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## CABINET STUDIES PROBLEMS OF ISRAEL'S NEW ECONOMIC POLICY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Problems arising out of the new economic policy proclaimed by the Israel Government and approved by Parliament were discussed today at a meeting of the Israel Cabinet.

Special attention was given to the problem of Israeli students abroad who have been hit severely by the new exchange rates. There are more than 1,700 Israel students abroad. The Cabinet decided that a special committee composed of representatives of the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Education and the Treasury Department should look into the problem.

The meeting approved the decision of the Ministry of Communication to grant a temporary 25 per cent increase in transportation fares. The inter-urban bus companies insist on a 50 per cent increase because of the increase in the price of petroleum products.

Because of the indisposition of Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's Minister of Finance, the Cabinet today appointed Peretz Naphtali Acting Treasurer. Mr. Naphtali, a leader of the Mapai Party, is a member of the Cabinet without portfolio.

Two Arabs will serve as members of Israel's Economic Council, according to another decision adopted by the Cabinet. The meeting also decided to establish a special Council for Arab Education and Culture within the Education Ministry.

## Golda Myerson Arrives In U.S. Today

Labor Minister Golda Myerson left Lydda by plane last night for the United States to explain the new economic policy to American Jewry. She will address a special meeting of American Jewish leaders in Washington March 1 and, later, she will also assist the United Jewish Appeal and Israel bond campaigns. She is due to arrive in New York tomorrow.

At a press conference before emplaning, Mrs. Myerson said that during her four-week visit to the U.S. she will not only attempt to mobilize financial and economic assistance but will also seek to round up experts in labor problems for service in Israel. Queried about the effects of the new economic program, the Labor Minister said that the controls are meant to "insure that everyone will get at least a minimum." Listing the most significant points of the new program beside the financial measures, Mrs. Myerson stressed the campaign to get the workers to accept a system of piece work and working norms, the government's decision to end the cost-plus system of fixing prices and the introduction of the 47-hour week in government and public institutions.

PLAGUE IN PERSIA FORCES SUSPENSION OF MIGRATION TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Airborne emigration of Israel-bound Jews from Persia, which was resumed last week -- with chartered planes making daily flights between Teheran and Lydda -- was temporarily suspended today as a result of the spreading of the plague in several districts in Persia.

One Lydda-bound plane with immigrants returned to Teheran after receiving instructions from Israel. However, it was learned here this afternoon that the Persian authorities prohibited the immigrants landing in Persia, claiming that those who left the country for Israel cannot return.

About 100 immigrants from Persia who arrived here during the week-end have been placed in quarantine. The Israeli authorities at the Lydda airport are making preparations to quarantine all the immigrants who may still arrive in the course of the next 24 hours. At the same time, they announced that planes from Teheran will, for the time being, not be permitted to land in Lydda.

INDIA INVITES ISRAELI HIGH OFFICIAL TO COME TO NEW DELHI

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Acting on the invitation of the Premier of India, the Israel Government decided to send Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Israeli Foreign Office, on a visit this week to New Delhi, it was officially announced here today.

The announcement said that Dr. Eytan's visit to India was prompted by Israel's desire "to foster relations with India." This will be the first visit of an Israeli representative to India's capital. The invitation to Dr. Eytan was received here about two weeks ago. No agenda is fixed for any discussions between him and members of the Government of India, it was stated.

ARAB INFILTRATION INTO ISRAEL DECLINES; BORDER INCIDENTS DECREASE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A 75 per cent decrease in border infiltrations and a decrease in the number of border incidents was reported today following an informal meeting of the Israeli and Jordan delegation heads to the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission.

The meeting reviewed measures taken to enforce the recent border agreements. The delegation heads agreed that the situation was still far from normal and undertook more vigorous enforcement.

ISRAEL MINISTER FEARS RENEWED ARAB WAR AGAINST JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Increased aid from the United States can help to avert a "second round" of Arab warfare against Israel, Rabbi Itzhak Meyer Lewin, Israeli Minister of Welfare, said here last night addressing a public reception for him attended by 1,500 persons.

