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U.S. JEWISH LEADERS MAY NOT ATTEND RECEPTION FOR AUSTRIAN PREMIER

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here may not attend a reception arranged in honor of Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab as an expression of protest against Austria's stand on the question of settling the claims of Jews who suffered under the Nazi regime in Austria.

The reception, which is to take place at the Hotel Plaza December 2, will be given by the board of directors of Freedom House. Numerous Jewish leaders who received invitations have indicated a reluctance to attend the affair since Chancellor Raab, who is now visiting the United States, has not offered any encouragement of a favorable settlement of the negotiations which have been conducted for more than 18 months by the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria.

Canada Asked to Act on Jewish Claims Against Austria

OTTAWA, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today submitted a memorandum to the Canadian Government on Austrian restitution to the Jews.

The memorandum requested the Department of External Affairs to study the issues involved in the claims of victims of the Austrian regime after the Anschluss, some of whom are now residents or citizens of Canada. It further requested that the Canadian Government indicate its interest in the successful outcome of negotiations between the Committee for Jewish Material Claims on Austria and the Austrian Government.

Simultaneously, the Canadian Jewish Congress has made public its request that Austria renew its negotiations with the Committee on an improved basis which might lead to the practical realization of a global settlement and legislation in favor of persecutees and victims of the Anschluss regime. The Congress has also submitted these views to the Charge d'Affaires of the Austrian Government at Ottawa.

Rabbis Protest Against Austria's Stand on Jewish Claims

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The refusal of the Austrian Government to settle the claims of Jewish victims of the Nazi regime in Austria was condemned here today by the Association of Rabbis Survivors of Nazi Persecution of America.

At an urgent meeting, linked to the presence of Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab in this country, the Association adopted a resolution protesting against Austria's tactics on Jewish claims at a time when the Austrian Government is rehabilitating former Nazis. The protest was transmitted to Chancellor Raab, who is now in Washington.

ISRAEL BUDGET OF 633,175,000 POUNDS PLACED BEFORE CABINET

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A proposed 1955-56 national budget of 633,175,000 Israel pounds was placed before the Israel Cabinet here last night by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. The document calls for an eight percent increase over last year's expenditures.

Mr. Eshkol said that the budget would require no increase in taxation. He noted that recent national budgets have been completely balanced, with the government spending no more than its income. The increase in this budget would be made up by an increase in population which, on the same tax rate, would provide more income.

The Cabinet will hold another special meeting this week to conclude its discussion of the new budget. The document is expected to be sent to Parliament before the end of this month and to come up for debate in the House either late in December or early in January.

BRITAIN REMOVING RADAR EQUIPMENT FROM SUEZ CANAL INSTALLATIONS

LONDON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The British Government is removing all radar and other warning systems designed to give advance notice of approaching planes from the Suez Canal military complex when British forces are withdrawn, it was revealed here today by spokesmen for several government ministries here.

A War Office spokesman declared that "we are taking out all equipment and every British soldier." He added that "if the Egyptians discover that they need radar equipment and if they apply to us for it, that will be considered."

At the Air ministry, a spokesman stated that the air bases too would be stripped of such devices. He said the secret early warning system would not be left to be operated by the Egyptians.

ISRAEL TO REITERATE DEMAND FOR FREE PASSAGE OF SUEZ CANAL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Israel will soon approach the United Nations Security Council again on the question of freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal, Premier Moshe Sharett told the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today.

Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations Truce Supervisor in Palestine, announced today that he will convene a special meeting of the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission to give the Egyptians a re-hearing on their complaint on the Bat Galim, Israel vessel seized in Suez waters two months ago. Earlier, the MAC condemned Egypt for violating the armistice agreement by seizing the vessel and imprisoning its crew, and called for the release of the 10 Israeli seamen.

WINTER SEASON STARTS IN ISRAEL; HEAVY RAINS WELCOMED BY COUNTRY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The winter season began throughout Israel today with heavy downpours from the north to the Negev, where even Elath, on the Gulf of Akaba, received substantial rainfall.

