

## DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

ISRAEL PREMIER SAYS COUNTRY WILL PROMOTE CAUSE OF PEACE; CABINET BEARS REPORT ON KOREA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Israel will support "to the utmost" the cause of peace, Premier David Ben Gurion pledged today in a broadcast filmed for future television. "The small, still voice of peace must be heard above the din of war," the Premier declared.

(The New York Times reported today that the question of Near East defense will be on the agenda of a regional conference of United States diplomatic chiefs in Istanbul next month. The report says that it is believed that Britain and the United States have recently concluded separate re-examinations of the problems involved and have each come to the conclusion that the Near East can be defended against anything except an all-out Soviet onslaught. The Anglo-American conclusions presume the active cooperation of both Israel and the Arab states.)

A report on Korean developments was presented today to the Israel Cabinet by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. Israel's attitude on China's new proposal regarding cease-fire in Korea will be outlined by Ambassador Abba Eban at Lake Success within the next few days.

The Cabinet approved a plan presented by Dov Joseph, Minister of Communications, which provides for the enlargement of the port of Haifa. Work on the project will be started on March 1 and will be completed within 18 months.

In this connection it was reported here today that the port of Haifa handled a record total of 1,300,000 tons of freight arriving in the Jewish state during 1950--almost 86 percent of the total tonnage imported into Israel during the year. This compares with a total of 900,000 tons handled in 1949.

ARMISTICE COMMISSION BEARS ISRAEL COMPLAINT AGAINST JORDAN; ORDERS INVESTIGATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The mixed Israel-Jordan armistice commission today ordered an investigation of a complaint lodged yesterday by Israel about the murder of an Israel civilian by armed Arabs three miles from the outskirts of Jerusalem. The Jew was killed by Arab infiltrators who attacked a group of 25 workers. The Arabs escaped.

The headquarters of the United Nations Conciliation Commission here reported that the members of the Commission met in Beirut yesterday and decided to establish an office there to deal with the Palestine refugee problem.

U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO RESUME MEETING AT LAKE SUCCESS; ISRAEL ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The United Nations Trusteeship Council, which has been involved with the Jerusalem issue for many months, will convene at Lake Success on January 30, it was officially announced here today. This time, the provisional agenda of the meeting contains nothing regarding Israel.

LOCUST INVASIONS FEARED IN ISRAEL; SPECIAL BODY MEETS TO COMBAT DANGER; AID SOUGHT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Israel locust control council met today to consider the danger of two new invasions by the plant-devouring insects. The International Locust Control Board in London has been notified of the problem.

The most immediate danger is presented by a crop of locusts which are now hatching in Wadi Hassan Jordan, some 12 miles south of Sodom. If the insects live to maturity they will invade Israel to an extent estimated at 50 times as dangerous as the present crop of locusts being fought in various parts of the country. A second invasion is threatened from Aden.

ISRAEL METAL MANUFACTURERS ORDER LOCKOUT OF 1,000 WORKERS; RETALIATE FOR STRIKE ACTION

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- In retaliation for the strike last week of metal workers in ten plants, employers today announced their decision to close 20 metal producing factories as of midnight tonight.

The manufacturers declared that the lockout will remain in force until the government intervenes and orders the Histadrut to call off the strike. Over 1,000 workers are affected by the dispute.

MAYOR OF JERUSALEM CONDEMNS BURNING OF CARS BY JEWS PROTESTING SABBATH VIOLATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- At the first meeting of the new Jerusalem municipality today Mayor S.Z. Shragal vigorously condemned the recent burning of cars by Orthodox Jews protesting the violation of the Sabbath by other Jews driving cars.

The Poale Mizrahi leader insisted that it is "intolerable that small groups take the law into their own hands." He was supported by councillors representing the Mapam and Agudah.

ANTI-ZIONIST "COURSES" INTRODUCED IN RUMANIA FOR JEWS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY LIFE

VIENNA, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Special anti-Zionist "courses" have been introduced in Rumania for "activists" of the Jewish Democratic Committee, a Communist-led Jewish organization, it was reported here today from Bucharest.

Lessons concerning Zionism as "the ideology of Jewish nationalist bourgeoisism in the service of imperialism" are included in the course. Those attending the lessons are also taught how to conduct propaganda against the emigration of Jews from Rumania to Israel.

THREE-MAN POLISH DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE NEW TRADE AGREEMENT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A three-man Polish delegation arrived at Lydda today to negotiate a new trade pact between Israel and Poland. The last agreement expired last month. The delegation is headed by J. Plisarek, director of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Trade.

ISRAEL MINISTER LINTON PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO NEW ZEALAND GOVERNOR GENERAL

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Gen. J. Freyberg, Governor General of New Zealand, today received I. Linton, Israel Minister to Australia and New Zealand. After Mr. Linton presented his credentials, Gen. Freyberg assured him that the government and people of New Zealand "will assist the Israel mission to strengthen mutual understanding and harmony."

