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IRANIAN JEWS FEAR THEIR GOVERNMENT MAY EMULATE IRAQ'S ANTI-JEWISH MEASURES

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- The measures taken against Jews in Iraq has intensified the fears of Jews in neighboring Iran that similar measures will be taken there, Rabbi Barnett Brickner, of Cleveland, reported here today on his arrival from Teheran. He said that he would make a report on the situation to Jewish organizations in the United States and would inform American Government authorities of his impressions.

A total of 4,200 Iraqi Jews was transferred from Iraq to Israel by Operation Ali Baba - the Baghdad-Lydda airline - in the week ending yesterday, an operations report disclosed today. The new arrivals protested bitterly at the treatment accorded them by the Iraqi authorities. They declared on their arrival at Lydda Airport that police and customs authorities at Baghdad had manhandled them and had forced them to remain without drinking water for as long as seven hours at a stretch. Police frequently beat up the Jews assembled at the airport awaiting transportation, they said.

The immigrants reported that they were not allowed to be present when the customs officers went through their hand luggage and they learned only on their arrival here what had been confiscated. They disclosed that businesses owned by Jews who left Iraq for Teheran had been closed by the authorities and were held as frozen property. Unless the owners return to Iraq within two months from their departure, they said, their property will be subject to confiscation under the recently enacted Jewish property sequestration laws.

The Labor newspaper Davar, in an editorial today on the problems posed for Israel by the influx of refugees from Iraq and other countries, said that the issue confronting each Israeli resident was "some more margarine or another Iraqi Jew." The paper declared that the public must be informed of the need for further austerity if the 120,000 Iraqi Jews coming to Israel in the next four months were to be absorbed. This unparalleled mass immigration, the paper declared, will affect everyone in Israel.

Cancellation of American Credits to Iraq Urged in Washington

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee has asked Secretary of State Dean Acheson to cut off financial aid to Iraq because of the barbarism against Jews in that country.

Rep. Celler pointed out that the U.S. Export-Import Bank has allocated credits to Iraq in the amount of \$12,000,000 and suggested that, if this credit has not been completely drawn, any balance should be cancelled. He said the annulment of the anti-Jewish decrees should be the prerequisite for the resumption of American financial aid to Iraq.

ISRAEL ADOPTS SIX-MONTH BUDGET OF \$220,000,000; CUTS EXPENDITURES TO CHECK INFLATION

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament last night adopted a six-month budget of 78,430,000 pounds (\$220,000,000) after a session which lasted throughout the day. Presenting the budget for approval, David Pinchas, chairman of the Parliamentary Finance Committee, declared that it had been balanced in such fashion as to virtually eliminate all expenditures which might intensify the inflation.

The budget is divided into two parts: the first calls for 43,430,000 pounds for ordinary expenditures; the second is a 35,000,000 appropriation for capital developments to aid in the absorption of new immigrants, including the construction of new immigrant work villages, exploitation of water and mineral resources and the expansion of agriculture and industry.

ISRAEL CABINET MEETING CONSIDERS ACTION TO BREAK BLACK MARKET; HEARS REPORT ON ARMY

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Measures to combat the black market in Israel were discussed at today's weekly Cabinet meeting, it was announced by a government spokesman. He declared that the "public will soon feel the effects of the measures adopted" by the Ministers.

The Cabinet heard a report on the structure of the army and the developing security situation. The Cabinet will shortly submit a defense budget to Parliament. The government, which is already spending some 30,000,000 pounds (\$84,000,000) annually on a social security program, will soon receive a plan for a thoroughgoing insurance and security program.

U.S. URGED TO ARRANGE PARLEY OF MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN MINISTERS; ISRAEL TO BE ON AGENDA

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- The United States Government was urged today to convene a conference of Middle East Foreign Ministers for the purpose of stabilizing the political situation in the Middle East in relation to Israel and to plan the defense of the area as a whole.

The suggestion was made by Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz, addressing a special Histadrut conference at the Hotel McAlpin here under the auspices of the United Organizations for Israel Pioneers - a division of the \$10,000,000 Histadrut campaign in this country.

The speaker also called for United Nations intervention in Iraq "to prevent the brutal execution of thousands of Jews in the Moslem lands." He said that "the situation in Iraq today could have given Hitler some pointers in Jewish persecution." Congressman Emanuel Celler told the gathering that bills for a \$150,000,000 grant-in-aid to Israel will be introduced in the House and Senate after the Easter recess.

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION APPROVES FLOTATION OF ISRAEL'S BOND ISSUE

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- The United States Securities and Exchange Commission today formally approved the flotation in this country of Israel's \$500,000,000 bond issue.

At a meeting of several hundred New York Jewish leaders last night at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel a greater New York committee to promote the Israeli bond drive was formed. Benjamin Abrams, prominent business leader and philanthropist, was elected chairman of the committee.

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NATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION OPENS

RICHMOND, Ind., March 29. (JTA) -- A three-day conference to discuss and act upon problems of racial and religious discrimination on college campuses opened here today at Earlham College. It is being attended by more than 300 students from 44 states.

