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AMBASSADOR LAWSON VISITS PREMIER SHARETT IN JERUSALEM OFFICE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Edward B. Lawson, the new American Ambassador to Israel, presented a copy of his credentials to Premier Moshe Sharett today. The presentation took place in the Premier's office here.

Ambassador Lawson is to present his credentials to President Ben Zvi at the President's office here this Friday.

British Ambassador John W. Nicholls presented his documents to Mr. Sharett here last week. This is the first time that the envoys of the United States and Britain have come to Jerusalem to make the presentations. In the past, the same formalities were gone through in Tel Aviv.

ARABS SEEK TO BLOCK JERUSALEM PRESENTATIONS, APPEAL TO POPE

LONDON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The Lebanese Government has made a direct appeal to Pope Pius XII to use the "good offices" of the Vatican with the Western Powers to prevent the American and British Ambassadors to Israel from presenting their credentials to the Israel Chief of State in Jerusalem, it was reported here today.

The dispatches said that the Lebanese Foreign Minister had handed a memorandum to this effect to the Papal Nuncio in Beirut Saturday for transmission to the Pope. The Lebanese note made the point that presentation of credentials in Jerusalem implied "recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel."

The Times of London, in a dispatch from Amman today, commented that Anglo-American assurances to Arab League diplomats that the presentation of credentials in Jerusalem would not mean recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and the keeping of their respective embassies in Tel Aviv have apparently done little to allay Arab apprehensions. "The Arabs are unwilling to accept the explanation that it is the necessary procedure of protocol and this week-end has seen much diplomatic activity in the northern Arab states," the Times said.

A Syrian protest by Foreign Minister el Atassi to the American and British envoys in Damascus on the credentials issue was reported from Damascus. Other dispatches from Beirut and Damascus spoke of exchanges among various Arab League diplomats in those capitals.

In the Jordan Parliament, Premier el Suda declared Saturday that there would be no peace negotiations with Israel "unless the Arabs have secured their rights."

EDEN REPORTS 'ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS' ON JORDAN-ISRAEL BORDER

LONDON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today that there are encouraging developments in relation to lessening tension between Israel and Jordan.

He said that Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, was continuing his efforts to bring about an agreement for direct contact between the local Israel and Jordan commanders in the Jerusalem area.

Several MP's asked Sir Anthony whether he would consult with the UN Secretary General as to the advisability of Gen. Burns expanding his proposal to cover direct contact between local commanders on all Israel-Jordan frontiers. Sir Anthony replied that the matter was under consideration and that he would make a written reply to the MP's.

KNESSET RESUMES IN ATMOSPHERE OF MAPAI-GENERAL ZIONIST STRAIN

JERUSALEM, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament resumed its session today after a two-month recess. However, the Premier's report which normally would be presented now, was postponed until next week when it is hoped the international and domestic situations will be further clarified.

In the Knesset, and in a Cabinet meeting which was also held today, the strains of the recent Mapai-General Zionist conflict were evident. In the House, Speaker Joseph Sprinzak, in an appeal to both parties, urged that the "election microphones should not be heard through the Knesset's microphones." In the Cabinet, the General Zionists presented a number of grievances to their Laborite partners.

Today's Cabinet meeting was the third special meeting in the past two weeks. Premier Moshe Sharett called on the centrists to adhere to the principle of "collective responsibility" on the basis of which the coalition Cabinet was formed.

PARLEY VOTES TO ESTABLISH EUROPEAN ZIONIST COUNCIL

BRUSSELS, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A decision to establish a European Zionist Council to coordinate and encourage Zionist activities throughout Western Europe was unanimously adopted at its closing session here early this morning after an all-night meeting. The composition of the council, however, was left to the Jewish Agency executive, acting in consultation with European Zionist leaders and organizations.

The conference, the third since the end of World War II, expressed the solidarity of 100,000 European Zionists with Israel's "struggle for territorial integrity, free development and peace in the Middle East." It opposed the West's arming of the Arab states and insisted that if the plans to arm the Arabs go through, Israel should be granted equal quantities of weapons for self-defense.

