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WESTERN POWERS BOW TO ARABS; REVISE REFUGEE AID RESOLUTION

PARIS, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Western Powers today bowed before Arab pressure and revised their original resolution on a relief and reintegratinn program for the Palestine Arab refugees, placing the new proposal before the Special Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly here.

The resolution still endorses the U. N. Relief and Works Agency recommendation for the establishment of a three-year, $250,000,000 relief and reintegration program. However, it specifically points out that the new program would not prejudice the right of the refugees to return to the homes they abandoned in Israel, as guaranteed in an earlier U. N. resolution.

Ilhan Savut of Turkey, which together with the United States, Britain and France sponsored the resolution, said that the revised text had resulted from "extensive, very cordial and practically continuous consultations among the sponsors and the delegations concerned." The Turkish delegate suggested that the U.N. had two jobs which it must do in relation to the Arab refugees--first, the provision of direct aid as long as it is needed, but not indefinitely; and, second, the creation of an economic frame within which the refugees could support themselves.

Dr. Philip C. Jessup, U.S. delegate, reviewed the changes made by the conferees in the resolution. He said that references to aid to the Near Eastern governments themselves, which were contained in the old text, had been "misunderstood" by some to imply "a purpose" other than mere desire to carry out the U. N. Relief and Works Agency program. Accordingly, he added, the references had been eliminated. He also insisted that there had never been any intention on the part of the sponsors to prejudice the rights of the refugees--guaranteed by earlier General Assembly decisions--to return to Israel if they desired.

Dr. Jessup also pointed out that the new resolution called for the U.N.R.W.A. to "explore with the governments concerned the desirability and practicability of transferring the administration of relief to those (Arab) governments at the earliest possible date." Acceptance of the new draft was expressed by Brazil, Cuba, el Salvador and Lebanon, while the Syrian delegate said he was "inclined" to support the principles underlying the resolution but could not commit his delegation at this time.

ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES TO ACT ON ECONOMIC SITUATION IN COUNTRY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Israeli Cabinet last night decided upon measures to improve the economic situation in the country, but the decision of the Ministers remains a secret. In addition, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett reported on Israel's situation as regards the various decisions adopted in the United Nations General Assembly recently.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS FAVORS NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANS

LONDON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today reaffirmed its support for direct negotiations with the German Government for the payment of reparations and restitution claims. The decision was adopted after a lengthy meeting marked by bitter disagreement and debate.

One of the speakers during the debate, Israel Cohen, deputy chairman of the Board's foreign affairs committee, said that he thought it was "odd" that while preliminary negotiations had been in progress for months between Jewish Agency representatives and the Germans for restitution of identifiable property no protest had come from those elements within the Board who are now in opposition to direct negotiations.

CENTRAL JEWISH BODY IN ARGENTINA OPPOSES DIRECT TALKS WITH GERMANY

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The DAIA, representative body of Argentine Jewry, last night voted to oppose direct negotiations by Israel with Germany for reparations. It did, however, endorse the decisions of the September conference on German reparations held in New York.

An alternate motion, calling for support of the Israeli Parliament's decision to negotiate directly with the Germans, was defeated by 38 to 32, with two abstentions. This was the second meeting on the subject held in a week. Both lengthy sessions were marked by bitter debate.

LABOR ZIONIST GROUPS IN U.S. BACK DECISIONS ON TALKS WITH GERMANY

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Labor Zionist movement in this country today issued a statement fully backing Israel and the Conference of World Jewish Organizations in their decisions to negotiate for obtaining from Germany reparations for Nazi-looted Jewish property.

"The Labor Zionist Movement of America," the statement says, "in support of the stand taken by Israel and the Jewish Agency, holds that such direct negotiations should be undertaken in order to obtain a maximum return of property. It is only justice that Germany should, in this manner, pay toward the absorption in Israel of those many thousands of survivors whom her persecution has made destitute and homeless.

"There has been, as indeed there should be, considerable discussion both in Israel and in American Jewry on the subject of whether or not to make demands upon Germany, and whether or not to negotiate with her representatives. With due respect to the sincere feelings of those who oppose any kind of contact with Germany, it should be said that Germany will not be ostracized from our present-day society of nations by a Jewish renunciation of the material debts of Germany to the Jewish people. Moreover, any Jewish failure to negotiate would now give Germany the full moral benefit of her declaration without compelling her to suit her actions to her words.

"But there has also been in Israel a considerable amount of pernicious and insincere propaganda, anti-Government rather than anti-German in character. Every democratically-minded Jew will have been shocked at the Herut attempt to intimidate the Knesset while in session and to sway the vote on this matter by a show of violence and brute force. We must also score as insincere the Mapam stand on this matter,

for it is not dictated by any attitude to the Germans as such, but by a desire to cover up for the failure of Eastern Germany to give the slightest intimation of any readiness to make amends.

"There has been no objection from any quarter during the past six years, when individual Jews and organizations have claimed their property from Germany, even though this has entailed direct negotiation and, in many cases, proceedings in German courts. It is only logical that the far more considerable Jewish community property and the heirless property of individual Jews be claimed and put to the most constructive purpose of consolidating the State of Israel," the statement concludes.

