

JEWISH PHYSICIAN IN AUSTRALIA DISCOVERS INEXPENSIVE DRUG FOR ARTHRITIS TREATMENT

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Sam Rose, a young Jewish physician here, has worked out a new treatment for arthritis which involves the use of a drug which can be produced cheaply to substitute for the costly hormone cortisone. It is expected that Dr. Rose will soon receive a grant from either the state government or Melbourne University to permit him to continue his work.

Dr. O.S. Frankel, Jewish agricultural expert of New Zealand, has been named chief of the Division of Plant Industries of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization. He will be responsible for the research activities of some 15 separate institutions throughout Australia.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS WINS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR JEWS OBSERVING SABBATH

MONTREAL, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has won a victory in the case of two religious Jews denied the benefits of Canada's unemployment insurance program because they insisted on keeping the Sabbath on Saturday.

Benefits were denied Benny Shapiro and Samuel Zeidenberg of Toronto by the Unemployment Insurance Commission on the grounds that by their refusal to work Saturday the two men had withdrawn their availability for work within the meaning of the law. In an appeal, the Congress argued that refusal to grant them full benefits constituted a diminution of their rights on religious grounds. A judicial umpire settled the case in favor of the two Jews. Subsequently, the Unemployment Insurance Commission amended its regulations to grant full benefits in other similar cases.

TWO-DAY RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO TO DISCUSS JEWISH COMMUNITY ISSUES

CHICAGO, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- A two-day Midwest conference on Reconstructionism at which Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, founder of the movement, will be honored at a testimonial dinner, will be held here September 8 and 9, it was announced today.

The questions to be discussed at the conference, whose theme will be "Toward a United Community," include: specific areas for active collaboration among Jewish religious bodies; methods of achieving a more rationally organized as well as more representative Jewish community; and, whether the movement is ready to establish an official Midwest Reconstructionist Foundation.

SOUTH PACIFIC ZIONISTS RE-AFFIRM THEIR OPPOSITION TO INTERFERENCE IN ISRAEL AFFAIRS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The executive board of the Southern Pacific Zionist Region, by a vote of 29 to 4, reaffirmed its stand on the non-interference by the Zionist Organization of America in the internal affairs of Israel. It also adopted a resolution approving the action of its president Jacob Alcow in leading the fight against interference in Israeli affairs at the recent Z.O.A. convention in Atlantic City.

ISRAEL AND PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC SIGN AGREEMENT ON CIVILIAN AIR TRAFFIC

TEL AVIV, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- An agreement on regulations governing civilian air traffic between Israel and the Philippine Republic has been signed, it was announced here today. The agreement was signed by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Philippine Deputy Foreign Minister Felino Weri.

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HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TODAY REPORTS OUT BILL PROPOSING \$73,500,000 FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The new Mutual Security Bill, which includes proposed grants of \$73,500,000 for Israel, will be reported out by the House Foreign Affairs Committee tomorrow. It will go to the Rules Committee which will report it out on Tuesday. It will go to the floor of the House on Wednesday.

A decision to grant Israel up to \$50,000,000 in aid for the reception of refugees in the Jewish state, in addition to a grant-in-aid of \$23,500,000 previously designated for economic aid, was adopted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee last Friday following closed hearings of the \$150,000,000 grant-in-aid bill. The \$50,000,-000 grant-in-aid for refugee reception matches a similar allocation requested by President Truman for assisting the Palestine Arab refugees.

No difficulty is anticipated in securing clearance from the Rules Committee for submission of the bill to the House. Senators Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, and Robert A. Taft of Ohio appeared last Thursday before a closed hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to support the Israel grant-in-aid bill pending in the Senate. Sen. Douglas urged an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for Israel and \$50,000,-000 for the Arab states.

ISRAEL EXPECTED TO ACCEPT U.N. INVITATION TO PEACE MEETING WITH ARABS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 12. (JTA) -- The opinion that Israel will accept the invitation of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission to attend a meeting in Paris together with the Arab states in a new attempt to make peace in the Middle East was expressed here today in diplomatic circles.

These same sources asserted that the Commission's invitation was issued at the initiative of the State Department, which is said to have definite proposals to put to the parties through the Commission. It was indicated that the Commission would meet in Paris at the end of this month to prepare for the conference which it has called for September 10.

