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FORMATION OF GROUP IN U.S. TO CO-ORDINATE U.J.A.-BOND DRIVES PROPOSED

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- A resolution proposing the establishment of a small body in the United States with full authority to bring about co-ordination between the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Drive was presented today to the Zionist Actions Committee by Dr. Nahum Goldmann on behalf of the Jewish Agency executive. (See decision on Page 6.)

"The experience of the last year," Dr. Goldmann said, "has shown that it is vitally necessary to establish a system of co-ordination of the activities of the United Jewish Appeal and the Bond Drive. It is obvious that Israel needs both sources of income and is deeply interested that both of them shall yield maximum results. The co-ordination of the two campaigns and the atmosphere of good will for them in the American Jewish community will serve this purpose best, whereas lack of coordination must in the long run hurt both.

"The Jewish Agency," Dr. Goldmann continued, "has during the last months made continuous efforts to bring about such cooperation, but has not yet succeeded in achieving results because of many objective difficulties, especially in New York. The most effective method of solving the problem would, in our considered opinion, be the establishment of a small body in the United States, with full authority to co-ordinate the timing of both campaigns and to straighten out all conflicts.

"We discussed the matter on many occasions with Premier David Ben Gurion," Dr. Goldmann reported. "In the light of this discussion we can say that the Israel Government is full convinced of the necessity to avoid conflicts and to establish an effective method of co-ordination. A serious effort to achieve it will be made in the nearest future both by the government and the Jewish Agency in close contact and co-operation. We hope that this effort will be successful so as to bring about maximum support for Israel on behalf of the American Jewish community," Dr. Goldmann concluded.

Earlier today, in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Dr. Goldmann said that his remarks at the opening session of the Actions Committee were misunderstood. He explained that he expressed the thought that it is advisable that members and representatives of the Israel Government should not be dragged into local conflicts in Jewish communities in questions relating to fund-raising for Israel.

"I advised a policy of entrusting the Jewish Agency--which is bound by a resolution of the Zionist Congress to loyal cooperation with the Israel Government--to deal with problems and try to settle them, naturally, in close contact and consultation with government representatives," Dr. Goldmann emphasized.

U.S. HIGH COMMISSIONER URGES GERMANY TO REACH SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 15. (JTA) -- High Commissioner John J. McCloy has made representations at Bonn on behalf of a mutually satisfactory settlement of Israel-German negotiations, it was learned today.

State Department sources previously made known that the American Government regards Germany under a moral obligation to see the negotiations through to a successful conclusion and that the U. S. is anxious for this to occur. Government officials expect that the coming week will furnish evidence to show whether or not Germany has any real intention of making amends.

The British Government, according to Washington officials, has adopted a position similar to that of the State Department. The British are sympathetic toward a successful solution of the claims question. The French Government is believed to hold a similar view. An Israel note, explaining the background for Israel's claims, was presented on March 12, 1951, to the U.S., Britain, France, and the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union neither replied to the note nor acknowledged it.

U.S. AID SOUGHT IN SECURING RELEASE OF JEWISH FUNDS FROZEN BY ARABS

WASHINGTON, May 15. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and John D. Hickerson, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, today discussed refugee problems with special emphasis on the possibility of the mutual unfreezing of accounts of Arab refugees in Israel banks and accounts of Jewish refugees now in Israel which are held frozen by Arab banks. Mr. Eban indicated Israel's preparedness to discuss the commencement of such mutual unfreezing.

The Ambassador called at the State Department accompanied by second secretary Pinchas Eilav of the Israel Embassy. In their discussion with Mr. Hickerson, American cooperation in securing the release of Jewish funds frozen by the Arabs was discussed. The U. S. Government is studying the question of taking an interest in the matter. The U. N. Palestine Conciliation Commission has suggested that the unfreezing of Arab accounts by Israel would be a gesture which might have a good effect on peace prospects. Since the Arab accounts in Israel are considered a matter of United Nations concern, the discussion was held today with Mr. Hickerson.

