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ISRAEL CONSIDERS DIPLOMATIC ACTION THROUGH UNITED NATIONS FOR PROTECTION OF IRAQI JEWS

TEL AVIV, March 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry was reported today considering diplomatic action through the United Nations for the protection of the Jews of Iraq who are now being subjected to a reign of terror, confiscation of property and other repressive measures.

To a delegation of Iraqi Jews now living in Israel, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett said that proposals have been offered for international jurisdiction over Iraqi Jews, but so far without result. The delegation urged United Nations intervention and safeguards in behalf of the Jews in Iraq. Mr. Sharett assured the delegation that the Israel Government, within the limitations set by the available transportation facilities, would expedite the evacuation of the Iraqi Jews.

Arrivals from Baedat during the week-end said that anti-Jewish feeling is again being whipped up in the Iraqi capital and that new confiscatory measures are being used against the emigrating Jews. A total of 550 Iraqi Jewish immigrants arrived here in the past 24 hours. They reported that a new customs branch set up at Baedat airport to examine the jewelry of departing emigrants is even seizing wedding rings, charging that the gold in them was obtained by melting down Iraqi coins.

British Jews Discuss Situation in Iraq; May Ask British Govt. Intervention

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- The situation of the Jews in Iraq, where the anti-Jewish terror has heightened during the last week, was discussed here today at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Barnett Jenner, member of the House of Commons, said that the position of the Iraqi Jews closely resembles that of German Jewry during the beginning of the Nazi period. He suggested that the Board of Deputies approach the British Foreign Office and ask it to use its good offices with the Iraq Government.

Mr. Jenner also reported at the meeting that the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the central representative body of Jews in Australia, has approached the Board of Deputies of British Jews with a request to bring up the question of mass-admission of Germans to Australia at the current international conference on migration which opened in Geneva several days ago. The conference, arranged by non-governmental organizations accredited to the U.N. Economic and Social Council, is attended by representatives of 33 organizations, including all major Jewish organizations.

The Jewish Board of Deputies today adopted a resolution endorsing the Israel Government's reparations claim upon Germany. The Board urged the British Government to "give favorable consideration to Israel's claim and to recommend its acceptance by the other occupying powers in Germany." The Israeli claim has the support of all Jewish organizations in Britain.

BEN GURION REQUESTS ZIONIST ORGANIZATION TO IDENTIFY ITSELF "UNRESERVEDLY" WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 18. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Organization was requested today by Premier David Ben Gurion to identify itself "unreservedly" with the Jewish state and to mobilize the entire Jewish people on the side of the Jewish state.

Addressing the 400 delegates attending the conference of the Mapai, Israel's Labor Party, the Premier said that it is the duty of the world Zionist movement to bring home to Jews the world over the full significance of the rebirth of the Jewish state. The forthcoming World Zionist Congress, he said, will be a test for the Zionist movement and its work for "ingathering the exiles" and for the consolidation of Israel.

Emphasizing that he cannot predict the fate of the Jewish communities abroad and how long the work of "ingathering the exiles" will continue under the present peace and conditions, Mr. Ben Gurion declared that it will be decisive for the Jewish state whether its population will be 1,000,000 or 2,000,000. He sharply criticized the General Zionist Party and the Mapam charging them with failing to make any contribution "to implement Israel's historic mission."

Beri Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, told the conference that Israel must rid itself of reliance on philanthropic aid which is insufficient to speed the immigration rate of whole Jewish communities like those from Rumania and Iraq. The Zionist movement, he stated, must train the Jewish nation for methodical tax paying as a sense of responsibility. Zionists abroad must assume financial burdens as Israeli citizens do, and the World Zionist Organization must be reorganized for this purpose, he added.

Mr. Locker advocated the recognition of the World Zionist Organization by Israel as a "fully accredited representative of world Jewry in Israel." He urged that the W.Z.O. be granted in Israel a privileged status hitherto not extended to any other body. He rejected the suggestion that Israelis should now double their Shekel system, and argued that the main Zionist work and responsibilities should fall on the Israelis.

BEN GURION REJECTS PROPOSAL TO INVITE DR. SILVER TO ISRAEL AS GUEST OF GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, March 18. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion has rejected a proposal--purportedly backed by Israel's Ambassador in the United States, Abba Eban--that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, leading American Zionist, be invited to Israel as the official guest of the government, the General Zionist newspaper Haaretz reported.

