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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES JERUSALEM SECURITY; U.N. BODY TO MEDIATE DISPUTE WITH JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Israel's security, especially the situation of the Jerusalem area which recently became a serious problem as a result of the incidents of the last few days on the Israel-Jordan border around the city, was discussed today at a meeting of the Cabinet.

Meanwhile, former high ranking officers of the Haganah met yesterday for four hours to consider ways and means of combatting the increasing number of attacks on Jews by Arab hands which make quick forays into Israel territory for purposes of looting Jewish homes and farms. Two Jews were killed and three others seriously wounded earlier this week by marauding Arab infiltrators and Arab Legionnaires.

United Nations observers late last night confirmed Arab reports of a Jewish raid on the Arab town of Shaafat, located inside the Jordan lines about one mile south of Jerusalem. Nine Arabs were killed and eight others wounded by the Jewish irregulars. The raid was in retaliation for the attacks on the five Jews. The full extent of the damage is not yet known.

Col. Bennet de Ridder, United Nations chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, today informed the Israel authorities that he had received a complaint from Jordan on the Shaafat incident. He summoned an urgent meeting of the commission after Jordan agreed to Israel's terms that Israel complaints on the incidents which preceded the raid on Shaafat be discussed by the Commission first.

The Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission met yesterday on Syrian territory adjacent to the Enot Yaacov bridge. The representatives of both governments decided to take further measures to prevent border incidents along the Israel-Syrian frontier. The Syrians reiterated their promise that Jewish fishermen would not be attacked while fishing in Lake Tiberias.

HISTADRUT CALLS HALF-HOUR NATIONWIDE STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF METAL INDUSTRY WORKERS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Histadrut today called on all industrial workers in the country to stage a 30-minute work stoppage on Monday in solidarity with the striking metal workers.

The strike call, issued by the executive of the labor organization, exempted vital utilities and defense plants from the work stoppage order. It followed an unsuccessful meeting between labor officials and representatives of the manufacturers association to discuss settlement of the metal workers strike. The Histadrut said that "no basis for discussion" was found in the course of the meeting.

Premier David Gurion was today empowered by the Cabinet to call an emergency meeting of the body if the strike and the lockout in Israel's metal industry should warrant such a step.

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NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; SAYS TRUMAN INTERESTED IN JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Monnet Davis, accompanied by Mrs. Davis, arrived at Lydda Airport late last night. He told reporters that he had seen President Truman prior to his departure from Washington and said that the President had displayed great interest in Israel.

WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION WILL DEMAND PARTNERSHIP STATUS FROM ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, today told a press conference that the World Zionist Organization will seek a "moral and legal" status as a partner of the government of Israel in the task of building the Jewish state.

"The establishment of the state of Israel has naturally brought about fundamental changes in the task and position of the World Zionist Organization and of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, which is its chief administrative body," Dr. Goldmann said. "Those who are convinced that a strong Zionist movement is needed to assist in the consolidation of the Jewish state and in the ingathering of the exiles, and, above all, to cement and maintain the relationship between the Jews all over the world and the state, must work out a new basis for the status and function of the Zionist Organization."

"The Zionist movement can only be revitalized if Israel recognizes it as representative of the Jewish people in matters dealing with the Jewish state, and if it is given moral and legal status as a partner of Israel in upbuilding the state. Such recognition would not limit in any way the sovereignty of Israel. It would be rather, a status given voluntarily by the people and the government of Israel. It would not imply in any way the political allegiance to Israel of Jews of other nations," Dr. Goldmann pointed out.

Dr. Goldmann is scheduled to leave tomorrow for a brief stay in Europe, after which he will proceed to Israel for a series of discussions with the executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and with leaders of the Zionist parties and members of the government. In Europe, Dr. Goldmann will open the annual United Israel Campaign in Belgium and France and participate in several functions of the Combined Palestine Appeal in Great Britain. He is also scheduled to see John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner for Germany, on questions relating to German restitution to Jews.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT ADOPTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING DEPUTY MINISTERS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today adopted a Constitutional amendment providing for the appointment of Deputy Ministers.

During a discussion in the Knesset, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett revealed that immediately after the explosion of a bomb in a Bechdad synagogue, as a result of which a number of Jews were wounded, Israel envoys in London and Washington informed the Iraqi Government that Israel would hold it responsible for the safety of the Iraqi Jews.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO GET COMPENSATION FROM GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed steps to be taken in relation to the United States, British, French and Soviet Governments to secure compensation and restitution payments from Germany which are claimed by Israel for those of its citizens who suffered at the hands of the Nazis.

MAIMONIDES PLAQUE INSTALLED AT CAPITOL; PHILOSOPHER HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTION TO U.S. LAW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A plaque depicting Maimonides, the great Jewish philosopher, has been installed in the redecorated House of Representatives chamber at the Capitol as part of a series of portraits of historic figures who contributed to the evolution of American law. The plaque was sculptured by Brenda Putnam of New York.

