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PARLEY CALLS FOR NATIONAL MOBILIZATION FOR ISRAELI BOND ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The first national economic conference for Israel today ended its four-day gathering with a call for total mobilization of American Jewry in behalf of the \$500,000,000 State of Israel Independence bond issue. The conference acted after a cabled message was read from Premier David Ben Gurion stressing the "paramount importance" of the bond issue "in this period of greatest immigration and economic expansion."

The Israeli Premier said that "economic growth is the key to our capacity to continue to absorb mass immigration; self-support is the backbone of our existence as a free and creative nation." He promised that there would be no slackening of immigration and in reference to receipt of the first \$50,000,000 of the bond drive proceeds he said, "the first fruits of this great loan can already be seen in the increasing tempo of industrial expansion, in the exploration of our natural resources, in increased building activity and in the increase of the areas brought under cultivation to help feed a population which already numbers 1,500,000 and is increasing rapidly and unceasingly."

He declared that "if you will stand by our side in this great undertaking, you will have cause for rejoicing in seeing the State of Israel emerge as a free and sustaining member of the democratic world."

Conference Assumes Responsibility for Bond Success

The major resolution adopted by the 1,000 business and communal leaders participating in the conference gave the Israelis "the fullest assurance that we shall stand by them in the fulfillment of the economic tasks that are indispensable to their secure future." In voting total mobilization of the American Jewish community, the resolutions stated that "American Jews who made a historic contribution to the emergence of Israel as a vigorous new democracy, now proudly assume the added responsibility of assuring the success of the \$500,000,000 Israel bond issue with the rewarding knowledge that, in the midst of current problems, Israel stands on the threshold of economic independence. We recognize that the settlement of additional hundreds of thousands of newcomers in the next few years depends on the effective consolidation of Israel's achievements through the productive investments made by the sale of State of Israel bonds."

Measures to implement the mobilization call, adopted in resolutions, called for:

1. Creation by each community of a mechanism to embrace all supporters of the bond drive into "a co-ordinated permanent unit devoted to the single purpose" of continuous sale of Israel bonds;
2. Placement by every instrumentality of the community, including welfare funds, federations and community councils, of their facilities at the disposal of the bond issue in the fullest measure of co-operation, and
3. Utilization of every effort by national organizations "to achieve the earliest possible enlistment of 100 percent of their membership, locally and nationally as purchasers and holders" of Israel bonds, and enlistment of their leadership in the drive.

The conference also adopted a resolution welcoming the decision of Congress to include Israel as a beneficiary of the Mutual Security Program as "a new and concrete expression of the cordial relations between Israel and our own country which will promote the peace and security of the Middle East." The resolution urged Congress to "give effect to this program by approving the full authorization for Israel and the Near East in the Appropriation Act."

Rep. Emanuel Celler, addressing the conference today, said that "it is this bond issue which will ultimately release Israel from the status of being looked upon as a philanthropic venture."

Leon Keyserling, chairman of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers, told the conference today that "from the viewpoint of the economist who has tried to look at the affairs in the history of nations, and in terms of 2,000 years of history and of the achievements already written in Israel since statehood three years ago, there can be no obligation of any kind which can be brought with more surety than the bonds of Israel."

Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee of the bond drive, announced that 33 national Jewish organizations were actively participating in the national conference. "The wide participation of the national Jewish organizations is a reflection of the great mass interest and support which the Israel bond drive has already elicited in every corner of this country and in every walk of American Jewish life," he said.

Vice President Barkley Buys Bond As Gift For Wife

A feature of the session today was the announcement by Vice President Alben W. Barkley that he had purchased a \$1,000 bond as a present for his wife, who celebrated her birthday today. He declared that "no greater calamity could befall America than the collapse of Israel" and asserted that Israel bonds are "more than a good investment" since they have "social, moral and spiritual values as well."

Addressing the conference last night, the Vice President called for the fullest economic support of Israel not only as a contribution to the defense of democracy but also for the "spiritual well-being and regeneration of mankind." He characterized the Israel bond issue as an "investment in the future of the ideals which we Americans regard as indispensable" and said "Israel is a sister democracy ready to stand by us as a staunch and devoted ally."

