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ISRAEL AMBASSADOR VISITS STATE DEPARTMENT; SAYS PLANS FOR BOND ISSUE ARE PROGRESSING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today discussed Israel and Near Eastern questions in a meeting with Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee which lasted over an hour. In response to a question, Ambassador Eban said plans were going forward on the Israel bond issue.

Israel Minister of Agriculture Pinchas Lavon is conferring here with government officials on the question of food supplies and the purchase of farm equipment under provisions of the new agricultural credit of \$35,000,000 granted to the Jewish state recently by the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

MAPAM DEMANDS NATIONWIDE REFERENDUM ON ISRAEL'S FOREIGN POLICY; HITS STAND ON KOREA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A demand that Israel's foreign policy be submitted to a nationwide referendum was voiced in the Parliament today by leaders of the Mapam, the left-wing Socialist Party, during a debate on foreign affairs.

Mapam leaders especially attacked Israel's stand on the Korean issue at the United Nations. Itzhak Ben Aharon, one of the Mapam deputies, said that only a referendum will show whether the people of Israel approve the present policy of Israel's Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett. Mr. Sharett is expected to close the debate tonight.

ISRAEL DECIDES TO SPEED UP THE EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM IRAQ; INCREASES QUOTAS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today decided to make every effort to transfer to the Jewish state all Jews from Iraq who register there for emigration by the middle of March.

At a meeting of the joint coordination board on immigration and absorption, formed by the government and the Jewish Agency, it was decided to increase the monthly quota of Iraq Jewish immigrants to 13,500. Thus, it is hoped, it will be possible to move from Iraq all the would-be immigrants before the end of May--the latest deadline which the Iraq Government is reported to have set on Israel-bound emigration.

The decision, which involves the movement of 54,000 Iraqi Jews in the next four months, was taken despite anticipated difficulties in finding housing and employment for the immigrants. A special subcommittee was set up to plan the housing of the Iraqi Jews.

ISRAEL REACHES AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH OIL COMPANIES; WILL GET REFINED PRODUCTS

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- An agreement covering outstanding problems between the Israel Government and British oil companies was concluded here today. The pact assures a sufficient supply of refined oil products for Israel's needs. They are to come from the British oil refineries located at Haifa.

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HIGH OFFICIAL OF BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO DISCUSS VARIOUS PROBLEMS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Col. Geoffrey Furlonge, head of the Middle Eastern Department of the British Foreign Office, arrived here today for a four-day visit. He will discuss various problems with Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and other high officials of the Israel Government.

Sir Frank Whittle, British inventor of the jet engine, arrived here today from Cyprus. He declined to make any statement to the press, but the British air attache said that Sir Frank is studying the possibilities of civilian jet air transport.

The Marquis Raimondo Giustiniani, new Italian Minister to Israel, presented his credentials today to President Chaim Weizmann at the President's residence in Rehovoth. In accordance with the new protocol, no speeches were delivered on the occasion.

MOSCOW REPORTEDLY REJECTS THE NOMINATION OF SHAZAR AS ISRAEL'S MINISTER TO RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The New York Times reports today from Tel Aviv that the Soviet Government has rejected the nomination of Zalman Shazar, former member of the Israel Cabinet, as Israel Minister to Moscow, presumably because of his Zionist background in Czarist Russia. (A cable to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency said that Mr. Shazar will be appointed director of the Berl Katznelson Educational Institute maintained in Israel by the Histadrut.)

Emphasizing that Israel's Foreign Office has refused to discuss the case "because it is trying not to exacerbate the present tenseness in Soviet-Israel relations," the Times report says that Mr. Shazar's name was submitted to Moscow some time ago and that an agreement was now being sought instead for the appointment of Dr. Shmuel Elyashov, Israel's Minister to Prague and former head of the East-European Department of Israel's Foreign Office.

The report says that the Russians gave no reason for their rejection of Mr. Shazar. "Under normal circumstances, Israel probably would not have made a second nomination so quickly and with so little fuss," the report states, "but of prime consideration to Israel is the fact that about 3,000,000 Jews still remain in Eastern Europe, and it is hoped to rescue the million or so in Communist countries outside of Russia." Soviet good will, or at least silent acquiescence, is needed for this, the report points out.

ISRAEL VESSEL SERIOUSLY DAMAGED IN COLLISION IN HAIFA HARBOR WITH HULK OF "PATRIA"

HAIFA, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The S.S. Kedmah was seriously damaged in the harbor here this morning when it collided with the sunken hulk of the Patria.

The ship was immediately moved out of the harbor proper and into the Haifa roadstead. Water has been pouring into her holds constantly through a hole caused by the accident, and a fire brigade has been busy pumping it out. The Patria was a "visaless immigrant" vessel which exploded in Haifa harbor during the mandatory regime with a great loss of life among her refugee passengers.

GEORGIA GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL BANNING KU KLUX KLAN HOODED MASKS AND BURNING OF CROSSES

ATLANTA, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Governor Herman Talmadge today signed into law a bill banning the wearing of hooded masks and burning of crosses, long the symbols of the Ku Klux Klan. The bill passed the Georgia House 146 to 1 and was approved unanimously by the Senate.

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B'NAI B'RITH DECIDES TO INTENSIFY ITS ACTIVITIES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A call for united support "behind our country's leaders in the supreme task of democratic survival" was issued here today by the national executive committee of the B'nai B'rith following its annual three-day meeting which concluded last night at the Hotel Statler.

