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U. N. RESOLUTION ON DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL TALKS PROVOKES NEW DEBATE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly was thrown today into a new full-dress debate on the eight-power resolution calling for direct Arab-Israel peace talks when the Philippine delegation introduced an amendment to the resolution this morning.

The Philippine amendment would change the text of the resolution adopted several days ago by the U. N. Special Political Committee over the opposition of the Arab delegations. The amendment is suited to the Arab viewpoint and provides that Arab-Israel peace negotiations should be held on the basis of the "principle of the internationalization of Jerusalem," as well as other previous U. N. resolutions concerning the Palestine issue.

Introduction of this last-minute amendment led to a long discussion during the morning and afternoon sessions in which United States, France, Panama, and other co-sponsors of the eight-power resolution spoke out sharply against the Philippine proposal pointing out that it would serve no useful purpose since it does not aim at harmonizing the views of Israel and the Arab countries.

Philippines Insists on Internationalization of Jerusalem

The Philippine delegate, Salvador Lopez, argued that his amendment aims only "to maintain the integrity" of former United Nations resolutions on the Palestine question. He stressed the government's concern with keeping the question of the internationalization of Jerusalem "constantly in the forefront" and that it is particularly keen on safeguarding "the religious interests of third parties" in Jerusalem. He resented a statement by the delegate of Panama that his amendment would "bring dynamite" to the Arab-Israel negotiations.

French delegate Pierre Ordonneau told the General Assembly that his delegation is against the Philippine amendment and will support the resolution for direct Arab-Israel talks as adopted by the Special Political Committee. This resolution, he said, cannot be accused of partiality or injustice. He expressed the hope that Israel and the Arab countries would accept its appeal for direct talks.

The delegate of The Netherlands pointed out that Israel -- which accepted the resolution passed by the Special Political Committee -- does not accept the Philippine amendment. "We have strong reason to suspect that Jordan" would not accept part of the amendment, he added. In other words, both parties to the internationalization of Jerusalem would oppose the implementation of that amendment. His government could not, therefore, support that amendment, he added.

The amendment regarding the internationalization of Jerusalem would set the block back to 1948, "the Netherlands representative continued. If the General

Assembly wished to impose its will on the two parties directly concerned, it would have to send an army. He took the view that the reference in the Political Committee's resolution to the "religious interests of third parties" implied protection of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

The Arab delegates, addressing the General Assembly, continued to express their opposition to the resolution for direct Arab-Israel peace talks and referred to a statement allegedly made in Israel by Premier David Ben Gurion to a representative of the New York Times indicating that the Israel Government intends to make no change in its policy on the Arab refugees and on the status of Jerusalem.

Eban Explains Israel's Stand on Holy Places

Israeli delegate Abba Eban, in reply, said that Premier Ben Gurion had made no statement of any kind to members of the press recently, that he had only given a lunch party among whose guests were correspondents. Mr. Eban criticized the Arabs for quoting the Premier in the context of newspaper clippings. He declared that "only official views can have the status of discussion."

The Israeli delegate said that his Premier had issued an official formulation on the question of Jerusalem and the Holy Places. He quoted this as saying that Israel was willing to show a cooperative attitude at all time in the protection and accessibility of the Holy Places. "We are resolved to hold these sacred interests inviolate," Mr. Eban said.

The Iraqi delegate, Dr. Fadil el Jamali, said that unless the "Zionists" change their principles and give up their "expansive attitude" there can be no negotiations and no peace settlement. He declared the eight power resolution was a "further blow" to Arab rights and the United Nations Charter.

American delegate Philip C. Jessup told the Assembly late in the afternoon that his delegation would vote for the eight power resolution and against the Philippine amendment.

MAPAI AND GENERAL ZIONISTS SIGN PACT ON CABINET FORMATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The pact on which the Mapai and General Zionists Parties agreed to form a new coalition Cabinet was formally signed today by representatives of both parties at the home of Premier David Ben Gurion.

Pinchas Lavon, Mapai leader, stated afterwards that the two parties would attempt to bring the Progressive and religious parties into the new Cabinet in order to concentrate all creative forces in the state on the task of building and defending the state. Israel Rokach, General Zionist leader, said that "we wholeheartedly entered into a partnership to jointly bear the burden of upbuilding the state and to strive for its prosperity."

JERUSALEM MAY REMAIN WITHOUT WATER; CANNOT PAY WATER BILL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Jerusalem faces the threat of a water shortage within the next week, it was learned today. The company which supplies the city with water has threatened to cut off all water unless the city pays a six month bill of 1,000,000 pounds. The city is unable to raise the money.

ISRAEL SENDS STRONG NOTE TO PRAGUE; REJECTS BARRING OF ENVOY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18. (JTA) — The Israel Government today handed the Czechoslovak Charge d'Affaires in Tel Aviv a note rejecting the Czech Government's demand for the recall of Dr. Ariele Kubovi, Israeli Minister to Prague, and accusing the Czech Government, at the recent Prague "purge" trial, of adding a new section to the notorious "Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

The note rejected "unreservedly" and "vigorously" the Czech charges against Dr. Kubovi and said that they were "without foundation" and were based on "allegations contrary to the truth." The Israel Government considers Dr. Kubovi's behavior "scrupulously correct," the note added, praising the "good sense and devotion" with which he discharged his duties.