The rains were particularly good news for citrus growers, who must have either a heavy rain or substantial irrigation for their trees before the fruit is picked. Although this season's crop, which is shortly due to be gathered, is expected to be somewhat smaller than last year's, the higher world price will probably bring in more foreign currency than last year's record crop. Fruit picking work is expected to cut the number of unemployed substantially.

NEW CANADIAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The new Canadian Ambassador to Israel, T. McDermot, presented his credentials to President Itzhak Ben Zvi here today. Mr. McDermot, who is also Ambassador to Athens, will spend part of his time in each of the two countries.

ISRAEL PREMIER TO INVESTIGATE SABBATH CLASHES IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett will personally investigate the recent clashes in Jerusalem arising from attempts by ultra-Orthodox elements to prevent the movement of traffic on the Sabbath, he told the Cabinet.

Mr. Sharett's intervention came after a clash here Saturday when a group of young men from settlements in the Jerusalem area came into town in trucks and clashed with religious groups attempting to block traffic.

Minister for Religion Moshe Shapiro, who raised the issue at the Cabinet meeting, said that the settlement youth had invaded several synagogues but had been thrust out by the worshippers. He said it was "intolerable" that anybody but the police should deal with the religious demonstrators.

Mr. Shapiro also raised the question of banning hog raising in Israel, after a special report on the question had been delivered. However, Justice Minister Pinchas Rosen said that nothing more could be done at this time because two injunction orders against the banning of hog raising were scheduled for an early hearing in the Israel Supreme Court.

ISRAEL TANKER LEAVES FOR ODESSA TO PICK UP SOVIET OIL

HAIFA, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Israel's first oil tanker, the S.S. Yarkon, left the port of Pireas, Greece, today for Odessa to pick up a cargo of Soviet oil, the owners of the vessel announced here today.

The 10,000 ton vessel, formerly the Panama vessel S.S. Emile, will make semi-monthly runs between Tel Aviv and Odessa. It is expected that the cost of transporting the oil in an Israel-owned tanker will be lower than in vessels of other nations.

NEW DECREE IN IRAQ CUTS TIME LIMIT FOR JEWS TO STAY ABROAD

LONDON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Iraq Embassy here has inserted advertisements in the British press warning Iraqi Jews who have left the Arab country on vacation or business trips that the length of their stay abroad has been limited by a new decree.

The advertisement advises Iraqi Jews abroad that they must return to their home country within six months from the date they left it, even if they had permission to remain abroad a year or if their original six-month stay has been extended to one year. The regulations governing travel by Iraqis abroad provide for confiscation of property and revocation of citizenship of Iraqis who do not return within the prescribed deadline.

ARABS, ISRAEL COOPERATE WITHIN INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION

ROME, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Israel and the Arab states cooperate within the International Labor Organization, United Nations affiliate, David Morse, director general of the organization, declared in an interview here. He praised the work of Israel's delegation to the organization.

During the just completed meeting of the ILO governing body Israel was elected to membership on three more committees--textile, building and chemical industry units. M. Becker, a member of the Israel delegation, hailed the friendship for Israel and for the Histadrut encountered within the ILO.

Shimon Yallon, commercial attache at the Israel Legation here, expressed his government's disappointment today to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization over the fact that Israel was excluded from the recent Middle East regional conference on locust control. M. Cardon, director general of the FAO, said that Israel's exclusion was the result of Arab refusal to join in any regional arrangement with the Jewish State. He promised to keep Israel posted on regional matters.

U. N. RESOLUTION URGES ARAB LANDS TO ABSORB PALESTINE REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the Arab governments to cooperate with the United Nations in carrying out projects to make the Palestine refugees in their countries self-supporting and virtually freezing the U. N. Arab refugee organization on a long-time basis, was introduced here today by the United States, Britain, France and Turkey at the General Assembly's special political committee.

The resolution is considered an indirect but firm rebuke to the Arab League states, since the Arab governments have been insisting that "repatriation" of the Palestine refugees to Israel must be given priority.

