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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES PROPOSALS FOR HALTING INFLATION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met today for the third time since Sunday to discuss the country's economic situation and to hear a report by a Ministerial committee on plans for fighting the inflation and improving the economic situation.

The discussion will be continued at still another meeting of the Cabinet next Sunday when the Ministers will mold their final proposals for checking Israel's deepening economic crisis. The government is expected to put these proposals, in the form of a "new economic policy," before Parliament on Monday.

Negotiations between representatives of the government and the Jewish Agency on a legal status in Israel for the Agency will be resumed next week, an Agency spokesman said today. He revealed that the American Section of the Agency has asked for a postponement of the meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee from next month to May. The Agency plenary session has already been advanced to March 12, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the Government-Agency coordination board on immigration and absorption met today under the chairmanship of Premier David Ben Gurion and heard a report on recent developments in Youth Aliyah and the prospects for increasing this immigration. Itzhak Raphael, Agency immigration chief, was instructed to draft plans for increasing the immigration of youth and professionals.

The coordination board decided that the government health department shall assume responsibility for medical examinations and for medical care of Israel-bound immigrants in all parts of the world. The board also drafted a set of principles governing the participation of prospective immigrants in their transportation costs.

Newsprint Shortage Threatens to Close Down Israeli Press

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The acute shortage of newsprint in Israel which threatens to close down all newspapers in the country was the subject of a short, but acrimonious, debate in Parliament last night.

Progressive deputy Dr. Herbert Foerder and General Zionist M. Flesh attacked Dov Joseph, Minister of Trade and Industry, holding him responsible for the situation because he has not granted foreign currency allocations for the importation of newsprint. In defense of his position, Dr. Joseph insisted that the press in Israel had always been free, but asserted that the publication of 21 daily newspapers using 207 tons of newsprint monthly was too much for the Israel economy.

He pledged, however, that from the end of this month more paper would be available. He revealed that \$50,000 had already been set aside for purchase of paper and another \$50,000 would be allocated shortly.

AMERICAN HEBREW TEXTBOOK BANNED IN TURKEY FOR "ZIONIST LEANINGS"

ISTANBUL, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Education today rejected one of five Hebrew textbooks imported from the United States for use in Hebrew schools in Turkey. The book was rejected by the Ministry on the grounds that it "displays Zionist leanings."

AGUDAH INTENDS TO LAUNCH SEPARATE FUND-RAISING DRIVE IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Emulating the Peale Agudas Israel of Britain, the Agudas Israel Organization today announced its intension of holding a separate fund-raising campaign of its own in this country. The Orthodox group announced also that Rabbi Shlomo Lorence, a member of the Knesset and head of the Agudah youth movement in Israel, will arrive here late this week to open the campaign.

The Jewish Agency, which has already issued statements opposing the independent campaign announced by the religious laboritas, today said that it had received a cable from its Jerusalem headquarters pointing out that the present budget of the Keren Hayesod, financial arm of the Agency, had allocated 719,590 pounds for the maintenance of religious youth immigration and religious schools beside an additional 33,000 to other religious bodies.

200 TUNISIAN JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; 500 MORE EXPECTED THIS MONTH

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A total of 206 Tunisian Jews arrived in Israel as immigrants in January, a Jewish Agency spokesman announced today.

He revealed that about 500 are expected here this month, adding that the air lift from Iran to Israel will also go back into service this month. The total number of Tunisian Jews who arrived in 1951 was 3,414, he reported.

ZIONISTS RESENT PROFESSOR'S PREDICTION OF ISRAEL'S "COLLAPSE"

MONTREAL, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Local Zionist circles took strong exception today to the "prediction" made by Dr. Frederick Watkins, Bronfman Professor of Political Science and chairman of the Department of Social Sciences at McGill University, of the "collapse in the foreseeable future of the new State of Israel." The professor delivered his speech before a Jewish student body.

In his address before the McGill Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America, Dr. Watkins said that modern Judaism could have contributed more to world culture if the Jews had continued to play a "cosmopolitan" role instead of setting up a national state of their own.

He said that Palestine had never, since Biblical times, been able to preserve its independence in the face of imperialistic pressures from Asia and Africa. Only during "brief periods of glory," when no major imperialistic threat existed had the state been really independent. The reigns of David and Solomon formed one of such brief periods and the state of affairs prevailing when the State of Israel was established in 1948 was another, said Dr. Watkins. He added that he did not think the present period would prove more lasting than previous ones.