The invitation, extended this week-end by Ely Palmer, American chairman of the U.N. Commission, from Geneva where the group is meeting, was addressed to Israel, Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. It expressed the hope that results could be achieved in time to report to the U.N. General Assembly which will begin meeting in Paris November 6. The Commission also stated that it "will be prepared to exercise its mediatory functions by suggesting specific solutions to specific problems for consideration by the parties."

ISRAEL CABINET TO DISCUSS U.N. INVITATION TO PEACE PARLEY; REPLY MAY BE DELAYED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Israel is unlikely to make a speedy reply to the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission's invitation to attend a conference together with the Arab states in Paris September 10, it was learned here today.

The reason for the delay is that the matter must be discussed by the Cabinet, but the meeting of the Cabinet scheduled for next Wednesday may be postponed because of the feverish climate here in conjunction with the opening of the 23rd World Zionist Congress Tuesday. However, the invitation is expected to get a preliminary airing tomorrow at a scheduled meeting of the Parliamentary Security Committee.

Foreign Ministry circles stated today that, as in every other similar situation, Israel will answer the invitation positively, provided that no binding conditions restricting the purpose of the talks are proposed. These circles reiterated Israel's readiness to enter into direct negotiations with the Arabs. They stressed that Israel would make no concessions, unless the Arabs made equal concessions within the general framework of peace terms.

PRESIDENT WEIZMANN BEGINS CONSULTATIONS ON FORMATION OF NEW ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- President Chaim Weizmann has begun preliminary consultations with leaders of Israel's political parties on the formation of a new Cabinet for the Jewish state. During the week-end he received leaders of the Mapai, Israel's Labor Party, which secured the largest number of votes in the Parliamentary elections. Later, he received leaders of the General Zionist Party, second place party in the Parliament.

Zalman Shazar, one of the Mapai leaders who represented his party at the consultations with President Weizmann, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that he reported to the President that the Mapai is prepared to broaden the present coalitionary Cabinet on the basis of the fundamental principles outlined recently by David Ben Gurion. These principles, he said, provide for an unmodified Israel policy toward the United Nations, an economic system as practiced by the present regime, no state theocracy although reasonable religious claims should be fulfilled.

Dr. Peretz Bernstein, leader of the General Zionists, reported that he told President Weizmann that his party is ready to constitute a new government if so requested and that the party hopes to formulate a satisfactory program for inclusion of the Mapai in a coalition Cabinet. On the other hand, if requested by the Mapai to join a new coalitionary government, the General Zionist Party will advance the following conditions:

1. A unified state education system;
2. Nationalization of the social welfare and medical services;
3. Government control of labor exchanges;
4. Removal of politics from the civil service system;
5. An economic policy based on free enterprise with the ultimate removal of the controls now in effect.

JEWISH AGENCY MAKES FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING OF ZIONIST CONGRESS TOMORROW

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Final preparations for the opening of the World Zionist Congress which opens here on Tuesday were discussed today by the Jewish Agency executive. Tomorrow, the Congress Court will render its verdict on the appeal made by the General Zionists and Mizrahi of Israel who boycotted the Congress elections, but who are nevertheless seeking to have their delegates seated at the Congress.

EFFORTS CONTINUE TO HEAL BREACH IN GENERAL ZIONIST MOVEMENT; SEATING OF ISRAELI ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Efforts were being continued today to heal a split which developed last Thursday in the ranks of the Confederation of General Zionists between the "deviationists," led by Drs. Abba Hillel Silver and Emanuel Neumann and Benjamin Brody, and the "loyalists," headed by Dr. Israel Goldstein.

A suggestion that a new "conciliation commission" be appointed to consider means of reuniting the Confederation was made by the "deviationists" because they claimed that the members of the commission which tried unsuccessfully last Friday to make peace were too "embittered" at each other to reach a solution. The "loyalist" faction claimed the adherence of 75 delegates. The "deviationists" said they had 51 delegates, without the Israeli General Zionist delegation, for whom they demanded 60 seats.

The clash broke out Thursday when Dr. Goldstein adjourned a session of the Confederation's world conference in order to give further time to the special commission charged with studying the issue of granting representation to the Israeli General Zionists. A Confederation rule requires delegates to its conference to be delegates to the World Zionist Congress. The Israeli General Zionists boycotted the Congress elections and as a result, have no representation there. The Congress Court is expected to be asked to grant them Congress representation. Meanwhile, the issue of seating the Israeli representatives in the Confederation conference, became a major issue here.