The conference--the first in which students represent their schools in an official capacity--is sponsored by the American Council on Education, in co-operation with the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, the U.S. National Students Association and other organizations. Some of the problem areas the students expect to act on are admissions practices, faculty employment and graduate placements.

ANGLICAN CHURCH CONCERNED ABOUT DISTRIBUTION OF ANTI-JEWISH PAMPHLET AMONG ITS MEMBERS

WINNIPEG, March 29. (JTA) -- The Anglican Church here has expressed concern over the fact that an anti-Jewish pamphlet has been distributed among its church members and action is being contemplated to halt the use of the mails for the distribution of the literature, it was learned here.

The pamphlet, "Know Your Enemy," which alleges a tie-up between Jewish bankers and Communists, was distributed together with a notice for a meeting which was addressed by an anti-Semitic member of the Social Credit Party, Ronald Gostick. Although the press was barred from the meeting, it was later learned that he made an anti-Semitic speech.

CANADA DECIDES TO ACCEPT A MINISTER FROM ISRAEL; 147 ISRAELIS IMMIGRATE TO CANADA

OTTAWA, March 29. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government has decided to accept a Minister from the state of Israel, it was learned here today. At the present time, Israel is represented in Canada by a Consul-General, with headquarters in Montreal.

A statement revealing that 147 immigrants from Israel entered Canada in the calendar year of 1950, was made in Parliament by Walter E. Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. The statement came in reply to a question on immigration figures and the countries of origin of the immigrants.

SEN. TAFT SAYS ISRAEL IS ENTITLED TO AMERICAN AID; LAUDS RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, March 29. (JTA) -- Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, said today that he feels Israel is entitled to "every assistance from the American Government and that Israel actually aided the United States economically by resettling the refugees. The Senator spoke at a luncheon tendered by Ohio Zionists who presented a set of the Congressional Record to the Israel Parliament in his honor.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who made the presentation, credited Sen. Taft with aid to Zionism during the years preceding the creation of the Jewish state. Dr. Silver said the Zionists of Ohio wished to indicate their affection for the Senator "who did so much to help establish Israel." He cited a number of instances in which Sen. Taft helped, and mentioned the Senator's present support of the proposed grant-in-aid of \$150,000,000 to Israel.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban accepted the Congressional Records. He said the Government of Israel "applauds the graceful initiative" of Dr. Silver and others who organized the luncheon and the presentation of the books. He paid tribute to Sen. Taft and said Zionists should look back to those who supported Zionism during the "days of adversity."

CINCINNATI CONGREGATION CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY; RECEIVED CHARTER IN MARCH, 1851

CINCINNATI, March 29. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary of the Congregation Adath Israel was celebrated here at a centennial banquet at which Rabbi Israel Goldstein of New York was one of the principal speakers.

The Adath Israel synagogue, which was established 100 years ago in a store, is now one of the largest synagogues in the city. During the course of its existence, it has modified Orthodox policy and now permits women to sit on the same floor level as the men, with only the center aisle separating them. The sermons and some of the ritual are conducted in English. The synagogue's charter was granted by the General Assembly of Ohio on March 24, 1851.

DR. WECHSLER URGES ESTABLISHMENT OF AMERICAN INSTITUTE AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

LOS ANGELES, March 29. (JTA) -- Establishment of a new department at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem to give the people of Israel a true picture of America and Americans was urged here by Dr. Israel S. Wechsler, national president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Dr. Wechsler suggested the creation at the Hebrew University of an Institute of American Civilization. It should consist, he said, of three chairs, one each in American History, Literature and Government. He spoke before a meeting of the California Chapter of the A.F.H.U. which was attended by many local Jewish leaders and leading Los Angeles medical men.

MEXICAN PRESIDENT RECEIVES ISRAELI DIPLOMATS; DISCUSSES RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES

MEXICO CITY, March 29. (JTA) -- President Miguel Aleman received Moises A. Toff, Israel's Ambassador Extraordinary for Latin American countries and discussed with him various questions concerning Mexican-Israel relations. Present at the audience was Adolfo Fastlicht, Israel's Honorary Consul in Mexico.

The two Israeli diplomats were also received by Archbishop Luis Maria Martinez, head of the Catholic Church in Mexico, and by the municipality. Addressing a press conference, Mr. Toff said he brought a message of friendship from the Israel Government to the people of Mexico. The two nations, he said, had a common bond of fighting for liberty.

NEW YORK FEDERATION OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES RAISES \$14,500,000 IN 1950-51 DRIVE

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Final results of the 1950-51 annual campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York are expected to total \$14,500,000 in pledges and contributions, Ralph E. Semmel, Federation president, announced today at the organization's annual meeting. He described the sum raised in behalf of the 116 Federation affiliated health and social service agencies, as the largest ever raised for the annual maintenance of a locally supported network of philanthropic institutions.

SWEDISH ZIONISTS HONOR LOCAL LEADER; PLANT 10,000-TREE FOREST IN ISRAEL

STOCKHOLM, March 28. (JTA) -- Swedish Zionists have completed a project to plant a 10,000-tree forest in Israel in honor of Daniel Brick, as a tribute to his work of spreading Zionist teachings in the Scandinavian countries. The only other Scandinavian previously honored in this fashion was the late King Gustav of Sweden.

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