U.S. GOVERNMENT SENDS ANTI-ZIONIST ON OFFICIAL MISSION TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Kezmit Roosevelt, pro-Arab advocate and anti-Zionist, is presently in Cairo on an official United States Government mission and is participating in talks with Egyptian leaders looking toward Egyptian participation in the proposed Middle East defense command, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

It was established here that Mr. Roosevelt is not in Cairo as a representative of the State Department, but of "another branch of this government." Since the end of World War II, Mr. Roosevelt has warmly advocated the Arab cause and has fought Zionist claims. He is associated with Dorothy Thompson, Lessing Rosenwald and others in the pro-Arab propaganda organization, HELP.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON ARMY'S BAN ON JEWISH WORKERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- There have been no instances of friction in North Africa involving American Jews connected with the Army's base-building program and the Arabs, a spokesman for the Department of Defense said today. The Department noted, however, that no Jewish workers have been sent to that area as yet.

Maj. Gen. G. J. Nold, Deputy Chief of Army Engineers, told a Senate committee last week that the Army eliminated Jewish workers from among those hired for projects in French Morocco because of a "racial problem." Despite Gen. Nold's testimony a Defense Department spokesman said today that "there is no policy which would prohibit the sending of the members of any religion, as workers or as soldiers, to any area where the Army is operating."

CHIEF RABBI OF TEL AVIV SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF VISIT TO U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Satisfaction with the results of his visit to the United States was expressed here today by Chief Rabbi Isar J. Untermann of Tel Aviv at a press conference called prior to his return to Israel next week.

Rabbi Untermann, who visited many cities in the country on behalf of the Israel Bond drive, estimated that as a result of his visits more than \$2,000,000 worth of Israel bonds were sold in these cities. He said he was gratified by the interest American non-Jews take in the Jewish State as proven by the warm participation of governors and mayors in the campaign meetings which he addressed.

ISRAEL RADIO TO BE EXPANDED; WILL BEAM PROGRAMS TO UNITED STATES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The plant of the government-sponsored radio system will be expanded so that its programs will be able to reach the United States and other distant lands, a government spokesman announced here today.

The spokesman said that new equipment had been ordered in the United States and an American radio expert had been invited to come to Israel to help with the enlargement of the plant. He praised the assistance given the radio system by the Israel consulate in New York, making special note of the aid provided by Avraham Harman, director of the Israel Information Office in the United States.

ORT CONFERENCE ADOPTS SOCIAL AID PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OVERSEAS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The two-day national conference of the Women's American ORT concluded here today with the adoption of a program of supplementary social assistance to ORT students, likened to the "G.I. Students Bill of Rights." The program will provide food, clothing, comfort needs and, in some instances, shelter for its students in nine of the 19 countries in which ORT schools are located.

Canteens providing one to three meals daily are to be set up at all schools in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Israel, Iran, Greece, Italy, and at the Strasbourg School in France and the Munich DP School in Germany, as the initial phase of the new program. Approximately 10,000 students will be immediately affected by this program.

"Heretofore, ORT confined its activities exclusively to the vocational training per se of dislocated and uprooted Jews," said Mrs. Leon Bader, national guardianship chairman, in her report to the conference. "The responsibility for meeting the social needs of the students requiring such aid devolved upon private and governmental agencies. However, the dissolution of the IRO and the trend of curtailment of allotments by private agencies necessitates in certain instances the institution of a system of supplementary aid as a means of assuring continued study of thousands of ORT students.

"We have learned a great deal from the 'Students G. I. Bill of Rights.' That magnificent program views as inseparable training and subsistence of those in training. If this concept obtains for the United States, how much more valid is it for the terribly depressed areas of North Africa and the Middle East. Students who cannot maintain themselves economically, who are unable to satisfy their most rudimentary needs, cannot fulfill their obligations as students," Mrs. Bader pointed out.

UNITED DRIVE FOR ISRAEL AND LOCAL NEEDS URGED IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A decision to hold a united fund-raising campaign for Israel and local needs was taken here at a four-day convention of the United Zionist Organization of Brazil.

The 105 delegates from 10 Brazilian cities re-elected Jacob Schneider president of the united campaign and named Israel Saubel and Joseph Adler its directors. Present at the conference were Israeli representatives of the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod.

FIVE YOUTHS ARRESTED IN PHILADELPHIA FOR ATTACKING JEWS

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Jewish Community Relations Council today conferred with police authorities here on the arrest of four youths on charges of assault and battery. A fifth one admitted in court yesterday that he had taken part in attacks on Jewish boys in the West Philadelphia area and was ordered held for psychiatric examination.

The judge indicated that he will send the 17-year-old youth to a reform school if he is found mentally sound. Crime Prevention Bureau detectives said that 10 Jewish boys have been attacked on the streets since last November. The detectives said that sometimes two and at most three victims were attacked at one time and that anti-Semitic remarks were part of each attack. One of the victims took down the license number of his assailants' car, which led to the arrest of five suspects.

NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL STARTS TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The eighth annual nationwide observance of Jewish Music Festival begins tomorrow under the auspices of the National Jewish Music Council which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Planned by Jewish Community Centers, synagogues, music libraries, community councils and other Jewish communal organizations are concerts of Jewish music, community songs, lectures, forums, plays and radio and television programs. Rabbis and their congregations will mark the observance with special sermons and programs. A number of national symphony orchestras, colleges and public libraries have also scheduled Jewish music events.