The Vice President said that "in the midst of war and strife and the danger of tyranny, we free men can point with pride to the young nation of Israel as one of the hopeful signs for the future of mankind." The Israel bond issue, he added, gave an opportunity not only to shape the destiny of a new democracy but also to exert "a profound influence on the future of civilization."

Investments Will Clear Way For Peace

Successful completion of the Israel bond drive will clear the way for peace and trade between Arabs and Jews, James G. McDonald, former American Ambassador to Israel, told the conference. Investment in the basic economy of Israel, he said, "will so strengthen it that even Arab extremists will have to abandon their present policy of non-recognition and non-intercourse as a means of destroying the new state. Once the unpalatable fact of Israel's permanency is borne in upon the Arab capitals, the next vital step, the establishment of normal trade and political relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors become possible, indeed inevitable," he declared.

He said that no step can be taken in the direction of permanent Arab-Israel peace "until Israel becomes so strong that the continuance of the Arab boycott will be seen by all to be a futile and defeatist gesture." Mr. McDonald scored Egypt's refusal to abide by the vote of the United Nations Security Council on its illegal blockade of the Suez Canal.

Sen. Herbert H. Lehman said that to preserve peace Americans must be "global minded" and that the Israel bond issue was an integral part of the American approach toward safeguarding civilization. "I believe that all of us have a right to the fullest confidence in the people of Israel and in their ideals which no force and no hardship can deflect from its steady march to success," he said.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the board of governors of the bond drive, paid tribute to President Truman and to Congress for extending aid to Israel. He said the great interest which American leaders have shown in the Israel bond issue "demonstrates the importance which they attach to Israel's economic progress in the past and her potential in the future."

Israel bonds are being purchased by large numbers of people who have not previously participated in aid to Israel in any form, Rudolf G. Sonneborn, president of American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, reported. He said many Americans of limited means, who have not been able to offer philanthropic aid to Israel, find themselves able to purchase bonds as an investment.

TRUMAN HOPES HE "DESERVES" PLAQUE FROM ISRAEL BOND LEADERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- President Truman said he appreciated and hoped he deserved a plaque awarded him on behalf of the Israel bond drive which lauded his aid to Israel.

"This is a very fine tribute," said the President. "I appreciate it, and I hope I deserve it - and I hope I will continue to deserve it."

The presentation was made by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., accompanied by 15 Israel bond drive leaders, in the Rose Garden of the White House. The plaque was inscribed: "In war tribute to Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, whose statesmanship and broad vision have illuminated the path of freedom-loving men toward the realization of the ideals of human liberty; whose global interest in the betterment of mankind has expressed itself in a firm espousal of the aspirations of the builders of Israel in establishing a free nation as a homeland for the oppressed and as a fountainhead of revived cultural and spiritual teaching; whose immediate recognition of the new State of Israel and understanding support of the fledgling nation through economic aid have been pillars of strength from the very first hours of its existence and whose continued interest and encouragement have inspired all those who seek to establish a closer relationship between our own great democracy and this young nation now striving for economic independence through the Israel Independence Bond issue."

U.S.A. MAY ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT ISRAEL-ARAB PEACE, TRUMAN SAYS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- President Truman, in his interview with Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America last Friday, expressed the hope that peace between Israel and the Arab states might not be far off - and, in a reference to the current Paris conciliation sessions, intimated that the United States would attempt to bring about an Israel-Arab peace agreement as soon as possible, Mr. Browdy disclosed today.

He made these disclosures at a meeting here of the national administrative council of the Z.O.A., to which he pledged that the Z.O.A. would dedicate its resources and manpower to fulfillment of the program set forth by the 23rd World Zionist Congress.

ARAB NATIONS MAY REVERSE STAND, LONDON PAPER REPORTS

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Arab nations may soon do a "diplomatic somersault" and agree to enter into direct negotiations with Israel, the Sunday Observer reported today from Paris. The impending Arab switch in policy, it states, stems from the reported agreement in Ottawa by the North Atlantic Treaty Council last week to extend NATO into the Middle East. The Arab leaders, according to the dispatch, may realize that they have much more to gain by participating in the western defense build-up, if given the chance, than by allowing it to go forward, bringing in Turkey and Israel and excluding the Arab states from the benefits of U.S. protection and arms aid.

