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U.N. BODY ELECTS 15-NATION REFUGEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GENEVA, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The United Nations Economic and Social Council has elected the 15-nation advisory committee to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. The State of Israel is one of the members. The committee will be composed of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and Venezuela, each of whom received 13 votes; the Federal German Republic, Israel and Italy, each of whom received 12 votes, and the Vatican State, which received 10 votes.

ARABS ASK PRIORITY FOR REFUGEE ISSUE AT PARIS PARLEY

PARIS, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Arab delegates to the United Nations triangular Middle East peace talks were reported today to have insisted, as they began discussion with members of the Palestine Conciliation Commission on the latter's five-point peace program, that priority be given to the question of the Palestine Arab refugees.

The meeting was held behind closed doors and no date was set for the next commission session. If the Arabs persist in their demand for settlement of the Palestine Arab refugee question before proceeding to discuss a peace agreement, the conference is expected to break down. The Israelis are firm in their insistence that the refugee question can be considered only within the framework of a general peace settlement, and the U.N. Commission leans to that view.

Arab reaction to the UN proposals remains confused and contradictory. While Ahmed Chukairy, Syrian delegate and assistant secretary of the Arab League, told American newsmen most of the UN proposals were unacceptable, he was quoted by the Paris daily, Combat, as declaring that "peace between Israel and the Arabs is possible."

(The Times of London said today that the Arab reaction was "not unfavorable." It said if the Arabs could obtain satisfaction on the refugee question, they might be willing to give way on other outstanding points.)

The Israeli delegation declined to comment on the proposals today. The Israeli views will be made known to the commission probably on Thursday or Friday.

Israel Envoy Sees British Official on Non-Aggression Pact

LONDON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, Israeli Minister to Britain, today called on Ernest Davies, British Foreign Undersecretary. It is understood that Mr. Elath was sounding out the British attitude toward the Israeli offer at the Paris "peace" conference to conclude non-aggression pacts with the Arab states.

REPORT BEN GURION DUE TO ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT ON CABINET

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Announcement that David Ben Gurion had succeeded in establishing a new coalition government for Israel was momentarily expected today. The coalition is expected to be composed of the Premier's Mapai Party, the General Zionists, the Progressives and possibly the Agudath Workers.

Mr. Ben Gurion, who reported to President Chaim Weizmann on the situation yesterday, conferred last night with General Zionist and Poale Agudah representatives. The announcement of the new coalition was said to await final agreement by the party councils.

There appeared to be a possibility that the Mizrahi Workers might be included in the new coalition if they accept Mr. Ben Gurion's terms. The Premier is said to be angered by the "excessive" demands of the religious group for cabinet posts and was expected to make them a "take it or leave it" proposal.

The General Zionists had demanded four key posts in the new Cabinet--Finance, Trade, Supply and Education. Their candidate for the Finance post is Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv. Dr. Peretz Bernstein, who formerly held the post, is their nominee for the Trade portfolio. Joseph Saphir was proposed for the Supply Ministry and Mrs. Shoshana Persitz for the Education post.

ISRAELI BUDGET PASSES FIRST READING IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The government's three-month-budget request for 27,400,000 pounds passed its first reading in Parliament last night following a report by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan demonstrating that Israel's economy was making a slow, but steady, uphill fight. The Mapai and the Religious parties voted for the budget and all other parties abstained.

The Finance Minister disclosed that 266,000 persons were currently paying taxes, as against some 85,000 who paid in 1948. Asserting that the production of electric power was an index to the country's industrialization, he reported that the use of electricity had increased by 80 percent since 1947.

Industrial exports for the first seven months of this year, the Minister stated, were valued at 5,600,000 pounds while only 1,750,000 pounds worth of industrial goods were shipped from Israel during a like period in 1949. He reported an increase in agricultural production of 85 percent in the last five years, but admitted that the 100 percent increase in population had made the country more dependent than ever on food imports. Food imports had been curtailed recently with a resultant increased difficulty for the general population. He also revealed that the importation of capital goods had dropped from 37 percent to 28 percent while the importation of consumer goods had risen from 26 percent to 30.