The resolution extends the life of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for a five-year period, ending June 30, 1960; fixes the next fiscal year's budget for the Agency at \$25, 100, 000 for relief plus \$36, 200, 000 for rehabilitation, and provides for maintenance of a fund of \$200, 000, 000 additionally for development projects that would give work to some of the approximately 900, 000 Arab refugees in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.

In connection with the latter fund, the Arab states have been demanding that portions of the \$200, 000, 000 be given to their countries for "local" development projects that might aid the refugees indirectly. However, the four-member resolution ignores that request.

DRIVE TO BUILD CHURCHILL COLLEGE IN HAIFA STARTED IN LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A private dinner to launch the drive to raise funds for the construction of Churchill College as part of the new campus of the Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa, was held here tonight by the British Committee for Technical Development in Israel. The dinner honored Sir Winston Churchill's 80th birthday, which will be marked November 30.

In a message to the dinner, Sir Winston declared that he was "truly honored" by having his name associated with an "undertaking devoted to the advancement of the knowledge of human well-being." He expressed confidence that the Institute will make great contributions to Israel's future prosperity and that "Israel's prosperity cannot but be of great benefit to other countries as well."

Eliahu Elath, Israel Ambassador here, told the audience, which included several famed British scientists and national figures, that an Israel equipped with all that modern science and technique can offer would serve as a beacon for advancement for the whole Middle East. Sir Simon Marks and Ambassador Elath expressed the gratitude of the Jewish people and Israel to Sir Winston for all he had done for the Jewish State.

TRIAL OF SUSPENDED BAVARIAN CHIEF RABBI POSTPONED IN MUNICH

MUNICH, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The re-trial of suspended Bavarian Chief Rabbi Aron Ohrenstein on charges of falsely certifying indemnification claims which was scheduled to be held today, was postponed pending a decision by a higher court on Dr. Ohrenstein's request for a new trial.

Dr. Ohrenstein, who was convicted in connection with the Philip Auerbach case, appealed his original sentence of one year in prison to a higher court. That court upheld his conviction, but ordered a re-trial here in relation to the length of the sentence. Dr. Ohrenstein, meanwhile, has appealed for a new trial altogether.

Meanwhile, Dr. H. Mulzer, who was to preside at the re-trial, disqualified himself. He was the presiding judge of the court which convicted the late Mr. Auerbach.

EISENHOWER NAMES MAXWELL RABB SECRETARY TO CABINET

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower has appointed Maxwell M. Rabb of Boston to the newly created post of Secretary to the Cabinet, it was reported here today. Mr. Rabb was formerly executive assistant to Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., when Mr. Lodge was a Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. Rabb's function under the new set-up will be to prepare an agenda for Cabinet meetings and to take note, during the meetings, of decisions taken by the President and his executive advisors, and to follow up for reports where they are required. In 1953 and 1954 Mr. Rabb was chairman of the Government Workers Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater Washington.

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE IN PHILADELPHIA MERGES WITH JEWISH APPEAL

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Philadelphia branch of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, which was founded in 1878, has become a part of the Allied Jewish Appeal, which is 70 years younger, it was announced here today.

Under terms of the merger, as signed by Sol Satinsky, past president, and Stanley I. Sheerr, secretary of the Allied Jewish Appeal, "all of the assets of any kind whatsoever" now held by or to be paid over in the future to the Philadelphia Branch of the Alliance "shall be transferred to and become the property of the Allied Jewish Appeal."

According to the merger, the Allied Jewish Appeal agrees to segregate these assets and to use the income from the interest "to aid in the education and the amelioration of the condition of Jews in the Oriental countries and in Eastern Europe, these being the purposes for which the Philadelphia Branch of the Alliance Israelite Universelle was established as set forth in its charter." Funds for the operations of the over-all Alliance Israelite Universelle which is now functioning in North Africa will continue to be provided by the AJA in Philadelphia.