The paper said that Mr. Ben Gurion based his opposition on the conviction that Dr. Silver would not come to Israel as a leader of American General Zionists, but as spokesman for those General Zionists who conduct anti-government activities both in Israel and abroad. Haaretz claims that the invitation to Dr. Silver will come from the General Zionist Party in Israel.

SOMMERBORN NAMED PRESIDENT OF CORPORATION WHICH WILL DIRECT SALE OF ISRAELI BONDS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Rudolf G. Sommerborn, American Zionist leader, was named today president of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel which will conduct the sale of the projected \$500,000,000 Israeli Bond Issue in the United States. The nomination was made at a meeting of the board of governors at the Hotel Pierre, presided over by Henry Morgenthau Jr. chairman of the board.

The meeting was addressed by David Horowitz, Director-General of Israel's Ministry of Finance who arrived here last Friday by plane from Tel Aviv in connection with plans for launching the Israeli bond issue about May 1st. He emphasized the basic importance of the bond issue for Israel in solving the problems of the absorption and economic integration of large sections of the new population in the Jewish state.

JEWISH WELFARE FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY REPORT SUBSTANTIAL GAINS IN FUND RAISING

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- The mobilization of Jewish communities - through accelerated welfare fund campaigns - to meet the challenge of increasingly urgent needs in Israel, overseas and at home, has already resulted in initial gains of 15 to 27 percent over funds raised from the same people compared with 1950, it was reported here today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Reports to the Council from its member communities throughout the United States and Canada cite solid acceptance of the "urgency and primacy of philanthropic gifts" for the United Jewish Appeal and other overseas, national and local needs supported by welfare funds, vigorous campaign leadership, large-scale enrollment of volunteer workers, and the improvement of business and tax conditions as the chief factors in the increased funds being contributed by American Jewry.

Early campaign successes have been reported by communities of all sizes. Typical are the reports of Baltimore, Cleveland, Newark, and Miami. Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the Baltimore Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund, reported a 22.5 percent increase in funds raised from the same people. As of this week, Baltimore has received \$1,637,794 from contributors who pledged \$1,255,695 in 1950.

Backbone of the Cleveland campaign, which is running 20 percent ahead of 1950, is "the clear realization in the community of the role of the welfare fund appeal and the establishment of cooperative relations to assure the success of the philanthropic drive and the sale of bonds." Eugene Goodman, general campaign chairman, is stressing the immediate task at hand, namely the Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal, as the community's first priority.

Newark raised 27.5 percent more funds than in 1950 at its Advance Gifts Dinner. This represented \$390,000 for 1951 as against \$307,000 from the same cards in 1950. This success has been followed by the greatest attendance at an Opening Dinner - 1,200 guests - in the community's entire campaign history as a dramatic demonstration of the community's interest in the current campaign.

Miami, although it began its campaign too early to receive full benefit from the upsurge in business and favorable tax developments, reports a total of \$900,000 raised to date. This is a 15 percent increase over the same gifts last year. The women's division, which is "waging an extremely aggressive" campaign, will show a 50 percent increase over 1950.

Julian Freeman, Indianapolis, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, in a report to the Council Board of Directors, declared that the optimistic reports pouring in from communities offer clear evidence that on the whole, communities are meeting "the ultimate test of orderly and successful procedure" in meeting their responsibilities to Israel, through the Four Point Program, and for overseas, national and local services.

EMERGENCY STATE CONFERENCE IN CONNECTICUT RAISES \$900,000 FOR THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW HAVEN, March 18. (JTA) -- Responding to a warning that tens of thousands of Jews this spring will head for Esheran in an effort to leave from there for Israel, more than 300 leaders of Jewish communities throughout Connecticut today raised nearly \$900,000 to enable the United Jewish Appeal to cope with the increase in refugee population. The action came following a plea by Stanley Abramovich, J.D.C. director in Iran, whose address highlighted the emergency state conference at the Taft Hotel coinciding with the opening of the U.J.A. drive in Connecticut.

