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## CHURCHILL LAUDS ISRAEL IN U.S. CONGRESS; URGES ACCORD WITH ARABS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, addressing the U.S. Congress today on the international situation, paid tribute to Israel but emphasized that the Jewish state must seek conciliation with the Arab countries.

"From the days of the Balfour Declaration," Mr. Churchill said, "I have desired that Jews should have a national home; and I have worked to that end. I rejoice to pay my tribute here to the achievements of those who founded the Israel State, who have defended themselves with tenacity and who offer asylum to a great number of Jewish refugees. I hope that with their aid they may convert deserts into gardens. But if they are to enjoy peace and prosperity, they must strive to renew and preserve their friendly relations with the Arab world, without which widespread misery might follow all.

"Britain's power to influence the Middle East and guard it from aggression is far less today, now that we have laid aside our Imperial responsibility for India and its armies," the Prime Minister continued. He warned that dangers in the Middle East "are no less great than those the United States has stemmed in Korea."

### Advocates Middle East Command; Emphasizes Changes in Area

In another portion of his speech the Prime Minister said: "In the Middle East enormous changes have also taken place since I was last in power in my own country. When the war ended, the Western nations were respected and predominant throughout these ancient lands, and there were quite a lot of people who had a good word to say about Great Britain. Today it is a somber and confusing scene. Yet there is still some sunshine as well as shadow."

Of the Middle East Command, Churchill said: "It is no longer for us alone to bear the whole burden of maintaining the freedom of the famous waterway of the Suez Canal. That has become an international rather than a national responsibility. I welcomed the statesmanlike conception of a four-power approach to Egypt announced by the late British Government, in which Britain, the United States, France and Turkey may share with Egypt in the protection of the world interests involved, among which Egypt's own interests are paramount."

"Such a policy is urgent," Churchill emphasized. "Britain is maintaining over 50,000 troops in the Suez Canal zone, who again might be well employed elsewhere, not for national vain-glory or self-seeking advantage, but in the common interests of all nations. We do not seek to be the masters of Egypt. We are there, only as the servants and guardians of the commerce of the world. It would enormously aid us in our task if even token forces of the other partners in the Four Power proposal were stationed in the Canal Zone as a symbol of the unity of purpose which inspires us."

## FOUR POWERS BARGAIN WITH ARABS AT U. N. ON PALESTINE REFUGEES ISSUE

PARIS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Representatives of the American, British, French and Turkish delegations at the United Nations session here today met with Arab delegates in a third attempt to work out a resolution on the Palestine Arab refugees which would be acceptable to the Arabs. Meanwhile, the resolution sponsored by the four powers in the U. N. Political Committee remains "suspended."

It was learned that the Arabs came to today's conference with written suggestions for changes in the refugee resolution without which they threatened to vote against the four-power suggestion. It is believed that the Arabs want all mention of "reintegration" and settlement of the refugees in the Arab states removed and some idea of repatriation included in the resolution. They also demand that no reference be made to Arab states' co-operation in any project for resettlement of the refugees. This is interpreted in U. N. circles here as evidence of the Arab states' intention of keeping the refugees on a relief status and using them as a political weapon against Israel.

At a meeting of the Political Committee, which discussed the report of John Blandford, director of the U. N. Relief and Works Agency, the representatives of the Western Powers praised the report and appealed to the U. N. committee to carry out the three-year \$250,000,000 program for refugee relief and reintegration recommended by the agency. The American delegate, Philip C. Jessup, pointed out that the General Assembly had adopted in 1950 a resolution stressing the need for reintegration of the Arab refugees.

The French delegate praised the U. N. R. W. A. report as a constructive effort which tries "to meet the issues squarely." The British representative declared that a solution of the refugee problem is urgent not only for humanitarian and economic reasons, but because it is a sore spot in Arab-Israel relations. The Afghanistan delegate insisted that the basic solution for the refugees was repatriation, not relief.