KNESSET GETS BILL GOVERNING PRESIDENT'S TENURE OF OFFICE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- A bill governing the tenure of office of the President of Israel has been introduced in Parliament. The measure will be debated next week. The bill provides that an absolute majority of the 120-member Parliament is needed to elect a President for a five-year term. The President may be removed from office by the Knesset for malfeasance or if poor health interferes with his handling the duties of the office. He may not leave the country without Parliamentary approval and the Speaker of the Knesset shall replace him as Acting President during his absence.

MAYOR IMPELLITTERI GETS ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The people of Jerusalem today gave an enthusiastic welcome to Vincent R. Impellitteri, Mayor of New York, "the most Jewish city in the world." Arriving from the Lydda International Airport this morning in a motor cavalcade escorted by motorcycle police, Mayor Impellitteri was greeted by cheering crowds that lined the streets leading to the King David Hotel.

After a short rest, the Mayor visited Premier David Ben Gurion, at whose invitation he came to the Jewish state, and had a half-hour conversation with him. Later he was the guest of the Jerusalem City Council at a reception and, accompanied by Jerusalem's Mayor S.Z. Shragai, he reviewed a police guard of honor.

Mayor Shragai, who presented Mayor Impellitteri with a gold pin on which was embossed the Jerusalem seal, called him "one of Israel's staunchest friends" and gave him the freedom of the city. Impellitteri paid tribute to Israel for doing "what no other nation would ever do - maintaining an open door policy for homeless thousands." He added that Israel "deserves" the continued co-operation of the civilized world.

From this reception he left for a tour of the Jerusalem area, during which he laid a wreath on the tomb of Dr. Theodor Herzl. Tonight he will be the guest of honor at a dinner given by Premier Ben Gurion and which will be attended by members of the the Israel Cabinet and Parliament and the Jewish Agency executive.

At the airport this morning the Mayor told newsmen that he deeply appreciated Premier Ben Gurion's invitation which has given him an opportunity to satisfy an old desire to see the Holy Land and also to witness the progress made by the Jewish State.

ARMISTICE GROUP REBUKES JORDAN ON BORDER VIOLATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today discussed last Friday's attack on five Israeli soldiers by Arab infiltrators near Sodom, in the Negev, and the killing of an Israeli civilian near Elath.

Over-riding the protests of the Jordan representative that the killers of the civilian could have come from Egyptian territory, the commission ordered Jordan to take the necessary steps "to restore peace and order throughout the area." However, when the Jordan representative opposed the Israeli request for the appointment of a commission of inquiry to study Friday's attack near Sodom, the matter was dropped.

REVISIONIST PARLEY TOLD OF COMMUNIST MENACE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- Israel is menaced by threats of Communist expansion, Moshe Gold, world chairman of the Zionist Revisionist Youth movement, said at Nathanya last night, opening the first Revisionist Youth congress to be held in this country. He denounced the depressing effects of the austerity regime in Israel and pledged that the Revisionist movement would again hoist the flag of freedom and free thought.

Eighty delegates from 21 countries are attending the sessions which are expected to last about three days. Memorial services were held for Vladimir Jabotinsky, founder of the movement, and for Revisionists and Herut Party members who died in the liberation war or at the hands of the Nazis.

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AGENCY WILL NEED \$150,000,000 IN COMING YEAR, DR. GOLDMANN REPORTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency will need nearly \$150,000,000 during the coming year to fulfill tasks assigned it by the 23rd World Zionist Congress, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, reported here today. He said the agency's long-range needs "highlight its immediate and critical need for cash now in order to keep Israel's immigration and absorption program going from day to day."

He disclosed that prefabricated houses purchased in Germany through the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, are already being shipped to Israel. The JRSO has already collected about \$17,000,000, he said, of which two-thirds will go to the Jewish Agency for housing, and one-third to the Joint Distribution Committee for hospital purchases. He expressed the hope that ultimately considerable sums in raw materials and fabricated goods would be realized.

Reviewing the work of the 23rd World Zionist Congress over which he presided in Jerusalem, Dr. Goldmann said he believed that "the Congress, by clearing away many doubts and by clarifying relations between the movement and the State, has laid firm foundations for revitalization of the world Zionist movement." He expressed gratification that the Zionist Organization of America is now represented in both sections of the Jewish Agency executive.

