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ISRAEL PROTESTS TO U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST SYRIAN WAR THREAT

PARIS, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today submitted a complaint against Syria to the U. N. Security Council charging the Syrian delegation at the United Nations with violating the U. N. Charter by threatening the use of force to "extinguish the identity and political independence of another state."

The complaint was submitted by Israeli chief delegate Abba S. Eban who quoted from a speech delivered by Syrian delegate Ahmed Shukeiri at the U. N. Political Committee on January 22 in which the Azab declared that he looked forward to the elimination of Israel from the United Nations. In that speech the Syrian delegate also warned Israel of "a storm that would tear the structure of Israel down to its foundations."

Emphasizing that the Government of Israel did not recall any other instance of a member state of the United Nations making such an open threat against the political independence of another state, Mr. Eban pointed out that "Israel will resist any unauthorized traffic across the Israeli-Syrian armistice lines whether of military forces or of groups of civilians."

At the same time, Mr. Eban dismissed the recent charges made by the Jordan Government in a letter addressed to the U. N. Secretary-General. He termed the allegation that Israel had violated the Israeli-Jordan armistice agreement as "distorted and inaccurate." He pointed to a series of decisions by the Israeli-Jordan mixed armistice commission holding Jordan responsible for 59 violations of the agreement while Israel was blamed for only one violation.

STRIKE STOPS PRODUCTION AT KAISER-FRAZER PLANT IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Haifa plant of the Kaiser-Frazer automobile company was at a complete standstill today after 44 foremen and office workers walked out yesterday as a result of a dispute with management over a contract. The strike has the approval of the Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor.

The Histadrut stated that the contract which the workers are demanding be signed immediately is similar to that in effect in other industries in the country. It provides for extension of most of the provisions of the current agreement plus severance pay provisions, a year's pay as compensation in the event of disability or accident and two months' maternity leave. When the company sought to have the stoppage called off so that negotiations could continue "without pressure," the workers refused, pointing out that the talks began nine months ago.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT STARTS DEBATE ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today began a debate on the national development budget.

The debate was opened with a lengthy report by Agriculture Minister Levi Eshkol, who disclosed that 263 new agricultural settlements had been established in the three-and-a-half years since the state was established. These settlements house nearly 20,000 families with a total population of 70,000 who work some 1,000,000 dunams (250,000 acres) of land.

In addition, 26 immigrant work villages are in operation, the Minister revealed. He said that the effect of this tremendous expansion in agriculture should be felt within the next few years.

Before the debate began, the deputies passed the first reading of a bill setting minimum and maximum punishments for attacks on the police. The measure resulted directly from the anti-government riots of January 7. Meanwhile, the entire Herut Parliamentary faction, except for its leader, Menahem Beigin, returned to Parliament today after a week's boycott.

ISRAEL'S HARDSHIPS WILL EASE WITHIN YEAR, PREMIER PREDICTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion told a delegation of Histadrut leaders that the "supply situation in Israel is improving" and hardships in this country will ease in a year. He emphasized that the best way to overcome the present serious shortages was to increase the agricultural and industrial output.

An official of the Jewish Agency absorption department said today that only seven percent of the country's new immigrants had been absorbed into agriculture during 1951 as compared with 18 percent in the previous year. The Jewish Agency, he stated, was no longer constructing tents to house new immigrants but wooden huts and said that all tents now in use would be replaced by huts within a year.

AMPAL PLANS TO INVEST \$6,000,000 IN ISRAELI INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Abraham Dickstein, manager of Ampal--American Palestine Corporation--has arrived here in connection with industrial projects in which Ampal is investing \$6,000,000.

Some \$2,000,000 will be invested in a plant near Afikim which will manufacture masonite and asbestos board, while another \$2,000,000 will be invested through Ampal's subsidiary in the Israeli maritime industry in order to expand Israel's merchant fleet, he revealed.

Two hotels costing \$1,000,000 will be built by Ampal in Tel Aviv and Beersheba, while it will invest another \$500,000 in a glass factory at Beersheba and \$500,000 in a fuel company. Some \$60,000 will be invested in a corporation in Eingeve which markets fish products.