COLORADO LEGISLATURE PASSES BILL PROHIBITING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

DENVER, March 18. (JTA) -- The State House of Representatives passed during the weekend and sent to the governor a fair employment practices act. The measure, approved by the House by a vote of 57 to 2, was earlier approved by the Colorado Senate. Acceptance by the Governor is a foregone conclusion since he had asked for such legislation. The bill bars discrimination because of race, creed or color in private or public employment.

NEW YORK MAYOR URGES U.S. CONGRESS TO VOTE GRANTS-IN-AID FOR THE JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- The U.S. Congress was urged today by Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri of New York to vote grants-in-aid for Israel "as it has done to other friendly nations." He spoke at a conference of the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal, attended by 3,000 delegates.

Seconding the Mayor's plea was James G. McDonald, America's first Ambassador to Israel who retired recently from his post. He praised the achievements of Israel and warned of the dangers facing the Jewish state if sufficient funds were not raised in the near future to enable it to cope with its present economic difficulties.

ISRAEL GOVT. INVITES NEW YORK EDUCATION EXPERT TO STUDY SCHOOL SYSTEM IN JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Jacob Greenberg, Associate Superintendent of Schools in New York and head of the teachers training department at the Board of Education, has been invited by the Israel Government to study educational conditions in the Jewish state, it was reported here today.

Dr. Greenberg, who is widely known as an author and an editor of books in French, German, Spanish and Hebrew, has been a member of the New York school system for more than 30 years. He will leave soon for Israel to consult with David Ben-Gurion, Israel's Minister of Education.

JEWISH FOUNDATION FINANCES STUDY OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM; GRANTS \$60,000 TO UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Columbia University announced today the receipt of a \$60,000 grant from the Louis M. Rabinowitz Foundation to finance a two-year study of academic freedom. Mr. Rabinowitz has made grants in the past to Yale University, for research in Hebrew literature, and to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

GEN. SARNOFF, CLARENCE PICKETT, HONORED BY JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Brigadier General David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America, and Clarence E. Pickett, honorary secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, were the recipients tonight of the first World Brotherhood awards of the Jewish Theological Seminary at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel here.

General Sarnoff was honored for his "scientific contributions that have brought men everywhere closer in mind and spirit." Mr. Pickett was cited for his "indefatigable and devout humanitarian service to his brethren at home and abroad, regardless of color, nation or creed." The presentation of the awards was made by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Leaders of all faiths attended the dinner.

Declaring that "science and religion are partners in man's constant effort to learn the truth about himself and the universe," Gen. Sarnoff called for brotherhood among men. "Either all men learn to live and work together, or all men will perish together," he said.

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ISRAEL TO INFORM FOREIGN POWERS ON TREATMENT OF JEWS IN IRAQ; U.N. NOTIFIED ON PROPERTY

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will inform all powers maintaining friendly relations with Iraq of the treatment of the Jews in that country, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett told the Knesset tonight.

In a review of the situation, the Foreign Minister reported to the Parliament that the bank accounts of Jews in Iraq had been frozen, that all moveable property had been taken from the Jews, that prospective emigrants were being tortured and persecuted and that reports were current that the Iraq Government intended to place all Jews registered for emigration in concentration camps pending their transfer.

The Foreign Minister announced that Israel had informed the United Nations that the value of Jewish property frozen in Iraq by recent government decrees would be taken into account in the final settlement of compensation that Israel had undertaken to pay to the Arabs who fled from Palestine.

He told the house that the government warmly greeted the "exiles of Babylon" now returning to Israel. A total of 104,000 Iraqi Jews had registered for transfer to the Jewish state, he said, of whom 40,000 had already been transferred, leaving 64,000 awaiting transportation.

The government, Sharett declared, is making every effort to increase the present rate of emigration so as to clear all the Jews registered for emigration out of Iraq before the end of May. He said that the Jews in Iraq are at the point of starvation. The immigrants arriving from Bagdad, he reported, come hungry and exhausted.

1,000 Jews Will Be Transported Daily from Iraq to Israel

The Knesset's debate on the budget was shelved to permit the Foreign Minister to make his statement on Iraq. When he concluded, spokesmen for all parties made declarations supporting the government's move to aid the Iraqi Jews and calling for the strongest possible measures. A sensation was caused by the Arab Communist deputy, Tewfik Tobl, who assailed Iraq's "reactionary racial discriminatory policy" and warned that it was hurting the cause of the Arabs everywhere.

