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ISRAEL GOVERNMENT GETS AUTHORIZATION TO START TALKS WITH GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Israel Parliament today voted to empower the government to enter into immediate negotiations with Germany on the \$1,500,000,000 in reparations which Israel claims for Nazi-looted Jewish property. Opposition members announced that they will appeal to the House Committee of the Parliament on the legality of the vote.

The Foreign Affairs Committee had been given a free hand by Parliament to make any decision it saw fit with regard to reparations talks with Germany. This means that today's vote has the effect of formal Parliamentary action.

U. N. BODY DECIDES TO CONTINUE PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE

PARIS, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The United Nations Special Political Committee today adopted--over the express objections of its sponsors--the four-power resolution calling for continuation of the U. N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine.

The proposal, which was amended to such an extent that three of its original sponsors--the United States, Britain and France--voted against it, and Turkey, the fourth sponsor, abstained, was adopted by 43-13, with two abstentions. The Soviet bloc nations and Israel also voted against the resolution. On the other hand, the Arab states, which originally opposed the resolution and asked for abolition of the Commission, voted for it.

The Committee also defeated a Soviet proposal to dissolve the Commission as a failure. An Israeli recommendation that the Commission be replaced by a Good Offices Committee--consisting of the same three members as the Commission and whose services would be available only upon the request of the parties concerned--was withdrawn.

The resolution as adopted and amended provided for asking the governments concerned to observe the resolutions of the U. N. General Assembly on the Palestine issue. It recommends that the Commission membership be enlarged to seven and should continue its efforts to achieve agreement between Israel and the Arab states and to secure implementation of Assembly resolutions. Neither of these points was included in the original resolution.

The Israel delegation rejected the resolution's injunction to the parties concerned to carry out the letter of the U. N. Assembly's resolutions, insisting that previous U. N. resolutions were only "an expression of international opinion at the time of their adoption." Acceptance of the amendment for carrying out the Assembly resolutions--introduced by Indonesia and Iran--would mean internationalization of the Jerusalem area and re-admission of the Palestine Arab refugees to Israel.

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KNESSET GETS BILL PROVIDING PENALTY FOR ATTACKING POLICEMEN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The government last night submitted to Parliament a bill providing a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment for attacks on policemen. At the same time, the Knesset began working on legislation designed to protect the inviolability of the Parliament building.

PRESIDENT OF U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY QUERIES IRAQ ON DOOMED JEWS

PARIS, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The President of the U. N. General Assembly, Dr. Luis Padilla Nervo of Mexico, today asked the Iraqi delegation at the United Nations for information on the case of the two Jews sentenced to death by Iraq for alleged subversive activity on behalf of Israel.

The action was taken by the Assembly president following an appeal several days ago by Ambassador Abba S. Eban, Israel's chief delegate to the United Nations, urging him to request clemency for the two doomed Jews.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR HEBREW UNIVERSITY SOUGHT BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Board of Governors of the Hebrew University last night opened a three-day conference at which plans must be made to find a successor to Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the University, who recently submitted his resignation.

It is understood that the Board plans to appoint a subcommittee which will be charged with the responsibility of nominating a new president. The Board also discussed the University's economic status and will prepare the groundwork for a meeting of the Board of Trustees next summer. Dr. George S. Wise, Joseph Mazer and Dr. Israel Wechsler, leaders of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, arrived from the United States to attend the current session.

ISRAELI VESSEL ARRIVES AT TURKISH PORT TO PICK UP JEWS FROM IRAN

ISTANBUL, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Israeli vessel Galilah arrived today at the Turkish port of Alexandretta, near the Syrian border, to pick up a party of Jewish emigrants from Iran who had made a long overland journey via Turkey.

This is the first organized group of Persian immigrants to cross Turkey en route to Israel. Additional groups are expected within the next few months, but large-scale migration is not expected until spring when the emigrants are able to pass through the mountains separating Iran from Eastern Turkey.

