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## U.S. OPPOSES TRANSFER OF ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTRY TO JERUSALEM

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- The United States has notified the Government of Israel that America would not view favorably the transfer of the Israel Foreign Ministry from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, it was learned here today.

This notice was conveyed to Israel in an aide memoire presented to the Foreign Ministry in Tel Aviv. The document indicated that the U.S. Government has no intention at present of transferring its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The aide memoire noted with concern the Israel announcement May 4 regarding the transfer of the Foreign Office to Jerusalem. It said the United States will continue to adhere to a policy insisting that there should be a special international regime for Jerusalem which will not only provide protection for the Holy Places but which will be acceptable to Israel and Jordan as well as to the world community.

Israel was told that, since the Jerusalem question is of international importance, the United States believes that the United Nations should have an opportunity to reconsider the matter with a view to devising a status for Jerusalem which would satisfactorily preserve the interests of the world community and the states directly concerned. Therefore, the aide memoire explained, the United States would not view with favor the transfer of the Israel Foreign Office to Jerusalem.

"I think we have made our position known to the Israelis on this matter," a State Department spokesman said today. Asked if the Israel Government requested that the U.S. Embassy move from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, the official replied: "They have not asked us to move."

## 2, 200 Tons of Crude Sulphur Allocated to Israel

Meanwhile, the International Materials Conference, which has its seat in Washington, today announced the allocation of 2, 200 long tons of crude sulphur to Israel for the second six months of 1952. This represents the largest single allocation to Israel since the establishment of the state and is considered adequate to meet present needs.

In presenting Israel's case for the increased allotment before the I. M. C. sulphur subcommittee, Dr. Ernest Levin, First Secretary of the Israel Embassy, pointed out that the fertilizer plant at Haifa now has a productive capacity sufficient to cover Israel's entire domestic requirement of sulphur phosphate provided adequate supplies of crude sulphur are received.

BRITAIN AUTHORIZED BY ALLIES TO DRAFT MIDDLE EAST COMMAND PLANS

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- The Allied Chiefs of Staff have assigned to Britain the task of drafting two Middle East command plans, one providing for Egyptian participation and the other without it, it was learned here today.

It is understood that the United States agreed to Britain's working out the plans because of British experts' superior knowledge of the area. The plans will be rushed to completion and whichever one seems more feasible will be adopted by the Chiefs of Staff.

It is also understood that the United States has recently taken the lead in approaching Egypt and pressing for Anglo-Egyptian rapprochement, which would permit Egypt to participate in the Middle East command. Informed sources here say that the Americans have promised Egypt valuable economic concessions should she agree to join with the Western Powers as an equal partner in defending the region.

U.S. OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL WITH AGREEMENT FOR \$72, 000, 000 GRANT

TEL AVIV, July 21. (JTA) -- R. Freier, new assistant to American technical aid coordinator Bruce McDaniel, arrived here today from the United States with the draft of an agreement covering the \$72, 000, 000 grant recently allocated to Israel by Congress. Mr. Freier will confer with American Ambassador Monnet B. Davis and Premier David Ben Gurion on the new grant.

Lord Glenconner, president of the Palestine Potash Company, arrived here today to sign an agreement converting his company into a corporation in which the Israel Government will own a controlling interest. Upon his arrival, Lord Glenconner told newsmen that the agreement between the company and the Israel Government is almost completed, with only minor matters to be settled, and these he expected to be cleared up within a few days.

ISRAEL MANUFACTURERS AND WORKERS SIGN COST OF LIVING PACT

TEL AVIV, July 21. (JTA) -- A new cost of living agreement, under which some workers' salaries will rise a maximum of 10.5 pounds per month, was signed here today by representatives of the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association of Israel.

After signing, the manufacturers' representatives issued a statement warning the government against the continued rise in living costs which, they said, endangered all budgets and threatened the country's economy and its plans to halt the inflation.

The cost of living index in Israel rose another seven points during June, it was announced here. The index now stands at 157, compared with 100 in September, 1951.

BRITAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC PLIGHT CITED

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- Britain has a moral responsibility for Israel's economic plight, which is worse than Britain's own situation, Lord Strabolgi last night told a Joint Palestine Appeal dinner in Portsmouth.

