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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE VOTES TO SEEK REPARATIONS FROM GERMANY

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee, at its annual meeting today, adopted a resolution endorsing the decision of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany to reach a settlement on these claims. However, the resolution emphasized that "no financial settlement can redress or atone for the unspeakable horrors the Nazis perpetrated upon the Jews."

"German moral responsibility," the resolution declared, "is not subject to 'negotiation.' The fundamental issue concerning Germany is not a financial settlement of material claims but the very political and social character of that country and its relations with the rest of the world."

Jacob Blaustein was re-elected president of the American Jewish Committee for a fourth term by 500 delegates from all parts of the country who attended the three-day meeting. In his presidential address last night he reviewed the efforts made by the organization on behalf of Israel and emphasized that while the Committee has no objection to Israel's granting a special status to the Jewish Agency for work in Israel, it would strongly object to the granting of any diplomatic status to the Agency.

Blaustein Calls for Strengthening of Jewish Life in U.S.

Mr. Blaustein called upon the assembled delegates to cement Jewish life in the United States and to help develop a strong Jewish community in this country. He said that "American strength, unity and prestige among the peoples of other nations are being endangered by the increasing fear and intolerance of new and different ideas."

Assailing extremist views of such shocking incidents as the Cicero riots and the Miami bombings, he declared that "we must take a realistic perspective on these incidents. The people who declare that these outbreaks signify nothing but isolated and bigoted eruptions of local feeling on the part of a tiny segment of the American people are as unrealistic as those who argue, with unwarranted pessimism, that they signify a trend towards chronic social violence in America."

"The truth is that these incidents are grave because they constitute surface indications of a danger involving not merely a small group of hate-inflamed people but the latent prejudice of a greater number of American men, women, and children. The threat such incidents and such attitudes pose to American unity and security can hardly be over-emphasized," Mr. Blaustein observed.

The American people themselves are making tremendous advances in strengthening and expanding their civil rights, despite the bottling up of major legislative

attempts in various Congressional committees, Irving M. Engel, chairman of the American Jewish Committee's executive committee, reported at the meeting.

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the organization, speaking of the importance of voluntary organizations known as community relations agencies, said that there are at present in the United States approximately 300 such community relations organizations, coping with problems which in their aggravated forms result in situations such as those in Cicero, Ill., and Florida. "No small measure of the effectiveness of their work derives from its voluntary nature; the freedom of these agencies to develop their resources and tools in the light of their own beliefs and convictions, unstultified by any fixed systems," he asserted.

"Recently, there has come forth from a number of sources a call for co-ordination--for bringing the organizations together to work together in common cause," he continued. "This is all to the good, providing it is done on a voluntary basis, for their effectiveness is truly rooted in their ability to see the problem whole and to handle it with a blending of many skills."

Prof. Herman A. Gray, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the American Jewish Committee, told the delegates today that the signal failure of the United Nations to adopt a human rights covenant is a bitter blow to the hopes of the people of the world, who have put their faith in the U.N. "The failure to adopt a human rights covenant," he declared, "is the more grievous in view of the promising beginnings which the U.N. made in the field of human rights more than three years ago when it adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

Zachariah Shuster, director of the Committee's headquarters in Paris, surveying the European scene, said that if German democracy is to be furthered at this crucial period, the diverse and scattered democratic groups in Germany "must be consolidated into a central movement whose primary aim would be the promotion of the democratic spirit among the German people."

The American Jewish Committee will increase substantially its co-operation with the Jewish communities of Latin American countries, "to help them develop their spiritual and cultural life," Dr. Simon Segal, director of the A.J.C.'s Foreign Affairs Department, reported. Dr. Segal just returned from a six-week tour of Latin America.

U.J.A. TO LAUNCH 1952 CAMPAIGN AT MIAMI BEACH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal will formally launch its 1952 nationwide campaign for \$151,500,000 at a national inaugural conference to be held February 24 at Miami Beach, Florida, it has been announced by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman. Dr. Schwartz said that the parley would mark the opening of both the greatest and the most crucial campaign ever undertaken by the U. J. A.

