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ISRAEL CONSIDERS POSSIBLE MOVES OF WESTERN POWERS IN MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The belief that the Western Powers will attempt to induce Egypt to join a Middle East pact by offering to support Egyptian claims against Israel, and by agreeing to exclude Israel from the proposed regional defense arrangement, prevails in Israel, according to reports received here today.

A cable from Tel Aviv in today's Times of London says that "Egypt is expected to come into line sooner rather than later." However, the correspondent adds that in some Israel Government circles the view is held that the Western Powers, after the rebuff they received from Egypt, will go ahead with plans for a Middle East defense organization without further attempts to induce Egypt to participate as a founding member.

The correspondent reports that official circles in Israel are also considering the possibility of a plan by the Western Powers to establish a defense system based on what the Israelis call a "Turkey-Israel axis."

U.N. COMMISSION IN PARIS MEETS TO CONSIDER ISRAEL'S PROTEST

PARIS, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine met today behind closed doors to consider the Israeli delegation's note protesting the Arab states' attitude at the "peace" talks here.

The Israeli note, made public here yesterday, rejected the Commission's assertion that the Arab statement of willingness to forego the use of armed force against the Israelis was evidence of "goodwill." The note, signed by Maurice Fischer, head of the Israeli delegation, charged that by their refusal to pledge to refrain from all sorts of hostilities the Arab states had violated the U.N. Charter, Security Council decisions and the Arab states-Israeli armistice agreements. It also stated that this not only did not constitute "goodwill" as asserted by Ely Palmer, American chairman of the Commission, but actually provided no adequate basis for continuation of the conference.

Meanwhile, Egyptian delegate Abdel Monem Mostafa Bey said last night that the Arab states have accepted the Conciliation Commission's five-point proposal "as a basis for discussion." This, he stressed, did not mean that the Arabs had accepted the proposals as such. He revealed that this view had been made known to the Commission in a note replying to the Commission's letter accepting the pledge not to use force.

The Commission is expected to publish a reply to the latest Israel note, perhaps tomorrow. Up to now there has been no meeting between the Commission and either the Arab or Israeli delegates for the past 13 days. The six-week-old parley has not yet progressed beyond the preamble to the Commission's plan.

RAIL TRAFFIC IN ISRAEL RETURNS TO NORMAL; STRIKE ENDED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Freight traffic on Israel's rail system was rapidly returning to normal today although passenger traffic is not expected to be regularized before tomorrow. The nationwide wildcat strike of rail engineers and firemen ended late last night, several hours before a government ultimatum expired and the army took over the roads.

Freight trains began moving shortly after last midnight carrying badly needed foodstuffs and housing materials to all parts of the country. Passenger service from here was reinstated at about 4 P.M. Meanwhile, the pressure on the inter-urban bus lines slackened.

The strikers agreed to go back when Communications Minister David Pinkas promised that the government would deal with the workers' demands within two weeks. Earlier, the Histadrut, which had outlawed the strike, had threatened the men with expulsion from the trade union movement and from the various Histadrut social welfare institutions. The strike, which began on a small scale Sunday, spread rapidly on Monday and Tuesday in protest against the labor federation's threat to the original strikers.

IMMIGRANT CHILDREN IN ISRAEL WILL BE SHELTERED DURING RAINY SEASON

TEL AVIV, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Some 6,000 children between the ages of 6 and 12 who are now living in immigrant work villages will be sheltered during the winter rainy season in special camps provided by the army, Jewish Agency officials George Josephthal and Yehuda Braginsky told a press conference here today.

The camps are normally used by teen-age members of Gadna, semi-military youth battalions. Youth Aliyah institutions and collective settlements will take in a portion of this age group. Children under the age of six, who cannot be separated from their parents, will be moved with them to weatherproof structures for the winter, the Agency officials disclosed. They said that there are some 5,000 children in this pre-school age group.

The officials estimated that of the 17,000 families now living in tents at least 8,000 would be moved to more weatherproof homes before December 1. Owing to a shortage of foreign currency 25,000 prefabricated houses needed this winter for the immigrants could not be purchased, they said, adding that of those that had been ordered only a portion had arrived in Israel.

ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH IMMIGRANTS FROM BRITAIN FORMED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A one-day conference of Jewish immigrants from Great Britain was held here today. The conference culminated in the formation of a National Association of Immigrants of Great Britain.

The conference, which was addressed by Mayor S.Z. Shragai of Jerusalem, adopted a constitution calling for the encouragement of emigration from Britain to Israel. The delegates also discussed the question of providing cheap housing for immigrants from England.

PROF. BUBER RETIRES FROM HEBREW UNIVERSITY; TO VISIT U.S.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- After 13 years of teaching at the Hebrew University, Prof. Martin Buber today announced his retirement. He will visit the United States soon for a series of lectures in American universities.