3,000,000 POUND DRIVE FOR RELIEF OF FLOOD VICTIMS OPENED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The first 200,000 pounds (\$560,000) has already been received toward the nationwide goal of 3,000,000 pounds for relief of the victims of the recent storms and floods in Israel. S.S. Hoofien, manager of the Israel National Bank and head of the relief drive, announced here tonight at the official launching of the campaign.

WEST GERMAN GOVT. SEEKS THE CONFIDENCE OF JEWS, OFFICIALS STATE

BONN, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The German negotiations with Israel and the Jewish organizations on reparations claims from Germany are, from the German point of view, not only aimed at bringing about a settlement of the reparations question, but also at the creation of a "basis of confidence between the German and Jewish people," it was stated today in Bonn Government circles.

It was also learned that Prof. Franz Boehme, of the University of Frankfurt, will probably be named to head the German delegation to the talks. The same German circles stressed that Bonn considers the personality of the head of the German delegation to be a matter of great importance.

The highest British review board on restitution measures in the British zone of Germany today decided that the owners of confiscated property in Germany need not have been themselves the victims of Nazi persecution in order to claim restitution. The board ruled that as long as the property was confiscated on racial, religious or political grounds, the owners may file a restitution claim. This decision ends a complex legal problem which has plagued some claimants for restitution.

CENTRAL JEWISH BODY IN FRANCE SPLIT ON GERMAN REPARATIONS ISSUE

PARIS, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The CRIF, central representative body of French Jewry, is seriously split and in danger of breaking up over the question of German reparations for Israel, it is reported here today.

Members of the organization, representing all leading French Jewish groups, failed following several stormy meetings to agree on whether to support or to oppose direct Israel-German negotiations on reparations. A meeting to continue the discussions has been set for next week.

TWO YOUTHS CONFESS BOMBING PHILADELPHIA SYNAGOGUE; AWAIT TRIAL

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Two 15-year-old youths were remanded here at the House of Detention pending trial in juvenile court, following arraignment on charges of attempting to burn down the B'nai Israel synagogue last week. They were apprehended through the joint efforts of the police and the Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council.

In his confession, one of the prisoners frankly admitted to anti-Semitism and boasted that had he been successful in the bombing of B'nai Israel he would have spread his arson attempts to other synagogues. The admissions told how the plot was conceived three weeks ago with a gasoline-filled bottle designed to explode and ignite when thrown at the building. Originally, four youths were together in the plot, but two withdrew at the last minute, according to the confessions.

Nathan Agran, representing the Jewish Community Relations Council, told the court that the Jewish community will insist on full punishment in the case. Mr. Agran explained it was providential that the synagogue was not destroyed by the gasoline bomb thrown by the two hoodlums Friday night or that some 60 persons in the building at the time were not injured in the subsequent blaze.

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SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES IMMIGRATION BILL OPPOSED BY JEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee approved Sen. Pat McCarran's omnibus immigration bill which contains features opposed by major Jewish organizations. Among other provisions, the bill would make possible the exclusion and deportation of foreign born "undesirables" on vague grounds.

It was indicated today that the proposed bill will cause prolonged debate when it reaches the Senate. Sen. McCarran is determined to call up the measure for Senate consideration during the present session.

LIBERALIZATION OF U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS ADVOCATED AT PARLEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The United States was urged to liberalize its immigration laws in a number of appeals made here last night by speakers at the third national conference of American supporters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, attended by 2,200 delegates. The appeals were made by Harry N. Rosenfield, member of the U.S. Displaced Persons Commission; Dr. Isaac Lewin, leader of the Agudas Israel Organization, and Congressman Emanuel Celler.

Mr. Rosenfield pointed out that the present immigration laws admit up to 154,000 immigrants a year under regular quotas. He emphasized that he personally favors admitting 100,000 to 200,000 a year above quotas.

Dr. Lewin urged the liberalization of immigrant requirements for refugees from countries behind the Iron Curtain. He drew attention to the fact that various governments had recently begun to consider Germans from the Baltic countries and the Sudetland as real refugees while the refugees from Eastern Europe have been "neglected." He urged that the Germans who are now in Germany should be given no priority whatever for admission to the United States.

