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JEWISH LEADERS MAP ECONOMIC PLANS FOR ISRAEL AT JERUSALEM PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Approximately 150 prominent Jewish leaders from various countries--more than 100 of them from the United States--gathered here today to map plans for Israel's economic development at a five-day conference which circles close to Premier David Ben Gurion termed "the most important economic event in the last three years."

The conference was called by the Israel Premier before U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles announced in Washington that the State Department is withholding American financial aid to Israel. In the light of this announcement, this conference assumes even greater importance than originally contemplated.

The conferees were presented today to Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi and were the guests of the government during the day at other functions. In the evening they were honored at a gala dinner at which Premier Ben Gurion delivered the keynote address, presenting a progress report on Israel's economic achievements and outlining Israel's economic needs in order to achieve economic independence. (At the time the Bulletin went to press, no details of his speech had been received).

Tomorrow, the delegates will be addressed by high-ranking officers of Israel's armed forces who will outline the security problems faced by Israel. Tomorrow's session will be opened with greetings by Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and will be addressed by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and by other members of the Cabinet.

UNITED NATIONS OFFICERS FIND NO ISRAEL TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- United Nations truce observers today checked Israel positions in the Jerusalem area and reported that they had found no troop concentrations there. They stated that they were making similar checks in the Jordan-held area.

Sharp condemnation of Jordan for the mining of an Israeli railway train between Haifa and Lydda last Thursday near Kalkilya was voiced by the Jordan-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission. In a resolution adopted by the commission, the mining of the train by an armed band from Jordan was described as an extremely serious violation of the armistice agreement. The commission called on the responsible Jordanian authorities for "the most urgent, vigorous action" to prevent recurrence of such violations.

(Jean Khalil Fattal, Sweden's "honorary consul" in Beirut, yesterday withdrew his earlier charges that Israeli fighter planes had shot down a Swedish passenger plane on the Israel-Syrian frontier with the loss of 35 lives, it was reported here today from the Lebanese capital.)

HADASSAH CONVENTION HEARS ASSURANCES ON U.S. - ISRAEL RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The belief that the clouds hovering over American-Israel relations will pass away was expressed here today by Sen. Alexander Wiley, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in an address before 4,000 delegates to the Hadassah convention now taking place here.

Wen. Wiley said that the friendship between Israel and the United States "is too deep, too warm - to permit it to be harmed." He asked for patience and understanding. At the same time, he emphasized that Congressional leadership "will not presume to usurp the prerogatives of the Executive Branch" and pointed out that members of the Congress "are not in the business of day-to-day formulating and implementing of foreign policy." This, he said, is the province of the State Department.

Declaring that "extremism breeds extremism" and "raids breed reprisal," the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said that in place of conditions necessary for an Arab-Israel peace, there were "the choking economic blockade, the closing of the Suez Canal to Israeli commerce, the barbed wire tension, and the host of other artificial conditions which have bred the present crisis." It was the world which suffered as well as Israel and her neighbors from Arab-Israel border war, he stated, adding that the Communists may exploit the situation to "play their devilish mischief."

Hadassah Asks America to Resume Financial Aid to Israel

Yesterday, the national board of the Hadassah adopted a resolution criticizing the State Department for withholding American aid to Israel. "The attempt of our government to coerce a friendly government to surrender what it believes to be its legitimate rights in the peaceful development of its own resources appears to be a deviation from the spirit and purpose of the American program to help other democratic and freedom loving nations to strengthen their economies," the resolution said.

The resolution noted that the United States is continuing economic aid to Egypt despite that country's persistent blockade of Israel-bound shipping. Pointing out that the "inequality of treatment must inevitably strengthen those intransigent elements who seek to impede peace," the resolution called on the State Department to re-examine its position, urged the resumption of economic assistance to Israel and called on the United Nations and the United States to urge the Arab states to enter into "direct negotiations with Israel looking toward achievement of lasting peace."

Eban Hopes Israel-American Partnership Will Be Restored

Addressing tonight's session of the convention, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban expressed the opinion that difficulties would pass and that the Israel-American partnership would be restored to "full intimacy and vigor." He said that the United States, "our staunchest friend and ally blessed with water and power in unparalleled abundance," would not deny "Israel's little stream." Referring to the hydroelectric project near the Syrian frontier, Mr. Eban said "nothing could be less accurate than the allegation that Israel is 'in defiance' of international law."

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, who presided, told the assembled Hadassah leaders that "what concerns us gravely is the good name of our own government, as well as the well-being of Israel." She pointed out that the United States will sit as one of the members of the Security Council of the United Nations to pass judgment on Israel, "yet it has taken sides and rendered judgment that is hasty." She said "we decry this unilateral and hasty action."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ASKS RESTORATION OF U.S. AID TO ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The two-day session of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee concluded here today with a resolution expressing "concern" over the action of the State Department against Israel and urging the U.S. Government "to reconsider its action." The resolution condemns the recent acts of violence on both sides of the Israel-Jordan frontier.