Ambassador Eban said today's talk concerned only the principle of releasing the accounts. The methods by which this might be accomplished would have to be worked out through United Nations channels, he said. Approximately \$14,000,000 in Arab funds are held by Israel banks. An estimate of Jewish assets held in Arab states is not immediately available.

HALF OF ISRAELI LAND OFFERS OIL PROSPECTS, U.S. EXPERT ESTABLISHES

TEL AVIV, May 15. (JTA) -- Half of Israel's surface offers good prospects for finding oil, a report published here today by the American geologist, Dr. Ball, states. Dr. Ball was invited last year by the Israel Government to undertake a geo-physical oil survey.

TEL AVIV TO HAVE NATIONAL PARK; PREMIER PLANTS FIRST PINES

TEL AVIV, May 15. (JTA) -- "We will turn our country into the most beautiful one in the world and make a garden out of the deserts," Prime Minister David Ben Gurion declared yesterday while inaugurating the Tel Aviv National Park. The National Park will cover 1,700 dunams north of this city. Mr. Ben Gurion planted the first pines.

ISRAEL CAN PROVIDE BASE ALTERNATIVE TO SUEZ, BRITISH LEADER SAYS

LONDON, May 15. (JTA) -- Israel would provide a base alternative to the British base in the Suez, providing the British Government could come to an agreement with the Government of Israel, Lord Strabolgi declared tonight speaking at the Anglo-Israeli Club here.

The reaching of such an agreement should not be difficult in view of our traditional friendship with the Jews, " Lord Strabolgi added. There are strong arguments, he said, favoring the cutting of a new canal across the Negev from the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Akaba. Such a canal could take the place of the Suez Canal, he pointed out.

U.N. COMMISSION HEARS REPORTS ON WELFARE WORK IN ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 15. (JTA) -- Trachoma had been wiped out in Israel but had recurred following mass immigration of Jews from Arab countries, it was reported here today at the U. N. Social Commission by Dr. G. G. Lotan, Israel delegate. He said that special measures had been taken to help blind immigrants in Israel, including their employment in some workshops.

Mrs. Ena Harman of Israel told the Social Commission of new methods found successful in caring for children deprived of normal family life in the Jewish State. Under one method, Mrs. Harman said, children were organized in groups of 25-40, constituting what she described as a "family substitute" with youth leaders who could be regarded as "parent substitutes." The groups lived on farms, had workshop opportunities and received both formal and informal education. Children's villages and foster homes were also used in Israel, Mrs. Harmon added.

ISRAEL APPOINTS NEW CHARGE D'AFFAIRES FOR HUNGARY AND BULGARIA

TEL AVIV, May 15. (JTA) -- Gershon Avner, Director of the West European Department of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, was appointed Israeli Charge D'Affaires for Hungary and Bulgaria, replacing Samuel Benzur, it was announced here today.

Mr. Benzur has returned to Israel to take up the post of Deputy Director of the Eastern European Department of the Foreign Ministry. This change is according to a general plan of reorganization within the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL AND DAIRY PRODUCTS REPORTED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 15. (JTA) -- Israel increased its agricultural products by 90 percent since 1948, it was estimated by speakers today at the national conference of the Tnuva, an agricultural and dairy marketing cooperative. The conference is being attended by 700 representatives of 360 settlements.

Delegates at the parley reported that 150 new settlements produced in 1949 more than 16 percent of the dairy products consumed in the Jewish State and nine percent of vegetable products, while in 1952 the same settlements produced 25 percent of the dairy products and 18 percent of the vegetables.

N. Y. INSURANCE COMPANIES PERMITTED TO INVEST IN ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- A domestic mutual or stock fire insurance or casualty insurance company is eligible under New York State laws, to invest up to 10 percent of its admitted assets in State of Israel bonds, according to a ruling by the State of New York Insurance Department made public here today. A ruling to this effect was handed down by Deputy Superintendent Raymond Harris in response to a question from the Citizens Casualty Company of New York.