Israel will purchase from Turkey 6,000 tons of salt, according to an announcement issued by the Turkish Trade Ministry. An agreement to this effect has reportedly been concluded between local exporters and an Israeli representative. Foodstuffs and raw materials lead the products which Israel is at present importing from Turkey. The Jewish State, in turn, is exporting to Turkey a variety of manufactured articles.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF ISRAELI ORANGES ARRIVE AT SOVIET PORT

LONDON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The 2,300 ton Israeli Freighter Rimon arrived at the Black Sea port of Odessa with a cargo of 60,000 cases of oranges shipped from Haifa, it was reported here today in a dispatch from Moscow. The dispatch added that this is the first shipment of an order of 150,000 cases of citrus fruit placed by the U.S.S.R. with Israeli dealers.

ISRAELI SHIP REPORTED SAILING FROM ENGLAND WITH ARMORED VEHICLES

LONDON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The British Ministry for Defense today said that it had no record of the sale of small warships or fighting vehicles to Israel for many months.

The statement was made in comment on a report that the Israeli freighter Tsfonit, which is due to leave for Israel shortly from Southampton, was carrying a military cargo of six tanks, 24 armored vehicles and a motor gunboat. The Ministry's statement added that the Tsfonit's cargo probably included surplus items sold to private dealers soon after the end of World War II.

PRO-ISRAEL GERMAN OFFICIAL CLEARED OF NAZI CHARGES

HAMBURG, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Erich Lueth, initiator of the "peace with Israel" movement in West Germany, was today cleared in a Hamburg court of charges of having engaged in pro-Nazi activities before and during World War II. Witnesses in behalf of Lueth, a West German Government press official, testified that he had carried on activities against the Nazis.

In the course of the hearing, the judge remarked on Lueth's campaign against Veit Harlan, producer of the Nazi anti-Semitic film "Jew Sues," and suggested that the Bonn official should either come to terms with the producer or "leave him alone." Lueth retorted that "it wouldn't hurt this country if the German courts did some worrying about Harlan."

EDITOR OF ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER IN TURKEY SENTENCED TO JAIL

ISTANBUL, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The publisher and the editor of the anti-Semitic Turkish publication "Free Man" have been sentenced to one year's imprisonment, but have appealed the verdict to the High Court.

The semi-monthly newspaper, however, continues to appear under the editorial direction of Djevad Atilhan, Turkey's most notorious anti-Semite. Each edition carries one or more articles attacking Turkish Jews and the Jews in general. Last October the government closed down two other anti-Semitic and anti-government newspapers and sentenced their editors to prison for 22 months.

BRITISH JEWS WARNED TO STAY AWAY FROM FASCIST MEETINGS

LONDON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Jews of Britain were today warned to stay away from fascist meetings in London and elsewhere in order not to give aid to the sponsors of such rallies. In a report to the Board of Deputies of British Jews, its defense committee pointed out that such meetings are generally poorly attended unless Jews begin heckling the speaker and thus attract large crowds.

U.S. MISSION GETS LAND IN ISRAEL TO CONSTRUCT HOMES FOR STAFF

TEL AVIV, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Municipality has approved a request by Bruce McDaniel, American co-ordinator of the United States Government's technical aid program to Israel, for seven dunams of land on which to construct homes for the members of his mission who are expected to arrive shortly from the U.S. The negotiations between the co-ordinator and the municipality will continue.

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NEWS DERIDED BY QUEBEC MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IN LEGISLATURE

MONTREAL, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The local Jewish community is up in arms against the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Laurent Barre, who has again used the forum of the Legislature to express his anti-Jewish feelings. Mr. Barre is reported to have said, in a debate on government purchases at retail prices, that he preferred to buy at a good price "than to buy at a bargain price from a Jew."

The Canadian Jewish Congress asked Alexandre Tache, Speaker of the Legislature, "to take such measures as may prevent a recurrence of such shameful behavior." A telegram to Premier Duplessis said that the expression of anti-Semitic views in a Canadian legislature is "both unfortunate and of great disservice" to the Premier and to those who desire "to live happy, pleasant lives of neighborliness and goodwill."