It is for this reason that major significance has been attached to the announcement from Cairo by Azzam Pasha, secretary general of the Arab League, that the League's political committee will meet on September 29 to discuss the Ottawa developments. As the Arab leaders see it, according to the dispatch, the problem is when and whether they can afford to agree to direct talks with Israel without loss of face.

MAPAI VOTES TO CONTINUE CABINET INTER-PARTY NEGOTIATIONS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The general council of the Mapai Party, meeting here this week-end, voted to empower its political committee to proceed with negotiations with the various political parties for formation of a new coalition government. The resolution urged the political committee to conclude negotiations within a few days and expressed regret that the Mapam Party had refused to join a new coalition.

President Chaim Weizmann received Premier David Ben Gurion Friday at Rehovoth in an hour-long meeting, to be informed on the Premier's progress in his consultations on formation of a new cabinet. An official spokesman said that Mr. Ben Gurion retains his "exploratory mission" and will report again to the President this week.

NEW YORK STATE U.J.A. CONFERENCE RAISES \$650,000 FOR U.J.A. CASH DRIVE

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Cash and commitments to the total of \$650,000 were presented to Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., here today after he had told 500 participants in the New York State Regional conference of the United Jewish Appeal that "it is to the interest of the United States Government and every American that the courageous little democracy of Israel be given every possible assistance so that she will be economically strong and able to provide a sanctuary for every needy refugee reaching her shores."

Morris W. Berinstein, chairman of the U.J.A. national campaign cabinet, who returned from Israel last week, told the conference that "the people of Israel are not starving, but they are on extremely short rations and only if our help comes through will they be able to continue to receive the homeless and tighten their belts to share what they have with the newcomers, for there aren't many notches left in those belts to tighten." He warned that the shortage of food supplies combined with a shortage of housing materials, "threatens to slow the absorption of tens of thousands of recent newcomers at a time when an additional 60,000 homeless Jews must be moved to the Jewish State from Eastern European and Moslem countries, including Roumania, Iran, Libya and other lands."

Michael M. Nisselson, U.J.A. assistant executive vice-chairman, warned that "this is one of the darkest periods of Israel's three-year history" but predicted that "with our help today Israel can go forward tomorrow. The situation," Mr. Nisselson declared, "can be summed up in one phrase: Israel is long on immigration but short on food, shelter and dollars."

J.D.C. BUDGET NEEDS FOR 1952 SET BY PARLEY AT \$23,500,000

PARIS, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Budget requirements of the Joint Distribution Committee for its relief, rehabilitation and emigration programs and for its medical and rehabilitation programs in Israel, will total \$23,500,000 for 1952, it was announced here following a four-day planning conference of J.D.C. representatives and American leaders of the organization.

Of the total, \$9,500,000 is allocated for the J.D.C.'s Malben program in Israel. With this sum, it was stated, the Malben program will have facilities in 1952 for 12,000 "hard core" cases.

GERMANS SEEK TO SETTLE RESTITUTION CLAIMS BY 1960

BERLIN, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- At a meeting here of restitution experts of the various German provincial governments, it was agreed to make an effort to settle all outstanding claims by 1960. The delegates to the meeting decided to ask the Federal Government for a large grant to help pay the claims.

In this city, 37,000,000 Deutschemarks have been earmarked for restitution payments this year as compared with local restitution claims totalling approximately one billion Deutschemarks.

ADEN COMMUNITY ASKS FOR COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Arenka Mansoor, the Jewish girl whose romance with a young Moslem threatened to provoke Arab-Jewish rioting in the British crown colony of Aden, is believed to have been married to her Moslem sweetheart. A special session of the Supreme Court authorized the marriage although the court had previously ruled that the girl remained Jewish.

The Jewish Community Council of Aden, in a cable to the World Jewish Congress, made a further plea for help. It declared that the girl, who had run away from home, had been held by Moslems against her will and wanted to be reunited with her family. The cable asked urgent dispatch from London of an official commission of inquiry.