VIENNA MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES EVICT SYNAGOGUE; JEWS ALARMED

VIENNA, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Vienna municipal officials yesterday took possession of a synagogue in the First District here despite the fact that the synagogue was scheduled to be used by Jewish worshippers during the entire holiday of Succoth.

Officials of the Jewish community of Vienna said that the action had alarmed the city's Jewish population. Part of the furniture had been put outside the building before the synagogue officers convinced the municipal authorities that they were entitled to two more days because a court eviction order had set the eviction deadline for Friday.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS APPEALS TO ZIONISTS FOR CO-OPERATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Better understanding and active support by the World Zionist Organization of the aims and activities of the World Jewish Congress is urged in a report issued here today by the W.J.C. reviewing the activities of the organization for the last two years.

The 67-page report, prepared by Dr. I. Schwarzbart, head of the organization department of the World Jewish Congress, emphasizes that no rivalry or conflict between the idea of "ingathering of the exiles" and the idea of strengthening the positions of Jewish communities in countries outside of Israel "should be tolerated, let alone fostered."

"The development not only of these communities but also of the State of Israel depends on strong Jewish communities in the Golah (the exile), and no weakening or hasty or panicky liquidation should be encouraged. More than ever before there is need of harmonious co-operation of the Zionist Organizations and the World Jewish Congress affiliates," the report states.

Dr. Schwarzbart recommends that "regular and dependable sources of income" should be devised to implement the activities of the World Jewish Congress. "These sources," he says, "will grow parallel with vigorous and persistent propaganda and action by the W.J.C." in regard to the tasks it aims to perform.

One of these tasks should be the arousing in communities living in satisfactory conditions a sense of duty to help improve the material and cultural lot of less fortunate communities, Dr. Schwarzbart declares. He also recommends an increase in W.J.C. activities in behalf of the Jewish communities outside of Israel in the political field.

LOS ANGELES JEWS DECIDE TO RAISE \$3,000,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A quota of a million dollars monthly in sales of Israeli bonds for the next three months was accepted here at a conference attended by 450 representatives of local Jewish organizations.

BOOK COMMEMORATING LITHUANIAN JEWS PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A book commemorating the Jews who were annihilated by the Nazis in Lithuania, published by Jews who immigrated from Lithuania to the United States, made its appearance here today under the title "Lita." The thousand-page volume describes the development of Jewish life in Lithuania for the last 700 years and is intended for dissemination among Jews throughout the world.

J.D.A. TO HOLD THREE-DAY PARLEY ON PROBLEMS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- A three-day conference devoted to the problems of anti-Semitism and prejudice will be opened here on Nov. 10 by the national council of the Joint Defense Appeal, the fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, it was announced today.

More than 500 Jewish leaders of local communities throughout the United States are expected to attend the gathering, the announcement said. A full analysis and discussion of the MacIver Report on the work of Jewish organizations engaged in combating bigotry will take place at the parley.

"The MacIver recommendations have far-reaching implications, not simply for existing community relations agencies, but for the entire course and philosophy of community relations work in our country," Sidney S. Moyer, chairman of the national council of the J.D.A., declared in a statement. He disclosed that Jewish welfare fund officials and other community leaders have been invited to participate in the J.D.A. parley on equal terms with members of the J.D.A. national council.

FRED LAZARUS HONORED; REPORTS REDUCTION IN BIAS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- The struggle against bigotry and intolerance in the United States has a special meaning and urgency in the present period of national emergency, Fred Lazarus Jr., outstanding American Jewish leader, declared last night at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel where he was presented with the National Gold Award of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for distinguished service in the field of human relations.

Mr. Lazarus reported that he had observed, on business travels in this country, that there had been "a genuine reduction in group tensions." He was lauded by Senator Robert A. Taft and Dr. Everett R. Clinchy for his activities in fighting racial prejudice. Rabbi Nathan Perilman of Temple Emanu-El cited Mr. Lazarus' services to religious and welfare organizations.

U.S. GROUP AND HISTADRUT FORM COMPANY TO PRODUCE TIRES IN ISRAEL

DAYTON, Ohio, Oct. 18. (JTA) -- Production of tires and tubes at the Hedera plant of the Alliance Tire and Rubber Company will start early in 1952, Arthur Taubman, president and chairman of the Alliance board, announced here today.

Construction of the 100,000 square foot plant will be completed in 60 days, Mr. Taubman said. The plant, occupying a 35-acre site, will have a daily capacity of 500 tires and 500 tubes in all standard passenger and truck sizes. Six additional buildings covering about 40,000 square feet, are also under construction.

Alliance Tire and Rubber Company is capitalized at \$2,900,000 and is owned equally by an American investment group and affiliates of the Histadruth, the Jewish Labor Federation of Israel. Engineers of the Dayton Rubber Company will supervise training and production in the initial stages, and the Dayton company will be retained as technical adviser. A number of employees and executives of the Israeli firm are already receiving training here.

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