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JEWISH WELFARE FUND LEADERS CALL FOR OBJECTIVE STUDY OF REPORT ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Jewish communities were urged to study "seriously and objectively" the report prepared by Dr. R. MacIver covering the programs, financing and relationships of Jewish agencies in the field of community relations, it was revealed here today in a statement issued by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. A recommendation to this effect was adopted at a meeting of representatives of the Jewish welfare funds in the 12 largest cities of the United States held last week-end in New York.

The group, known as the Large City Budgeting Conference, also decided that its representatives conduct local discussions on the recommendations contained in the MacIver report with their respective boards and responsible committees. It expressed "deep gratitude" to Prof. MacIver for his comprehensive analysis of Jewish community relations work. Dr. MacIver's report, sponsored by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, has justified the confidence which all groups had placed in him, the L.C.B.C. emphasized.

Professor MacIver's 135-page report raised a number of far-reaching questions. Among them were the nature of prejudice, in particular anti-Jewish prejudice; the goals of intergroup relations programs; and the nature and strategy of Jewish community relations work. His proposals are designed to achieve improvements in program planning, organizational relationships and financing, and to bring about a "more comprehensive and effective approach by all groups in the Jewish community to improve intergroup relations."

The L.C.B.C., together with the national community relations agencies and local community relations councils, will submit individual statements expressing their viewpoints on the report by August 1 to the Evaluation Committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA TAKES "DANGEROUS" TURN, U.N. HIGH OFFICER REPORTS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 28. (JTA) -- The dispute between Israel and Syria over the continuation of the Huleh drainage project has taken a "dangerous" turn, which may bring it back to the United Nations Security Council for decision, Gen. William Riley, U.N.-Palestine Truce Supervisor, informed the United Nations today.

Gen. Riley reported that a group of Arab land-owners, representing the owners of 95 per cent of the Arab land required for the proposed channel for the Jordan river under the drainage project, had unanimously rejected any proposal for the rental or sale of their land, or the exchange of it for any other land, so that the project could continue. According to Gen. Riley's message, there is little prospect of a suitable solution arranged through the Mixed Armistice Commission, and this means that the parties might have to have recourse again to the U.N. Security Council.

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WORKERS IN HAIFA REFINERIES DECIDE TO HOLD "WARNING STRIKE"; SEEK BETTER CONDITIONS

HAIFA, June 28. (JTA) -- Local refineries employees decided today that a warning strike would be held for three hours on July 1, to protest against bad working conditions. The Workers Council of Haifa has approved the strike.

ISRAEL TO CONSTRUCT "FREE PORT"; SIGNS CONTRACT WITH DUTCH FIRM; COST WILL BE \$4,000,000

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- Construction work for a "free port" in Israel, situated on the estuary of the Kishon River, will begin soon, it was reported here today. The contract for the engineering operation was signed Monday between the Netherlands Harbor Company and Dov Joseph, Israeli Minister of Communications.

The contract provides for the enlarging, deepening and diverting of the Kishon River Bed which will enable sea-going vessels to anchor in the port. The Netherlands company will also build a 600 meter breakwater and dry-dock. The entire project will cost about \$4,000,000. Netherlands is granting a \$400,000 florins loan toward the project.

ISRAEL PLACES LARGE ORDERS FOR TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT WITH BRITISH FIRMS; SPENT \$10,000,000

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- Zvi Prihar, Israeli Postmaster General, today told a press conference here that he was placing "substantial orders" with British firms for telephone equipment for new Israel exchanges.

He hoped, he said, to install between 40,000 and 50,000 new telephones in Israel during the next few years. He added that Israel would soon have a direct line with South America, making a total of 41 countries with which Israel has direct telephone connections. During the last three years, the Israel Telephone and Telegraph Department had spent \$10,000,000 on equipment, he reported.

ISRAELI STUDENTS ABROAD ORDERED TO REGISTER DURING JULY WITH NEAREST CONSULATE

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA) -- All Israeli students abroad were ordered today by the Ministry of Education to register during the month of July with the nearest Israeli Consulate in the countries where they reside. The registration includes all types of students.

Joseph Mentschel, general secretary of the Israel Contractors and Builders Union, departed for the United States today to establish in New York an office to provide building material for Israeli builders. The office will advise Americans who wish to construct buildings in Israel.

MAPAI IS FIRST WINNER IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ACRE; COUNCIL OF 13 ELECTED

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA) -- Results of the Acre municipal elections were reported here today, with the pro-government Mapai party receiving four seats; the Arab Workers League Affiliated Mapai, two seats; the pro-Communist Mapam, two seats and with the General Zionists, Religious Bloc and the Herut Party receiving one seat each. The new council will be composed of 13 members.

BELGIAN LOAN TO ISRAEL EXHAUSTED; SPENT ON PURCHASING MACHINERY FOR ISRAEL'S INDUSTRY

BRUSSELS, June 28. (JTA) -- A loan of 300,000,000 Belgian francs has already been exhausted by Israel for the purchase, in this country, of irrigation equipment and machinery for industrialization, it was announced here.

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GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY SCORES MUNICH MEMBERS FOR VOTING TO BAN SHECHITA

FRANKFURT, June 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Kurt Schaumacher, head of the German Social Democratic Party, today informed the Munich Branch that "the executive of the party has heard with deep regret" that Social Democratic representatives in the Munich administration have voted for a ban on Shechita. "With this action you have joined in the agitation of the anti-semitic movement," the communication said. "The executive considers this ban impossible from religious and political points of view and urges you to follow the line of the general party policy and the Socialist International on this question."