JEWISH HOSPITAL GETS \$50,000 GIFT FOR PSYCHO-BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A \$50,000 contribution has been made to Mt. Sinai Hospital here by Lewis E. Phillips, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, industrialist, to establish the L. E. Phillips Psycho-Biological Research Fund in the Jay Phillips Research Laboratory.

Dr. Ralph Rossen, of Minneapolis, Minnesota's first mental health commissioner, will be director of the project. He is resigning the superintendency of the Hastings State Hospital to assume the research post, the aim of which, according to the donor, will be to "bring about better understanding of the causes of mental illnesses."

DR. ISADOR LUBIN NAMED INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONER OF N. Y. STATE

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Isador Lubin, internationally known economist and statistician, has been named by Governor-elect Averill Harriman to be Industrial Commissioner in the new state administration which takes office in January.

Dr. Lubin was an advisor in the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. He will replace Edward Corsi, Industrial Commissioner in the outgoing Dewey administration. He has been active for many years in the American Jewish Committee and other Jewish organizations.

HIGH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN HONORING CHIEF RABBI

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 persons last night attended a banquet tendered Chief Rabbi Amram Blum by the Jewish community of this city in honor of his appointment as professor of the newly created Chair of Hebrew at Buenos Aires University.

Present at the affair were representatives of the Argentine Government, including: Dr. Carlos Diaz, deputy governor of Buenos Aires Province; Dr. Antonio Benitez, president of the Chamber of Deputies, and Dr. Enrique de Aldama, director of the Religious Department of the Ministry of Culture, who came as personal representative of President Juan Peron. Also present was Dr. Ariei Kubovi, Israel Minister to Argentina, and members of the legation staff. Speakers included representatives of the Zionist Council, DAIA, and the Buenos Aires Community Council.

Dr. Blum told the guests that the banquet actually represented "Argentine Jewry's thanks to the Argentine Government for the creation of the Chair of Hebrew." He noted that Gen. Peron had initiated the project because he had great respect for the ancient Jewish culture. Rabbi Blum stressed that the fact that President Peron had nominated a rabbi, rather than a layman, to interpret Hebrew culture, was a sign of the President's "profound tolerance."

BELGIAN QUEEN MOTHER ATTENDS PERFORMANCE FOR YOUTH ALIYAH

BRUSSELS, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- Belgian Queen Mother Elizabeth, accompanied by her daughter, former Queen Jose of Italy, and her grand-daughter, attended a benefit performance at the Theatre de la Monnaie here sponsored by the Youth Aliyah movement.

Queen Elizabeth invited Israel Minister Ariel to her box and he was seated between the two Queens throughout the performance. During the intermission it was announced that the Youth Aliyah Orchestra, at Katamon, Israel, would bear the name of Queen Elizabeth.

ISRAEL GROUP ANNOUNCES WORLD-WIDE COMPETITION FOR COMPOSERS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- A competition for three compositions for a folk choir on three subjects pertaining to Israel but open to composers from all parts of the world was announced here today by Hazamir, the society for the promotion of music in Israel. The text of the compositions must be in Hebrew and the contest closes December 31, 1954.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: 500 Israel pounds offered by the President of Israel for a composition on the theme of "Jerusalem"; 300 pounds offered by the Israel Ministry of Education on the theme of "The Revival of the State of Israel," and 300 pounds offered by the Jewish Agency on the theme of "The Ingathering of the Exiles."

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT MARKS 70TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. MORDECAI NUROK

JERUSALEM, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today marked the 70th birthday of Rabbi Mordecai Nurok, Mizrahi deputy in the House. Speaker Joseph Sprinzak, speaking from the dais, presented the congratulations of the House. Later, the Home Committee tendered a reception in Rabbi Nurok's honor.

"COUNCIL DAY" FOR U.S. WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION INAUGURATED IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. (JTA) -- The inauguration of an annual "Council Day" in Israel by the National Council of Jewish Women of the United States was announced today by Mrs. Irving M. Engel, its president. Council Day was celebrated yesterday with a broadcast address to the people of Israel by Mrs. Engel and a reception in Jerusalem at which members of the government, educators, social workers and prominent laymen were guests.