QUESTIONS NECESSITATE ESTABLISHMENT OF SANHEDRIN. ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF RELIGION SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- "Complete freedom of religious belief and practice for all creeds in Israel" was pledged here today by Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Israeli Minister of Religions, addressing a press conference at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The Minister emphasized that the Israel Government has granted absolute autonomy to non-Jewish communities in the exercise of their religious and communal affairs.

As a demonstration of the efforts which the Ministry of Religions is making to achieve harmony with the Christian groups in Israel, the Minister pointed out that in many instances Christian churches or Holy Places are given repair priority over Jewish religious places which also were destroyed in the recent war.

Touching briefly on the role of Jewish religion in Israel, the Orthodox member of the Israel Cabinet said that he is "firmly convinced that it is perfectly possible to conduct a modern state in full accordance with Jewish law." The emergence of new inventions, the Minister declared, necessitates the establishment of an authoritative body, similar to the ancient Sanhedrin--the Jewish Supreme Court of Law--whose responsibility it would be to study Jewish law in the light of modern needs. Such a body should be composed of rabbis living in Israel, he said.

Asserting that more than 65 percent of the Jewish population in Israel is religious, Rabbi Maimon pointed out that Tel Aviv has 400 synagogues "which are filled on the Sabbath." He said that during the last High Holidays, the Ministry of Religion conducted a survey in Tel Aviv and found that of the 200,000 inhabitants of the city, about 108,000 had attended religious services. "No one in Israel thinks of forcing religious beliefs or practices upon any individual; on the contrary, we want to make sure that no one will force the religious elements to violate their principles and way of life," the Minister stated.

EIGHT NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Election of eight additional members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was announced today.

The new members who will now assume active participation in the direction and control of the 33-year-old Jewish news agency are: Benjamin G. Brody, president of the Zionist Organization of America; Mordecai Dennis, editor of The Day; Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, rabbi of the West Side Institutional Synagogue; Leadore Lipschutz, New York businessman and philanthropist; Dr. S. Marashkes, publicist; David L. Heckler, editor of the Jewish Morning Journal; Leon Pine, New York businessman and communal worker, and Louis Segal, secretary-general of the Jewish National Workers Alliance. These elections now bring the JTA Board membership to a total of 20.

It was also announced that the Board of Directors had adopted a resolution confirming the communal, non-profit character of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the board's determination to continue operation of the agency as a public service of the Jewish community for the entire community.

The resolution confirmed decisions taken in April, 1950, on the reorganization of the JTA, pledging the agency to the policy of supplying objective reporting of the facts and authoritative, basic data on developments concerning the Jewish people throughout the world.

THREE-DAY PARLEY OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE OPENS TODAY; WILL DISCUSS VITAL PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Problems and issues of vital importance to American Jews as well as to Jewish communities abroad will be discussed at the three-day annual conference of the American Jewish Committee which opens tomorrow at the Commodore Hotel. Over 500 leading members of the Committee from 50 major cities will attend the conference.

An announcement issued today said that the discussions, out of which will emerge the programs charting the major domestic and international activities of the Committee for 1951, will center on such topics as rearmament of Germany, Arab-Israeli tension, the impact of the current international crisis on the individual freedoms of Americans, improvement of relations among the numerous ethnic and religious groups in the United States, and the cultural and other forces which influence the American Jewish community today.

CANADIAN JEWS EMBARKED ON MAJOR COMMUNAL BUILDING PROGRAM; NEW CENTERS OPENED

MONTREAL, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Canadian Jewry is spending tremendous sums for the erection of community centers, with new Y.M.H.A. buildings figuring prominently in the construction program, it was revealed in a survey made public here today.

The new Y.M.H.A.-Community Center in Toronto, which will be ready for use by November 1951, will be the most modern of its kind in America, featuring a 700-seat auditorium, gymnasium, swimming pool and athletic fields. The new center will cost more than \$1,500,000. A new Y.M.H.A. building, built at a cost of \$1,500,000, was recently dedicated in Montreal.

Winnipeg's new Y.M.H.A.-Community Center is now under construction and the modern building is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$600,000. It will also have a 500-seat auditorium. The Jewish community of Hamilton recently opened a new center which has been named in memory of the late Jacob N. Goldblatt, humanitarian, philanthropist and for a great many years the leader of the Jewish community in that city. The center was built at a cost of \$285,000. Synagogue centers are being built in a number of the smaller communities.

MORRIS BERINSTEIN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL CAMPAIGN CABINET OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Morris W. Berinstein, of Syracuse, N.Y., was appointed chairman of the National Campaign Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal for 1951, it was announced here today by Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the U.J.A.

"As chairman of the National Campaign Cabinet, Mr. Berinstein will share top level responsibility for the planning and conduct of this year's campaign," Mr. Warburg said. Mr. Berinstein is vice-president of the Syracuse Welfare Federation and formerly served as New York State chairman of the U.J.A.

UNITED JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES OF KANSAS CITY CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The 50th anniversary of the United Jewish Social Services of Kansas City was celebrated here this week.

In an editorial comment on the occasion, the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle declared: "The Jewish community as a whole owes a never-payable debt to the men and women who, in the past, created our social institution and to those who today, with their sense of dedication and consecration, carry its purposes from strength to strength."

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