Britain's recent assurances concerning Israel's security were welcomed by the delegates, but they felt that the terms of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 did not provide Israel with tangible guarantees and proper protection against a second round of war by the Arabs. Egypt's Suez Canal blockade was scored.

The parley hit the arrest of Zionist leaders in Rumania and demanded their release and right to emigrate. It also asked that all restrictions on Israel-bound immigration from East Europe be removed by the Communist governments there.

Other resolutions urged greater efforts in behalf of Jewish and Hebrew education of youth, the organization of immigration to Israel and the encouragement of tourism and investment in Israel. Zionist organizations were also asked to encourage outstanding non-Jews in their countries to visit Israel and see for themselves the "new civilization" being created there.

ARAB STATES SEEK SHARE OF PALESTINE ARAB REFUGEE FUND

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A recommendation that portions of a special \$200,000,000 United Nations Fund for rehabilitation of Palestine Arab refugees be channeled to some of the Arab states for "general economic development programs" was made to the General Assembly here today by the Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

The commission consists of representatives of nine nations, four of them Arab League states. The idea of siphoning part of the fund into the coffers of the Arab Governments themselves was based on the assumption that local development programs to be financed with this money would help Arab refugees to become self-supporting.

The commission also proposed that the life of UNRWA be extended for five years and recommended that the director, Henry R. Labouisse, be empowered to continue to negotiate with the "host" countries on the possibility of transferring to them ultimate administration of refugee relief.

The commission asserted that no progress has been noted to date in obtaining "repatriation and compensation" for the refugees. It said there was no change "in the negative attitude of the Israeli Government towards the question of repatriation" or "toward the settlement of the compensation issue."

LAUNCH PROJECT FOR B'NAI B'RITH FOREST IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A project for a B'nai B'rith Memorial Forest as part of the Forest of Martyrs now being planted on Jewish National Fund soil in the mountains of Judea, was launched at a special luncheon here today by Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, and Dr. Harris J. Levine, JNF president.

Mr. Klutznick said that the project was conceived as a memorial to European Jews who perished during the Hitler years, as a means of rendering material assistance to Israel, as a manifestation of B'nai B'rith's continued interest in Israel's welfare and as an "expression of the special position the soil of Israel holds in our hearts." Dr. Levine hailed the plan "as a strong bond linking the vast membership of B'nai B'rith with the rebuilding program of Israel."

MIZRACHI WOMEN TO BUILD RELIGIOUS CENTER IN HAIFA

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The 29th annual national convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America voted today to erect the first Jewish religious community center in Haifa at a cost of \$200,000. The project will be financed jointly with the Canadian Mizrahi Women.

The convention also voted funds to erect additional dormitories and expand other facilities at two children's villages it now operates in Israel. The expansion will be undertaken to meet the needs of the anticipated migration from North Africa.

\$2,000,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD AT JACOB ARVEY DINNER

CHICAGO, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- More than \$2,000,000 worth of Israel Development Bonds were sold here this week-end to guests at a dinner honoring Col. Jacob M. Arvey. The 2,000-odd guests each purchased a minimum of \$1,000 in bonds in order to attend the dinner.

Among the civic, political and religious leaders from all parts of the country who attended the dinner and paid tribute to Col. Arvey, were Adlai Stevenson, 1952 Democratic Presidential candidate; Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador in Washington and head of the delegation to the United Nations; Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, and Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. At the dinner, William McFetridge, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, announced a special drive to sell \$500,000 in Israel bonds in the labor movement in this city.

BRITISH JEWS PROTEST REPRINT OF OLD BLOOD LIBEL STORY

LONDON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Jewish Association has protested to the Press Council and to the Member of Parliament for Lincoln, about the manner of reporting in an article which described the massacre of Jews in Lincoln over a "blood accusation" in the 13th Century. The article appeared in the weekly family magazine, "Everybody's." The Association hopes to have the matter raised in Parliament, and the Press Council, a professional body composed of editors, newspaper owners and journalists' unions, will probably consider the matter at its next meeting.