The U. J. A. executive vice-chairman stressed in particular that this year's campaign has this great and over-riding aim--to help turn Israel's great homecoming of 700,000 Jews into a great home making. He also pointed out that the U. J. A. must make possible the continuation of urgent programs in other areas of the world, notably in European and Moslem countries, for a total of 250,000 Jews who are directly dependent on U. J. A. funds if they are to survive.

Dr. Schwartz said that the U. J. A. in 1952 must provide for the reception and adjustment in the United States of displaced persons and other refugees, 8,500 of whom are scheduled to arrive here this year.

U.P.A. ANNOUNCES \$840, 000, 000, TEN-YEAR AGRICULTURAL PLAN FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A ten-year agricultural plan designed to make Israel self-sustaining in food production and costing \$840, 000, 000--the major portion of which will be provided by American Jews--has been launched by the United Palestine Appeal agencies in conjunction with the Israel Government, it was announced here today by Rudolf G. Sonneborn, U.P.A. national chairman, in a report to the annual meeting of the agency's Board of Directors.

Mr. Sonneborn, who was re-elected national chairman of the U. P. A. for the second successive year, said that the implementation of the plan is divided into a three-year period of initial settlement and agricultural development and a seven-year period of consolidating and intensifying agricultural growth. For the first period, capital totaling more than \$532, 000, 000 will be required for agricultural production to provide sufficient food supplies for a population of 2, 000, 000. An additional \$308, 000, 000 will be needed to complete the plan's projects in the subsequent seven years. The plan calls for the establishment of 66, 000 farm units by the end of 1954.

Ellis Radinsky, U. P. A. executive director, announced that the name of the United Palestine Appeal will be changed to United Israel Appeal. He also reported that as of the beginning of this year, the U. P. A. has been re-organized to represent in this country the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency. The Jewish National Fund, which had been a constituent of the U. P. A., will now function as an independent entity carrying out its traditional collections in this country.

The United Israel Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee have reached an agreement on the distribution of funds yielded by this year's United Jewish Appeal drive, he reported. Of the first \$55, 000, 000 distributed among the agencies, the United Israel Appeal would receive 67 percent and the Joint Distribution Committee 33 percent. Of all funds beyond \$55, 000, 000 distributed by the U. J. A., the United Israel Appeal is to receive 87-1/2 percent and the Joint Distribution Committee, 12-1/2 percent.

Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, who is currently in this country, warned that the rising costs of transportation, food and equipment will increase sharply the budgetary needs of U. I. A. agencies. He said that in 1952 at least \$40, 000, 000--\$4, 000, 000 more than last year--will be needed for the immigrants' transportation to Israel and for their reception and initial care.

Benjamin G. Browdy was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the U. I. A., Abraham L. Liebovitz was named treasurer and Joseph Mazer chairman of the National Council. The Board of Directors, which is made up of 120 members, is reconstituted yearly with 60 percent of the membership representing the various Zionist organizations and with 40 percent as delegates from Jewish communities throughout the country. A testimonial dinner was tendered to Robert Silverman, secretary of the U. P. A., to mark "50 years of dedicated and devoted labors in behalf of Zionism and the re-birth of the Jewish people."

HERUT ENDS BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL PARLIAMENT AT BEIGIN'S REQUEST

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The central council of the Herut Party has decided to end the boycott of Parliamentary sessions instituted by its deputies last week in solidarity with Menahem Beigin, party leader, who was suspended from the Knesset for three months for his role in the anti-government demonstrations of January 7. The decision to end the boycott was said to have been taken at Mr. Beigin's request.

U.N. CONTINUES PALESTINE CONCILIATION BODY; ADOPTS REFUGEE PLAN

PARIS, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly yesterday passed resolutions continuing the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission and establishing a \$250,000,000 relief and re-integration program for the Palestine Arab refugees. Israel voted for both resolutions after a compromise offered by the Canadian delegation had been accepted.

