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ISRAELI CABINET DISCUSSES SITUATION OF JEWS IN IRAQ; FOREIGN MINISTER TO ACT

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- The situation of the Jews in Iraq, which is becoming worse each day as a result of the continued anti-Jewish terror there, was discussed today at a meeting of the Israeli Cabinet. It is expected that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett will take diplomatic steps.

Special attention was paid by the members of the Cabinet to the recent acts taken against Iraqi Jews who registered in Basdad for immigration to Israel. These acts include the freezing of Jewish accounts in all Iraqi banks and the sequestering of the property of Jews registered for emigration.

HIGH OFFICIAL OF STATE DEPARTMENT RETURNS TO U.S. FOLLOWING TALK WITH ISRAELI PREMIER

TEL AVIV, March 15. (JTA) -- Lewis Jones, director of the Middle East Division of the U.S. Department of State, left Israel today for Washington following a conference with Premier David Ben Gurion. The conference was held in Tiberias, where the Israeli Premier is resting. Mr. Jones' visit to Israel is reported to be connected with American allocation of raw materials.

David Horowitz, Director-General of Israel's Ministry of Finance, flew to the United States yesterday in connection with Israel's note to the Four Powers claiming \$1,500,000,000 reparations from Germany for Jewish victims of the Nazi regime. He will also hold a series of conferences with American Jewish leaders on the \$500,000,000 Israeli bond drive in the United States.

ARMISTICE COMMISSION HOLDS ISRAEL RESPONSIBLE IN SHELLING OF ARAB VILLAGE IN NEGEV

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned the Israeli shelling of an Arab town in southern Palestine in the course of a recent two-day battle with a band of infiltrating Arabs.

The commission also held Jordan responsible, but to a lesser extent, for the action of its citizens in violating Israel's frontiers. The Commission ordered the immediate clear demarcation of the Israel-Jordan frontier in the region in order to avert new incidents.

It was reported that Arab Legionnaires today, for the first time, took action against marauding Arabs returning to Jordan territory after a raid in Israel. The Jordan troops fired on the bands, wounding one, and returned stolen cattle to the Jews.

Arabs from Syria today fired on Israeli workers engaged in draining the Hileh swamp in eastern Galilee. Israeli guards returned the fire and the Arabs fled. There were no casualties on either side.

ISRAEL AND JORDAN ESTABLISH DIRECT TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS; TO BE USED ONLY BY MILITARY

BAIFA, March 15. (JTA) -- A direct telephone connection between Israel and Jordan will be officially opened tomorrow despite the fact that peace has not yet been concluded between the two countries. The telephone line will be used by commanders of Israeli and Jordanian military units in attempts to help avert border incidents.

THOUSANDS OF JEWS PREPARE TO TREK TO TEHRAN EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL. JDC DIRECTOR REPORTS

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- Thousands of Jews from Kurdistan, Afghanistan and Iraq are crossing into Iran to seek immediate safety there and eventual transportation to Israel, in addition to the many Iranian Jews who are converging on Teheran which is becoming a base for migration to the Jewish state, it was reported here today by Stanley Abramovitch, Joint Distribution Committee director for Iran.

Addressing a press conference, Mr. Abramovitch, who arrived this week from Teheran, said that he left the Persian capital hurriedly to consult with officers of the J.D.C. and of the United Jewish Appeal, following receipt of evidence that Jews throughout Iran and neighboring countries were preparing to trek to Teheran in about a month when the spring thaw will have cleared the roads of snow.

"American Jews must act swiftly in support of the United Jewish Appeal's campaign to forestall a major disaster certain to result from the massing of refugees in Teheran," he declared. He reported that at the present time close to 5,000 Kurdish, Iraqi, Afghanistan and Iranian Jews are quartered in synagogues and in makeshift camps in Teheran's two Jewish cemeteries. He warned that any sharp upward rise in this refugee population would bring a breakdown of relief facilities.

DR. SILVER WANTS "STRONG REPRESENTATION" ON GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The prediction that Israel will develop a mixed economy, private, collective and socialized, was made here tonight by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver at a large meeting of General Zionists at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, in honor of Joseph Serlin and Major Shalom Zysman, the two-man delegation of the General Zionist Party of Israel, which arrived in this country this week.

"It is important," Dr. Silver said, "that the middle classes and those who are interested in stimulating private initiative and investment in Israel and in attracting capital from abroad should have as strong a representation in the Israel Government as Socialists now enjoy." A strong General Zionist Party, he added, will act as "a desirable balance" in the economic life of the Jewish state.

Other speakers at the meeting included Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Dr. Samuel Margoshes and the two Israeli guests. Dr. Neumann said that "the emergence of a strong liberal center party in Israel--that of the General Zionists--is the most encouraging sign in Israel's political life" and offers the best hope of national unity and stability in the Jewish state.

Negotiations for Merger of General Zionists With Progressives Fail

TEL AVIV, March 15. (JTA) -- The General Zionist Party of Israel today charged the Progressive Party with the failure of negotiations to merge with the two parties. The unity talks were initiated by Fred Monosson of Boston, a leader of the American Zionist movement.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS ABOLITION OF QUOTA SYSTEM; PROPOSES NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today demanded the abolition of the 1924 national origins quota system which allocates immigration visas according to place of birth. It also urged the immediate enactment of a new immigration law which would permit the distribution of visas on a "first come, first-served" basis, without differentiation as to race or place of birth.