AUSTRIAN JEWS APPEAL TO RAAB ON RESTITUTION OFFER

VIENNA, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities has appealed to Chancellor Julius Raab to press for an acceptable offer by the Austrian Government on a lump sum settlement of Jewish heirless property claims. The Austrian Government is expected to make a new offer shortly to the claims committee representing world Jewish organizations.

(Members of the Austrian Zionist delegation to the European Zionist Conference in Brussels expressed pessimism today over the outcome of the negotiations between the Jewish claims committee and the Austrian Government. The government, they said, was willing to aid Jewish victims of the Nazis who are now in Austria, but it would be a "miracle" if the government were to agree to aid any Jews now outside the country.)

LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND JEWS LIVE IN AUSTRIAN PROVINCES

VIENNA, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- There are only 847 Jews in Austria living outside Vienna, aside from Jews in DP camps, according to a study made public here today.

The largest number, 320, live in Salzburg; 210 are in Graz; 163 in Linz, and 154 in Innsbruck. Before the Anschluss there were 60,000 Jews living in these and smaller cities and towns in the Austrian provinces.

DEDICATE MEMORIALS TO JEWS DEPORTED TO NAZI DEATH CAMPS

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- On the 14th anniversary of the deportation to the death camps of 2,000 Mannheim Jews, a memorial was dedicated in the Mannheim Jewish cemetery by Chief Rabbi R. R. Geis of Baden and by Fritz Mayer, President of today's tiny Mannheim congregation of local German dignitaries. Created in the form of an urn, the monument bears the inscription, "To Those Who Found No Grave."

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LUXEMBOURG, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A granite memorial stone dedicated "to our departed members and martyrs" was unveiled in the Jewish cemetery here by the Minister of the Interior of the Grand Duchy, after a moving address by Edmond Marx, President of the Jewish Consistory and Consul of Israel here.

Chief Rabbi Dr. Ch. Lehrmann delivered a sermon based upon a verse from Lamentations inscribed upon the memorial in Hebrew letters: "Behold and see if there be any pain like unto my pain!"

GERMAN COURT RULES NAZI STERILIZATIONS 'NOT ILLEGAL'

DUESSELDORF, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The compulsory sterilizations and castrations ordered by the Nazi regime, often under "eugenic" pretexts in the case of political opponents, were not illegal, according to a decision handed down by the Superior Court in the Westphalian city of Hamm.

MONTREAL MAYOR PLEDGES EQUALITY FOR ALL GROUPS

MONTREAL, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Jean Drapeau, who was elected mayor of this city by a landslide vote in recent municipal elections and who was once connected with the Nationalist Bloc Populaire group, has given assurances that his administration will treat all racial and religious groups with equality. M. Drapeau told the Montreal Gazette that "there is no such thing as a majority group in Canada. We are all minorities. I shall never touch the rights of any group." He had given a similar assurance during the campaign.

Six Jewish candidates were elected to the Montreal City Council. In Western Canada, Harry Veiner, colorful mayor of Medicine Hat, Alberta, was returned to office, and in Flin-Flon, Northern Manitoba, Jack Freedman was re-elected for another two-year term.

KINGSTON SHELVES PLAN FOR SATURDAY BALLOTING

KINGSTON, Ont., Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A proposal to hold municipal elections in this city on Saturdays has been referred to a City Council committee where it is expected to be pigeonholed. Strong protests had been headed by the Canadian Jewish Congress. The proposal, which would have meant that voting would have been held Saturday, December 11, instead of Monday, December 6, was put forward as a matter of "expediency."

WARREN, AT B'NAI B'RITH DINNER, HAILS FIGHTERS FOR LIBERTY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Chief Justice Earl Warren praised the B'nai B'rith Organization last night as representative of the American longing for "comradeship that comes from associating ourselves together in humanitarian causes." The Chief Justice spoke before more than 750 guests at a dinner celebrating the ground-breaking of the new B'nai B'rith building in Washington.