The Israel people are "deeply shocked by this brutal affront to its national self-respect and by the violent hostility with which its feeling of friendship to the Czech people has been reciprocated," the note continued. It rejected completely the charges that Dr. Kubovi had maintained unauthorized relations with persons engaged in espionage against the Czech state, asserting: "Slansky's trial demonstrated how freely the Czechoslovak Government is prepared to attribute espionage activities to diplomats accredited to it."

Express "Indignation" at Tone of Prague Trial

Pointing out that the Czech note on Dr. Kubovi was largely based on the evidence introduced at Rudolf Slansky's trial, the Israel demarche said that Israel must express "astonishment and indignation" about some of the salient features of the trial — "the charges hurled against Israel, its government and its diplomatic representatives; the slander against Zionism and the patently anti-Semitic character of the proceedings."

"Czech juridical authorities found it necessary to underline the Jewish origin of most of the accused and to announce that certain persons had admitted their Jewish origin," the note emphasized. "Incitement and so called admissions as evidence, as well as the prosecutor's summary read like a new addition to the Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

A special passage of the Israeli reply to the Czech note was devoted to a meeting between Dr. Kubovi and Ladislav Simov, director of the Asian Department of the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry. It expressed astonishment that the Czechoslovak Government waited 13 months after the meeting — which took place Oct. 19, 1951 — to comment on it.

The meeting, which both parties had agreed to regard as unofficial, concerned an inquiry by Dr. Kubovi into the fate of two Czech Jews, Joseph Buchler, president of the Zionist Organization of Czechoslovakia, and Adolph Reich, director of the Palestine Office in Prague. Both of these organizations acted in behalf of the Jewish Agency before the State of Israel was established.

The activity of these two men was publicly known and even recognized and approved by the Czech authorities, the Israeli note stressed. It was not until the Czech note of Dec. 6, demanding Dr. Kubovi's recall, that Israel was informed that the two were charged with acts of sabotage and espionage against the state. In view of this fact, the Israel Government rejects the charges against its Minister of having expressed an opinion regarding the guilt or innocence of the two men, the note said.

The note concludes by pointing out the contrast in the friendly relations between the two nations a few years ago and more recent developments. It "mentions" the Czech Government's "obstinate denial of exit visas to aged parents desiring to join their children in Israel."

JEWISH GROUP WILL ACCEPT NO MORE CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish Restitution Successor Organization today announced that no further petitions of persons who failed to file claims within the time prescribed by the existing restitution laws in Germany will be considered by it after January 1, 1953.

The J.R.S.O. was organized in 1947 by a group of leading Jewish organizations in the United States, Britain, France and Germany to press Jewish restitution claims against Germany, particularly in the fields of heirless and communal property and in assisting individual claimants. Funds recovered by the J.R.S.O. are used for the relief and rehabilitation of Nazi victims in and outside of Germany through the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency.

JEWS IN GREECE REACH AGREEMENT ON HEIRLESS PROPERTY DISTRIBUTION

ATHENS, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- An agreement between the Jewish community of Greece and world Jewish organizations for the distribution of the proceeds of heirless Jewish property in Greece by a special international commission was announced here today.

The agreement, reached as a result of mediation efforts by the World Jewish Congress, will clear the way for negotiations with the Greek Government for the enactment of legislation to turn over the proceeds of heirless property to the Jewish community. The commission which will distribute the proceeds will include representatives of the Greek Jewish communities, Jewish Agency, World Jewish Congress and Joint Distribution Commission.

The negotiations to establish such a body were conducted by W. J. C. aides with representatives of the Central Board of the Greek Jewish Communities and with representatives of the Israel Government. When the proceeds of heirless property are realized, considerable financial benefits will accrue to the Greek Jewish community and to the State of Israel, where some 5,000 Greek Jews have settled since the end of the war.

BULGARIA WILL PERMIT EMIGRATION OF JEWS, FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Bulgaria is prepared to permit the emigration of any of its 6,000 Jews who desire to leave for Israel, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Natcheff told Gershon Avner, when the latter presented his credentials as Charge d'Affaires at Israel's legation in Sofia, it was revealed here last night.

The Foreign Minister told Mr. Avner that Bulgaria would like to see its Jews remain and help in the reconstruction and development of the country, but it would help and permit Jewish immigration to Israel. Most of the Jews in the country now live in Sofia.

J.D.C. OFFICIAL REPORTS ON DROP IN EMIGRATION OF JEWS TO U.S.

PARIS, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The current drop in emigration of Jews from Europe is chiefly due to the expiration of the American Displaced Persons Immigration Act, Henry I. Levy, director of the emigration service of the Joint Distribution Committee, reported here today. He said that a sharp decrease in immigration opportunities in other countries also contributed to the slowdown of Jewish emigration in 1952, which hit its lowest point since VE-Day. For the seventh successive year the J.D.C. helped more than 5,000 Jews leave Europe for permanent homes elsewhere, he declared, adding that the United States was still the choice of a majority of the immigrants.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT TAKES STEPS AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

ISTANBUL, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Turkish Government has launched a broad campaign against ultra-nationalist and theocratic political movements uncovered the activities of a number of Turkey's leading anti-Semites.