## DIPLOMATS INSTRUCTED TO EXPLAIN ISRAEL'S STAND ON REFUGEE ISSUE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Israeli Foreign Ministry has begun a campaign of explaining its position in relation to the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine to various governments in advance of the scheduled vote in the General Assembly on the U. N. Political Committee's resolution continuing the conciliation body with emphasis on the internationalization of Jerusalem and the readmission of Arab refugees to Israel.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett last night met with American Ambassador Monnet B. Davies on the problem, while Israeli diplomats in foreign capitals have been instructed to approach the governments to which they are accredited to explain the Jewish State's views. It is understood that the Israeli spokesmen are pointing out that the Political Committee resolution will hamper the progress of conciliation efforts approved by the U. N. and that it will inevitably lead to a deadlock.

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY ACCEPTS BRODETSKY'S RESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The Board of Governors of the Hebrew University today "regrettably" accepted the resignation of Prof. Selig Brodetsky as president of the University, expressing appreciation for the administrative and academic accomplishments of Dr. Brodetsky's administration. The Board, which concluded its three-day meeting, adopted a budget of approximately 160,000 pounds (\$448,000).

DELEGATION CHECKS ON TREATMENT ACCORDED ARAB PRISONERS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Acting at the request of the International Red Cross, a delegation from the Mogen Dovid Adom of Israel today visited a number of Arab prisoners under arrest in the Tel Mond prison. This is the first official visit paid by a Mogen Dovid Adom group to foreign citizens under arrest in Israel.

The delegation reported that it had checked on the treatment accorded the Arab prisoners. It said that the Arabs had no complaints against the food, clothing and general treatment which they received and that they did not feel that they were discriminated against.

J.N.F. PRESENTS STATE OF ISRAEL WITH 2,500,000 DUNAMS OF LAND

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- On its 50th anniversary the Jewish National Fund has presented the State of Israel with 2,500,000 dunams (625,000 acres) of nationally owned land. Dr. Abraham Granott, world director of the J.N.F., declared last night at the opening of a national jubilee conference of the organization. He revealed that some 400,000 dunams of the redeemed land was wrested from the desert. Last year alone, he emphasized, 40,000 dunams were reclaimed from the desert.

Dr. Granott insisted that the organization was so successful because its principle of maintaining its own independence was universally approved. He said that the J.N.F. was one cornerstone of the great Israeli project of "gathering in the exiles" because it prepared the immigrants to take up agricultural occupations. He said that the two major projects facing the organization this year was the drainage of the Huleh swamp and the planting of a gigantic forest in honor of the 6,000,000 Jews martyred by the Nazis.

U.S. GROUP BUILDS PAPER MILL IN ISRAEL TO SAVE FOREIGN CURRENCY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Israel will spend less foreign currency for paper after operations begin in the Jewish State of a paper mill constructed by a group of American investors, headed by Joseph Mazer of New York, and sponsored by the Palestine Economic Corporation, it was announced here at a press conference today.

Mr. Mazer and Joseph Sugarman, the two American Jewish philanthropists who are engaged in the project, told the representatives of the press that the mill is being constructed near Hadera, on the main road between Tel Aviv and Haifa. A special railway spur will connect the mill with the main line which is essential for the plant.

The capital investment for the enterprise reaches \$2,500,000 and and 1,000,000 Israeli pounds, it was revealed at the conference. The mill will start production during 1953 and its output will cover a half of Israel's consumption. Raw material will be brought from Finland. Most of the equipment has already been ordered and will be shipped to Israel in November.

SENATE GETS RESOLUTION ON CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Concentration camp provisions of the McCarran Act, which was opposed by major Jewish organizations, would be put in full force by a joint resolution introduced in the Senate yesterday by Sen. James O. Eastland. It was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is under the chairmanship of Sen. McCarran. The resolution calls for the declaration of "a state of internal security emergency" as a move to round up subversives as soon as possible. The McCarran Act was criticized by President Truman, labor unions, Jewish groups, and others.

