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LATIN AMERICANS AT U. N. AMEND PROPOSAL FOR ARAB-ISRAEL TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Two amendments to the eight-power resolution appealing to the Arab states and Israel to enter into direct negotiations for a settlement of outstanding differences were today submitted to the United Nations Special Political Committee, which is considering the Palestine question. Both proposals were aimed at making the eight-power appeal more palatable to the Arab states.

The first amendment, proposed by Chile, would add to the appeal the phrase "with due consideration to the fundamental principles of the United Nations resolutions." The Arab states have insisted that any negotiations with Israel must be based on past resolutions of the U. N. on Palestine.

The second amendment, introduced by El Salvador and co-sponsored by Colombia, Costa Rica, Haiti and Uruguay, specifically calls for settlement of disputes by peaceful means and within the framework of "previous resolutions of the General Assembly on Palestine." This document also urges the Palestine Conciliation Commission to continue to help the parties, "particularly by arranging for the initiation of direct negotiations between them."

Earlier today, Lord Llewellyn of Britain declared that his delegation supported the eight-power resolution and that it would consider any amendments which would help bring about direct negotiations, but would oppose any that would so tie the hands of the negotiators in advance that the negotiations might never begin. He asked the Arabs not to set any "pre-conditions" for negotiations which might kill the hopes of negotiations. He opposed expansion of the Palestine Conciliation Commission, as proposed by four Moslem states and supported by the Arab countries.

The Yugoslav delegate, Djura Nincic, said that he would welcome any modification in the eight-power proposal which might render it acceptable to all. He expressed the hope that the next time the committee discussed this question it might be in the light of a settlement reached by both parties. Mr. Nincic also asserted that establishment of peace in the Middle East might emanate that region from "attempts emanating from various quarters" to "fish in the troubled waters of Arab-Israel dissension."

The only Arab delegate to speak today, a Yeminite representative, appealed to the committee to consider the following three "facts" about Palestine: 1. Jerusalem was not internationalized; 2. The Arab refugees had not been allowed to return to their homes; 3. Israel was occupying Arab territory.

SCARE BOMB THROWN NEAR CZECHOSLOVAK LEGATION IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A home-made bomb was this evening thrown near the Czechoslovak legation in Tel Aviv. It caused no damage.

MAPAM PARTY SPLIT OVER PRAGUE TRIAL CONSIDERED CERTAIN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel press today predicted that a definite split would take place in the leftwing Socialist Mapam Party next week when the party's central council meets here to consider the Prague trial at which one of its members "confessed" to aiding the enemies of Communist Czechoslovakia.

The reports published today predict that the "radical" wing of the party, led by Dr. Moshe Sneh and the Hashomer Hatzair faction, will demand that the party take the following position on the trial: 1. The party blames the Israel Government for the Eastern European states' "retreat" from a policy of favoring Israel; 2. The party must step up its campaign against "Ben Gurion's pro-American policy;" 3. The party should issue a declaration that Mordecai Oren, the Israeli Mapam leader under arrest in Prague whose "confession" was introduced at the Prague trial, is innocent of any plotting against the Czechoslovak state.

The "moderate" or Leachduth Avodah wing of the party is pictured in the press as demanding: 1. The party identify itself with Mr. Oren and reject his "confession," 2. It take a position against the smearing of Israel at the Prague trial, pointing out that the state cannot be identified with the government; 3. The party should issue a declaration pointing out that it is an integral part of the Zionist movement; 4. The party should express its regret at the "negative handling of the Jewish aspect" at the trial.

MIZRACHI GROUPS IN ISRAEL DECIDE TO MERGE; DETAILS ANNOUNCED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Agreement on the merger of the Mizrachi and Labor Mizrachi organizations in Israel into one body has been reached at a two-day conference here of representatives of both parties. The agreement will now go to the central committees of both groups for ratification and will be brought for final action to a joint conference of both groups immediately after next Passover.

The agreement provides that both groups will become departments of a Mizrachi world central committee with headquarters in Jerusalem, which will also publish the newspaper Hatzofeh as the organ of both parties. In addition, the two will submit joint lists in all elections for Zionist congresses, Parliament, the municipal elections and other political contests. Leaders of the parties, who participated in the merger discussions, stressed that the amalgamation must be complete in order to more effectively deal with fundamental religious problems in Israel and elsewhere.

