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## U.S. LAUDED FOR FIRM STAND AT U. N. ON ISRAEL-SYRIAN DISPUTE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 23. (JTA) -- American diplomacy, which until now has been the recipient of much unfavorable criticism over the gyrations of its Middle East policies, was praised today in many United Nations quarters for its firmness in now displaying in the Syrian-Israeli dispute over the Baot Ya hydroelectric project.

Throughout a hectic day of consultations and negotiations yesterday, the States delegation stood firm and refrained even from consideration of the British proposals for modifying the three-power draft in a manner to imply that Syrian consent was necessary for projects in the demilitarized zone.

It was pointed out today that Henry Cabot Lodge, chief American delegate, took no part in the talks with the Lebanese and pointedly showed a lack of concern. It is understood that the Americans, along with the British and French, given the Israelis powerful assurances when they submitted their draft resolution that a basic principle was that no Syrian consent was needed for projects in the demilitarized zone.

The attitude of the British and French delegations last night indicated they had been yielding to the Arab pressure to accept modification of a text which implied that Syrian consent was necessary. This retreat from their original position was variously ascribed here to the fear that unless Arab agreement was obtained no resolution would be possible, or as a desire to offset the powerful opposition of the Arabs represented by the Soviet opposition to the resolution, or as an effort to placate the Arabs over the rough handling they had received on colonial issues.

It appeared to many observers here that the British and French were prepared to reverse themselves on the assurances given the Israelis in order to reach an agreement with the Arabs, and then force this agreed solution upon the Israelis.

The Israelis have no particular liking for the Big Three resolution, but accepted it in view of the express commitments by its sponsors that Syria has no veto right. If the British and French are prepared to push through a resolution which would imply that Syria has a veto right over Israeli projects in the demilitarized zone, then Israel will fight that resolution with all means at its disposal.

(After a meeting with Assistant Secretary of State Henry Byroade today, Ambassador Abba Eban declared in Washington that he had received a "strong impression" that the U. S. had not changed its position on the Syrian compromise since the Big Three draft resolution had been submitted December 17.

HAIFA TECHNION CLOSED; STUDENTS REFUSE TO PAY INCREASED TUITION

HAIFA, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Haifa Institute of Technology remained closed for the fourth day today in the wake of the students' refusal to pay increased tuition fees.

Fees were raised by the administration when it found itself unable to cover the school's budget in the absence of adequate private contributions and government subsidies. The crisis at the Technion has been referred to the Knesset education committee for discussion.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT REQUESTED TO BAN IMPORT OF NON-KOSHER MEAT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A demand that the Israel Government ban the raising of hogs in Israel and the importation of non-Kosher meat were today sent to the government by a kashruth conference called here by the Israel Chief Rabbinate.

Addressing rabbinical and kashruth authorities from all parts of the country, Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog declared that the situation with respect to kashruth in Israel had deteriorated. The parley also denounced the fraudulent sale of non-kosher meat which is represented as kosher. It called on the representatives of the Orthodox parties to raise the question of banning hog raising and non-kosher meat importation in the coalition talks with other parties.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT ISSUES CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO CHRISTIAN CITIZENS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The President's Office here today released a message to the Christian citizens of Israel issued in Tiberias by President Ben Zvi on the occasion of Christmas. It reads:

"I should like to convey my warmest seasonal greetings and good wishes to the Christian citizens of Israel and to all our Christian visitors. May the New Year see the strengthening of friendship, cooperation and goodwill between all communities in our land. A happy New Year to you all."

HEAVY RAINS IN ISRAEL END THREAT OF WATER SHORTAGE IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The recent heavy rains in Israel have removed the danger of an extreme water shortage for a number of settlements in the Negev and have provided full storage reservoirs for another large group of new settlements. The huge dam at Tel Yehuham in the central Negev had impounded over 1,250,000 cubic meters of water by last night, which would supply all the irrigation needs of a number of settlements in the northern portion of Israel's arid area.

WISE, MARSHALL NAMED TO LEAD U. S. FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. George S. Wise and James Marshall have been elected president and chairman of the board respectively of the American Friends of the Hebrew University until May 1955, it was announced today. This is the third successive term for Dr. Wise. Mr. Marshall, former president of the New York City Board of Education, has served on the American Friends board of directors.

REMAINS OF J. N. F. FOUNDER TO BE REBURIED IN JERUSALEM TODAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The remains of Dr. Herman Schapiro, founder of the Jewish National Fund, arrived here today for reburial. The remains, which were removed from a Jewish cemetery near Cologne, were placed on a dais of honor in the JNF building here. They will be reburied tomorrow.

VIENNA JEWS PROTEST AGAINST TRIAL OF ZIONISTS IN HUNGARY

VIENNA, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community of Vienna yesterday protested to the Hungarian Minister in Vienna against the trial of three Zionist leaders in Budapest on charges of carrying on various Zionist activities and for maintaining contact with Zionist organizations abroad, it was revealed here today.

The protest expressed the "deep distress" of the Vienna community and pointed out that the Zionist activities, on the basis of which the Jewish leaders are being tried, were legal at the time that they were carried on. It urged that the trials be halted and the defendants released.