"We express our concern that our government has withheld an approved grant-in-aid to Israel on the ground, as stated by the Secretary of State, that Israel has "re-sisted" an order of the United Nations truce supervisory organization, the resolution says. "The entire issue is pending before the United Nations so that the matter is still to be determined. Apart from the propriety of Israel non-compliance, the effect of our government's action is to prejudice the issue without hearing.

"The situation thus created transcends the issue of the propriety of the Israeli conduct. The United States foreign aid program has been a generous act of help to countries free and independent, but less fortunate than ourselves, and has not been designed to compel submission to our will. America does not seek purchased satellites, but a voluntary partnership held together by common beliefs and aspirations in the common struggle against tyranny. The measures taken against Israel run counter to this policy and we urge our government to reconsider its action.

"We are gratified that the United Nations has at last undertaken to deal with the entire Middle-East situation. We urge that through its instrumentality an enduring peace be fashioned which alone can bring to this region political stability and vital economic development," the resolution concludes.

Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, said that he does not condone the Israeli retaliatory action in Kibya, but he pointed out that between June 1952 and June 1953 the UN Mixed Armistice Commission, according to information given the AJC, investigated 280 border disturbances, and in 158 found the responsibility that of Jordan, 27 due to the Israelis and the remainder undetermined.

AMERICAN CHRISTIANS PROPOSE \$800,000,000 PLAN FOR NEAR EAST

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A group of prominent American Christians today proposed a \$800,000,000 United Nations program for refugee resettlement and economic development in the Near East as an inducement to the Arab states and Israel to reach a peace agreement. The blueprint was sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the president of the General Assembly, and to 60 UN delegations.

Among the signers of the proposal were Sumner Welles, former U.S. Undersecretary of State; Paul Porter, former head of the O.P.A. and one-time U.S. representative on the UN Palestine Conciliation Commission; Earl G. Harrison, ex-Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, and James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union.

The blueprint calls for the investment of \$500,000,000 in the development in the Arab-Israel area of natural and human resources over a period of six years. The Arab states, owing to their oil income, would be requested to help pay for this phase of the program. The amount of \$300,000,000 would be devoted to the resettlement of the Arab refugees. Israel would be requested to contribute toward this sum.

Z. O. A. PARLEY CRITICIZES STATE DEPARTMENT'S ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Sharp criticism of the State Department's action in withholding financial aid from Israel was voiced today in a resolution adopted at an extraordinary session of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America attended by more than 500 Zionist leaders from all parts of the country. The resolution reads:

"We are shocked by the action of our Department of State in cutting off the economic aid to Israel which had been voted after careful deliberations by the Congress of the United States. This unprecedented action against a friendly nation was totally unwarranted. We cannot accept the reasons advanced therefor by the Secretary of State.

"The dispute over Jordan River development is yet to be discussed and adjudicated by the United Nations. Prejudging the outcome in this manner is contrary to the American spirit of fair play. Moreover, as American citizens, we deplore the use of economic pressure to coerce Israel into accepting the State Department's views prior to a United Nations decision. This is in direct violation of frequently-stated American policy toward friendly nations.

"We call upon our government to reconsider and to reverse its hasty and unfair action in withholding the economic assistance which Israel needs and which is also essential for maintaining the larger American objective of Near East stability and democratic progress. We are confident that when all the facts are known our position will be supported by American public opinion."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, addressing the session, said that "it is appalling that our State Department should have blundered so badly in handling" the Arab-Israel situation. He called upon all friends of Israel and all men of good will "to rescue the fabric of America-Israel friendship from malevolent hands intent upon tearing it to shreds."

The delegates applauded the statement addressed to the meeting by Rabbi Irving Miller, ZOA president, from his sick bed in the New York Hospital, calling upon the U.S. Government "to halt its present drift towards political disaster in the Middle East." He said that "the unprecedented withholding of mutual security funds from a hard-pressed nation which has always demonstrated its deep friendship for the United States represents the type of pressure which is repugnant to the American spirit and is damaging to the image of America throughout the world."

Abraham Goodman of New York, who presided, declared that "as Americans we, the members of the ZOA, have a right to ask our Administration why it has chosen the path of partiality, of pressure and attack on the State of Israel." He declared that "this is a question that deeply concerns every American because it affects the peace of the world and the forward march of democracy."

NEW VOLUME OF SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA BLASTS JEWISH RELIGION

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The latest volume of the Standard Soviet Encyclopedia issued in Moscow charges that the Jewish faith is "in the hands of the ruling and exploiting classes as a weapon of spiritual oppression of the toilers," it was reported here from Moscow this week-end.

The section on Judaism in the new 600-page volume declares: "As ever it plays a reactionary role and is being used by the Jewish bourgeoisie of capitalist countries and by international imperialism as a means of the spiritual enslavement of the Jewish toiling masses."

J.D.C. REQUIRES \$27, 372, 000 FOR ITS 1954 AID PROGRAMS

PARIS, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will require \$27, 372, 000 for its 1954 aid programs, it was announced at a press conference here following the close of a conference of JDC field directors from 18 countries which was also attended by 31 American Jewish leaders headed by Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the JDC.

