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ISRAEL VOTES AT U.N. AGAINST TWO SOVIET RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING UNITED STATES

TAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Israel today voted with the majority in the United Nations General Assembly Political Committee against two Soviet resolutions charging the United States with aggression against China by violation of Chinese air space and bombing of Chinese territory, and urging the Assembly to recommend to the Security Council that it take steps to halt American "aggression."

Although Israel did not participate in the brief three-day debate on these charges, Israel delegation sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that, in the absence of conclusive evidence or proof, the charges should not be accepted simply at their face value. These sources noted that China had some months ago turned down a U.S. suggestion for a neutral committee to investigate the charges on the spot.

RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN DETERIORATING; ISRAEL VIEWS SITUATION SERIOUSLY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Government takes "the most serious view" of the deterioration of relations between Israel and Jordan following Jordan's refusal to compromise on a Negev territorial dispute in the Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday and an outbreak of shooting by Arab Legionnaires in the Jerusalem area which has cost five Jewish victims in the last 48 hours.

A session of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday ended in complete deadlock when the Jordanian delegation refused to accept a compromise formula worked out by United Nations truce chief Gen. William E. Riley to settle temporarily the clash over ownership of a disputed area in the southern desert near "Kilometer 78" on the road to Eilat.

Gen. Riley's proposal, which Israel had agreed to accept, was that the disputed area remain within the territorial jurisdiction of the Arab state, but not the entire stretch of road which Jordan claimed. The Jordanians refused to accept this proposal and threatened to carry the case to the U.N. Security Council. Col. Bennet de Ridder, United Nations chairman of the commission, warned the Jordanians against unilateral action. The session ended without discussion of Israel's complaints on the Jerusalem shootings and with no date fixed for a new meeting.

"Israel takes the most serious view of the aggressive attitude displayed by the Jordan delegation at yesterday's session of the Mixed Armistice Commission--particularly in the light of the latest offensive demonstrations committed by Arab Legionnaires in Jerusalem, resulting in the loss of Jewish life," the Israel spokesman commented today.

"It is obvious that if the Jordan Government persists in its unilateral action claiming possession of the disputed stretch near Kilometer 78 on the Eilat road, the Israel authorities will draw the appropriate conclusions," he warned, "particularly

if the Jordan delegation in the Mixed Armistice Commission will provoke ultimate dissolution of this body through refusal to discuss pending problems until the Kilometer 78 dispute is solved according to their specific wishes."

The Jordanian authorities notified the Mixed Armistice Commission today that they would file a "strong protest" against the alleged "retaliatory raid" by Jewish irregulars on the Arab village of Shaafat, one kilometer south of Jerusalem. According to the Jordanians, three buses were blown up and several Arab inhabitants were killed or wounded.

The Jordanians said they would demand an extraordinary meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission but it is not certain that the meeting can be held after Jordan's refusal yesterday to discuss the Wadi Araba dispute discontinued the commission's activities.

BRITISH JEWS RESERT U.S. RELEASE OF NAZI CRIMINALS; HOPE BRITAIN WILL NOT EMULATE ACTION

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Board of Deputies of British Jews today indicated to the British Government that there is a strong sentiment in the Jewish community here against the action of American authorities in Germany in reducing the sentences of some Nazi war criminals and releasing others.

Speaking for the Board, Barnett Janner, member of the British Parliament, pointed out to Lord Henderson, Foreign Undersecretary, that in view of the terrible nature of the crimes, there was no reason for reviewing the sentences. He also referred to the deep anxiety which is widely felt in England over a report that there might be a review of sentences of Nazi war criminals imprisoned in the British zone.

In the House of Commons today, Undersecretary Ernest Davies said that the British Government was not consulted by the United States prior to the release of the Nazis in the American zone of Germany. "I would repeat what I said recently, that in cases where the crimes have been committed against humanity, there will not be any remission of sentences," he declared.

ISRAEL AND TURKEY SIGN AIR CONVENTION IN ANKARA; GRANT EACH OTHER LANDING RIGHTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- An Israel-Turkish air convention was signed in Ankara yesterday giving the airlines of each country landing rights and other facilities, it was announced here today.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT MAY GUARANTEE 10-YEAR LOANS FOR HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The finance committee of the Israel Parliament today approved a proposal that the government should guarantee 250,000-pounds loan for the Weizmann Institute, the Hebrew University and the Technion, respectively. The loans are to be repaid within 10 years.

ISRAEL DIPLOMAT DISCUSSES FUTURE TRADE RELATIONS WITH DENISH MINISTER

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Future trade relations between Denmark and Israel were discussed here by Israel Minister Abraham Nissan and the Danish Minister of Commerce. At a press conference, Dr. Nissan stressed the fact that Israel, though the smallest among the Asiatic countries, nevertheless has a larger volume of trade with Denmark than any one of them. The exchange of goods between the two countries in 1950, he said, exceeded 25,000,000 Danish crowns. This does not take into consideration Israel's considerable share in Danish shipping.