The defendants are: Dr. Bela Denes, former leader of the Jewish community of Budapest; Henrik Galos, former secretary general of the Zionist Organization of Budapest; and, Gesa Kornitzer, one-time leader of the Orthodox religious community of Budapest. Dr. Denes was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in 1949 on the same charges and was freed in 1952. Mr. Galos and his family were deported from Budapest into the provinces in 1949 and was arrested this Spring. Mr. Kornitzer was also arrested in the Spring.

JEWS IN SWEDEN DEMAND RELEASE OF ZIONISTS ARRESTED IN RUMANIA

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the Rumanian Government to release the Zionist leaders currently under arrest in that country was adopted here today at the concluding session of the national conference of the Zionist Federation of Sweden.

Among the other resolutions carried at the session was one calling for the formation of a joint Jewish committee to seek compensation for Jewish victims of Hitlerism now living in Sweden "so that they can recreate their cultural institutions." Major speakers at the parley were: Zionist Federation chairman Fritz Hollander, who was reelected; Israel Minister Abraham Nissan; and Chief Rabbi Kurt Wilhelm.

JEWS APPEAL TO AUSTRIAN PRESS TO BACK JEWISH CLAIMS

VIENNA, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here today appealed to the Austrian press to take up the cause of the Jews in the negotiations for restitution with the Austrian Government.

The plea was carried by Neue Welt, newspaper of the Vienna Jewish Community, and only Jewish weekly in the country. Expressing gratification that Socialist and People's Party deputies frequently call for satisfaction of Jewish restitution claims, Neue Welt points out, however, that these sympathetic words are not followed by deeds. It also underlines that making restitution is the responsibility of the entire Austrian Government rather than any specific party.

JEWISH EXPERTS ON INDEMNIFICATION TO HOLD PARLEY IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Central Council of the Jews in Germany today sent out a call for Jewish experts on legal aspects of indemnification legislation to meet in nearby Bad Homburg on January 10 and 11. Principal topic on the agenda will be the discussion of proposed amendments to the present Indemnification Law.

STATE DEPT. REPORTS COMMUNIST GERMANY OPPOSES JEWISH CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The State Department issued an announcement today stating that Communist East Germany opposes Jewish reparations claims. The announcement said that Albert Norden, former deputy Soviet zone press chief, speaking for the Soviet Zone Government, told a press conference that East Germany does not recognize Israel's right to reparations.

Israel, according to the State Department version of what Norden said, is a "military base of the United States" and not a legitimate successor to the millions of Jewish victims of Nazi tyranny. It was indicated, the State Department said, that the Soviet Zone Government would oppose recognition of reparations arrangements between Israel and the Bonn Government at a future all-German peace conference.

JEWISH COUNCIL IN MUNICH WARNS JEWS NOT TO RETURN TO GERMANY

MUNICH, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The representative body of the Jews in Germany this week warned all Jews who were not pre-war residents against trying to settle here. In strong words, it also cautioned them against coming to Germany with the idea of transmigrating to a third country.

The warning, adopted at a local meeting of the directorate of the Central Council of the Jews in Germany, is primarily addressed to potential "illegal returnees" from Israel. No help will be extended to future infiltrates by the Jewish communities, the resolution of the directorate states, because the influx of such emigrants from Israel, many of whom lived in German DP camps after their liberation from Nazi concentration camps, creates "serious social, political and moral problems."

Some 25 Jews, who made their way here from Israel recently and were unable to find accommodation elsewhere, have been taken by German police to the Valka Camp near Nuremberg, a German-run installation for non-German refugees from Eastern Europe. Several of the Israel returnees there, as well as a number in Munich, are reported to have embraced Christianity in the hope of improving their chances of obtaining handouts and securing visas to countries of the Western hemisphere.

In Fochrenwald, last Jewish DP camp on German soil, unrest is growing because of German administrative measures that are considered deliberately harassing. The camp hospital is to be dissolved; no new patients may be admitted, even in emergencies, and the 28 patients still remaining have been unable to take warm baths for some time. The patients, who include chronic cases, are planning a hunger strike.

The leaders of the camp's residents committee insist that they do not object to the eventual liquidation of the camp, but to the chicanery and churlishness which are features of the present administration. To highlight the difficulties they encounter when attempting to make a living on the German economy, they point out that camp inmates, after securing all the necessary licenses and permits, attempted to sell merchandise at the Ludwigsburg fair, their stand was overturned by Germans who shouted: "What a pity that these Jews remained alive!"

102 NAZIS FREED BY ALLIES IN GERMANY IN "CHRISTMAS AMNESTY"

BONN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The three Western occupying powers in Germany yesterday announced the freeing of 102 Nazi war criminals in a "Christmas Amnesty." The U.S. High Commission released 61 Nazis, the French released 32 and the British nine.

ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION OFFERS COOPERATION TO BOARD OF DEPUTIES

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- In a move toward reconciliation with the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Anglo-Jewish Association last night adopted a resolution "welcoming" the establishment of "permanent machinery for consultation" with the Board on all aspects of foreign affairs.