### 300,000 JEWISH REFUGEES INTEGRATED IN U.S. SINCE 1934, USNA REPORTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- More than 300,000 Jewish refugees have become successfully integrated in hundreds of American Jewish communities since 1934, it was reported here today by the United Service for New Americans, which will hold its two-day annual conference this week-end.

In a report issued today by Walter H. Bieringer, president of the U. S. N. A., it was estimated that about 8,500 Jewish DP's and refugees will enter the United States during 1952. About 2,000 of the newcomers will immigrate from the DP zones of Germany, Austria and Italy on visas granted on or before December 31, 1951, the deadline established for these zones by the Displaced Persons Act. Most of these 2,000 will arrive in the first four months of 1952. Other European Jewish refugees, now residing outside of these zones, will be admitted under a special DP Act provision, which does not expire until June, 1954. This section of the Act under supervision of the Department of State, covers displaced persons who found temporary haven in such countries as France, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

### JEWISH CONFERENCE PLANNED TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR TERCENTENARY

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- A conference of several hundred people, representing every aspect of Jewish life in every part of the country, will be convoked here for the purpose of discussing plans for the tercentenary celebration of Jewish settlement in the United States, it was announced today by Ralph E. Samuel, chairman of the committee which is organizing the celebration. The organizing committee will be expanded within a month.

"We want every group in Jewish life in every part of the United States to participate in this celebration," Mr. Samuel stated. "This is an occasion for demonstrating to the world once more the tremendous potential of democracy, as symbolized in this land where people of every faith, race and origin, work together in the service of humanity's highest ideals."

### HALF OF WORLD'S JEWISH POPULATION RESIDES ON AMERICAN CONTINENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- More than half the world Jewish population of 11,532,000 now resides in North and South America, it is revealed in the 53rd annual edition of the American Jewish Year Book, published today by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society of America.

The total Jewish population in North and South America is approximately 5,823,030, representing 50.6 percent of the world's Jewish population. In Europe, including Asiatic U.S.S.R. and Turkey, are 3,463,000 Jews; in Asia, 1,491,100; in Africa, 694,000; and in Australia and New Zealand, 56,000.

"Out of the total of over 5,820,000 Jews in North and South America, an estimated 5,000,000 were in the United States and 201,000 in Canada," it is reported in the Year Book. "About 627,000 Jews reside in other areas of the Western Hemisphere, with the second largest community of 360,000 Jews residing in Argentina."

## YESHIVA UNIVERSITY TO INTRODUCE NEW CONCEPTS IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- New concepts in medical education will be introduced by the medical school of the Yeshiva University here, the first non-sectarian medical college under Jewish sponsorship, it was announced at a press conference today by Dr. Harry Zimmerman, newly-appointed director of the school.

Dr. Zimmerman said that revolutionary methods in medical teaching will take place in seven major areas: fluidity of curriculum, socio-economic aspects, home care, ethical practices, preventive medicine, legal medicine, and group practice. He disclosed that a number of leading medical educators are already being considered for positions in the school.

"The school is scheduled ultimately to have a staff of 400, and will maintain at all times the highest professional standards," he stated, adding that it will take several months to assemble the nucleus of the faculty. The opening class will consist of 100 students. Ultimately the college will consist of a student body of 400, which Dr. Zimmerman termed "just about right to enable us to do the best job." He emphasized that no distinction with regard to race, creed or national origin will be made in the admission of students.

It is estimated that the entire Yeshiva University medical center will cost \$25,000,000. A campaign is now under way to secure the money necessary to open the first unit of the center, which will be the medical school. The next unit is to be a dental school, which is expected to be opened by the Fall of 1955. Construction on the medical building is scheduled to start during the Fall of 1952.