The Labor Committee Against Racial Intolerance sent a telegram to Premier Duplessis, stating that Mr. Barre's remark was unworthy of a member of the government as well as of French-Canadian people generally. It asked that the Premier "take appropriate action which would protect the good name of our people and of our province."

ANTI-SEMITIC FEELINGS REPORTED INCREASING IN MID-WEST FARM BELT

DENVER, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic feelings in the mid-West farm belt is "worse than ever," according to Louis Levand, publisher of the Wichita, Kans. Beacon, in an interview with the Intermountain Jewish News here.

"People are writing hate-filled letters complaining of what they feel to be too much Jewish ownership, too many Jews in politics, too many Jews mixed up in gambling, narcotics and whiskey," the Kansas publisher declared.

TRUMAN URGED TO ACT EFFECTIVELY ON RACIAL TERRORISM IN FLORIDA

NEWARK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Letters protesting acts of terrorism against minorities in Florida were sent this week to President Truman and to Congressman representing Essex County by the Essex County Intergroup Council.

The letters, signed by Suffragan Bishop Theodore R. Ludlow, chairman of the council, denounced the bombings as a "deep tragedy for every American and for every human being" and warned that they were "a great detriment to our international relations."

President Truman was urged in the letters to use all his powers "to find and bring the perpetrators of this violence to justice." Letters to the Congressmen urged a Congressional investigation into the "causes of such lawlessness in the State of Florida."

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE REPORTS DECLINE IN DISCRIMINATORY ADS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The number and percentage of discriminatory "help wanted" ads in Los Angeles daily newspapers has declined in the past two years, but the practice still persists, the Pacific Southwest office of the Anti-Defamation League reported here today.

JEWISH WOMAN TO BE HONORED IN SO. AFRICA AS COUNTRY'S BEST WRITER

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The renowned Jewish writer Sarah Gertrude Mullin heads a list of eight distinguished South Africans who are scheduled to receive honorary degrees at the March 22nd commencement exercises of Witwatersrand University, it was announced here today.

In the official University announcement it is noted that Mrs. Millin "has become an interpreter par excellence of South Africa to the English-speaking world." The announcement adds that Mrs. Millin, who is the author of outstanding biographies of Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts and Cecil Rhodes, as well as a dozen distinguished novels, "ranks in the English-speaking world as incontestably the most prominent South African writer of the generation."

DROPSIE COLLEGE ATTENDED BY STUDENTS FROM 88 UNIVERSITIES

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Students from 88 colleges, universities and theological seminaries throughout the world are registered in the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning for the current academic year, it was announced today by Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of the College. The students come from four foreign countries - China, England, France and Israel - and from as far west as California and as far south as Texas.

"This international character of the Dropsie student body," Dr. Neuman said, "is a tribute to the status of Dropsie throughout the world. Although ours is a comparatively small institution, and has a highly specialized sphere of interest, our faculty and our alumni are among the top authorities in their respective fields. This is what brings us students from such world famous foreign institutions as the Sorbonne in Paris; the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; the North China Theological Seminary; the University of London; the University of Manchester and others."

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS ATTEND NEW YORK EXHIBITION OF HEBREW BOOKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- More than 250 distinguished guests, including scholars of Israel and America, attended the opening here tonight, in the Jewish Museum, of the exhibition of Hebrew books published in Israel by the Bialik Institute, literary and cultural foundation of the Jewish Agency.

Presiding at the opening ceremonies, Dr. Moshe Davis, Provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, cited the presentation of the book exhibit as an example of the Jewish Museum's role as a cultural link between Israel and American Jewry. Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, hailed the work of the Bialik Institute which makes available the world's greatest classics in Hebrew, declaring that "in the pen and ploughshare lies the future of Israel."

Other speakers included Moshe Gordon, director of the Bialik Institute, Dr. Sholom Spiegel, and William Prager, professor of Medieval History at the Seminary Rabbinical School. The Institute was founded in 1935 to implement a program laid out by the great Hebrew poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik, who during the early years of Jewish settlement in Palestine fought for the rebirth of Hebrew culture.

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