Testifying before a joint Senate-House Committee on Immigration, Will Maslow, representative of the American Jewish Congress, denounced the present system as basically racist. The Committee, which is conducting hearings on omnibus immigration bills introduced by Sen. McCarran of Nevada and Rep. Walter of Pennsylvania, was told by Mr. Maslow that the national origins formula "was no legislative accident but was deliberately designed to limit the number of immigrants from South and East Europe, and is a compound of bigotry and ignorance."

Urging the rejection of both the McCarran and Walter measures because they continue use of the national origins formula, the American Jewish Congress representative asserted that adoption of these bills "would reveal that we have learned nothing in one-quarter of a century, that our prejudices have remained untarnished by the light of knowledge."

PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL ORDERS CANCELLATION OF ANTI-JEWISH IMMIGRATION INSTRUCTIONS

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 15. (JTA) -- President Vargas has issued an order cancelling secret instructions by the Brazilian Foreign Ministry to consuls abroad to discriminate against Jews in the issuing of immigrant visas, it was reported in the press here. The report was greeted with great satisfaction in Jewish circles here.

STUDENTS FROM 251 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO CONFER ON RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 15. (JTA) -- The problems of racial and religious discrimination on college campuses, already under critical study by educators and school administrators, will be surveyed by undergraduates themselves at the end of this month at a forthcoming National Student Conference on Human Relations in Higher Education. Student delegates from 251 colleges and universities have been invited to participate at a three-day meeting, March 29-31, on the campus of Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.

Sponsor of the conference--the first of its kind in which students will represent their schools in an official capacity--is the American Council on Education's committee on discriminations in higher education. Cooperating agencies include the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Federation of Catholic College Students, Newman Club Federation, the student divisions of the YW and YMCA and the United States National Student Association.

ISRAEL ORCHESTRA PLAYS FOR 3,000 U.S. TROOPS WOUNDED IN KOREA; CONCERT IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will make a special trip to Washington tomorrow to play for an audience of approximately 3,000 U.S. troops convalescing at Walter Reed Hospital from wounds received in Korea.

Ambassador Abba Eban, military attaches and members of the Israel embassy will attend the concert. The event was arranged by the American Fund for Israel Institutions in cooperation with the Israel embassy. It will be presented under the auspices of the American Red Cross. Leonard Bernstein will conduct.

LOS ANGELES BOARD OF EDUCATION ASSAILED BY GRAND JURY FOR BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT

LOS ANGELES, March 15. (JTA) -- The Los Angeles County Grand Jury today assailed the Los Angeles Board of Education for discrimination in hiring. The Grand Jury claimed that there was discrimination against Jewish, colored, Oriental and middle-age applicants for telephone work. It was pointed out that such applicants were never employed by the Board of Education in the past 33 years.

HARVARD COLLEGE LIBRARY PRESENTED WITH 3,000 RARE BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS OF HEBRAICA

BOSTON, March 15. (JTA) -- The Harvard College library has been given a valuable collection of Hebrew history and literature consisting of 3,000 manuscripts and books from the library of the Amsterdam collector, Felix Friedmann. The purchase was made possible by a group of Harvard Alumni interested in Hebraica. The collection includes an early manuscript treatise by Maimonides and books printed before the 15th century as well as selected volumes of history and literature from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries.

DR. HARRIS J. LEVINE RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The re-election of Dr. Harris J. Levine as president of the Jewish National Fund of America was announced here today, following a meeting of the J.N.F. board of directors. In thanking the board, Dr. Levine said that the J.N.F. is today very popular among the Jews in the United States as testified by the fact that the sum of \$28,000,000 has been raised in this country by the Fund in pennies, nickels and dimes contributed since 1910, in addition to larger sums obtained through fund-raising agencies.

Others elected to office are Dr. Israel Goldstein, honorary president; Louis Segal, honorary secretary; Jacob Sincoff, treasurer; and Miss Juliet N. Benjamin and Rabbi Max Kirshblum, associate treasurers. Mendel N. Fisher was elected to his sixteenth consecutive one-year term as secretary and executive director.

PHILADELPHIA FEDERATION OF JEWISH CHARITIES MARKS ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

PHILADELPHIA, March 15. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Charities will mark its 50th anniversary this week-end. Synagogues throughout the city will observe "Federation Golden Anniversary Sabbath" with special messages read by the rabbis from their pulpits.

In its half-century of service the Federation has spent or distributed a total of about \$51,500,000 for budgetary grants to help meet the operating expenses of its constituent agencies, and capital funds for buildings and equipment. At present, the Federation includes 22 agencies, among them modern hospitals, social services, and leisure time centers that directly benefit 100,000 men, women and children yearly of every creed.

COUNCIL OF JUDAISM OBJECTS TO PROCLAMATION BY NEW YORK MAYOR OF A "ZIONIST MONTH"

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The American Council of Judaism today expressed its "strong objection" to the proclamation issued yesterday by Mayor Vincent Impellitteri of New York designating the month March 22-April 21 as Zionist Organization of America Month.

In a letter to the Mayor, Mrs. Miriam Witkin, chairman of the New York chapter of the American Council of Judaism, said that the Mayor's high office "should not be exploited to influence the members of any religious creed to join an organization whose program is essentially political and highly controversial." The letter emphasized that "many citizens of Jewish faith are completely out of sympathy with the aims and tactics of the Zionist Organization."

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