Israel's financial situation is directly due to the mistakes of Britain's foreign policy since the end of the second World War and to the failure of the United Nations to prevent war and the "cold war" aftermath between Israel and the Arab states, Lord Strabolgi added. Britain forced Israel out of the sterling area, he charged, and the least it could do would be to readmit her to the sterling bloc as the first step toward an economic partnership which would be followed by the Jewish State's joining the British Commonwealth as a full partner.

ITALIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR PLEDGES TO SUPPRESS ANTI-SEMITISM

ROME, July 21. (JTA) -- Italian Minister of Interior Dr. Mario Scelba has pledged to assist in the suppression of anti-Semitism in Italy as far as the jurisdiction of his office is concerned, it was learned here today. The pledge came following the submission to the Ministry of Justice of a number of suggestions by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities for punishing persons who incite others to anti-Semitic acts or who commit such acts themselves.

Fearing a new wave of anti-Semitism, the Union has appealed to the government to put into immediate effect those sections of the new penal code which pertain to anti-Jewish acts. The code itself will not become legally effective for a long time to come.

The sections which would affect the Jews provide for five years imprisonment for anyone who interferes with the enjoyment of political and civil rights of citizens because of their race, language, religion etc. Also, anyone who incites others to hatred or contempt for any group on the grounds of race and religion is liable to four years imprisonment. The Union asked that the punishment be increased for those who commit such acts or incitement for money.

Meanwhile, the Italian Parliament has adopted a law outlawing neo-fascist movements. One definition of such a movement is its propagandizing for racial discrimination. Although this law goes into immediate effect, it will become part of the penal code when the code becomes law.

SEYMOUR RUBIN CALLED TO HELP FORMULATE U.S. CASE AGAINST FRANCE

THE HAGUE, July 21. (JTA) -- Seymour J. Rubin, a member of the delegation of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, has been called in to help formulate the United States case in a dispute with France which is currently being heard by the World Court here, it was announced today.

Mr. Rubin, a Washington attorney, was a member of President Truman's staff at the Potsdam conference with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Premier Joseph Stalin. He was also an assistant legal advisor on foreign affairs to the State Department and has represented the United States in Europe on several occasions. At such times he carried the diplomatic rank of Minister. Mr. Rubin remains a member of the Conference team.

JEWS IN TURKEY PERMITTED TO ELECT CHIEF RABBI BY POPULAR BALLOT

ISTANBUL, July 21. (JTA) -- The President of Turkey has signed a bill permitting the Jews of Turkey to hold an election for the position of Chief Rabbi, the Chief Rabbinate's office here has been informed.

The Rabbinate immediately began preparations for the elections to fill the post which has been vacant for 21 years. In the past a Religious Council named a candidate who had to be approved by the Turkish Government before he could assume office. After the last Chief Rabbi died in 1931 no candidate was approved by the government. The new law replaces this system with a popular election within the Jewish community.

JEWS IN BULGARIA HOLD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- There are at present 22 Jewish communities in all of Bulgaria, it was reported at the first country-wide conference of Jewish communities held since the end of World War II, according to information reaching here today.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE DIFFERS WITH COUNCIL OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today issued a statement declaring that the recent announcement of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds on community reactions to the report of the Evaluative Studies Committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council creates a "misleading impression."

The League made public the text of a letter to the Council stating that community groups with voting power at the plenum of the N. C. R. A. C. have given no "wave of approval" to the report, but instead have shown "a great divergence of viewpoint, with a majority definitely not in favor of the report."

The letter, signed by Benjamin R. Epstein, A. D. L. national director, claimed that "the staff of the C. J. F. W. F. and some of the leading welfare directors who are members of the Large City Budgeting Conference have interfered with efforts to reach an amicable solution and a reasonable organization of community relations work. They fought to the last ditch against the agreement which was reached at last plenum of the N. C. R. A. C. despite their opposition. Since then, the community pot has been kept at a boiling point by the activities of welfare fund professionals."