ISRAEL GOVT. REACHES AGREEMENTS WITH BRITISH OIL COMPANIES

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Two years of negotiations between the Israel Government and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the Consolidated Refineries Company have been successfully concluded with the reaching of an agreement covering various aspects of the Israel oil industry, the Israel Embassy here announced today. The agreements will now be presented to the Israel Cabinet and the boards of both companies and, if approved, will be submitted to the Israel Parliament in the form of a bill.

The draft agreement, which is contained in a thick volume, covers among other things: the possible expansion of Israel's petro-chemical industry; operations of the newly-formed Israel Fuel Corporation, which will sell oil on the domestic market; various tax problems; and matters concerning the physical plant of the Haifa refineries, which are owned by Consolidated Refineries.

GERMAN VICE-CHANCELLOR SAYS REPARATIONS TO ISRAEL MUST BE PAID

BERLIN, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Franz Blucher, West German Vice Chancellor, today declared that the German-Israel reparations pact could not be repudiated because it was a moral act of greatest importance and as such could not be "denounced before its actual implementation." At the same time, the Vice Chancellor said all efforts should be made to prevent a breakdown of German-Arab relations over the Israel pact.

Meanwhile, in Bonn today representatives of the West German Foreign Office and Trade Ministry and the German envoys to Cairo and Damascus were discussing an approach to the Arab states via trade talks. Negotiations with the Arabs are expected to start with individual states and then be expanded into a multi-nation affair.

CANADA WILL NOT SUBMIT CLAIMS OF NON-CITIZENS TO GERMANY

OTTAWA, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government will not submit claims of Canadian residents against the Bonn Government for injuries and damages suffered under the Nazis by residents who were not Canadian citizens at the time they were injured or who had not become Canadian citizens by the time the claims were submitted. L. D. Wilgress, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, has informed the Canadian Jewish Congress.

His statement was in reply to a C. J. C. request for government assistance in facilitating unfulfilled claims which in some cases are two years old. Sec. Wilgress said his position was based on "well-established principles of international law."

In response to another request from the Congress, that Canadian Government authorities ask the Bonn Government to instruct its representatives in Canada to facilitate the filing of claims by Canadian residents, Sec. Wilgress said that the Canadian Ambassador to Bonn would be asked to do so. The Congress had pointed out that Bonn consulates in Canada had been uncooperative on assisting claimants even with routine matters such as translation of documents.

JEWS IN FRANCE UNITE TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM IN EAST EUROPE

PARIS, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A "Committee of Unity" to fight anti-Semitic tendencies in Eastern Europe was organized here tonight at a mass meeting. The committee, with a membership of 100, represents all Jewish groups in France, and is headed by Israel Jefroydn, honorary president of the Federation of Jewish Societies of France.

The committee has set itself the tasks of mobilizing non-Jewish opinion against anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe and of driving Jewish Communists out of organized Jewish life in France. The committee will not set itself up as a political group. Speakers at tonight's session included Daniel Mayer and Vincent Moro-Giafferi, deputies in the French National Assembly.

CANADIAN CITY RE-ELECTS JEWISH MAYOR FOR 15TH TERM

CORNWALL, Ontario, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Aaron Horowitz has been re-elected Mayor of Cornwall by the greatest majority ever rolled up by a candidate for that office. Mayor Horowitz, who is an active Jewish communal worker, will shortly be sworn in for his 15th term as Mayor.

ZIONIST GROUPS IN U. S. URGED TO COOPERATE BY ISRAEL PREMIER

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- If all Zionist parties in the United States cooperate for a common goal as is expected on the basis of the recent discussions of the Zionist Actions Committee in Jerusalem, "not only Israel and the Zionist movement, but American Jewry too will gain" as a result, Premier David Ben Gurion today told Louis Segal, American Labor Zionist leader.

In a conversation before Mr. Segal departed for New York, the Premier expressed the opinion that as a result of such cooperation in the Zionist movement American Jewry would receive "full moral and cultural inspiration from Israel," Mr. Segal expressed confidence that the Actions Committee decisions would better the position of the American Zionist movement, through the expansion of function of the American Zionist Council.

AMERICANS STUDY HEBREW IN ISRAEL; PLAN TO SEEK JOBS THERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Americans and Western Europeans comprise ten percent of the 6,563 students from all parts of the world who have graduated in the past three years from special Hebrew language courses for immigrants, conducted by the Jewish Agency and the Israel Ministry of Education, the Jewish Agency reported here today. The report notes that only two percent of Israel's total immigration stems from America and Western Europe.