When Dr. Goldstein adjourned the session, one wing alleged that he had abandoned the chair and continued the meeting under the chairmanship of Samuel Zacks of Canada. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Benjamin G. Brody of the American delegation addressed the session which described itself as a continuation of the Confederation conference and issued a communique demanding recognition by the Zionist Congress as the real General Zionist confederation.

Dr. Goldstein issued a statement denouncing the group and charging a "deliberate plot" to prevent the orderly conduct of the conference. He declared that it was the "apparent intention" of the group to split away from the Confederation and said the Confederation would continue to have the loyal support not only of the Israeli Progressives but also of Hadassah, a section of the Zionist Organization of America and the General Zionist delegates of Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa, India and a number of the Latin American countries, as well as from France, Italy, Austria and North Africa.

Zionists Have Right to State How Funds Should Be Spent in Israel, Silver Says

Today, Dr. Silver told a press conference that the Zionist Organization of America stand on the eve of the Congress is: "Either you have a Zionist movement or you do not have anything. The movement should not be by-passed--which has been the case in the past--by the Israel Government's turning to other groups. The bond campaign, for which the Zionist movement was mobilized, should have been launched in close consultation with the Zionist organizations throughout the world."

He added that even if a charter or legal status is granted the Zionist movement by the Israel Government, it is important to see how the charter is formulated. He emphasized that he did not wish to interfere with the Israel Government and the Parliament, but within the Jewish Agency he had a right to state how monies should be spent. "Jews are not automats which release coins upon the pressing of a button," he declared. "Taxation must include some kind of representation."

AMERICAN LABOR DELEGATES OPPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFIED ZIONIST ORGANIZATION IN U.S.

TEL AVIV, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- American delegates at the world conference of the Labor Zionist movement, now taking place here, today opposed recommendations for a unified Zionist organization in each country and the designation of the American Zionist Council as the national body unifying all the Zionist organizations in the United States.

The recommendations were made by Eliahu Dobkin, head of the organization department of the Jewish Agency. He proposed a single Zionist organization in each country in which every Jew of 18 or over endorsing Zionist principle would be eligible for membership. He also proposed the establishment of a single "Israel Fund" in each country for all collections for Israel with the exception of the traditional Jewish National Fund collections.

The Jewish National Fund, Mr. Dobkin urged, should continue to operate as an autonomous institution for the acquisition of land in Israel. The Keren Hayesod should act as the trustee for assets owned by the Zionist organizations, he suggested. He said there was no need for a Zionist organization within Israel and the Jewish Agency should formulate adequate proposals to maintain Zionism alive in the country. Mr. Dobkin's proposal for unification of the national Zionist funds was sharply attacked by Levi Eshkol, treasurer of the Jewish Agency. He urged the establishment of a unified fund directly responsible to the Zionist Organization.

Referring to the legal status sought in Israel by the World Zionist Organization, Mr. Dobkin recommended that the Jewish Agency be granted official recognition as the representative of Jewry abroad in all matters related to cooperation of the Jewish people in the consolidation and development of Israel. The Agency, he said, would be qualified, within the laws of the State of Israel, to deal with immigration, Youth Aliyah, agricultural settlement, land transactions, cooperation in the integration of immigrants and development of the country.

Berl Locker, chairman of the Israel section of the Jewish Agency executive, told the conference that Israel alone could not maintain mass immigration and integration of the newcomers and needed the unconditioned and unlimited partnership of the Zionist movement in this task. He proposed a special status for the World Zionist Movement, but added that if the movement "failed to fulfill its sacred mission" it should then be deprived of this status.

TWIN BROTHERS, LEADERS OF HUNGARIAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, COMMIT SUICIDE IN BUDAPEST

LONDON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Twin brothers who were leading members of the Jewish community of Hungary, yesterday jumped to their deaths from their Budapest apartment several hours after an 84-year-old aunt had committed suicide by taking poison, the British press reported today. The reason for the suicides could not be learned since the Hungarian police had confiscated suicide notes left by the three.

The brothers, Geza and Josef Szucs, 56, had served as attorneys for the Anglo-Hungarian Bank. Geza served as Hungarian director of the Joint Distribution Committee until recently. Josef was a director of the National Bureau of Hungarian Israelites.

TRUMAN NAMES DR. LUBIN TO BE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ON U.N. KOREAN RECONSTRUCTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Isadore Lubin has been nominated by President Truman as the United States representative on the advisory committee of the United Nations Reconstruction Agency. Dr. Lubin is also the U.S. representative to the U.N. Economic and Social Council.