Arrangements to step up the Bagdad-Lydda airlift were completed today. With planes shuttling from Bagdad to Lydda Airport three times daily, it is expected that, beginning tomorrow, the airlift will move 1,000 refugees a day. At that rate, it is expected, the operation can be completed before the end of May provided that there are no further interruptions such as occurred yesterday. Airlift planes were grounded yesterday for 19 hours by order of the Iraqi authorities. No explanation was given.

ARAB LEGIONNAIRES KILL JEW IN JERUSALEM; 5,000 BEDOUINS INVADE ISRAEL FROM SINAI

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Arab Legionnaires shot and killed a young Jew near the "no-man's-land" area in the Musrara quarter of Jerusalem today. A United Nations observer who examined the body, said the fatal shots had been fired from close range. The Israel authorities will make a complaint to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

About 5,000 Bedouin tribesmen have infiltrated into Israel territory from the Egyptian-held Sinai desert during the last three weeks, Israeli authorities reported today. They said that several clashes had taken place between the invaders and Bedouins domiciled in Israel over grazing lands.

Although the Israel authorities have reported this infiltration to the United Nations Observer Corps, it was stated, no action has yet been taken to prevent the infiltration. It was recalled that some months ago when Israeli forces repulsed Bedouin infiltrators from Egyptian territory, the Egyptian authorities threatened to raise the issue before the Security Council.

BRITAIN WILL CONSIDER "SYMPATHETICALLY" ISRAEL'S CLAIMS FOR REPARATIONS FROM GERMANY

LONDON, March 19. (JTA) -- The British Government will consider "carefully and sympathetically" Israel's claims for \$1,500,000,000 in reparations from Germany, Minister of State Kenneth Younger told the House of Commons today. However, he added that he could not, at this time, give assurances in behalf of the government that provisions to satisfy this claim would be included in the German peace treaty.

The government statement came in reply to questions from Anthony Greenwood and George Thomas asking the Foreign Secretary for assurances that provisions to satisfy Israel's claims for reparation for the murder and torture of Jewish victims would be included in the German peace treaty.

(In Paris, a French Foreign Office spokesman has expressed support for a hearing of Israel's claim for reparations from Germany. The official said the Israeli note is receiving careful attention by the French Government, but he doubted that it could be brought up at the current four-power foreign ministers conference.)

PROF. EINSTEIN SIGNS PACT BRINGING ISRAEL INSTITUTIONS INTO N.Y. UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

PRINCETON, N.J., March 19. (JTA) -- Professor Albert Einstein today signed an agreement formally bringing the American Committee for the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science and Technion--known as U.I.T.--into the 1951 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

The ceremony took place in the study of Prof. Einstein's home here. Signing for U.I.T. were Prof. Einstein, its president, and Samuel Hausman, its executive president, who is also a general chairman of the New York U.J.A. campaign. Edwin Rosenberg signed for the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York as chairman of its executive committee.

"The inclusion of the U.I.T. in the New York U.J.A. campaign is another milestone in the effort to bring together philanthropic causes of related purpose in a unified campaign," Prof. Einstein stated in signing. "I believe such unification is in the best interests of the community since it conserves the time and energies of volunteers and contributors and insures greater economy and efficiency of operation."

DUTCH MINISTER "EXPLAINS" COMMUTATION OF SENTENCES ON NAZI CRIMINALS; JEWS DISSATISFIED

AMSTERDAM, March 19. (JTA) -- The Minister of Justice has explained the recent commutation of sentence of two Nazi collaborators responsible for the deportation and death of thousands of Dutch Jews during the war by the argument that their anti-Semitic acts were undertaken under a "mass psychosis, therefore they were not wholly responsible" for their actions.

The explanation was contained in a letter in reply to the Jewish community which had protested the commutation of sentence. The letter also explained that the gesture of clemency was not intended to offend the Jewish community. However, the Minister's explanation was not satisfactory to the Jewish community.

JEWISH YOUTH GROUPS IN BRITAIN PROTEST COMMUTATION OF SENTENCES ON NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

LONDON, March 19. (JTA) -- Three hundred representatives of all the major Jewish youth groups in Britain at a meeting here last night adopted a resolution protesting the rearmament of East and West Germany and the commutation of sentence on Nazi war criminals in the American zone.