## MEMBER OF AMERICAN DELEGATION TO U. N. IMPRESSED WITH ORT WORK

PARIS, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Benjamin Cohen, American delegate to the United Nations, yesterday visited the ORT vocational school here, which is the largest trade school in France. He was accompanied by Solomon Grumbach, French U. N. delegate, and Mrs. L. Roubach, chairman of the women's division of the World ORT Union.

After the tour Mr. Cohen said that he had been impressed by the work being accomplished at the school. He said that he would tell his American Jewish friends that "in contributing to this work they are making a grand investment in the future of Jewish youth."

## CANADIAN LABOR LEADER URGES STOPPAGE OF IMMIGRATION IN WINTER

HAMILTON, Canada, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Percy Bengough, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, appealed to the Federal Government to halt immigration during the winter off-season. Speaking before 4,000 delegates of the Ontario Federation of Labor meeting here, Mr. Bengough proposed that immigration be governed by the employment service of Canada. He pointed out that labor was not opposed to immigration, but he insisted that the influx be regulated to the ability of the country to absorb new citizens.

## VANDALS DESECRATE SYNAGOGUE IN PHILADELPHIA; CAUSE \$2,000 DAMAGE

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Police were searching today for vandals who entered the Tikvah Hadasha synagogue here and destroyed its furniture. The damage is estimated at about \$2,000. Fred Kaufman, president of the synagogue, suffered a heart attack when the news of the desecration was reported to him.

## U. S. RABBINICAL PARLEY HEARS REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LIFE IN ISRAEL

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Jan. 17. (JTA) -- The mid-winter conference of the Rabbinical Council of America, attended by about 200 Orthodox rabbis, opened here last night with an address by Rabbi Isar Yehuda Unterman, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, explaining how ancient law is operating in Israel and how it is applied to modern life by the Jewish religious courts.

"The Rabbinic courts in Israel govern marriage, divorce and inheritance," the Chief Rabbi reported. "The spiritual leader is fully equipped and does bring order out of a veritable chaos. The civil courts could never accomplish the same results in Israel because of the tremendous wave of immigration the country has accepted. Under consideration now is the potentiality of the Rabbinic courts dealing with the problems of crime through a social welfare approach."

"The religious marriage contract," Rabbi Unterman continued, "has previously stated a nominal sum for the support of the wife and the family. Currently, inflationary conditions have dictated, however, that a realistic sum be established in coping with present-day economic conditions. This has raised the marriage contract support requirements to an amount which can actually support a wife and family. The Rabbinic courts enforce this marriage contract rigidly."

Rabbi Unterman strongly criticized the left-wing Hashomer Hazair Party in Israel for publishing a "revised" Bible from which the mention of God is eliminated. He also warned the American rabbis against representatives of the Hashomer Hazair who arrive from Israel in the United States as Israeli boy scouts to raise funds in synagogues and other Jewish institutions.

## U. A. H. C. OFFERS "CORRESPONDENCE COURSES" ON JEWISH RELIGION

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- A unique "correspondence school" offering courses in Jewish religion and culture is now being conducted on a national scale by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, it was announced today by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union.

"The use of correspondence school methods was devised to provide facilities for the religious education and training of 100,000 Jewish men, women and children living in communities that are too small to maintain a synagogue or religious school where they can strengthen their Jewish ties," the report said. The subjects include Jewish history, Jewish holidays, the Bible, Jews in America, leading a Jewish life in the modern world and other related subjects.

## CONVENTION OF JEWISH WOMEN GROUPS IN N. Y. CITES GOLDA MEYERSON

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. (JTA) -- Golda Meyerson, Israel's Minister of Labor, was one of the three women cited last night by the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations at its 32nd annual convention at the Hotel Astor. The citation was accepted by Arie Ben Tovim, Israeli Consul General in New York.

The other women cited as "women of achievement" were Miss Marian Anderson, singer, and Miss Dorothy Gordon, moderator of youth forums of the New York Times. The Federation represents 441 Jewish women's groups with a membership of 200,000 in New York. More than 1,000 delegates are attending the convention.