LIBYAN JEWS HASTEN MOVE TO ISRAEL; 3,000 TO EMIGRATE SOON

TRIPOLI, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- It is believed unlikely here that the recent request of the World Jewish Congress executive that free emigration of Jews from Libya and the free transfer of their assets will be guaranteed in the Constitution of the new state of Libya, which will come into effect Jan. 1, 1952, despite strong efforts being made by Giacomo Marchino, minorities representative of the United Nations Commission for Libya.

As a result, 3,000 Jews here who have registered for emigration to Israel are wasting no time in making necessary preparations for their departure in the early future. Many of the 4,000 Jews here who have decided to remain in independent Libya are said to be changing their minds. Many of them would leave at once for Israel, it is reported, if they thought they could liquidate their assets and take the proceeds with them to Israel.

PROTESTS MESTROVIC AS DESIGNER OF JEWISH MEMORIAL

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Max Sokol, a Jewish sculptor, has protested a decision to engage the sculptor Ivan Mestrovic to execute the memorial in New York to the 6,000,000 Jews slain by the Nazis. Declaring that he knows and admires Mestrovic's work and is not opposed to him on artistic grounds, Sokol says: "When we are considering the erection of a memorial to the millions of Jews murdered by the Nazis, it seems to be important not to overlook the fact that during the Nazi regime, Mestrovic was looked on with favor by the Nazi leaders as one of the 'genuine Aryan' artists."

NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, (JTA) -- British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie has called on Jewish communities throughout the commonwealth to offer prayers for the speedy recovery of King George VI.

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- Five Israeli soldiers were wounded, three of them seriously, in an exchange of fire with unknown attackers, between Sodom and Ein Hussub on Sept. 21. The official spokesman said the attack was an ambush and that Israel authorities are filing a strong protest with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

COLOGNE, Germany, (JTA) -- More than 1,000 people attended a ceremony here re-dedicating the Bocklemund Jewish cemetery. German authorities had repaired the burial place. Among those participating in the rites were the Mayor of this city, the local Archbishop and other local community leaders. The German radio broadcast the dedication service.

ZURICH, (JTA) -- Swiss Jews are finding it difficult to obtain kosher meat supplies owing to the French ban on the export of meat and livestock to Switzerland. The Union of Swiss Jewish Communities is considering proposals for obtaining kosher meat from other countries. Ritual slaughter (Shechita) was banned in Switzerland in 1893.

LONDON, (JTA) -- Thirty-nine Jews will seek House of Commons seats in the forthcoming British elections. They include 27 Labor candidates, five Liberals, six Conservatives and one Communist. In one London constituency, two Jews are running against each other - Col. L.H. Gluckstein and Dr. S.W. Jeger.

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- Ain Harod, one of Israel's largest collective settlements, celebrated its 30th anniversary in the presence of representatives of the national institutions and leaders of the kibbutz movement. Services were held at the local cemetery in honor of Ain Harod settlers who fell in the liberation war.

LONDON, (JTA) -- The Liberal Jewish Synagogue in Saint Johns Wood which was partially destroyed by German bombs in November, 1940, was reconsecrated today. Some 1,000 worshippers and distinguished guests took part in the ceremonies. The building has been fully restored. Doctor Leo Baeck, president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, participated in the services. Guests included city officials of London and members of the Sephardic and United Synagogues.

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- Mrs. Fannie Shertok, mother of Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, died at her home here Saturday morning. She had passed her 90th birthday.

(In New York, where Mr. Sharett has been confined to hospital since Thursday suffering from an internal infection, his condition was described as "good" and his temperature as normal.)

JOHANNESBURG, (JTA) -- Rabbi Isaac Kossowsky, rabbi of the Transvaal Federation of Synagogues and head of the Beth Din, died here after a long illness. He was 74 years old. A native of Warsaw, he was ordained at the Telz Yeshiva where he studied under the famed Orthodox leader, Rabbi Shimon Skop. He was later associated with the Chofetz Chaim in work for Russian Jewry. Rabbi Kossowsky came to South Africa in 1933 and occupied a local pulpit. He was elected head of the Beth Din on the death of Chief Rabbi I. Landau.