The resolution urged the British Government to oppose this policy "since it can only lead to eventual disaster for Europe by fostering a militaristic spirit in Germany and by the inevitable re-establishment of the German war machine." A copy of the resolution was forwarded to the Foreign Office.

In Dublin, Chief Rabbi I. Jacobovitz of Ireland, addressing a large Jewish communal meeting, expressed the strongest protest "in the name of Irish Jewry" against the release of war criminals in Germany. "Leniency towards these men, who are 'guilty of so many atrocities,' he stated, is a 'misapplication of tolerance.'"

CLEVELAND JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL EXPELS PEOPLES FRATERNAL ORDER FROM ITS RANKS

CLEVELAND, March 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council here today announced the expulsion from its ranks of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order following a decision to this effect taken at a meeting of the Council's Assembly. The J.P.F.O. was recently ousted by the Jewish Community Councils in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. and Fall River, Mass.

The charges on which the J.P.F.O. was expelled from the Community Council here were: 1. The Order fails to qualify according to the Council's constitution as a Jewish organization "whose primary purpose and function is to further Jewish communal, spiritual, fraternal or religious life," since it is under the control of a non-sectarian organization, the International Workers Order, and is an integral part of that organization. 2. The J.P.F.O. was admitted to membership in the Jewish Community Council through misrepresentation of facts regarding its true relationship to the International Workers Order.

The decision to expel the J.P.F.O. was taken by the Council after several months' careful examination by a special committee of evidence and the holding of a hearing to secure the Order's side of the case. Only seven votes were cast at the meeting of the Council's Assembly against the motion to drop the Order.

U.J.A. ISSUES PURIM APPEAL; SEEKS \$5,000,000 IN CASH FOR RESCUE OF JEWS FROM IRAQ

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal today issued a call to American Jews "to temper the customary joyous celebration on Purim," which is to be marked this Thursday, so that the raising of funds for the U.J.A. will not be stopped "even for a single day."

At the same time the National Campaign Cabinet of the U.J.A. voted to launch an emergency two-week drive for \$5,000,000 in cash as the first of a series of special moves to effect the rescue of Jews from Iraq. More than 54,000 Jews must be transferred to Israel from Iraq before May 31, the deadline on emigration set by the Iraqi authorities.

The leaders of the U.J.A. emphasized in their call that Jewish communities throughout the country "must respond now if the U.J.A. is to forestall a major disaster in Iraq and in other Moslem countries." The Purim festival commemorates the rescue from annihilation of the Jews of ancient Persia, which once included present-day Iraq.

David Horowitz, Director-General of Israel's Ministry of Finance, who is now visiting the United States, conferred with leaders of the United Jewish Appeal to whom he reported that a panic-stricken mass-exodus to Israel of Jews from Iraq "has confronted the Jewish state with the most severe immigration crisis in its history." He emphasized 70 days--before the May 31 deadline.

UJA Regional Conference Raises \$1,000,000 in Cash; Is Addressed by Rep. Roosevelt

TRENTON, N.J., March 19. (JTA) -- More than \$1,000,000 in cash gifts was contributed to the United Jewish Appeal last night at a regional conference of the U.J.A. of New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. The pre-campaign gifts were made following an appeal by national U.J.A. leaders who characterized the situation of the Jews in Iraq as "completely desperate" in addressing the 300 Jewish leaders from 42 communities. The chief speaker was Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., 1950 chairman of the National Christian Committee of the U.J.A.

GIANT ROMAN STATUE EXCAVATED IN ISRAEL; CONSIDERED GREAT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Settlers of Sdot Yam--located near the ancient Roman port of Caesarea--have found what they describe as a "startling discovery in the annals of Palestine archaeology"--a giant statue executed in red porphyry of a seated figure dressed in a Roman toga.

The head and forearms of the statue, which is double life size, are missing. The figure was discovered between what was once a Roman hippodrome and the wall of the municipal hall. Experts from the Israel Government's Department of Antiquities are investigating.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE HONORS DR. JULIAN MORGENSTERN ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

CINCINNATI, March 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president emeritus of the Hebrew Union College, was honored here yesterday at a reception attended by scholars, educators, civic leaders and rabbis who had been ordained by him. The occasion marked Dr. Morgenstern's 70th birthday.

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