ARGENTINE RABBINATE CRITICIZES ISRAELI RABBIS ON KOSHER MEAT ISSUE

BUENOS AIRES May 15. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate of Argentina today issued a statement taking issue with the Rabbinate in Israel on the question of the Argentine kosher meat which was declared non-kosher when it reached the Jewish State. The statement, signed by Rabbi Amram Blum and Rabbi Zeev Zvi Hacohen Klein, reads:

"We have maintained silence until today, since our local rabbinate is of the opinion that schechita is a purely rabbinical matter, to be solved between rabbis. Our declaration is intended to clear the good name of the local Jewish community.

"We regret particularly that the Israeli delegates, in their important mission, did not stand on the rabbinical-ethical height of their task. The Israeli delegates visited one and only one slaughterhouse, during the three weeks they were in Argentina. We wish to emphasize that schechita in all slaughterhouses was being maintained at a high level of ritual requirements.

"We cannot understand the motives of the two delegates from Israel who, after visiting only one slaughterhouse, still made a general report to the Israel Rabbinate. Fortunately, Dr. Isaac Halevi Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Israel, realized the superficiality of the report, and has asked us by cable to continue with the supervision of the schechita for Israel."

LEHMAN TO RECEIVE 1952 GOLD MEDAL OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- Senator Herbert H. Lehman of New York will be awarded the 1952 Gold Medal of Merit of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, it was announced today by Paul Ginsberg of Atlanta, Ga., national commander of the J. W. V. The Senator will be cited by the veterans for "distinguished service to the nation, to Jewry, and to his fellow veterans."

JAMES MARSHALL RECEIVES GOLD MEDAL FOR SERVICE TO N. Y. SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, May 15. (JTA) -- A gold medal for "distinguished service to the New York public schools" was presented last night to James Marshall who last week completed 17 years as a member of the New York Board of Education. The presentation was made by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at a dinner of the Public Education Association held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

RUBINER AND SOBELOFF RE-ELECTED OFFICERS OF DETROIT WELFARE FUND

DETROIT, May 15. (JTA) -- Samuel H. Rubiner was re-elected president of the Jewish Welfare Federation here. Isidore Sobeloff, executive director, was named secretary. Mr. Rubiner will serve his third term as president of the Federation, sponsoring agency of the Allied Jewish Campaign and Detroit Jewry's major planning and budgeting organization. Julian H. Krolik was elected treasurer of the agency. He has been chairman of the Federation executive committee for the past year and is its immediate past president.

DR. B. BENEDICT GLAZER, NOTED RABBI, DIES IN DETROIT

DETROIT, May 15. (JTA) -- Dr. B. Benedict Glazer, for ten years Rabbi of Temple Beth El here, died early this morning of cerebral hemorrhage. He would have been 50 years old in August. He formerly was rabbi in Pittsburgh and at Temple Emanu-El in New York. Funeral service will take place Sunday in Beth El Auditorium with participation of the country's leading rabbis.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

ACTIONS COMMITTEE REJECTS MOTION TO END GERMAN-ISRAEL TALKS

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee today voted down a motion proposing that the executive of the Jewish Agency be ordered to discontinue reparations talks with Germany. The motion, which was made jointly on behalf of the left-wing Mapam and the right-wing Herut parties, was defeated by a vote of 42 to 16, with five abstaining.

The Actions Committee also rejected by an overwhelming majority a resolution proposed by the Herut demanding that a plebiscite be taken among Jews throughout the world on the question as to whether direct reparations talks with Germany should be held.

With regard to the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Bond Drive issue, the Actions Committee adopted the following resolution: "The Committee calls upon the Jewish Agency executive to consider its effort and secure concurrence of the Israel Government for the establishment of a co-ordinating authority which will decide in all cases where differences arise between both projects and whose decision is to bind both parties."

The Committee voted to abolish the ceiling on the income of the Jewish National Fund in the United States. It called upon the Jewish Agency executive to exert special effort to increase the stream of immigration to Israel and decided to increase agricultural colonization. One of the resolutions reiterated the decision adopted by the last World Zionist Congress that "it is the duty of every Zionist to provide his children with Hebrew education."