To aid the more than 1,000 Jewish organizations taking part in the Festival, the National Jewish Music Council has made available 30 program aids. In addition, the Council has issued bibliographies of vocal and instrumental music, lists of recordings of Jewish music; four sample music programs, including one on Israel and one for an informal concert of recordings; and annotated list of musico-dramatic scripts; a Jewish Music Festival poster and a mat of the poster.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PRAYER IN SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Board of Education at its meeting today decided to take no action on the proposal of the Board of Regents to begin each school day with a prayer. Special consideration will be given to the proposal at a later meeting of the Board at which public hearings will be held.

The Citizens Union announced today that it is opposed to compulsory prayers in public schools. In a statement drawn up by its committee on legislation the group pointed out that even the non-denominational form of prayer authorized by the Board of Regents for voluntary adoption by school boards "has led to sharp debate in some communities."

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY WILL PUBLISH 10-VOLUME HISTORY OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A ten-volume history of the Jewish people will be published by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America as a memorial to the late Sol M. Stroom, former chairman of the Seminary's Board of Directors, it was announced here today.

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary, said that the work on the project has already begun. It is expected that the entire project will be completed over a five-year period, with two volumes appearing each year. The editors of the two volumes will be Prof. W.F. Albright, Alexander Marx and Dr. Finkelstein.

DANIEL BOONE WORKED FOR JEWISH FIRM, HISTORICAL RECORDS ESTABLISH

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Daniel Boone, pioneer, Indian fighter and officer in the American revolution, was an employee of the firm of Jacob I. Cohen and Isaiah Isaacs, one of Virginia's earliest Jewish firms, for whom he surveyed Kentucky land, according to historical data just brought to light by American Jewish Archives, research department of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Cohen was a veteran of the War for Independence who lived in Philadelphia for many years and, toward the end of his career, served as president of Congregation Mikvah Israel there. Isaacs was a political figure of some importance in Richmond. He served as Clerk of the Market Tax Assessor and member of the Common Hall.

JEWISH DOCTOR GETS GOLD MEDAL FOR STUDY ON CHILDREN'S ILLNESS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Melvin Jahss, orthopaedic surgeon of the Hospital for Joint Diseases, has been named recipient of the Gold Medal Award of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons for the year's best exhibit of clinical importance in orthopaedic surgery, it was disclosed here today by Dr. J. J. Golub, executive vice-president of the hospital.

The award was given to Dr. Jahss for a special study he conducted of various methods of treatment of a crippling children's illness called "epiphseolysis," which is characterized by an abnormal condition causing the hip bone to become deformed. His study was made at the Hospital for Joint Diseases, affiliated with and supported by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. Dr. Jahss was born in New York City and graduated from the New York University College of Medicine in 1944.

THREE HOSPITALS UNITE TO FORM ALBERT EINSTEIN MEDICAL CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Albert Einstein Medical Center has been brought into legal existence here by a decree signed by Judge Curtis Bok, President Judge of Court of Common Pleas No. 6, after a hearing at City Hall.

The decree approved Articles of Consolidation of Jewish, Mount Sinai, and Northern Liberties Hospitals, which united to form the Medical Center. The State Department of Welfare had already approved the step, and Judge Bok's signature gave the Medical Center corporate reality. The three hospitals simultaneously became divisions of the Medical Center, continuing their work without interruption.

JEWS ARE LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS OF BLOOD TO RED CROSS IN SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of San Antonio is contributing more blood to the local American Red Cross blood donors campaign than any other group in the area, it was reported here today.

The drive in the Jewish community is sponsored by the Agudas Achim Brotherhood. The Agudas Achim was the first organized group in the area to offer to sponsor a drive for mass donation of blood.

DR. TCHLENOFF BURIED IN GENEVA; LEAVES FUND FOR ISRAEL INSTITUTION

GENEVA, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish community and state officials attended the funeral here today of Dr. Boris Tchlenoff, honorary president of the OSE and member of the faculty of the Bern University. Dr. Tchlenoff bequeathed 20,000 Swiss francs to the OSE children sanatorium in Jerusalem which carries his name. (A memorial meeting for Dr. Tchlenoff will be held in New York on Thursday, arranged by the American OSE Committee.)

RABBI SHER, HEAD OF SLOBODKA YESHIVA FOR 50 YEARS, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- More than 5,000 people from various parts of the country today participated in the funeral of Rabbi Itzhak Aizik Sher, head of the famous Slobodka Yeshiva for 50 years, who established a similar institution of learning five years ago in the Orthodox Bnai Brak settlement here. He was 70 years old. Chief Rabbi Herzog of Israel was among the principal speakers at the funeral ceremony which took place in Bnai Brak.