The announcement was made by Moses Beckelman, JDC European director. He noted that the 1954 budget is more than \$2, 000, 000 greater than the agency's 1953 requirements. This rise was explained by the need to expand urgent feeding and medical programs in Moslem lands and to build new hospitals and other institutions required by the agency's Malben program for sick and handicapped immigrants in Israel. At the same time, the JDC must continue to seek a final solution to the Jewish DP problem and maintain necessary assistance programs for Western Europe's war-shattered Jewish communities until they can support themselves, Mr. Beckelman stated.

The largest share of the 1954 budget is earmarked for the JDC's Malben program in Israel, it was reported. JDC plans to spend \$13, 725, 000 next year to carry out essential medical and rehabilitation projects benefiting sick, aged and disabled immigrants to the country. Since the founding of the Malben program four years ago, more than 100, 000 immigrants to Israel, including physically-handicapped newcomers and their family members, have received JDC aid.

JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL ADOPTS \$5, 000, 000 BUDGET FOR 1954

CHICAGO, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The National Council of Joint Defense Appeal, fund-raising agency for the American Jewish Committee and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, last night approved a national budget of \$5, 000, 000 for 1954. Philip Meyers of Cincinnati was named national chairman of the JDA succeeding Sidney Moyer of Youngstown, Ohio.

Addressing the national executive committee of the Anti-Defamation League, which is holding its session here, Henry Edward Schultz, national chairman, discussed what he called government encroachment on areas that belonged to the people directly. "Such encroachment eventually makes the state the master of the people rather than the people the master of the state," he declared. "To the degree that we continue to have vigorous associations of citizens who come together for one or another mutually held ideas will we have a free and effective society."

REFORM JEWS ADOPT \$2, 195, 000 BUDGET FOR THEIR INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A national goal of \$2, 195, 000 to be raised to meet the annual maintenance services of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, was adopted here last night at a meeting of Reform leaders from all parts of the country. Dr. Samuel S. Holsender of Chicago was named general chairman of the Combined Campaign for the two institutions.

Membership in Reform temples has tripled during the past decade and income has increased tenfold, Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told a national conference of the organization's executive board last night. Dr. Eisendrath reported that during the decade the number of Reform congregations has risen from 301 to 463, the membership from 50, 000 to 150, 000 families and the revenue of the national Reform bodies has grown from \$150, 000 to \$1, 371, 000.

GROUND BROKEN FOR EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Ground was broken for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University at the College's site in the Bronx this afternoon. Thousands of people attended the ceremonies including some 500 educators, scientists, and physicians from every state in the union as well as from Canada and Latin America.

The Albert Einstein College is the first new medical school to be established in this city in over half a century and is the 80th in the country. It will be the initial unit in a \$25,000,000 Medical Teaching Center, which will eventually include Colleges of Dentistry, Nursing, Public Health and Post-Graduate Studies. The center will adjoin New York City's new \$40,000,000 Bronx Municipal Hospital Center which will be affiliated with the College and will serve as its clinical teaching center.

After the ground breaking ceremonies work was scheduled to begin on the excavation and laying of foundations for the initial \$10,000,000 medical college buildings and power plant. The Albert Einstein College will be a ten-story glass faced building of contemporary design embodying many new departures in medical school construction. Construction is expected to take 22 months and the first class is scheduled to be admitted September, 1955.

DR. GOEDHART RE-ELECTED U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart was approved by the General Assembly this week-end as High Commissioner for Refugees for a term of five years, beginning Jan. 1. Dr. Goedhart has been serving in this office since Jan. 1, 1951, and was the choice of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld to fill the post for the new, longer term.

GEN. DAVID SARNOFF HONORED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the National Broadcasting Corporation and of the Radio Corporation of America, was cited this week-end by the Jewish Seminary of America for his vision which has "contributed mightily to Judaism as a faith, to religion in all its manifestations, to American democracy, and to civilization itself." The citation marked the tenth anniversary of the Seminary-sponsored "Eternal Light" program, which is presented by NBC.

RABBI KARELITZ, KNOWN AS "HAZON ISH," DIES IN ISRAEL; 20,000 AT FUNERAL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham Karelitz, known throughout the Jewish world as Hazon Ish, the great Talmudic authority, died yesterday at his home at Bnei Brak. He was 73. Twenty thousand persons attended his funeral today.

Hazon Ish, who never accepted a rabbinical post, was consulted on Talmudic and religious questions by Jews from all parts of the world and was considered the highest scholarly authority in Israel. During the great controversy in Israel over the proposal to draft Orthodox women exempted from military service for national non-military duty, Premier Ben Gurion consulted Hazon Ish on the religious aspects of the problem. Rabbi Karelitz was born in Kosovo, Poland, later went to Vilna and came to Palestine 18 years ago.

At a meeting of the Cabinet today, Premier David Ben Gurion eulogized Hazon Ish as one of the greatest religious scholars in the world.

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