The statement was issued over the names of Baruch Zuckerman and Dr. Berl Frymer of the Labor Zionist Organization of America-Poale Zion; Meyer Brown and Louis Segal of Farband Labor Zionist Order; Dr. Sara Feder and Chaye Surchin of Pioneer Women; and Billy Goldfarb of Habonim, Labor Zionist youth.

U.S. ZIONIST-REVISIONISTS CONDEMNED FOR SLANDERING ISRAEL GOVT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Council, representing all Zionist groups in this country, today condemned the American Zionist-Revisionists for publishing an advertisement in the New York Times attacking the Israel Government in connection with the demonstration organized by the Herut in Jerusalem during the debate in the Israeli Parliament on German reparations.

The Zionist-Revisionists refused to attend the meeting of the Council in which they have permanent representation. Their advertisement said that the action of the Israel Government in dispersing the demonstrators who attempted to penetrate into the Parliament had "the indelible earmarks of a dictatorial regime of brute force."

A group of about 30 members of the Brith Trumpeldor, Revisionist youth organization, yesterday staged a sit-down demonstration at the Biltmore Hotel here outside the room where the Conference of Jewish Claims Against Germany was held. Leaders of the group disseminated a leaflet protesting against negotiatinns by Jewish groups with Germany.

TRUMAN'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS INCLUDES ISRAEL IN U.S. AID PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- President Truman today made known in his budget message to the Congress that aid to Israel will be provided during the fiscal year of 1953. The exact amount of allocations to individual countries were not made known although the estimated amount of mutual security spending in 1953 was listed as $7,023,000,000, representing an increase over the current fiscal year.

The President said in his message: "This budget provides funds for our contributions for the second year of the three-year program for reintegration of Arab refugees, and other funds for assistance to the Arab States, Iran, and Israel."

Elsewhere in the message, he said: "In the Middle East, events during the past year have emphasized the urgency of achieving stability and more adquate defenses. Much can be accomplished by programs of technical assistance to deal with basic problems of low productivity which underlie much of the region's difficulties."

LL HERUT DEPUTIES LEAVE KNESSET FOLLOWING BEIGIN'S SUSPENSION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Herut deputies in the Israel Parliament oday decided to boycott Parliamentary sessions for an unspecified period in solidari- y with Menahem Beigin, leader of the right-wing party, who was ordered barred rom Parliamentary sessions until after the Passover recess, which begins April 2. Beigin was suspended from the Knesseth for his role in the organizing of demonstra- ions and riots against the Knesset on the issue of direct negotiations with the Ger- man Government for reparations claims.

IRAQ HANGS TWO JEWS; AMERICAN GROUPS PROTEST EXECUTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The hanging this morning in Baghdad of two Iraqi Jews--Shalom Saleh Shalom and Yusuf Ibrahim Basri--charged with terrorism,was reported here today in a cable from Baghdad. A report confirming the news that the execution had been carried out was also received by the State Department in Washington.

The American Jewish Committee issued a statement denouncing as "outright murder" the execution of the two Jewish youths. "Exclusively Iraq sources make it clear," the Committee asserted, "that these men never would have been convicted in a country practicing modern, civilized justice. Information appearing in Iraqi newspapers showed conclusively that these two men were tried under conditions of a hanging court. Their fate was sealed before the trial began. The entire trial was a mockery.

"There are several other Jews already convicted, and still others yet on trial, whose fate may also be decided without regard for civilized legal processes. Unless world opinion, which Iraq has flouted in hanging these two men after an unfair trial, makes itself heard at once, there may be repetitions of these gross injustices in Iraq," the Committee warned.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, said: "The hanging of the two young Jews in Baghdad is a crude perversion of justice which can only increase tension throughout the Middle East at a time when attempts are being made to bridge the gulf between Jews and Arabs. The trial itself, based on alleged confessions, wrung by the crudest methods of medieval torture, was a travesty even by Iraqi standards and clearly represented an attempt by the Iraqi Government to intimidate and terrorize the Jews of that country."

Dr. Goldstein urged governments to exercise whatever possible influence to pre- vent a repetition in trials now being prepared by Iraq against 40 other Jews.

J.D.C. WILL PROVIDE UP TO $1,000,000 FOR ORT WORK IN 1952

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will provide up-to $1,000,000 in the coming year--depending on the income of the United Jewish Appeal--for work of the ORT under an agreement signed today. In the agreement, the J.D.C. guarantees a minimum of $850,000 for ORT's 1952 programs in Europe and North Africa, with the increased sum dependent on the collections of the U.J.A., from which J.D.C. receives its funds. The pact provides that the ORT will not con- duct any independent fund-raising campaigns in the U.S.

BLAUSTEIN DISCUSSES MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, conferred today at the White House with President Truman. Mr. Blaustein said he discussed several foreign situations with the President, including matters in the Middle East.

TWO-DAY PARLEY OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS DISCUSSES CIVIL RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Continued and intensified action by Federal authorities in investigating acts of violence in Florida against Jews, Negroes and Catholics is urged in a resolution adopted here at a two-day joint meeting of the National Administrative Committee and the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Congress. About 200 members from 70 cities participated in the meeting which concluded last night.