AMERICAN ORTHODOX ORGANIZATION DECIDES TO LAUNCH A \$1,000,000 RELIEF CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Vaad Haatzala, relief organization, at a conference here last night decided to reorganize its activities and to launch a \$1,000,000 campaign throughout the United States for the purpose of helping newly arrived religious leaders and scholars in Israel.

The conference also decided to give financial aid to Orthodox schools in France and to help the emigration of religious Jews and their families from various countries to Israel and the United States.

PROMINENT U.S. PHYSICIAN LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO HELP DEVELOP MEDICAL CENTER NEAR TIBERIAS

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph B. Wolfe, a prominent heart specialist, will leave for Israel Saturday, as representative of a group of American and Israeli physicians interested in the development of an international medical institute in Israel near the site of the 2,000-year-old Tiberias hot springs.

It is understood that Dr. Wolfe, director of the newly elected Valley Forge National Heart Institute and Hospital at Fairview Village, Pa., was drawn into the plan by American and Israeli colleagues who are impressed by the possibilities of the Tiberias project. The medical institute, as at present contemplated, would be operated as a strictly independent medical organization, maintaining a close working cooperation with medical and scientific agencies in this country and in Israel.

The hot springs, located on the shores of the Sea of Galilee about a mile from the town of Tiberias, are reputed to be the equal of any of the most famous European spas in medical values. It is one of the few spas in the world where highly radioactive spring water is available. Experts will study the beneficial effects of these waters and the climate in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and diseases of the heart and circulatory systems.

SEN. FERGUSON SAYS HE FAVORS AID TO ISRAEL TO HELP IT ADMIT PERSECUTED JEWS

DETROIT, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Sen. Homer Ferguson of Michigan has gone on record as being prepared to support the efforts of Israel to admit Jews from any country.

In an address at the Detroit Economic Club and at a meeting with a committee of Detroit Zionists, Sen. Ferguson said he considers it vital that Jews from Moslem countries and from Eastern Europe be given an opportunity to settle in Israel. He added that he will cooperate with Sen. Irving M. Ives of New York and others seeking means of extending financial aid to Israel.

ITALIAN OFFICIALS ATTEND HEBREW COURSE INAUGURATION AT ROME UNIVERSITY

ROME, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Israel legation and Italian Ministry of Education today attended the inauguration of a course in Hebrew at Rome University's School of Economics. An inaugural lecture, "An Ancient New Language," was delivered by Dr. Carlo Alberto Viterbo.

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U.S. AUTHORITIES IN GERMANY CRITICIZED IN CONGRESS FOR GRANTING CLEMENCY TO NAZIS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- Rep. Isidore Dollinger today asked Congress to investigate the recent granting of clemency to Nazi war criminals in the U.S. zone of Germany.

"These reprieves," Rep. Dollinger said, "granted to persons who committed the worst crimes against humanity in all history, have struck a death blow at the very foundations of our American system of justice and have brought down upon us the derision and contempt of the world."

The Congressman introduced a resolution which would provide for the creation of a special House committee to investigate the U.S. Military Government in Germany and the civilian administration which has succeeded military rule.

JEWISH GROUPS PROPOSE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ASSIST HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

GENEVA, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A proposal for the establishment of an advisory council to the projected High Commissioner for Refugees, who will assume international responsibility for refugees following the liquidation of the International Refugee Organization this summer, was proposed here today by representatives of the Agudas Israel world organization and the World Jewish Congress.

The proposal was made at a conference of non-governmental agencies interested in refugee and migration problems. The parley is considering a summary of United Nations measures establishing the High Commission, the implications of the U.N.-approved definition of a refugee, budgetary problems in connection with refugees and the future role of voluntary agencies in helping solve refugee problems.

CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS ISSUE CALL TO COMBAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A call to the people of the United States to regard racial discrimination "as an evil" which should not be tolerated was issued here today by a group of 36 prominent Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders in connection with the observance of Race Relations Sunday on February 11. The group spoke on behalf of the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Emphasizing that "the church and the synagogue must in word and in deed make clear the importance of racial justice," the statement said: "As members of different faiths we are cognizant of the divisions among us. Some of our differences are matters of conscience to which we must adhere; some are strong convictions from which we will not be lightly turned. We record our belief, however, that these differences need not be the source of conflict that sometimes they have occasioned and that as we work together on the basis of fundamental moral principles toward common civic goals, we shall gain in mutual respect and good will."

JAPANESE WHO EMBRACED JUDAISM IS INVITED TO LECTURE ON ISRAEL AT TOKYO UNIVERSITY

TOKYO, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- A 23-year-old Japanese youth, Shineru Nishiyama, has become so well known in Japan as a Zionist and student of Zionism and Israel that he was invited by the University of Tokyo to lecture on Zionism and Israel.

The youth, who first became interested in the subject of Zionism at the age of 19 as the result of correspondence with an American Jewish friend of his family, has embraced Judaism as his religion. He has also joined the 20-year-old Japanese-Israeli Cultural Association. Shineru, who is a graduate student and is working on his Master of Arts degree--on the subject of Israel--hopes one day to become Japan's first consul in Tel Aviv.