCH ZONE OF GERMANY; 50 JEWS LEFT

FRANKFURT, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the French zone of Germany will cease functioning at the end of next month, it was learned here today.

Only 50 Jews remain in that zone of the 2,500 Jewish displaced persons who lived there during the post-war period. At present Constance is the only Jewish community existing in the zone. It counts a membership of only 40. During the last year, the work of the communities in the French zone was concerned mainly with obtaining compensation payments for Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

Advance payments of 25 percent of the amount due to displaced Jews were made by the Wuertemberg authorities, while Southern Baden granted 75 percent of the recognized claims to displaced Jews who proved that they were about to emigrate. A total of 200,000 German marks was thus disbursed among the Jewish DP's who left for Israel, the United States and other countries as soon as they obtained their compensation payments from the authorities.

FRENCH COURT SENTENCES MAN WHO MISAPPROPRIATED JEWELS OF NAZI VICTIMS

PARIS, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A French appellate court today confirmed an 18-month prison sentence and a 50,000 franc fine imposed by a lower court last year on German Maurice Mertz, who was convicted of having misappropriated jewels entrusted to him by two Jewish women before they were deported to their death in a Nazi camp. The appellate court suspended the 18-month sentence.

The action was originally brought by the legal heir of the two women in 1948 against an "unknown person" to whom the jewels had been entrusted. Investigation uncovered Mertz and the fact that he sold part of the jewels and used the proceeds to open a business for himself. He was convicted in a criminal court last February, which also awarded the heir 10,000 francs for court costs and interest.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS OVERSEAS CHARGED WITH HAMPERING EMIGRATION OF DP'S FROM EUROPE

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- U.S. Army Intelligence and Immigration agents overseas are primarily responsible for the present slowdown in arrival of displaced persons, Arthur Greenleish, executive director of United Service for New Americans, reported yesterday at the annual conference of the organization. In contrast to the slowness of the United States program, Mr. Greenleish pointed out that processing of displaced persons for Canadian and Australian visas took from one to three weeks, including a thorough security investigation.

John W. Gibson, newly appointed chairman of the Displaced Persons Commission, speaking at the conference, announced that he is leaving for Europe early in February to see that the issuance of visas is speeded up. "Our present schedule calls for a reduction in processing time to three months or less, if that is humanly possible," he said. "From taking a great many months, processing has been reduced to less than six months at present."

JEWISH AGENCY AND WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS REACH AGREEMENT ON FUND-RAISING PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The American section of the Jewish Agency executive today announced completion of an agreement between the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress regulating relations between the two bodies with respect to both organizational work and fund-raising. The text of the agreement follows:

1. The World Jewish Congress declares that it has always been the basic assumption of the World Jewish Congress that the fields of endeavor of the World Zionist Organization and of the World Jewish Congress are fundamentally distinct. The World Jewish Congress will therefore abstain from any activities in matters which fall within the jurisdiction of the World Zionist Organization or the Jewish Agency, except where there has been prior agreement between both bodies.

2. The executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine appreciates the value of the program and activity of the World Jewish Congress in organizing the Jewish people in the Diaspora on a democratic basis for the defense of its rights and position and for the strengthening of Jewish life, these activities being carried out in the spirit of the unity of the Jewish people and its solidarity with Israel.

3. The World Jewish Congress reiterates its policy of recognizing the priority of Israel campaigns with regard to timing. It is regarded as desirable that the World Jewish Congress shall desist from separate fund-raising campaigns and be included in United Jewish or Israel campaigns. The percentage of the allocations to the World Jewish Congress in such united campaigns is to be determined by a joint decision of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and the executive of the World Jewish Congress. The World Jewish Congress undertakes to put its manpower at the disposal of such united campaigns.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL NOT RESUMED IN MEXICO; SEPARATE DRIVE FOR ISRAEL PLANNED

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Jews of Mexico will not conduct a United Jewish Drive this year, but will launch a separate campaign for Israel, it was announced here today. The needs of local organizations will be met by fund-raising drives conducted by each organization on its own.

JEWS IN HAVANA PROCLAIM \$250,000 UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN FOR 1951

HAVANA, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A \$250,000 United Israel Campaign for 1951 was proclaimed here last night at a huge mass meeting. The meeting was addressed by prominent speakers.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON RELIGION AND WELFARE IN ARMED FORCES ENDS ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The President's Committee on Religion and Welfare in the Armed Forces, whose chairman is Frank L. Weil and whose membership is composed of clergymen and laymen of the three major faiths, this week-end rendered its final report to President Truman.

The Chief Executive expressed his thanks to the body and said that he regretted that Congress had not provided the necessary funds to continue the operation of the committee.

BOSTON RABBINICAL BODY PREFERENCES CIRCUMCISION TO BE PERFORMED BY MOHEL OR JEWISH SURGEON

BOSTON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Rabbis in the Boston area will attend circumcision ceremonies only if a "mohel" or a Jewish physician performs the operation, it was announced here today by Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow, president of the Greater Boston Rabbinical Association. The announcement said that only "under the most exceptional circumstances" may members of the Rabbinical Association recite the ritual when the apron performing the circumcision is a non-Jew.

JEWISH CULTURAL FESTIVAL STARTS IN CANADA; 10,000 ATTEND ISRAEL ORCHESTRA CONCERT

MONTREAL, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- More than 10,000 people attended a concert performed here tonight by the Israel Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Serge Koussevitzky. The concert was the highlight of the Jewish Cultural Festival sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress in association with 31 other organizations and institutions. The festival will continue until March 6.

AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY PLEDGES INCREASED AID TO ISRAEL; SEEKS 100,000 MEMBERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The third national conference of the American Technion Society concluded here today following adoption of a decision to conduct a membership drive in this country and Canada with a goal of 100,000 members. The Society also pledged to increase its technical aid to the Jewish state, and will undertake an "inventory" of its members to see what technical personnel and information it can help channel to Israel.

It was announced at the conference that Alexander Konoff, New Jersey industrialist, has donated \$100,000 to increase and expand the facilities of the Haifa Technion's Junior College, also known as the Technical High School.

NEW LUBAVITCHER REBBE INSTALLED; RABBIS AND ORTHODOX LEADERS ATTEND CEREMONY

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson was installed here to succeed his father-in-law, the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Joseph I. Schneerson, in an impressive ceremony attended by several hundred rabbis and Orthodox Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada.

The ceremony culminated in a three-hour discourse by the newly-installed Lubavitcher Rebbe. Messages of greetings were received from Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Israel and from the Orthodox members of the Israel Cabinet.

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