Chief Justice Warren envisaged the B'nai B'rith building as a "source of inspiration for all Americans, a center of knowledge and culture." The building, he said, "can serve to illuminate the entire record of three centuries of American achievement in helping men to live together in peace and unity."

"American patriotism requires political allegiance but not uniformity in faith, in culture or in sentiment," the Chief Justice asserted. "Unity does not involve uniformity." Different religions, he added, "far from setting up conflicting loyalties... add richness, and color and vitality to the fabric of our national life."

Praising those who fight for American liberties against onslaught from abroad and at home, the Chief Justice declared: "We need men and women, whose minds are free, men and women who can write and speak boldly the words that set forth the truth."

A model of the million-dollar, eight-story building to be erected by the B'nai B'rith Henry Monsky Foundation was unveiled at the dinner. The structure will house manuscripts, historical documents, paintings, sculpture, and a Four Freedoms Memorial Library sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Women.

PHILADELPHIA RABBIS URGE SABBATH OBSERVANCE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The religious observance committee of the Philadelphia Board of Rabbis has issued an appeal to members of the Jewish community and communal organizations here "to maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath by not arranging and/or sponsoring any public celebrations on New Year's Eve." New Year's Eve falls on Friday evening this year. The Board's appeal, issued by Rabbi Morris Pickholz, chairman of the committee, stressed the fact that it represents "all interpretations of Judaism in this area."

J.W.B. DIRECTOR REPORTS SHORTAGE OF TRAINED PERSONNEL

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Delegates to the joint convention of the Jewish Welfare Board's Middle Atlantic and New Jersey Sections were told yesterday that the "Jewish Community Centers and YM and YWHA's have a great capacity for awakening in youth a sense of civic responsibility," by Sanford Solender, director of the JWB's Jewish Center Division.

Mr. Solender also described what he termed a "drastic shortage" of professionally trained and competent personnel in the fields of community service and said that "recruiting of young people into communal service can be effective only if recruiting is done by local communities."

Jerome L. Markovitz, of Philadelphia, was elected president of JWB's Middle Atlantic Section and David W. Levine, of Passaic, was re-elected to the presidency of the New Jersey Section.

PHILADELPHIA SYNAGOGUE BURGLARIZED FOR FOURTH TIME

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The Anshei Sholom Synagogue here was broken into and burglarized for the fourth time in recent years. The burglars, in searching for synagogue funds, damaged sacred objects and the building itself. The synagogue is located in a neighborhood which has undergone extensive racial and religious changes during the past few years and its membership has dwindled from 300 to 20. In addition to the property damage, the vandals broke into a collection box and stole its contents.

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DEDICATES NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- A new four-story school and community house of Congregation Shearith Israel, descendant congregation of the first synagogue founded in America, was dedicated here yesterday in connection with the American Jewish Tercentenary. A special exhibit of historical documents, photographs and religious objects tied to the history of American Jewry was opened in the building immediately after its dedication.

MARK HERZL ANNIVERSARY AT CANADIAN MEETINGS

MONTREAL, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- The first of a series of meetings in Canada to mark the 50th anniversary of the passing of Dr. Theodore Herzl, founder of the World Zionist Organization, heard Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America, contrast the consistent support for Zionism by Canada with the State Department's "present one-sided policy in the Middle East."

The Herzl Year Committee of the United Zionist Council here announced that similar meetings will be held in various Canadian Jewish communities. Allan Bronfman presided at the opening meeting here.

CHAIM TAFELOW, FOUNDER OF MEXICAN JEWISH SCHOOL, DEAD

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 8. (JTA) -- Chaim Ben Zion Tafelow, founder of the Jewish all-day school here, died after a long illness at 67. He was described here as the "Father of the Jewish School." The school, which is now celebrating its 30th year of existence, has an enrollment of more than 1,200 students.