JEW BECOMES FINANCE MINISTER IN BRAZIL; FIRST IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY TO HOLD CABINET POST

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- For the first time in Brazil's history a Jew has become Minister of Finance in this country. He is Horacio Lafer, a prominent member of the Jewish community.

Sr. Lafer was the first Jew elected to the Brazilian Parliament, a post which he achieved in 1934 as a candidate of the Constitutional Party. A close associate of President Vargas, the new Minister was Brazil's first delegate to the League of Nations in 1929. He is a leading industrialist and has played a prominent role in Jewish communal life.

The 57-year-old Minister was born in Brazil. His parents came from Lithuania originally, and on his mother's side Sr. Lafer is a member of the Clabin family which is one of Brazil's first Jewish families.

4,000 JEWS TO ENTER AUSTRALIA THIS YEAR; IMMIGRATION MINISTER WANTS 25,000 GERMANS

MELBOURNE, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- About 4,000 Jewish immigrants will enter Australia from Europe in 1951, Leo Fink, chairman of the Australian Jewish Welfare and Relief Society, said here today. Mr. Fink, who has just returned from a trip surveying conditions in Europe, said that prospective migrants in Europe rated Australia highly as a place of settlement.

Jewish quarters here and in other parts of Australia have expressed concern over the proposal by Immigration Minister Harold Holt to admit 25,000 German immigrants to Australia annually. Of particular concern is Minister Holt's reference to Jewish opposition to the plan.

Speaking of this opposition, the Minister declared that many Jewish people had found in Australia a haven from Nazi persecution. These people, he said, should show "some tolerance and understanding" which had been shown them by the Australian Government which had admitted them. Protest meetings are scheduled to be held here and in other parts of the Commonwealth in opposition to the immigration plan and Labor Party leaders have already spoken out in Parliament and elsewhere against the Holt proposal.

JEWS IN ITALY PARTICIPATE IN PREPARING BILL ON STATUS OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS

ROME, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The draft of a bill for a new law regulating relations between the Italian State and non-Catholic religious denominations will soon be submitted to the government for its consideration, it was learned today.

A law covering these relationships was foreseen in Article 8 of the Italian Constitution which states that relationships between religious bodies and the state should be regulated on the basis of agreements with the representatives of the denominations concerned.

The lead in preparing the new draft has been taken by Pastor Guglielmo del Pasco, Moderator of the Protestant Waldensian Church and president of the Italian Evangelical Churches. He has invited the Union of Jewish Communities to participate in the drafting work.

THIRTY-FIVE AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTHS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO BE TRAINED AS YOUTH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Thirty-five American members of the Hashomer Hatzair, between 15 and 17 years-of-age, today sailed on the S.S. Atlantic for Israel to participate in the Moshe Furmansky Educational Institute in Hazorea, which will last for six months. All have been given leaves of absence from their respective high schools and colleges.

The 35 youths will work in agricultural settlements for half-a-day and will spend the rest of the day in classroom work studying Jewish history, the history of the state of Israel and other subjects. The objective of the Institute is to train a cadre of young people for leadership work with Zionist youth groups in the United States.

The Institute, which will be an annual project, is dedicated to the memory of Moshe Furmansky, a former educational worker of the Zionist movement who spent many years in America organizing and educating Jewish youth groups, and was killed in Mishmar Haemek during the war for Israel's independence. Furmansky was one of the members of the Mishmar Haemek settlement.

75,000 HEAR ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA DURING FIRST THREE WEEKS OF TOUR OF U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Some 75,000 Americans and Canadians have heard the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in 21 concerts in 16 cities during the first three weeks of its tour of this country and Canada, it was announced here today by Edward A. Norman, president of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, which is sponsoring the Orchestra's tour.

In all 16 cities the Orchestra received official greetings and gala receptions. At each concert, conducted by either Serge Koussevitzky or Leonard Bernstein, one Israel composition was played. The Orchestra is leaving the east and will tour the midwest and far west for the next seven weeks.

VICE-PRESIDENT BARKLEY RECEIVES THE "1950 HISTADRUT HUMANITARIAN AWARD" IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Vice-President Alben W. Barkley today received the "1950 Histadrut Humanitarian Award" in recognition of his services to Israel and the Histadrut. The award was made by Joseph Schloesberg, general chairman of the National Committee for Labor Israel, in a special ceremony in the Vice-President's office in the Senate office building.

The Vice-President expressed appreciation for the award and said Israel was "a beacon of light not only for that area but for all over the world." He added that he was especially proud to be the recipient of the award "because of its meaning in connection with labor Israel."

NEW-TOVIN ASSUMES POSITION OF ISRAEL CONSUL IN NEW YORK; SERVED IN CANADA

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Mr. Arie Ben-Tovim arrived in New York today to assume the position of Consul at the Consulate General of Israel. He has served in a similar capacity in Montreal since May, 1949. Born in Jerusalem 43 years ago, Mr. Ben-Tovim is a third Israeli generation. He was educated in the Hebrew College of Jerusalem and is a graduate of the Universities of Strasbourg and Paris.