The courses, known as "Ulpanim," are of five and six months duration and are given at special boarding centers located in several Israel cities and at a number of agricultural settlements. Twenty-six Americans are presently enrolled in "Ulpanim" which were organized, for the first time this year, exclusively for English-speaking tourists and professionals who plan to seek jobs in Israel, the Agency report said.

U. S. RABBIS OPPOSE COMPULSORY SERVICE FOR WOMEN IN ISRAEL

ROCKAWAY PARK, N. Y. Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A resolution opposing the introduction of compulsory service for women in Israel -- whether military or civil -- was adopted here today at a convention of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

The convention also adopted a resolution opposing any merger of the different Israeli school systems into one and protesting against the limitations introduced in the United States for fund-raising for Orthodox institutions of learning in Israel. The delegates discussed way and means of increasing Orthodox Jewish education in America and Canada.

U. S. ZIONISTS-REVISIONISTS CALL ON JEWS TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A call to the Jews of the world to fight Communism as "the heir of Hitlerism and the enemy of the Jewish people" was sounded tonight at a meeting organized by the Zionists-Revisionists of America and the League for National Labor in Israel. The meeting was called to protest the anti-Semitic trial in Prague where Jews and Zionists were made the scapegoats for Communist failures behind the Iron Curtain.

Dr. Arieh Altman, member of the Israeli Parliament, and leader of the Revisionist movement, said: "The Prague trial proves conclusively that Soviet Russia is determined to make anti-Zionism and 'anti-Israel' its propaganda instrument for domination of the Middle East." Beinesh Epstein, chairman of the political committee of the Zionists-Revisionists of America, presided at the meeting.

U.S. WOMEN SET-UP SCHOLARSHIPS IN ISRAEL TO HONOR WEIZMANN

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Pioneer Women, women's Labor Zionist organization, has decided to establish in Israel a scholarship plan, in honor of the late President Weizmann, for students who wish to devote themselves to the agricultural sciences. The scholarships, amounting to approximately \$500 each, will be awarded annually by the Working Women's Council, sister organization in Israel of the Pioneer Women.

Through the funds raised by Pioneer Women, the sister organization in Israel maintains a large network of social services for immigrant women, children and youth in the Jewish State. Six agricultural schools are presently maintained by the organization.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A school of economics, social sciences and public administration is to be established at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in the name of the late Eliezer Kaplan, first Finance Minister of the State of Israel, it was announced here today by Dr. George S. Wise, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. The project was proposed by Joseph Sprinzak, Acting President of Israel, and it is hoped that the inauguration will take place next July on the first anniversary of Mr. Kaplan's death.

The school, which will comprise all courses in economics and the social sciences now given at the University, as well as new courses to be added to the curriculum, is being set up by the University with the advice and assistance of the Jewish Agency, Israel Manufacturers Association, and representatives of commerce, labor and government.

U.S. JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS ORGANIZE STUDY TOUR TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The National Conference of Jewish Communal Service, an organization of Jewish social workers, today announced the formation of a planning committee for the purpose of arranging an "Israel Workshop Tour for Social Work," in Israel, in the spring of 1953. Louis H. Sobel, of New York, is the chairman of the committee. Charles Zuner, well-known social worker and former president of the National Conference, has been chosen as leader of the group.

The workshop tour has been initiated on invitation of social workers of Israel in cooperation with the Berl Katznelson Institute at Kfar Saba, which will be the home and campus of the group. Plans are being made in Israel for the six-week program of visiting Israel's social welfare institutions, meeting with social work leaders and practitioners, and touring the country. The trip will begin on March 21 and Passover and Israel Independence Day will be spent in Israel.

ISRAEL BOND DRIVE IN CANADA TO BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH

MONTREAL, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The projected Israel bond drive in Canada will be launched sometime next month, it was reported here today. Samuel Bronfman, head of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Edward E. Gelber, chairman of the United Zionist Council of Canada, have been named joint chairmen of the Canada-Israel Securities Limited, which will float the bond issue in the Dominion.

The decision to launch the sales campaign was taken recently at a National Conference for Israel and Jewish Rehabilitation held in Montreal under the sponsorship of the Canadian Jewish Congress, United Zionist Council, Canadian Committee of Federations and Canadian lodges of B'nai B'rith.