The compromise on the Conciliation Commission involved the dropping of proposals for expanding the membership of the body from three to seven and for instructing the commission to implement earlier resolutions of the General Assembly on the Palestine issue--in effect this would have meant that the Commission would have been ordered to implement the return of the Arab refugees to Israel. In its final form, the resolution of the commission instructed that body to seek agreement with the parties concerned to settle differences in line with the Assembly resolutions.

Acceptance of the relief and re-integration program for the refugees involves the establishment of a fund of \$50,000,000 for refugee relief, and a \$200,000,000 fund for building up the resources of the Arab states with refugee labor in order that the countries will be able to integrate the refugees within their economies. It is expected that the United States will provide the major portion of the needed funds.

Before the vote was taken on continuation of the conciliation group, Abba S. Eban, chief Israeli delegate at the U.N., told the Assembly that Israel would support the resolution as amended by Canada. He stressed later that Israel could not have voted for the resolution on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis, only on the resolution as a whole. The only opposition to the resolution on the commission came from the Soviet bloc, which abstained on the refugee proposal.

Israeli Welcomes Libyan Independence; Favors Admission to U.N.

PARIS, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Israel this week-end welcomed independence for Libya and its chief United Nations delegate told the General Assembly's Special Committee that Israel supported the 12-power joint resolution now before the committee hailing the country's independence and urging its admission to the United Nations.

Ambassador Abba S. Eban, reviewing Israel's stand on Libyan independence, said he did so to illustrate his government's basic approach. "The conflicts which divide the Near East are acute, but transient," he said. "They will pass. On the other hand, the truth of regional co-operation will prevail and endure."

The Israeli delegate praised the role of the United Nations in bringing about the independence of Libya and declared that "the United Nations, in the five years of its existence, has proved itself a potent influence in the liberation of peoples." He recalled that Palestine Jewish forces in World War II, the "forerunner of the Israeli Army," had received their baptism of fire in Libya "at the approaches of Tobruk, Benghazi and Tripoli."

The work of the World Health Organization, United Nations health agency, was hampered last year by the Arab states' boycott of Israel, it was reported by the executive of W.H.O. The executive pointed out that the work of the agency was carried on by individual contact between the agency and the Middle East countries because the Eastern Mediterranean Region of W.H.O. could not hold a meeting in the face of Arab refusal to admit Israeli delegates to the parley.

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY UNCOVERS 10TH CENTURY MANUSCRIPTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Twenty books written between the tenth and eleventh centuries and considered to be among the oldest post-Talmudic works in existence today have come to light through the painstaking research of an Israeli expert, Dr. Shraga Abramson, at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, it was announced here today by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor.

The 20 volumes, none of which is complete, have heretofore been known by title only, or were completely unknown. Studied as a group, these thousand-year-old manuscripts provide a wealth of knowledge about the lives and works of famous Hebrew scholars who lived during the so-called "Gaonic epoch" of Jewish history, which extended from the seventh to eleventh century in what is now Iraq.

Dr. Abramson has made his important discoveries on the basis of his identification of hundreds of age-eaten fragments purchased by the Seminary in 1923 from the library of the late Dr. Elkan Adler. A noted bibliophile, Dr. Adler obtained the documents from Egyptian bookdealers who, in turn, found them in secret hiding places.

Dr. Alexander Marx, director of the Seminary's library, and other Hebrew scholars have studied many of the fragments since the Seminary's acquisition of the collection, but until the arrival of Dr. Abramson last year, thousands of documents could not be read. The Israeli researcher's familiarity with Arabic has enabled him to fill wide gaps and to correct inconsistencies in the information now available on four important Jewish sages of the Gaonic epoch who lived in Babylonia and Spain.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STARTS CENSUS OF WORLD'S HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The first complete census of the world's Hebrew manuscripts is now being made under the terms of a fellowship administered by Columbia's Department of Semitic Languages, it was announced this week-end by Dr. John A. Krout, dean of Graduate Faculties.