The member of the Israel Cabinet declared that the Arab states were definitely preparing for a renewed war against the Jewish state. He called upon American Jews to give maximum help to the Israel Government which is now attempting to improve economic conditions in the country. Rabbi Lewin, world leader of the Agudas Israel, will remain in the United States for about a month and will tour the country in the interests of the Agudah movement.

## 30,000 JEWS SIGN PETITION PROTESTING RUMANIAN ARREST OF ZIONISTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Some 30,000 Jews who came here from Rumania have signed a petition to be presented to the Rumanian Government protesting the arrest of Rumanian Zionists reported last week to have been detained in a wave of raids against Jews, particularly Zionists.

The petition demanded the release of all Jews arrested in these raids and asked that they be permitted to migrate to Israel. It also expressed anxiety over the fate of the incarcerated Jews about whom nothing more has been heard here.

## RUMANIAN JEWISH LEADERS ATTACKED FOR LENIENCY IN FIGHTING ZIONISM

VIENNA, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Communist-controlled Jewish Democratic Committee throughout Rumania were put on the carpet for their failure to press the fight against Zionism at a special conference held at Cluj, the current issue of the Rumanian Jewish publication Viata Noua, which just arrived here, reports.

I. Bacal, secretary of the central committee of the organization, denounced the shortcomings of many of the Committee's bureaus, and charged that "some of the comrades have slackened their spirit of vigilance towards the class enemy thus permitting the Zionist nationalists to entrap some of the faithful in the web of their lies." He also charged that the Zionists are seeking "to poison the Jewish masses with propaganda," and assailed Committee "activists" for a lack of zeal.

The conference at Cluj adopted a resolution declaring that "the mistaken tendency to separate the fight for peace from combatting Zionism must be opposed. For every honest Jew the fight for peace is inconceivable without combatting the Zionist propaganda of the Jewish bourgeoisie -- propaganda serving the American imperialists, the mortal enemies of mankind."

## JEWS IN ITALY SEEK GOVERNMENT ACTION ON RELATIONS WITH STATE

ROME, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches, the central Protestant body in this country, has contacted the Union of Jewish Communities of Italy for joint action to obtain from the Italian Government a series of regulations which it must issue, under the provisions of the Italian Constitution, to govern relations between the state and the non-Catholic communities.

Thus far the contact between the Protestant community and the Jewish community has only reached preliminary levels, but further developments are expected shortly. Meanwhile, several deputies have raised the question in Parliament, urging the government to complete agreements on these regulations with the non-Catholic communities.

## BELGIUM TO END CLASSIFICATION OF JEWISH REFUGEES AS GERMANS

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Belgian Ministry of Justice today announced that henceforth Belgian courts will not consider German Jewish refugees German nationals.

Previously, the Belgian courts have ignored the Allied practice of refusing to force Jews to accept German nationality, and have insisted upon registering all refugees from Germany as German nationals. This has often led to a situation where refugees from Germany suffered from the discrimination intended for the supporters of the Nazi regime.

POLICE CHECK ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS IN TUNIS; ARABS ARRESTED

TUNIS, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A number of anti-Jewish incidents occurred here during the past week, including an attempt by an Arab band to force Jewish shopkeepers in the Ghetto to close down their stores. The police intervened and a number of Arabs were placed under arrest.

Charles Haddad, president of the Tunis Jewish community, declared that the few anti-Jewish incidents in recent weeks were of an isolated character and did not occur as a result of organized action by Moslem religious or political groups.

U.S. ARMY TO INVESTIGATE BAN ON JEWISH WORKERS IN MOROCCO BASES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr., has informed Sen. Herbert H. Lehman of New York that the Army will investigate discrimination against Jews in the hiring of workers for American construction projects in French Morocco.

The barring of American Jews from employment as construction workers on U.S. military bases in French Morocco was revealed in testimony by Maj. Gen. G. L. Nold, Deputy Chief of Army Engineers, before the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee.