Two other motions on the subject were withdrawn after this was adopted. They called for: the Association to rejoin the Board, from which it had withdrawn; and for the AJA and Board to re-establish a joint foreign affair's committee.

ANTI-SHECHITA AGITATION GROWING IN ENGLAND; STUNNING DEMANDED

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Agitation against Jewish ritual slaughter of cattle is continuing in Britain and there is a growing advocacy in non-Jewish circles of a system of stunning the animals before slaughter, Elsie Zeitlin, chairman of the shechita committee of the Board of Deputies, reported to a meeting of the Board yesterday.

Mr. Zeitlin reported too that the ecclesiastical authorities of the Board had decided that stunning was contrary to Jewish ritual law. This decision, he pointed out, had been communicated to the rabbinate in Israel and other countries, all of whom had agreed with the view of the Board's authorities.

J. C. A. DECIDES TO SETTLE NEW FAMILIES ON LAND IN ARGENTINA

LONDON, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Sir Henry D'Avigdor Goldsmid was re-elected president of the Jewish Colonization Association, at a quarterly meeting of the JCA today, while Rene Mayer, former Premier of France, was renamed vice-president.

An annual budget for the organization was approved at the meeting. It included appropriations for settling new families on JCA farms in Argentina and sums for improving education and social and cultural aspects of life in all colonies of the Association. Grants were voted to the Agricultural Faculty of the Hebrew University in Israel as well as other Israeli training institutions, while increased grants were made to vocational training centers in Israel and North Africa.

ISTANBUL JEWISH POPULATION SHOWS DECREASE; CITY HAS 44,000 JEWS

ISTANBUL, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- There were 44,000 Jews living in Istanbul in 1950, a census of the city which has just been made public revealed. There are no figures available for all of Turkey.

This figure represented a drop from 50,000 Jews in Istanbul in 1945. The decline is believed to have been caused by a migratory wave to Israel in 1948 and 1949. The 44,000 is made up roughly of 20,000 men and boys and 24,000 women and girls.

The number of Turkish Jews who spoke Ladino in 1950 was 39,000, as compared to 69,000 who spoke it in 1927, another poll revealed. Ladino has been replaced by Turkish and French as the major language of Turkish Jews. The report also disclosed that 72.4 percent of the Jews of Turkey were literate in 1950 as compared to 34.6 percent for the entire population. Literacy among Jews had risen since 1935 when it was recorded at 57.7 percent of the Jewish population.

NCRAC THREE-DAY PARLEY DISCUSSES ANTI-SEMITIC VANDALISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Seventy-five social scientists, Jewish community relations professionals and Jewish communal leaders concluded an intensive three-day series of conferences here on the importance and scope of anti-Semitic violence, vandalism and defamation and what can and should be done about them. The conference was held under the sponsorship of the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

The conclusions and recommendations of the conference, dealing with the various forms of overt anti-Semitism, their nature and causes, their current and potential status, their significance for the Jewish community relations program and in Jewish life generally, community resources available and appropriate activities, methods and approaches for Jewish communities to use in dealing with them, will be issued at a later date together with a full report of the conference proceedings, it was announced today.

1,155 IMMIGRANTS FROM ISRAEL ENTERED CANADA IN SIX MONTHS

OTTAWA, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A total of 1,155 immigrants from Israel entered Canada during the first six months of 1953, the Dominion Minister of Citizenship and Immigration declared in a report submitted to Parliament. The Canadian Jewish Congress is preparing to consult with Michael Comay, Israel Minister to Ottawa, on this problem.

The total number of Jewish immigrants to enter Canada in the first ten months of this year was 3,178 as compared to the 4,271 who entered in the same ten months of 1952. This amounts to a 26 percent decrease.

The United Zionist Council announced today that 28 Canadian Jews left Canada for Israel during 1953. Twenty-one emigrated as Chalutzim for permanent settlement and seven to take various courses in Israel. Ten of the Chalutzim are members of the Hashomer Hatzair, the remainder are members of other Zionist youth groups.

PROGRESS OF ISRAEL'S BANK LEUMI REPORTED IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Bank Leumi le-Israel, Israel's oldest and largest banking institution, now has 100,000,000 Israel pounds on deposit, and has loans outstanding in the sum of over 60,000,000 Israel pounds, Dr. Asher Poshter, vice-president of the bank, yesterday told a press conference here. The bank, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, started its operations in 1903 with a capitalization of 40,000 pounds sterling.

Dr. Poshter is visiting the United States to study American banking and financial practices. He is a prominent financial authority in Israel, where he has been associated with the bank for over 20 years. His present survey of financial institutions will include visits to the mid-West, the West Coast, and other parts of the United States. The bank now has 42 branches in Israel, and offices in New York, London and Zurich. In recent years, a growing proportion of its banking business has been concentrated in the United States.

Dr. Poshter stressed the close inter-relationship between the over-all economic development of Israel and the expansion of the activities of the Bank Leumi. "As Israel's industries grow under the impact of American investments in the Israel Bond Issue," he said, "the Bank finds increasing opportunity to participate in that growth, and to facilitate it by a forward-looking loan policy."

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