"The forthcoming plenum of the N. C. R. A. C. has the opportunity to arrive at a plan which would have salutary effect upon the whole community relations field," the letter said. "It will not be achieved, however, if certain leaders of the C. J. F. W. F. continue to mislead the American-Jewish community and continue their drive for power and control. We believe," the letter continued, "that you have given credence to the charge that there has been a power drive on the part of the professional welfare fund directors to assume leadership in this field as well as in other communal endeavors."

"Welfare funds raise money for the national agencies by agreement. In no instance have these agreements ever included the right of the welfare funds to dictate policy or procedures to the national agencies. No self-respecting national agency could possibly accept the dictates of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and indeed, it is doubtful that most welfare funds think of themselves in such a role. Under no circumstances, would the Anti-Defamation League, for one, be party to such an agreement. It should also be very clear to you, of course, that a very large proportion, indeed the major proportion of A. D. L. funds, are not derived from welfare fund sources."

Council Terms A. D. L. Implications "Fantastic and Incredible"

Harry Lurie, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, commenting on Mr. Epstein's letter, said in a statement: "Mr. Epstein apparently is so steeped in the habit of investigating anti-Semitism and anti-Semitic activities that he approaches statements on Jewish communal affairs with similar suspicions and anxieties."

"The implications he derives from my factual statement on the actions taken by Jewish federations, welfare funds and community council on the MacIver Report are so fantastic and incredible that they scarcely warrant a reply. One can only say that his unfounded emotions about 'power drives,' and 'dictation of professional welfare fund directors' et cetera have no existence in the reality from which Mr. Epstein seems to be removed."

THREE-DAY PARLEY OF WORLD FEDERATION OF Y. M. H. A. 'S OPEN TODAY

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- Delegates from 11 countries will attend the council meeting of the World Federation of Young Men's Hebrew Associations and Jewish Community Centers, to be held from July 22 to 24 at the Consistoire Central des Israelites de France in Paris, it was announced today by Frank L. Weil, World Federation president and honorary president of the National Jewish Welfare Board. The J. W. B. is the American member of the Federation.

Countries which will be represented at the meeting, the first one held outside the United States, will be England, Australia, Israel, the Scandinavian countries, France, Belgium, Canada and the U. S. The delegates will discuss ways in which the World Federation may better serve the needs of Jewish communities in the various countries, consider training of professional personnel for service with member organizations of the Federation and plan a leaders' training course for European member bodies of the World Federation.

CANADA DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ISRAELIS SEEKING ENTRANCE

LONDON, July 21. (JTA) -- The Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom has assured the world executive of the Agudas Israel here that there is no discrimination whatsoever against Israelis seeking to immigrate to Canada.

Complaints had been received here that Canadian consuls in Europe were refusing to consider applications for immigration to the Dominion from Israel nationals. It was pointed out here that there is a general ruling from Ottawa that applications for admission should be considered only in the countries of residence of the applicants.

JEWISH CHAPLAIN RECEIVES BRONZE STAR FOR SERVICE IN KOREA

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- The Bronze Star "for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy" has been awarded to Chaplain Harry Z. Schreiner, who has just completed two years of chaplaincy service including ten months in Korea, the National Jewish Welfare Board announced here today. There are 92 Jewish chaplains serving in all branches of the armed forces at home and abroad.

B'NAI B'RITH SPONSORS GERSHWIN CONTEST FOR YOUNG COMPOSERS

NEW YORK, July 21. (JTA) -- The Victory Lodge of B'nai B'rith today announced that the eighth annual George Gershwin Memorial Contest for young American composers will close August 31. The contest, which carries a \$1,000 first prize, is sponsored by the lodge in cooperation with the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.

DR. ISAIE SCHWARTZ, CHIEF RABBI OF FRANCE, DIES AT 76

PARIS, July 21. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbi of France, Dr. Isaie Schwartz, died here today at the age of 76. He was born in Alsace, studied in France and held several ministerial posts including Chief Rabbi of Strasbourg before being elected Chief Rabbi of France in March, 1939.

When, during the German occupation of France, French collaborators were sent to arrest him and turn him over to the Gestapo, the Chief Rabbi argued the collaborators into helping him escape into the French countryside where he lived as a peasant until the war's end.

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