Initial contributions from numerous individuals have been received to cover the first year's work. It is expected that the project will take five years to tally an estimated 50,000 Hebrew manuscripts. Moahe Lutzki, who holds the degree of Bachelor of Literature from Oxford, has been appointed the first fellow to carry on research.

MANUSCRIPTS OF MACCABEAN ERA DISCOVERED IN CAVES NEAR DEAD SEA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Ancient papyri, believed to date to the Maccabean area, have been found in caves near the Dead Sea, scene of important discoveries four years ago, Prof. E. L. Sukenik, noted archaeologist, reported today.

Prof. Sukenik said he had received confirmation of the discoveries from Jean Neville, the French Consul General in Jerusalem, who is himself a noted archaeologist. The papyri are said to include private contracts written in both Hebrew and Greek characters.

The findings, Prof. Sukenik said, confirmed his belief that many more ancient documents were concealed in the caves around the Dead Sea where the first "Genuzot" were found. Ancient coins found there, he said, also indicated that this area of the country had been well populated in ancient days.

CONGRESSIONAL BODY APPROVES BILL EASING NAZI ENTRY TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- An immigration bill which would change the definition of "totalitarian party" in existing legislation to facilitate the admission of Nazis and Fascists has been approved by the House Judiciary Committee. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Francis E. Walter, contains other features opposed by major Jewish organizations although it does include a few liberalizing revisions.

The term "totalitarian party" is defined as a group which seeks the "establishment in the United States of a totalitarian dictatorship or totalitarianism." If a Nazi or Fascist who confined his activities to Europe were to apply, his chances for admission would be considered more favorably than heretofore.

HASHOMER HATZAIR DENIES PRINTING REVISED BIBLE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Hashomer Hatzair, a section of the Mapam Party of Israel, was in no way involved in the publication of a Bible in Israel which omitted all mention of God, Zvi Lurie, representative of the left-wing party on the Jewish Agency executive, told a press conference here this week-end.

He also revealed that the Hashomer Hatzair has instituted libel suits against Israeli newspapers which published reports that it was responsible for the publication. Mr. Lurie said that the Bible in question was not printed by any publishing house which works for the Hashomer Hatzair. He also accused Chief Rabbi Isser J. Unterman of Tel Aviv, who is currently visiting the United States, of slandering the Hashomer Hatzair by repeating the reports.

U.S. GROUP TO BUILD SCHOOL IN ISRAEL IN MEMORY OF LODZ MARTYRS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A modern two story school and nursery building, dedicated to the fallen Jewish martyrs of the Lodz Ghetto, will open shortly in Ramat Amidar, a new community erected in Israel by Amidar, the Jewish Agency-sponsored national housing corporation for immigrants.

The school building, which contains eight classrooms, a dining room and gym, is sponsored by the United Emergency Relief Committee for Lodz, a local fraternal organization which is donating \$50,000 for its construction.

ISRAEL SHIPPING LINE PURCHASES THIRD FREIGHTER FROM U.S. COMPANY

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Dizengoff shipping company of Tel Aviv has acquired a 9,400-ton steamship from the Isthmian Steamship Company, thus increasing its fleet to three vessels. This ship, which is of similar construction as the other two and will also be used for freight and passenger traffic, will be renamed the S.S. Abraham Graetz.

MRS. ROOSEVELT ACCEPTS POST OF WORLD PATRON OF YOUTH ALIYAH

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has agreed to accept the post of World Patron of the Youth Aliyah movement, Moshe Kol, Jewish Agency executive member in charge of Youth Aliyah, announced here today. He revealed that Mrs. Roosevelt succeeds the late Marshal Jan Christian Smuts in the post.

QUAKERS ORGANIZE "MUSIC FOR ISRAEL" CAMPAIGN; SEEK RECORDINGS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The American Friends Service Committee has launched a "Music for Israel" campaign which involves sending libraries of classical recordings to Israel for circulation among schools, hospitals, kibbutzim and elsewhere. The Israel Government has set up a special committee to distribute the recordings sent by the Quaker organization which has appealed for gift records from the American people.