Referring to the special status to be granted to the Jewish Agency by the Israel Government, Dr. Goldmann said the organization will become "the representative and spokesman for the whole Jewish people in all matters concerning Israel." He added that "under this status, all organizations - whether Zionist or non-Zionist - seeking to operate philanthropically in Israel, must first seek approval from the Jewish Agency as the executive arm of the World Zionist Organization. Thus, for the first time, initial responsibility for all outside philanthropic work in Israel will be centralized in a single agency. Duplication of operations and of fund-raising, as well as waste of funds on enterprises of secondary importance, can thus be avoided."

He stressed that the status will not apply in relation to pro-Israel activities entirely outside of the borders of the Jewish state. "In this connection," he said, "it was agreed that whenever the State is interested in obtaining Jewish support in the Diaspora, it will consult with the Jewish Agency on general plans. Thereafter, the State will naturally be free to approach any individual or group it sees fit."

AUERBACH TRIAL AGAIN DELAYED AS NEW CHARGES ARE MADE

HAMBURG, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- The trial of Dr. Philip Auerbach, deposed head of the Bavarian Restitution Office, on charges of fraud in connection with his official duties has been postponed for several more weeks, it was reported here today.

A statement of the Bavarian Ministry of Justice asserts that Dr. Auerbach was involved in operation of a private news service with contacts abroad, and charged that he and "confederates" used the agency to keep watch on public personalities. It also accused him of restitution transactions with non-existent persons in the province of Hesse. He was previously charged with similar illicit transactions with non-existent residents of Wurttemberg.

JEWS WAR VETERANS TO BOYCOTT COMMUNIST-MADE GOODS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25. (JTA) -- President Truman was told today by Paul Ginsberg, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, of the organization's plans to organize a boycott against goods manufactured in communist countries.

In a visit to the White House, Ginsberg pledged that the 110,000 members of the J.W.V. would support the drive. The President was invited to the J.W.V. annual national commanders' dinner to be held in New York September 30 but declined because of previous commitments. The J.W.V. announced that it will present awards at the dinner to Warren Austin, American delegate to the United Nations; FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, and to Milton Katz, who represented the ECA in Europe.

NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, (JTA) -- Appointment of Andrew Benjamin Cohen as governor and commander-in-chief of Uganda Protectorate was announced by the Colonial Office. Cohen, 42, has been in the Colonial Office since 1933 and has been serving as Assistant Under-Secretary of State in charge of the African Division. During one of the most critical stages of World War II, he was in charge of organization of supplies for the besieged island of Malta.

MUNICH, (JTA) -- Gen. Ernest Otto Remer, leader of the Socialist Reich Party, admitted here that he maintains contact with fascist groups in other European countries. Among those with whom he said he had contact were Leon DeGrelle, Belgian quisling now living in Spain, and with followers of the late Marshal Petain of France.

SYDNEY, (JTA) -- Plans for mass immigration of Germans into Australia, which have created great concern in the Jewish community, were the subject of conferences here between leaders of the Jewish community and officials of the Department of Immigration.

MEXICO CITY, (JTA) -- Prof. Abraham Halevy Frankel, former rector of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, who is here representing the university at the 400th anniversary celebrations of the University of Mexico, was warmly received when he spoke on "intuition in mathematics and logic" before the scientific council of the Mexican institution.

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- A two-man delegation representing the Israeli Ministry of Finance is now in Tokyo investigating possibilities of establishing Israeli-Japanese trade relations.

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- Under the lead of the United Synagogue of America the Conservative synagogues of this country will begin a large-scale drive for the revitalization of Sabbath observance beginning on Yom Kippur. The drive will utilize modern techniques of advertising and public relations to stress the slogan of "The Sabbath-Key to Inner Strength."

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- Special appeals for the emergency campaign for Jewish children being conducted by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York will be made in 550 synagogues in the metropolitan area during the High Holy Days. The campaign is designed to speed medical care, relief and rehabilitation for children in the danger areas of Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and to enable their resettlement in Israel and elsewhere.