Rep. Jacob K. Javits of New York addressed a letter to Gen. Nold requesting an explanation for the elimination of American Jewish workers from jobs on French Moroccan bases. The Jewish Congressman told Gen. Nold he did not "feel that anything can be gained in the Near East by giving in to the (Arab) fanaticism that is already causing so much mischief there." The Congressman asked the General, "would we have thought of keeping troops of the Jewish faith out of combat against the Nazis during World War Two because they might be running unusual risks if captured?"

STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL ADVOCATES "BETTER TREATMENT" OF ARAB STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Arab states, displaced by American support of Israel, must receive "better treatment" if America is to get their oil, the World Fellowship Group of the Young Women's Christian Association was told here by Edwin M. Wright, intelligence adviser to the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Wright said that the Jewish state must rely on "blood transfusions" of two billion dollars annually from the United States "to keep her people from starving." He pointed out the strategic desirability of regaining the favor of the Arab world. Israel, he said, is among the "anemic" states of the area because it is without oil.

VIRGINIA SENATE ADOPTS LAW AIMED AT CHECKING KU KLUX KLAN TERROR

RICHMOND, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A law prohibiting the wearing of masks, the burning of crosses, and other terroristic acts has been enacted by the State Senate and referred to the House of Delegates. Introduction of the measure followed a warning by Governor John S. Battle that the Ku Klux Klan was threatening to expand its activities in Virginia.

Another bill, which would make it unlawful to discriminate in advertising against persons on the basis of religion, is pending before a committee of the House of Delegates.

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W.J.C. ISSUES CALL FOR OBSERVANCE OF WARSAW UPRISING

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today appealed to all affiliated groups to mark the ninth anniversary of the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto on the 27th day of the Hebrew month of Nissan, which this year falls on April 22. This is the day which the Israel Parliament has set aside for the observance in Israel of the heroic Jewish battle against the Nazis.

The World Jewish Congress appeal, signed by Dr. I. Schwartzbart of the W.J.C. organization department, pointed out that while the organization requests affiliated groups to place the accent of this year's commemorations "on solemn memorials for our youth" the affiliates will be left free to choose the ways in which their respective communities can best glorify National Memorial Day. Dr. Schwartzbart also revealed that the Congress will publish a brochure containing accounts of this year's celebrations by Congress affiliates throughout the world.

MIZRACHI LAUNCHES PLAN TO PERPETUATE MEMORY OF ANNIHILATED JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A three-year plan to assure that the memory of the six million Jewish victims of Nazism will never be forgotten by present and future generations of American Jewry has been launched by the Mizrachi Organization of America, Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, Mizrachi president, announced today.

Under the plan, an opportunity will be provided through the Mizrachi organization to each of the more than 3,000 synagogues and Jewish centers in the United States to acquire for permanent display a specially-designed memorial marker carved from marble quarried in Israel. The marker is a six-foot high symbolic representation of the Hebrew letter "zayin," the first letter of the Hebrew word "Zachor," which means "remember," Dr. Churgin explained. The letter stands on a square base on which is engraved a memorial inscription.

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY MARKS CENTENNIAL OF YIDDISH WRITER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- An exhibit of the works of I. L. Peretz, father of modern Yiddish literature, was placed on display today in the Library of Congress to mark the centennial celebration of Peretz's birth.

Dr. Curt Wormann, director of the Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem, has arrived in Washington on a study visit sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation. He was entertained this weekend at a luncheon tendered by Dr. Luther H. Evans, the Librarian of Congress. Dr. Wormann will spend four months in the United States. He will visit principal American libraries, observe new methods in library administration, and establish closer ties with the exponents of American library science.

BALTIMORE SCIENTIST RECEIVES AWARD FOR SERVICES TO ISRAEL

BALTIMORE, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Harry E. Jordan Achievement Award granted by the American Water Works Association for "distinguished service outside the line of duty," has been awarded to Dr. Abel Wolman, chairman of the department of sanitary engineering of Johns Hopkins University, it was announced this week. Dr. Wolman was cited for his service to Israel in planning development of water resources there. He visited Israel for this purpose in 1950.

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