Meanwhile, the Chief Rabbinate of the American zone of Germany has asked the Jerusalem Chief Rabbinate and Agudas Israel Orthodox Organization to take steps towards preventing the Shechita ban.

JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS UNITED NATIONS FOR PROTECTION OF REFUGEES FROM FUTURE PERSECUTION

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today appealed to a United Nations conference to extend the protection of the projected U.N. Convention on the Status of Refugees to victims of possible future persecution. The text of the Draft Convention, which will be considered by a U.N. conference of plenipotentiaries on the status of refugees and stateless persons scheduled to meet in Geneva on July 2nd, limits protection only to those persons who became refugees as a result of events occurring before January 31, 1951.

In a memorandum submitted to Secretary General Trygve Lie for transmission to the conference, the World Jewish Congress pointed out that, with the present unsettled status of the world, new events may well create new groups of refugees, and that it would be tragic if the protection of the international community were denied to the victims of these new outbreaks of persecution.

The memorandum called for a revision of the draft protocol relating to the status of stateless persons, which is to come up for consideration at the Geneva meeting. In particular, the memorandum said that this draft protocol gives no adequate protection in time of emergency or war to refugees who have escaped from persecution in enemy states. The request for the amendment was understood to be based upon the tragic experience of many thousands of victims of Nazi persecution who, during the second world war, were interned and otherwise subjected to exceptional measures in many lands, in spite of the fact that they had been deprived of German nationality by the Nazis and were obviously hostile to the Nazi regime.

JEWISH NOBEL PRIZE WINNER BECOMES DIRECTOR OF ITALIAN CHEMICAL RESEARCH CENTER

ROME, June 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernest Chain, the Russian-born Jewish scientist, who, together with two British scientists, discovered penicillin, today assumed the post of director of the science department of the Italian Chemical Research Center. He won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of penicillin.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF AMERICA FORMS "USSISHEIN LEAGUE"; HIRSCHMANN PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Ira A. Hirschmann was elected president of the National Ussishkin League, organized by the Jewish National Fund at a meeting held here today of the Board of Directors. Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the J.N.F., announced that a department for living legacies, wills, bequests and insurance, has been set up under the chairmanship of Mr. Hirschmann. Other officers elected include: Dr. Harris J. Levine, honorary president; Mendel N. Fisher, secretary, and Charles Wolf, treasurer.

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JEWISH POPULATION IN CANADA IS 200,000, SURVEY SHOWS; 30,000 INCREASE IN TEN YEARS

MONTREAL, June 28. (JTA) -- Although the results of the national census will not be available for some time, a survey made by the Research Bureau of the Canadian Jewish Congress estimates that the Jewish population of Canada is now approximately 200,000, having been more than doubled in the past 30 years.

The 200,000 estimate of Jewish population in 1951 represents an increase of 30,000 during the past decade. Of this, natural increase was about 18,200, while immigration accounted for 11,800. The number of Jewish births reached a low in 1927 of 1,958, and a peak in 1947 of 3,391, the report states. The number of Jewish deaths increased steadily from 580 in 1926 to 1,376 in 1948.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH GROUPS OPENS; DISCUSSES WAR SERVICE

WATERVILLE, Mich., June 28. (JTA) -- A four-day national convention of the B'nei B'rith Young Men and Young Women, an organization serving 23,000 Jewish youths opened here with delegates from all over the United States and Canada attending. The convention will discuss problems facing young people in the present mobilization period. Action is expected on war service, civil defense and servicemen's programs for the coming year.

120,000 PARCELS RECEIVED MONTHLY BY ISRAELIS FROM RELATIVES ABROAD

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA) -- One hundred and twenty thousand parcels are being received here monthly by inhabitants of Israel, from their relatives abroad, it was reported here today.

Five importing companies have been granted concessions to open shops in the big towns of Israel, which will sell items to Israelis against the vouchers sent by their relatives. Among those companies, is the "Script to Israel" firm, headed by Bartley Crum, former member of the Anglo-American Palestine Inquiry Commission.

GROUP OF U.S. CLERGYMEN FLY TO LONDON ON ISRAELI AIRLINE; SHOWS "BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION"

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- A practical example of brotherhood in action is exemplified by a group of Congregational Christian laymen and clergy flying today with El Al Israel Airlines, from New York International Airport to London. The group is going as members of the first European seminar sponsored by the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches. The El Al Israel Airlines will fly the Christian seminar group back to the United States, leaving Paris Aug. 14.

Jews in Havana Lay Cornerstone for First Jewish-Built Communal Building

HAVANA, June 28. (JTA) -- A cornerstone for the first Jewish-built communal building, which will house a Jewish Center and a synagogue, was laid here. High government officials attended the ceremony. Jewish institutions in Cuba are at present housed either in rented houses or in buildings purchased from non-Jews.

LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, MEXICAN LABOR LEADER, HONORED IN ISRAEL BY HISTADRUT

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA) -- A reception in honor of Lombardo Toledano, Mexican labor leader, was tendered here last night by the executive of the Histadrut. The guest was greeted by leaders of the Histadrut on behalf of the Israel Federation of Labor. Replying, he said that he "saw nothing but peace and work in Israel."

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