The campaign was initiated after an unsuccessful attack on the Turkish Republic by Yalman, noted Turkish newspaperman and descendant of a family of Turkish Jews which was converted to Mohammedanism, who has often criticized the government and ultra-religious political movements. As a result of the investigation, members of the illegal Islamic Democratic Party and the Green Islamic Party, a faction which aims at the establishment of a Moslem theocracy in Turkey, have been arrested and several newspapers have been closed.

Among the anti-Semites picked up during the government investigation was H. F. Ustaoglu, editor of an Istanbul daily which was shut down by the government. He served an eight-month sentence. H. F. Ustaoglu, who advocated the persecution of Jews and converted Moslems from public life, has been expelled from the Islamic Democratic Party. The authorities are also engaged in building a new party. C. R. Atilhan, outstanding Turkish anti-Semite and leader of the Islamic Democratic Party.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS WOULD CHANGE CONSTITUTION

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress is planning to change its constitution to facilitate the affiliation of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Harry Myer, a W. J. C. leader, declared last night in an appeal to a group to join the Congress.

Addressing the London council of the W. J. C., Mr. Myer said: "The Board of Deputies must realize that even if it has special views within the Jewish community it no longer has 'special powers' in world Jewish affairs. It has asserted that 'new Jewish values' were being created in the Jewish community," he said, there were "new, virile and active leaders." He said that the American Jewry the affairs of the Anglo-Jewish community were "in a state of confusion" and "one has to look hard for signs of fresh leadership."

ARGENTINE JEWISH ORGANIZATION TO DROP COMMUNIST CONNECTION

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The DAJA, central Argentine Jewish organization, has announced that it will drop from membership all Communist or pro-Communist organizations. Action will be taken against those organizations which refuse to associate themselves with a resolution condemning the Prague "purge" trial and the recent "Tribuna" for attacking Jews in connection with the trial.

150 JEWISH FAMILIES REMAIN IN HARBIN UNDER NEW REGIME

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Some 150 Jewish families remain in the Chinese city of Harbin, under the Communist regime, it was reported. Nine Jews and two Christians who arrived here this week after a long trip from Manchuria. The immigrants said that all Jews who remained in the Chinese city desire to come to Israel. The nine travellers from Harbin, Tientsin and Hongkong where they took a plane to Athens and then to Israel by boat.

MAIMONIDES MANUSCRIPT DISCOVERED IN NEW YORK JEWISH LIBRARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- An original twelfth century manuscript written in his own hand by Moses Maimonides, celebrated medieval philosopher, codifier and physician, has been discovered in the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America by Dr. Shraga Abramson, Associate Professor of Talmud at the Seminary, it was announced today by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary.

The manuscript, written probably during the third quarter of the twelfth century, had been stored in the Rare Book Room of the Library since 1923, in a box containing fragments of miscellaneous unidentified manuscripts. Dr. Abramson was able to identify the Maimonides manuscript through his knowledge of Arabic, his familiarity with Jewish lore and his unusual photographic memory. The newly identified manuscript is written in Arabic words spelled with Hebrew letters.

LARGEST TB HOSPITAL IN NEAR EAST OPENED BY J. D. C. IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The largest tuberculosis hospital in the Near East, built by the Joint Distribution Committee, was officially dedicated yesterday at Be'er Yaacob. The hospital, a 500-bed center, is operated by J. D. C. under its extensive "Malben" health and rehabilitation program on behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to Israel.

Francis Russell, Counsellor to the American Embassy in Israel, conveyed the best wishes of the American Government on behalf of Ambassador Monnet Davies. In his speech, Mr. Russell declared that "the establishment of this hospital must give special pride and gratification to the people in the United States who contributed to its completion." Also present at the dedication ceremonies were representatives of the Technical Cooperation Administration and of the Israeli Government.

MT. SINAI HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK GETS \$204,000 FOR POLIO STUDIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Mount Sinai Hospital here yesterday received three grants totalling \$204,491 for research projects on various aspects of poliomyelitis. The grants were made by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

One grant will be used to continue studies, begun by Dr. Gregory Schwartzman, chief microbiologist at the hospital, on the role of cortisone and other hormones in influencing polio infection in animals. A second grant will be used to investigate the fluid balance in the body during an attack of polio to determine whether changes of the water content occur and, if they do, what damage may result.

CANADIAN HADASSAH OPENS DRIVE FOR LABORATORY TO HONOR WEIZMANN

MONTREAL, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Hadassah organization of Canada has launched a drive to raise funds for a new biology pavilion at the Hebrew University to be erected as a tribute to the memory of the late Chaim Weizmann and to be named for him. The drive was inaugurated during the Chanukah week and results have been "encouraging," Mrs. Sarah Gottlieb, president of the women's Zionist organization, announced.