Mr. Celler said he would reintroduce a bill in Congress to pool unused immigration quotas for the benefit of persons from countries who might otherwise have to "wait as long as ten to forty years for an open quota." He also proposed use of the 1950 census as basis of national-origin quotas, instead of the 1920 census.

POLISH SEAMEN SEEK TEMPORARY ASYLUM IN ISRAEL AS POLITICAL REFUGEES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Three Polish seamen who deserted from the Swedish freighter, Java, when it docked at Haifa, and asked asylum as political refugees until they could emigrate to Australia, will be returned to Sweden, the Israeli authorities decided today.

The three seamen had deserted a Polish ship in Sweden and later signed on the Swedish freighter. The Israeli authorities said the men did not have papers that would enable them to emigrate to Australia and decided to return the men to Sweden. The Polish consulate here, it was stated, was not approached in the case.

YUGOSLAVIA GRANTS AMNESTY TO WAR CRIMINALS WHO MASSACRED JEWS

VIENNA, Jan. 26. (JTA) -- The Yugoslav Ministry of Interior has granted amnesty to 3,048 war criminals, including many Croatia Fascists who took an active part in the decimation of Yugoslav Jewry during the Nazi period, it was reported here.

Z.O.A. SOLD \$36,000,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS TO 90,000 MEMBERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America has been responsible for the sale of some \$36,000,000 in Israel independence bonds representing more than 35 percent of the total bonds sold since May 1, 1951, with more than 90,000 members of the organization having purchased bonds.

This announcement was made by Louis A. Falk, national chairman of the Z. O. A. bond campaign executive, at a testimonial which was tendered him and Abraham A. Redelheim, chairman of the National Z. O. A. Administrative Council, today at the Hotel Astor by Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Z. O. A., in tribute to their outstanding efforts in behalf of the Israel bond campaign.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Redelheim said that the Zionist Organization has concentrated all its forces and resources on the bond campaign. Mr. Browdy who presided at the testimonial, paid warm tribute to the two Zionist leaders.

EDDIE CANTOR HONORED BY NEW YORK CITY; STREET TO CARRY HIS NAME

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish-populated Henry Street here, located in New York's East Side, was officially renamed Eddie Cantor Street today in honor of the Jewish actor who celebrates his 60th birthday this week. Mr. Cantor was born and raised in Henry Street.

Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, congratulating Mr. Cantor at City Hall, emphasized his services to various Jewish and non-Jewish philanthropic causes and the summer camp which he maintains for children of poor families. He also cited his contributions during the war in helping in the sale of war bonds as well as in amusing American service men on the various battle fronts and in hospitals.

More than 1,500 notables will pay tribute to Mr. Cantor at a birthday dinner at the Hotel Commodore here on Thursday arranged by the organization which is conducting the sale of Israel bonds. The guests will pay \$1,000 per plate. The affair marks Mr. Cantor's devotion to his efforts in aiding Israel in its struggle for economic independence.

WALTHAM HONORS BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY; PRESENTS CITATIONS TO LEADERS

WALTHAM, Mass., Jan. 29. (JTA) -- A city-wide tribute to Brandeis University, highlighted by the proclamation of "Brandeis University Day" by Mayor Turner here, was paid here to the first Jewish-sponsored non-sectarian university in the United States.

The tribute included the presentation of special citations to Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of the University, and George Alpert, chairman of its board of trustees. In attendance at the function held in the First Parish Unitarian Church were some 200 members of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Kiwanis, Zonta and Exchange Clubs.

NICARAGUA ACCEDES TO GENOCIDE CONVENTION AT FORMAL CEREMONY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 29. (JTA) -- Nicaragua acceded today to the convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide. In a ceremony this morning at the United Nations legal department, Rene Schick, Charge d'Affaires of the Nicaraguan Embassy at Washington, deposited his government's instrument of accession. Nicaragua is the 33rd state to ratify, accede or accept the convention on genocide, which came into force on January 12, 1951.

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