The delegates, representing the B'nai B'rith membership of 350,000, adopted a program which provides for the promotion of civil defense activities in more than 1,600 B'nai B'rith groups and for the intensification of the present B'nai B'rith services to U.S. armed forces and in American military and veterans' hospitals.

Frank Goldman, national president of the organization, pointed out that the B'nai B'rith received citations in World War II from the United States Army and Navy Departments for its activities in furnishing rooms in army and naval training bases, equipping ships, and otherwise marshalling its members in an all-out effort to provide comfort and recreation for men and women in uniform wherever they were.

The current program contemplates special activities for men arriving at reception centers, for GI's at ports of embarkation, and for hospitality units to greet returning soldiers, as well as special services for the sick and disabled.

30,000 JEWS MUST BE MOVED WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM THEIR COUNTRIES, WARBURG SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Thirty thousand homeless Jews in Eastern Europe and Moslem lands must be moved to Israel in the next 60 days if the United Jewish Appeal's emergency program for the mass transfer of 200,000 Jews to Israel is to be carried out before the expiration of emigration deadlines in some of these countries, Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal campaign, today told women delegates from all parts of the country. He spoke at the opening meeting of a two-day conference here which will launch the 1951 drive of the U.J.A. National Women's Division.

Mr. Warburg told the delegates that the United Jewish Appeal in the last 30 days had made possible the movement to Israel of 15,000 Jews from Roumania, Iraq and Iran, but that only if necessary funds are on hand can the emigration program for the months of February and March be carried out. He urged the women delegates representing the campaign organization in more than 40 of the country's leading cities to spare no time in launching the Women's Division drive on their return home.

"The United Jewish Appeal," he declared, "is faced with one of the greatest emergencies in its 12-year history. It must hasten the resettlement of 200,000 men, women and children who must be moved to Israel in the shortest possible time." He related this crisis to mounting world tensions, asserting that "any breakdown of the world's peace on a large scale will make impossible the transfer to safety and freedom of Jews who live in lands of fear and hate."

Mr. Warburg was joined in addressing the conference by William Rosenwald and Rudolf G. Sonneborn, national chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, U.J.A. executive vice-chairman; and Mrs. S. Alexander Brailove, chairman of the U.J.A. National Women's Division, who presided. Dr. Schwartz lauded the Women's Division for raising more than \$70,000,000 in the last five years for support of the U.J.A.'s immigration, settlement and rehabilitation programs, asserting that "this record is unequalled by any other women's group in the United States." He warned, however, that "the job is still only half done."

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION OF CANADA BUYS HALF OF VOTING STOCK OF ISRAEL BANK

MONTREAL, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Palestine Economic Corporation of Canada, Ltd., launched its first Israel project yesterday when Marvin B. Gelber, its president, announced the completion of a transaction leading to the purchase of half the voting stock of the enlarged 28-year-old Central Bank of Cooperative Institutions in Palestine, Ltd., for \$800,000.

The announcement was made at the Mount Royal Hotel here, where Samuel Bronfman signed an agreement on behalf of the Canadian corporation, and Albert Schiff, a director, who signed for the Palestine Economic Corporation of the United States, second shareholder in the bank. Mr. Gelber also announced the bank's name will be changed to Canada-Israel Central Bank, Ltd.

Funds for the purchase of common stock of the bank, Mr. Gelber said, were raised by P.E.C. of Canada stock subscriptions and a bank loan guaranteed by 15 leading Jewish citizens of Canada. The loan will be repaid from subscriptions to the corporation's \$100 par value stock.

The P.E.C. of Canada was organized along the lines of the 25-year-old P.E.C. of the U.S.A., of which the Central Bank was a majority-owned subsidiary before the present transaction. Both groups will now be virtually equal partners. Mr. Gelber is also a director of the United States corporation. With the investment of the corporation's \$800,000 the Central Bank's common stock will be doubled.

Z.O.A. FORMS COMMISSION ON EDUCATION; WILL PROMOTE ACTIVITIES OF EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The formation of a new National Commission of Educational Activities to centralize and coordinate all activities of the Zionist Organization of America in this field was announced today by Benjamin G. Browdy, Z.O.A. president. The commission will be headed by Dr. Abraham I. Katsch, professor of education at New York University. The commission will be composed of the lay and professional representatives of each arm of the Z.O.A. engaged in education.

Projects slated for immediate implementation include the establishment of a Z.O.A. award for an outstanding book on Israel or Jewish culture and education, and the appropriation of a sum for the promotion and encouragement of educational activities sponsored by existing Jewish educational agencies.

HIAS BECOMES SOLE JEWISH ORGANIZATION TO SEND "CARE" FOOD PACKAGES TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society has become the sole Jewish organization to send CARE packages to Israel under an agreement reached between the two groups. A ceremony marking the conclusion of the agreement was held in the HIAS headquarters yesterday, attended by Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri. The first three packages will be sent to Mayor Israel Rolsach, of Tel Aviv, Mayor S.Z. Shraai, of Jerusalem, and Mayor Abba Hushi, of Haifa.

21-YEAR OLD ISRAELI PIANIST LAUDED BY NEW YORK CRITICS; GIVES FOURTH RECITAL HERE

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The 21-year-old Israel pianist, Sigi Weissenberg, is highly praised today by music critics in the New York press evaluating the concert he gave last night at Carnegie Hall. This was his fourth New York recital. Three years ago he made his debut at Carnegie Hall as soloist with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra.

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