Declaring that all Americans fully recognize the need for internal security measures to provide safeguards against persons and movements who act to subvert the democratic system and national defense, another resolution by the joint meeting stated that Federal, state and municipal legislation has in many instances "gone far beyond what can reasonably be regarded as necessary for defense against sabotage and espionage."

The American Jewish Congress resolution called upon all public organizations "to contribute to the preservation of our democratic heritage by stimulating their memberships to an awareness of the present crisis in civil liberties. Such awareness is essential if the American people is to participate intelligently and effectively in the democratic process."

The joint meeting also called on the New York State Board of Regents to rescind its recent proposal that every public school day begin with the recitation of a prayer, on the grounds that it would result in introducing into the public school system influences and pressures which would threaten the existence of the non-sectarian public school.

Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, said that the American people must insist that the pre-election promises by leaders of the major political parties in the field of human rights and civil liberties be matched by "substantive and meaningful pre-election performance rather than post-election apologies." Members of the United States Congress still have ample opportunity during the present session of Congress to enact legislation which will prove that they mean what they say when they talk about guarantees of full equality and freedoms for all people, he pointed out.

Z.O.A. ANNOUNCES ITS "DEMOCRATIZATION PROGRAM" FOR COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A call to all Zionist Organization of America regions and districts to appoint community-wide action committees charged with carrying out the program of "democratizing the American Jewish community" was issued by the National Z.O.A. Community Organization Committee over the signature of its chairman, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum.

The program provides for Z.O.A. constituencies, local and statewide, to secure adequate representation in all educational, cultural and welfare institutions as well as on the community relations committees or councils. It undertakes through the Z.O.A. and its national offices and local districts and regions to provide maximum educational, cultural and public relations services to the communities.

The Z.O.A. regions and districts are also called upon to exert their maximum efforts and influence not only in the raising of the community funds but also in the fund allocation committees to secure fair, impartial re-distribution of funds according to an objective scale of communal and national priorities, including the urgent Z.O.A. projects.

THREE-DAY CONFERENCE OF JEWISH CHAPLAINS TO BE HELD IN ATLANTA

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The first national training conference of Jewish military chaplains on full-time duty in this country since World War II will be held in Atlanta,Ga., February 25-27, it was announced here today by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Approximately 60 Jewish chaplains, serving at Army, Air Force and Navy installations throughout the United States, will attend the conference to be held under the sponsorship of the Division of Religious Activities of the J.W.B. There are now 78 full-time Jewish chaplains on active duty at home and abroad, and more than 200 others who serve on a part-time basis.

Rabbi Max D. Davidson, of Perth Amboy, N.J., chairman of J.W.B.'s Division of Religious Activities, said that "special significance is attached to this conference because it will afford the first opportunity since the initiation in the summer of 1950 of the current chaplaincy procurement program for full-time military chaplains, both seasoned and new, to meet and discuss mutual problems and experiences, to evaluate their work and to consider new methods and techniques for providing the most effective religious ministrations to the men whom they serve."

Most of the three-day sessions will be devoted to consideration of the practical problems of the chaplaincy. These include personal problems of servicemen, the chaplain's relationship to the military, the current procurement situation, new religious literature, supplies and equipment, Jewish education. A highlight of the conference will be a lecture on recent developments in Jewish religious law.

BIERINGER RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNITED SERVICE FOR NEW AMERICANS

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Walter H. Bieringer was re-elected president of the United Service for New Americans at the agency's annual meeting of the Board of Directors which concluded here yesterday.

Mrs. Louie Broido, of New York, was elected chairman of the Board of Directors, succeeding Albert H. Lieberman of Philadelphia. Mr. Lieberman was presented with a silver cigarette box by the Board in appreciation of his services as chairman since 1950. Honorary presidents of the U.S.N.A. are Mrs. Irving M. Engel, Edwin Rosenberg and William Rosenwald.

NEW YORK MAYOR DESIGNATES 10 DAYS AS "JEWISH FEDERATION DAYS"

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Ten "Federation Days" devoted to the current $20,000,000 campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, were designated today by Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri in a proclamation urging "generous and wholehearted" financial support of the Federation. "In public appreciation of the significant work of the Federation, I am designating the period January 21 to 31 as 'Federation Days' in New York City," the proclamation read.

JEWISH NEWSPAPER RAISES 400,000 PESOS FOR ISRAEL'S FLOOD VICTIMS

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Yiddishe Zeitung, oldest Jewish newspaper in South America, today turned over nearly 400,000 pesos received from its readers as contributions for relief of Israel's flood victims.

The 50th anniversary of the Jewish National Fund was celebrated here amid a variety of communal festivities. Meetings and other celebrations were held by all Jewish and Zionist institutions and organizations in honor of the Fund's jubilee. Isaac Kaplan, president of the J.N.F. in Argentina, and Manuel Graiver, its director, paid a formal visit to Israel Minister Yaacov Tzur. The local radio stations broadcast special programs in honor of the event.